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NORTHWEST NEWS LETTER NO. 1

A hostel for returnees has been opened in Seattle under the sponsorship of the Council of Churches, the Rev. Harold V. Jensen, Council President announced today. A Nisei couple has been employed as managers, and the American Friends Service committee took a crew of volunteer "house cleaners" out to the hostel last week and cleaned it from top to bottem, as well as moved furniture. There are six bedrooms in the hostel, which is located in the former Japanese Baptist Church parsonage at East Spruce and Broadway, and there are several other rooms which can take care of any overflow of unexpected guests, according to the committee in charge. Plans are being completed by the Council of Churches to open another hostel in Seattle on or about the first of June. The second hostel will house approximately 30 guests.

Karl Kaboda, of 115 18th Avenue, Seattle, Washington, a World War II veteran, has been initiated into Hope Lodge No. 79 of the International Association of Machinists, Harold S. Fistere, Area Supervisor of WRA announced today. Kaboda, who is employed at the Ravenna Metal Products, 65th and Roosevelt Way, obtained employment through the Veterans' Pladement Bureau of the United States Employment Service.

Harold S. Fistere, Area Supervisor, spoke to the Republican Club of King County at a luncheon meeting this week. His subject was the War Relocation Authority program and its problems. He told the 60 assembled guests that the WRA intended to do the job set out for it to do; protect the constitutional rights of the persons of Japanese ancestry entrusted to its care. He received many

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favorable comments at the conclusion of the speech and several of the "on-the-fence" listeners declared he had convinced them the loyal Japanese had as much right to live normal American lives as the rest of the people of the country.

Cars from the Wapato area bearing the sign "NO JAPS" sometimes are seen in Yakima. There is a city ordinance in Yakima which makes it a misdemeanor to place handbills, cards, etc., on automobiles parked on the streets. A Wapato man with a "NO JAPS" sticker on his car returned to his car after it had been parked for thirty or forty minutes and found the following note on the windshield:

"Just to let you know that a couple of loyal Americans of the white race don't like the "NO JAPS" sticker on your car. Did you see where the Japanese-Americans spearheaded in Italy yesterday?"

The gentleman was very angry in regard to this note on his windshield and took it to the Chief of Police and asked the Chief to go out and arrest the fellow who put it on his car. The Chief plainly told him that, in his mind, he was more guilty for having the "NO JAPS" sticker on his car than the party who had taken the time to call his attention to some worthwhile facts in regard to the American-Japanese boys in the U. S. Army.

The Sakaguchi brothers with their wives and small children have found life in their home near Bellevue, Washington very satisfactory. They were able to buy a tractor, and a Caucasian neighbor has loaned them a horse to cultivate their cauliflower plants.

The two men were a little unhappy about the price of strawberry plants, \$160.00 per acre, but, "c'est la guerre" and all prices have taken a skyward leap. Maybe the OPA hasn't got around to putting a ceiling on strawberry

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plants. (Editor's Note: The berries in the public markets are still a very pale pink and sell for 80¢ per quart!)

Two year old Steven, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Takie Sakaguchi, was very busy with a new puppy his mother and Aunt had just been given by Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Matsuzawa, some neighbors. He insisted that the little dog wanted chocolate candy for lunch, but the pup, christened Cookie Sakaguchi, seemed perfectly content to sit and let the three children pet him. Sharon, aged 3 and Suzanne, 7, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Takaeishi Saguchi are having fun with new playmates. Suzanne is enrolled in the Bellevue grammar school.

The Sakaguchis left Tule Lake in 1942, and relocated in Idaho before they returned to their own home in Bellevue.

Sidney Sato and his three sisters are back on their 150 acre dairy farm up in the beautiful Snoqualmie Valley near Carnation, Washington. A Caucasian friend came back with Sidney from Idaho to help him, and his father and another sister are still over near Weiser, Idaho, but are expected to return shortly.

The Satos have 60 head of cows, and Sidney is a member of the Seattle Milk Shippers Association. Yoshiko and Yoko and Mits were busy making pies and preparing a company dinner for some Caucasian friends who were invited to dinner that evening.

WRA representatives talked to some Carnation citizens when they were trying to locate the Satos and were pleased to find that the community considered the Sato family a decided asset, and thought very highly of all the children. Mits Sato said they had been treated nicely since they returned, that she had heard some people had not wanted them back, but she had heard no more about it when they actually arrived. (Editor's note: Some people like to talk until the people they are talking about happen to come into earshot!)

Two Sato boys are in the army. The family relocated to Weiser, Idaho after their stay at Tule Lake.

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NORTHWEST NEWS LETTER NO. 2

Glenn R. Blake, Secretary-Treasurer of the Building Service Employees International Union Local No. 49 of Portland, Oregon, announces that the offer made several weeks ago for Issei and Nisei seeking employment in the building maintenance industry is still open. Only Nisei are eligible to join the union, but Issei will be assigned and paid the same as members. Those accepting window washing jobs will be paid at the rate of \$1.00 an hour or higher, and those in the building maintenance department will be paid from 67¢ an hour and up. Since the announcement, two applicants from centers have been interviewed, with probable placements arranged.

"We need men," Blake told a Portland WRA representative. "We've been short of help, and I would like to hear from any Japanese who want to enter this industry in Portland."

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W. Sherman Burgoyne, Pastor of the Methodist Church in Hood River, in a bulletin to the congregation for Sunday's services, said, "We commend each business man who has refused to place un-Christian, un-American intolerant posters in his place of business. Every Christian and right thinking person in the world thanks them."

One woman, second generation German-American, has been asking at all stores displaying "No Japanese" signs, whether they are willing to serve second generation German-Americans.

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Margaret Shioishi is back in Portland from the Minidoka center and is living at 621 S.W. First and Morrison. She obtained temporary employment at the Bohemian Restaurant, and is now working at the Russian War Relief Agency, Inc. Her brother, Sam Shioishi, a veteran of World War II, is employed as an electrician at the Miller Transformer Company in Portland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miiya are the proud parents of a baby boy, born in Portland. Mother and son are living at the home of her parents, the Itami family in Portland. The baby's father, Fred Niiya, is in the United States Army, training in Texas.

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Thirteen year old Kikue Itami, who has been attending the Kellogg Grammar school in Portland since her family's return to Portland, has now been elected secretary of her class. She is also a member of the school softball team, and recently enjoyed her first trip with the team to Marysville.

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Pfc. Richard Setsuda, medically discharged from the famed 442nd Combat Team, was in Seattle today, May 10, looking the situation over with a view to finding a home here for Mrs. Setsuda and their six-year old son, who are at Minidoka center.

Private Setsuda saw most of his action in Italy in the Leghorn and Pisa area, and from Rome up to the Arno River. He was in France and started "up the hill" on the gallant mission to rescue the Lost Battalion, but a leg injury sent him back to the rear before the mission was completed.

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Setsuda has been back in the States since January, and he is now on furlough from the convalescent hospital at Camp Lockett, San Diego, to which he will shortly return for another six weeks.

Prior to evacuation, Dick operated a wholesale beverage house in Seattle for eight years. His post-war plans are still indefinite, but, and we quote his own words; "There's no place like your own back yard!"

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Recent arrivals in Portland from Minidoka center are Mr. and Mrs. Rickichi Maeda who have returned to their home at 4054 North Vancouver Avenue, Portland. Their daughter Frances, visiting here from Boston, was awaiting their arrival, and they were met at the station by Dr. Nace of the Federation of Churches and Mrs. Teru Koyama.

They were busy the first week getting settled, and on Sunday, May 5, they attended their regular church, the Center Church. They received a fine welcome from the minister, and after the services they were welcomed individually by every congregant. In the afternoon, many visitors from the church called with small gifts of welcome.

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On May 5, a meeting was held at a large farmhouse near Hood River, Oregon, which was attended by a group of people representing different sections of the valley and townspeople of Hood River. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a committee to conduct an educational campaign for racial tolerance to offset and combat

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the activities of the opposition group. An executive committee of five people was selected, and subcommittees will be selected later which will be assigned certain types of work and will assist people of Japanese ancestry when they return to the area.

The general feeling expressed at the meeting was that a great many people in the area are being intimidated by the radicals, and that actually an overwhelming majority of the valley residents will welcome back the former residents who wish to relocate in the Hood River area. Reports made at the meeting indicated that returnees will have no difficulty in making purchases at the local stores, and will be able to secure all the essentials for normal living.

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Harold S. Fistere, Area Supervisor, addressed members of the Kent Lions Club last week at their invitation. In answer to questions put to him after the speech, Mr. Fistere explained dual citizenship at some length to the interested listeners. Those present commented that it was their opinion that 80% of the people in the White River Valley were not concerned about the return of the Japanese Americans to the area. Again it seems to be the vociferous minority which does all the protesting.

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Florence West, Area Reports Officer, spoke to an assembly of county school teachers of King County at the invitation of County Superintendent William F. Poole. Supt. Poole said he was very interested in keeping the teachers informed on the WRA relocation program, and as teachers of democratic principles, he wanted to be certain that they remembered that tolerance was one of the

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most important. Approximately two hundred teachers were present, at two different annual meetings, one held at Bothell High school and the other being held at Hi-Line High School.

Mrs. West also spoke to the women's auxilliary group of the Pilgrim Congregational church in Seattle, and several of the women expressed themselves as anxious to have the evacuees return "so we can get plenty of decent vegetables at a reasonable price again!" (Women are always looking for household bargains!)

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Mrs. Sei Okeda, whose husband Mas, was reported missing in action last year, arrived in Seattle on May 10 from Salt Lake City.

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Miss Mickey Nagasawa is scheduled to report for work on May 14 as a Civil Service employee with the Twelfth Regional War Labor Board in Seattle.

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About twelve Japanese Americans from Hawaii, members of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battallion, are hospitalized at Fort Lawton awaiting return to their homes in Hawaii. They have visited families who have returned to Seattle whose sons, brothers, and husbands they fought with in France and Italy.

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The first family to return to Bainbridge Island is the Takemoto family, consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Saichi Takemoto and their five younger children. Victor Takemoto, who remained at Manzanar to graduate from high school, has had his pre-induction physical and is scheduled to be called into the army in about ninety days.

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The Takemotos have purchased strawberry plants, the plot of ground has been plowed, and the family will be assisted with their planting on May 12 by members of the American Friends work party.

The family was scheduled to arrive in Seattle on a certain day, and after they were several days overdue the WRA office sent out a "scouting party" to see what had happened. They found the Takemotos just finishing breakfast in their home on Bainbridge Island. A Caucasian neighbor had loaned them some pots and pans, but their personal effects had not yet arrived from the center.

The Red Cross on the island got busy and rounded up some beds, mattresses and essential household equipment for them, and at last reports they were getting ready for the strawberry planting.

Billy, 16; Roy, 14; and Fred, 13; are attending Bainbridge Island high school and the high school paper printed a social item welcoming them back into the school.

The WRA helped Mr. Takemoto locate 10,000 strawberry plants at \$10.00 per thousand. The going price is \$18.00 per thousand, but the plants the WRA secured are the second size but of good quality.

An interesting angle on the Red Cross assistance is that the beds and mattresses which they have loaned to the family were purchased by the local Japanese American families just prior to their evacuation, and the Red Cross had not yet had an opportunity to use them. So it seems that the "bread cast upon the waters has come back a hundred fold," at least as far as beds and mattresses are concerned!

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A hostel to accommodate family groups and large numbers of unattached men and women is being established in the former Japanese Methodist Church in Portland. There are facilities for cooking and family living.

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Two anti-Japanese meetings which were held recently in the vicinity of Portland were well attended, but two-thirds of the audience was comprised of members of a citizens' group in Portland. They came armed with data which they handed to all persons attending the meeting, and invitations were extended to all to attend a coming meeting in which the true picture on the Japanese resettlement will be given. Badges twelve inches in length and two inches wide proclaiming "fair play for loyal American Japanese" were worn by the members of the citizens' group.

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Tonaichi Seto has a job as head gardener at Tacoma General Hospital. The hospital staff's "Tickled to death" to have Tonaichi and say he's well liked by everybody.

Two more men are needed to work with Seto--someone familiar with gardening. Applicants will first be interviewed at the Tacoma WRA office. Seto advises he can arrange temporary housing.

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NORTHWEST NEWS BULLETIN NO. 4

Roy Hirai was a caller at the Seattle area office Monday. He is living at 1439 Jackson Street, Seattle, with his wife and four children, having left Minidoka four months ago. Mr. Hirai has been employed at various odd jobs around town, and hopes to resume his greenhouse business in the future.

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Pfc. Yoshio Fujiwara, formerly of the 442nd Combat Division in Italy, who returned to the United States May 25, and is now enjoying a thirty day furlough with friends in Seattle, came into the Seattle area office June 11 with Sgt. Hank Gosho. At the end of his furlough, Yoshio reports back to Ft. Douglas, Utah, and will then be sent to a re-assembly center.

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A new addition to the staff of the Seattle area office of the War Relocation Authority is Gladys H. Hamano who arrived from the Minidoka Center last week. Gladys' mother, Kinuyo Hamano, and her sisters Grace and Katherine are still at the Center. Gladys is now living at the Dover Apartments in Seattle with Mary Matsu-moto, and is looking forward to contacting some of her old friends.

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The Hood River County League for Liberty and Justice held its third meeting on Friday, June 1. The committee meets bi-monthly and are so organized that they will be able to aid the

returning Japanese in this area.

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The Citizens Committee to aid relocation in Portland has plans for a large "at home" to be held at the hostel at 315 N. W. 16th Street, tentatively for June 23rd. Both the citizens group and the relocatees will be present. The film "Challenge to Democracy" will be shown and refreshments served. Mrs. Bendshadler, chairman of the housing committee is in charge of plans for the affair.

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Fifty relocatees gathered at the Japanese cemetery in Portland and spent Memorial Day working on the grounds. At the end of the day memorial services were held at the hostel, after which a pot luck supper was enjoyed. The relocatees feel that the hostel is becoming a real meeting place for Japanese as they return to this area.

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The Kinoshita family has opened their fruit and vegetable market at 1100 N. Columbia Boulevard, Portland, and report that they are well received. This is the first fruit and vegetable market formerly operated by Japanese to reopen in the Northwest.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kondo are at home on their farm at Wapato, Washington, having left Heart Mountain Center in May. They report nothing has occurred to mar their pleasant experiences since they returned.

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Approximately fifty guests were in attendance when Kiyo Nishimori became the bride of Second Lieutenant Tsutomu "Stamie" Kumagai on the evening of June 2 at the home of Mrs. Takeshi Sakaguchi in Bellevue, Washington. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nishimori of Manzanar, formerly of Bainbridge Island, and Kiyo has been employed in Chicago for the past two years. Lieut. Kumagai is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Kumagai of Minidoka, former residents of Seattle. The bride wore a white afternoon dress with a shoulder-length veil and carried a white prayer book and an orchid. Mrs. Takeshi Sakaguchi was matron of honor and the best man was Cpl. John Yoshida. Mr. Koura of Bainbridge Island gave the bride away. Reverend Emery Andrews officiated at the ceremony.

Lieut. Kumagai is stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington, and the couple will make their home in Tacoma for the time being.

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Cpl. T/5 Michio Shimomura was in Seattle recently visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shimomura who had just returned to their home in Seattle from Minidoka. Cpl. Shimomura is on furlough from Ft. Snelling, Minnesota.

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Sgt. Kenneth Ota, Staff Sgt. Howard Minato and Cpl. T/5 John Yoshida visited at the homes of their parents in Seattle a short time ago. The servicemen are all attending the School Battalion at Ft. Snelling, Minnesota. Cpl. T/5 Kane Senda, whose parents relocated to Spokane from Minidoka, was visiting friends in Seattle.

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Pvt. Shig Ishida of the 141st Medical Training Section, stationed at Ft. Lewis, contacted friends in Seattle on Thursday. Pvt. Ishida is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Ishida formerly of Topaz Relocation Center, who are now at home in Sacramento, California.

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A Nisei get-together was given by May Funai and Alice Sakura at Box 2259, Kirkland, June 9, which was attended by about sixty young people. Refreshments and games were the entertainment highlights of the evening.

Sgt. Henry "Horizontal Hank" Goshō, his wife and baby; Floyed Schmoe, and Rev. Emery Andrews were among the guests present. Following is a list of those who attended the gathering:

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| Miss Esther Mary McCallough | Kay Yamaguchi |
| Aki Kato | Eiko Yoshida |
| Dorrie Abe | Toshiko Sato |
| Minnie Itoi | May Hurd Katayama |
| Koe Takamoto | Fumi Kusian |
| Amy Sakaguchi | Alice Kano |
| Fusaye Kato | Jeanne Goshō |
| Henry Itoi | Edwin Sasaki |
| Miyeko Nagasawa | Chiyo Tanaka |
| Taro Takemura | Steven Sakaguchi |
| Billie Sakaguchi | Kiyoshi Yabuki |
| Rosie Sakaguchi | Sharon Sakaguchi |
| Buzanne Sakaguchi | Sidney Sato |
| Hirofaka Sakaguchi | S. Sato |
| Herbert Yoshida | Irene Kawanishi |
| Toyako Mizabe | Sam Saiki |
| E. Price Steiding, WRA | Theresa McCoy, WRA |
| Ralph Y. Kono | Mitsugi Noji |
| Theadore Jue | Ruth Jue |
| Douglas Jue | Fumi Noji |
| George Kawachi | Ichino Kawachi |
| Melverna Stanley | Tats Sato |
| Mariko Sato | Rose Yabuki |
| Yashiko Sato | Hideo Yabuki |
| Floyd Schmoe-Am.Friends | Ruthanna Schmoe |
| Toyo Okuda | Motto Stanley |
| Bill Adams | Pvt. Shig W. Ishida |

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Fumi Nakayama
Edna Hirabayashi
Kametaro Funai
Pvt. Joe Umemoto
T/3 Fred T. Ota

Mary Nagasawa
Isako Takahashi
Frederick Sakura
Cpl. T/5 Kan Yamane
Pvt. Dick Tochiara

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NORTHWEST NEWS BULLETIN NO. 5

The first meeting of the newly organized Resettlement Council was held the evening of June 13. A proposed charter was drawn up and temporary officers and committees were appointed as follows:

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| Chairman | Kenji Okuda |
| Treasurer | Kiyoto Abe |
| Secretary | Aki Kato |
| Publicity Committee | |
| Chairman | Sachi Yasui |
| Co-Chairman | Mary Matsumoto |
| Reception Committee | |
| | Minnie Itoi |

This group will meet once a month and will offer assistance to returnees in securing employment, housing, etc.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kiichi Sakoda and son Toshio are again operating their cafe, the "Maximum," at 1110 1st Avenue, Seattle. They returned from Minidoka Center about the middle of May. Toshio had been working in Cheyenne, Wyoming, but returned recently to help his parents in the cafe.

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Mr. and Mrs. Soichi Egashira have reopened their restaurant at 617 Jackson Street, Seattle, and report that business is fine.

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The grocery store of Mr. and Mrs. Buichi Hayashi at 2225 East Madison Street, Seattle, is open for business. Helping her father in the store is their daughter, Moriye Ida, formerly of Spokane, who is here with her two-year old son. S. Ida, Mariye's husband, is

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employed on a farm at Colbert, Washington.

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Mr. and Mrs. Keiichi Takemura, formerly of Granada Relocation Center, returned to their home at 1326 12th Avenue South, Seattle, on June 4. Their son, Taro, who has been attending school in Chicago since July, 1944, is with them in Seattle.

Takao Furumoto, also from Chicago, is visiting at the Takemura home, while his mother remains at Minidoka with his two younger sisters. Takao recently finished a course in photography at the Rays Vogue School in Chicago, and is now seeking employment. He is interested in portrait work primarily, and anyone knowing of an opportunity in this field may contact him at the Takemura home or at the Seattle WRA office.

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Yoshio Imanishi arrived in Seattle recently from Minidoka, and plans to return to his former expressing and fuel business. He is seeking permanent housing for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Majiro Imanishi, and his sister Hatsuye, who are still at the relocation center. Hatsuye graduates soon from highschool.

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The Seattle Council of Churches and Christian Education, representing fourteen Protestant denominations, has set up an extensive program providing services of all kinds to the returning Japanese, with Miss E'lois Shook as Director, according to an announcement today by Miss Gertrude L. Apel, general secretary.

A United Church Hostel is now open at 1236 Washington Street, and will accommodate up to 100 persons, providing temporary lodging

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for returning Japanese on a small operating cost of 75¢ per day. This building is the former Japanese Methodist Church. The hostel was transferred from 911 Spruce Street which was operated pending the opening of the Washington Street hostel.

Announcement is also made of the opening of the Fujin Home at 1102 East Spruce Street, which will provide additional hostel facilities.

~~Reservations for these lodgings should be made with Miss Shook at 312 Old Times Building, Seattle.~~

A third hostel, under the direction of the American Friends Service Committee, which has been open since April 1, at 3953 15th North East, can accommodate six persons, but will arrange to serve more as the need arises. Reservations may be made by writing Miss Akiko Kato at 3953 15th North East or by telephoning Melrose 0502. Fees at this hostel are also 75¢ per day.

Services offered by the Council of Churches include the meeting of ~~trains~~ if notified in advance, counselling, guiding to assist in necessary shopping, aid in finding work or housing, introduction of newcomers, cooperating in providing social and recreational facilities, arrangement for legal services, assistance in locating personal and household goods, help in securing medical care, information on local schools and colleges, and information for returning veterans. They will also provide Japanese-speaking staff persons for personal service, and liaison persons for returning Japanese and government and local welfare agencies.

A temporary interdenominational Church service each Sunday morning at the Japanese Baptist Church, Broadway and East Spruce

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street has been set up, according to the council announcement, to meet the religious needs of the Issei who have thus far returned to Seattle.

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Dr. G. Y. Nomura arrived in Seattle on May 23 from Minidoka Relocation Center, and has reopened his dentist office at 423 2nd Avenue where he had been practicing for five year prior to evacuation. Mrs. Nomura and their small son are temporarily remaining in the center.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kintaro Nakashima, Isseis, and their children Sakiko, 20, Sadako, 17, And Hiroshi, 15, have moved to a charming rose covered house at 20th Avenue and Ingersell Street in Seattle, arriving in Seattle June 8 from Minidoka. Mr. Nakashima is now looking into the possibilities of a new bussiness having sold his cafe ans co-partnership in a hotel at the time of evacuation. Sakiko is now employed as a stenographer in the Treasury Department, and Sadako is looking for work until fall when she plans to enter the University of Washington. The boy Hiroshi is looking forward to attending Garfield High school this fall. They advised that the owner of the nearby grocer was most cooperative and pleasant.

Mike Haruo Nishimura, nisei from Minidoka, his Issei father, and his brother-in law, Mr. Shimizu, are all staying with the Nakashima family until they find more permanent housing. Mike is now employed at the General Paint Company.

Mr. Frank Unemo, Issei, Tomiko, his Nisei wifem and their three children, Raymond 9, Lilian 6, And Jean 3, arrived in Seattle from Minidoka May 24, Mr. Unemo immediately joined the Building Service Employees International Union Local #6 and is employed at the Seattle Hotel. They have an apartment into which they expect to move shortly. The children will attend

Baptist Church services. Mrs. Uneno's brother, George Yamamoto received his medical discharges from the army two years ago, and is now living in Cheyenne, Wyoming. A canary was chirping merrily in it's gilded cage in the living room and Mrs Uneno said that it had been kept by a Bailey Gatzert school teacher during the Uneno's stay at Minidoka.

For the present, staying with their cousin, Mr. Kubota, and Kyuichi Nagai, Kibei, and his Nisei wife who came from Seattle the latter part of May from Denver where they had lived for two years following their departure from Minidoka relocation center. They returned to Seattle so that Mr. Nagai could take a job with the Seattle hotel, since the climate in Denver did not agree with Mr. Nagai. He became a member of the Building Service Employees International Union Local #6, AFL, and reports that he had no difficulty in making this affiliation. Mrs Nagai will seek part time employment. She said she found everyone friendly and cooperative, and was beaming the day we talked to her because the corner grocer had sold her pound of bacon, but were told there wasn't any!

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinomoto, Niseis, are staying presently at 341 19th Avenue, Seattle Washington, Having come here from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where they settled in May of 1943 after relocating from Minidoka. Mr. Kinomoto, an accountant, is looking after Mr. Kubota's property, but plans to establish his own office soon.

He reports that Caucasian friends Mr. Lee Preston, and Milton Jones are among the Seattleites who are willing to help him reestablish himself.

Mrs. Kinomotos parents, P.K. Yamamoto, and her sisters, Mrs. Minoru Omori, are at Heart Mountain Relocation Center and Mr. Kinomoto's parents and brothers are in Ogden, Utah, where they have received a license to operate a restaurant, after some months delay. Mrs. Kinomotos brother, Pfc. Masayoshi Honmyo is attached to the famous 442nd Infantry division in Italy where he is now hospitalized receiving the Purple Heart for his wounds

An Issei couple, Mr. and Mrs. Otsuchi Kuranishi, returned to Seattle from Minidoka 21st of May. Until they find more permanent living quarters they are residing at 341 19th Avenue. Mr. Kuranishi is in the research section at Camp Ritchie, Maryland, and has been in the armed forces since 1942. Their second son Motoji is at Minidoka, but plans to relocate in the East or California soon. They report they are happy to be back in Seattle and find everyone "very friendly!"

The Matsumotos, Shigeru, and his Nisei wife Ayako, have just bought a lovely house at 1519 Yesley way. They returned from Minidoka May 10 with their children Kenji Thomas, 8, who was celebrating his birthday the day we spoke to them, and Michiko Ruth, 5, and Reiko Catherine, 3. Mr. Matsumoto is doing carpentry work with

Mr. Kaoru Akita.

The children found the neighbor friendly, walking to school daily with the Caucasian children of the block until the close of school. Mrs. Matsumoto's two brothers, Michio is in India doing Intelligence work, while Yoshio is a new inductee.

The family wish to report all their friends at Minidoka they have been cordially received in the community, had no difficulty in obtaining employment, or securing the house which they purchased.

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Dr. Yukimasa George Nomura, an Issei dentist arrived in Seattle May 24 from Minidoka. He says he will be ready for patients June 20 at 423 2nd Avenue, Metropole Hotel Building, where he maintained his office prior to evacuation. The office is newly painted, nicely decorated, and beautifully furnished with modern equipment. He employed the aid of his friends, Mr. Ato, Mr. Kusakabe and Mr. Utsuka to put the office in order. He reports his friends expressed great pleasure at his return. He hopes to send for his wife Kiyomi and his son Richard 5, who are still at Minidoka. His mother, Ito Nomura, now living in New York City, may also join him here.

K. Shioyama and Hisuke Kawaguchi, of Minidoka Relocation center stopped in the WRA office this week while on their brief visit to Seattle.

Mr. Shioyama is seeking landscape gardening work and housing so he can relocate his wife and daughter, Michiko 17, here. His son, Shoichi, is now in Chicago working in an ammunition factory. Mr. Shioyama, reports that his Caucasian friends greeted him cordially and welcomed his return.

Mr. Kawaguchi is seeking work and housing in order to bring his family here. He was formerly in the Men's clothing business but reports that with merchandise difficult to obtain, he is not now planning to go back into business, although his Caucasian friends were willing to help and extended cordial greetings. His son, Sgt, Kenneth Kawaguchi who has been overseas 21 months, is now stationed in Australia.

From Tacoma comes word that Mrs. Sato Hoshi, her husband Mr. Tanaka, and her daughter Nora Hoshi, of Minidoka, returned to their former home at Vashon Island, June 12.

Their Caucasian duration tenant welcomed them with a luncheon all set and ready. Friends in Vashon greeted them cordially on their return home.

It is believed this is the first evacuee family to return to Vashon.

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A public reception was given June 17 at the First Methodist Church in Yakima, welcoming Mr. and Mrs. H. Kondo of Heart Mountain Relocation Center, who were formerly of Wapato and returned to their home 1 1/4 miles north of Wapato on May 22.

Following the reception at the church, which was attended by more than one thousand people, a photographer took pictures of the Kondos, Bishop Baxter, Reverend Wood and other prominent church people and the choir. Reverend Wood has reported that there has been full acceptance of the Kondos by his congregation.

The transfer of their membership from the Japanese Methodist Church of Wapato to the First Methodist Church of Yakima was received by Bishop Baxter of Portland and Reverend Lynn Wood of the First Methodist Church of Yakima.

Since their return home, the Kondos have had many callers among the farmers, businessmen, schoolteachers, and ministers of the community, all of whom welcomed their return. Among their visitors were two Filipinos.

Mr. and Mrs. Kondo have three sons in the military service: Takashi, 25; Shizuo, 18; who is at Fort Snelling Army Intelligence School; and Hideo, 21, who was just recently inducted and expects to qualify for the Fort Snelling school. Their son-in-law has been overseas for more than twenty months, and is expected home soon.

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Keigo Saito, son of Mr. and Mrs. Moriya Saito was in the office in Seattle on Friday, June 21, and reported that he and his mother are living at 202 Olympic Place, where his mother has been employed since March. Keigo and his father arrived only yesterday from Minidoka, and Mr. Saito, a dentist who had practiced in Seattle for twenty years previous to evacuation, hopes to go into business with another dentist here in Seattle if possible. A brother, Frank, is a practicing dentist in Brigham City, Utah.

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Another visitor in Seattle is Roy Kobayashi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hidenori Kobayashi, presently at Minidoka Center. Roy is staying with the Shighihara family at 1415 East Fir. He plans on opening the family home at 2005 East Charles Street, and put it in readiness before his parents join him in Seattle. Roy's sister, Nori, who is employed in Denver, expects to join the family in the near future.

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From Portland comes word that Mr. and Mrs. Murahashi and sons Roy, Oscar and Lawrence, arrived in Portland on June 19 from Minidoka. They were met at the train by a WRA representative who drove them to their home at Troutdale. The children were excited and happy to be back home and were having a grand time romping in the fields and exploring the house.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hirota and their five children arrived in Portland on June 9 and are living temporarily in a furnished apart-

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ment at Vanport. Mr. Hirota is employed as a member of the Federal Communications Service, which is a Civil Service position. The Hirotas are delighted to be in Portland and are looking forward to securing an unfurnished dwelling under Federal Housing, for which they are applying.

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The date for the Portland Citizens' Committee house warming to be held at the Hostel at 315 N. W. 16th Avenue has been set for Saturday, June 23, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The picture "Challenge to Democracy" in sound and color will be shown and refreshments will be served. All persons who have been invited are anticipating a great deal of pleasure in the meeting with old friends and the opportunity presented to make new friends.

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Tsuyu Yuzurika is visiting in Portland at the home of Reiko Hirua in the Magnolia Apartments, 820 S. E. 3rd Avenue, where she plans to stay until the first of July. At that time she will be a house guest of the Hawley Kato family and plans to work in their berry fields. This fall, Tsuyu plans to enter the University of Oregon.

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Mrs. Oshino Uyeda and her two sons, Charles and Franklin, arrived in Portland on June 21 from Minidoka center, and were met at the depot by her son Henry, whom she had not seen for several months. Henry is working at the Russian Ware house and has been anticipating with great pleasure the return of his mother and brothers.

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Although the family is temporarily housed at the hostel, Mrs. Uyeda plans to work in Portland and obtain a home in one of the Federal Housing projects.

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Arthur Gjiro Sasaki of Sherwood, Oregon, was a visitor at the WRA office in Portland recently and reported that he has been selling strawberries at the wholesale market regularly. He also has delivered a supply of berries to the Kinoshita family who have opened their market at 1100 N.E. Columbia Boulevard, Portland.

The Kinoshita family has been operating their market at 1100 N. E. Columbia Boulevard for nearly a month and are doing very well. They report that they have both their old customers and many new ones.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jukichi Kawano, Miss Reyko Miura and Miss Lilly Kobayashi are among recent new employees at the Russian Warehouse in Portland.

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Miss Marian Hara has accepted a position with a Caucasian family, a member of whom is on the Portland school board. She goes to work on Thursday, June 21, and reported to the Portland WRA office that she feels she will be most happy there.

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Mr. and Mrs. Miyuchi and son Dixon Miyuchi have secured employment at the F. L. Jackson Home in Dunthroe, Oregon. Mr. Jackson is the editor and publisher of the Oregon Journal, the Portland evening newspaper.



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Cpl. Minoru Nagaoka dropped in at the WRA Area Office June 26 while on a recent furlough in Seattle. Corporal Nagaoka, who received the Purple Heart in July of last year as part of Company K of the 442nd, arrived in this country May 25. He has been visiting his mother Mrs. Kume Nagaoka, his sister Joan and his brother, Harry, who recently relocated to Spokane from Hunt.

The corporal explained the absence of his overseas ribbons and Purple Heart by saying, laconically; "It's easier this way." He reported that his family is very happily settled in Spokane, and that his married sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Mukai, are managers of an apartment building in Spokane.

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Visitors in Seattle June 26 were Mill Okazaki and his brother, Sakae, whose pre-evacuation home was in Renton. They relocated in March of 1943 from Tule Lake to Caldwell, Idaho, where they are farming. The rest of the Okazaki family has already relocated and is "getting along well" according to Mill and Sakae.

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Two birthday parties in one day is somewhat of a record, and Toyo Mizobe of the Seattle area office is the most recent holder of that distinction. The office girls surprised her with a birthday cake on June 16, and while she was still in a state of "surprise" over that display of affection from her fellow

workers, she walked right into another surprise party in her honor that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George LaFabregue, at whose home Toyo is living, had invited the following friends in for a birthday buffet supper: Chiyo Tanaka, Gladys Hamano, Mary Matsumoto, and Irene Kawanishi. After the birthday gifts were opened, the evening was spent playing parlor games.

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Irene Kawanishi was hostess at a crab supper held Monday night, June 25, in the Queen Anne Hill home of Florence West, area reports officer. Irene, who has been living at the West home since her arrival in Seattle early in May, reported that an enjoyable evening was spent playing the piano, singing, listening to records and indulging in a little "fireside chatting." Guests included Mary Matsumoto, Chiyo Tanaka, Toyo Mizobe, and Gladys Hamano, all WRA employees of the Seattle district and area offices.

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Eddie Shimomura has brought his wife Aya and son Roger, 6, back to Seattle to live, because "this is our home, and the climate is so much superior.

Mr. and Mrs. Shimomura have been living in Chicago since April of 1943 when they left Minidoka Relocation Center. In Chicago Eddie was employed at Sargent's Drug Store as a pharmacist.

A month ago he came to Seattle to look over the situation, discovered he could return to his pre-evacuation position as pharmacist with Joseph Hart Inc., prescription drug store, that he could return to his own home at 946-24th South, and that the children in the neighborhood were looking forward to Roger's return.

Mr. and Mrs. Y. Shimomura, Eddie's parents, are living with them and the elder Shimomura is already employed at the Y.W.C.A.

"Everybody is so friendly, we are happy to be back," Eddie smiled.

Sachi Yasui, who came to Seattle recently from Minidoka, reports that she is now living with the Aronson family at 1725 Interlaken Boulevard. Her brother Kiyoshi is in Chicago, her sister Michi in Spokane, and her mother Sumi and brother Hiroshi are still at the center. Brother Kiyoshi is hoping to make arrangements soon to bring their mother and brother from the center, and get the family together again.

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George Mizuta, evacuated from Wapato to Heart Mountain, and now relocated at Ontario, Oregon, was in the Yakima office recently.

Another visitor was Mr. George Kanaya, relocated in Ontario, Oregon, from the Colorado River Project, Poston, Arizona.

Mr. Nakamichi of the Heart Mountain Project, who is now on his way to Yakima and Wapato, reported that a number of families from Wapato who are now at Heart Mountain are planning to return to their former homes this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Seizo Itoi arrived in Seattle early in June from Minidoka Relocation Center and are at home at 2001 East Alder. With them is their son, Henry, and his young wife, who have been in Seattle since March, coming here from St. Louis where they had been employed. A sister, Sammie, Itoi, Cadet Nurse, is visiting the family during her vacation from Queen's General Hospital in New York City. She expects to be here until July 6. Another sister, Monica Itoi, is attending Hanover College in Indiana.

Mrs West
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George Sakamoto and his parents, Hantaro and Hisano, arrived in Portland June 27 and are operating the Bushell Hotel at 1036 1st Avenue, which they operated prior to evacuation. George's comment was that Portland had changed very little, and he was glad to be home again.

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The open house at the hostel, held Saturday, June 23, in Portland was a tremendous success. More than a hundred people, relocatees, members of the Citizens' Committee, and other friends attended the party. A feature of the affair was the presentation of the motion picture "Challenge to Democracy".

Flowers donated by Japanese returnees and Caucasian friends decorated the hostel, and a beautiful centerpiece of choice blossoms for the dining room table was brought by Mr. R. A. Hungerford, wholesale florist, who is a very good friend of the Japanese.

Mrs. Tom Yamada and Mrs. Rikichi Maeda presided over the table. Cookies and tea were served by young Nisei girls who were guests of the hostel.

Other get-to-gethers are planned for the near future.

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During Miss Finlay's absence, Mrs. Oshino Uyeda, formerly of Minidoka, is in charge of the hostel. Mrs. Uyeda and her two sons, Charles and Franklin, are guests at the hostel at this time.

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Miss Miyo Tsuboi is working in the office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, and is delighted to be home.

She is making plans for the return of her father and sister to Portland, from Minidoka. She is enthusiastically renewing her old associations.

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Mrs. Asayo Toyota arrived in Portland June 25. Tom Toyota was inducted in the Army the 27th and is stationed temporarily at Ft. Lewis. Mrs. Toyota and Lillian, Tom's wife, are living in the elder Toyota's home at 1719 S. E. Ankeny, Portland.

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Miss Rose Niguma left Portland for Minidoka recently to bring her mother to Portland. Mrs. Niguma will live in one of the housing projects where she will keep house for Rose and Miyo Tsuboi, who are looking forward to having her with them.

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It is with deep regret that the deaths of S^hei Watanabe and Sukemon Itami are announced in Portland. Relatives and friends of these men were glad that they had been able to see their families settled again.

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NORTHWEST NEWS BULLETIN NO. 10

Rikichi Maeda, who has relocated to Portland, now has accepted a position on the day shift with the Russian Warehouse where there are about 20 other Japanese-American men and women employed.

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Richard Maeda, accompanied by his father, visited the WRA office in Portland recently while on furlough. He appeared to be in excellent spirits and health, and is convalescing from an arm injury received in the Italian Campaign.

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Miyoko Tsuboi is employed by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for five days a week and on Saturday serves as secretary to Reverend Burdette of the Mt. Tabor Methodist Church at 60th and Stark Streets, Portland. Miyoko continues to be thrilled that she is back in Portland and hopes it will not be too long before her sister and father have joined her in relocation here.

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Mrs. Fumie Sakano was joined this week by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Minejiro Marumoto, and her two children, and they have taken a home at St. Johns Wood, a Federal housing project, and their address is 7901 Oakleaf Place, Portland.

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The Hood River County League for Liberty and Justice held its regular bi-monthly meeting at the Asbury Methodist Church in Hood River and relocatees were invited especially to attend the meeting. The picture "Challenge to Democracy" was shown and Ray Sato and Mrs. Okimoto spoke briefly concerning their adjustment in relocating to Hood River. It was agreed by the resettlers as well as the members of the Citizen's Committee, that attitudes and the situation in Hood River County had improved greatly and that the condition was good for relocation.

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The Federal Communications Service is in need of persons who understand the Japanese language and who are able to translate same in English. The salaries are good and the employment would be in Portland, Oregon. Persons who qualify are eligible to live in Federal housing projects.

Excellent job offers in the poultry business, as domestics, in restaurants, as cooks and dishwashers, and warehouse work for both men and women are at the present time open in Portland. The job offers have been made by teletype to the Relocation Division at the Center. Persons interested should apply direct to the relocation office at the Center.

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Franklyn Uyeda, who has returned to Portland with his mother and brother, Charles, will be picking berries at the Mas

Fujimoto farm, near Gresham, on and after July 10.

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Miss Yono Joyce Yamada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yamada, is in Portland visiting her family for the summer and is staying with them at the Wabash Hotel which they operate. Miss Yamada is taking a course in chemistry at the summer session of Multnomah College and will return to Lake Forest, Illinois, in the fall where she is a senior. "Binchi" proudly wears the emblem of having been a blood donor here in Portland.

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Mr. Takatsuka
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Yoshiko Nakatsu paid the Area office a visit this week. She is in Seattle to make arrangements to get the family home at 216th St. and 24th Avenue South in order, and to seek work. She came to Seattle from Chicago where she had been employed by the WRA.

After residing for a while at the YWCA in Seattle with Nobi Ishida, Yoshiko and Nobi will make their home temporarily at the Baldwin Apartments, 13th Avenue and East Fir Street.

Miss Nakatsu is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Nakatsu who are still at Minidoka. She has a brother, Corporal Joseph Nakatsu who was with the famed 442nd but is now with the 29th Infantry in Germany. Her sister Aiko, and another brother Sam, a discharged veteran, are both employed in Chicago, Aiko at the Globe Feather & Down Company, and Sam at the Precision Parts Company.

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Mr. Yohei Takatsuka and his family, who have been at Minidoka, returned to their former home on Vashon Island during the middle of June. Their son, George is awaiting induction into the Army. The family has found employment on the large Rand berry ranch on

Vashon Island. They reported that they felt rather disturbed at first but found they had no reason to feel that way and have met practically all their old friends. Their reception has been pleasant.

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Mr. Hiroshi Semba, who recently relocated here from Detroit, Michigan, is now living at 1526 South 43rd Street, Tacoma, Washington. Prior to evacuation he was an agent for the New York Life Insurance Company in Tacoma.

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T. Kay Horike, just recently returned to Tacoma after visiting his wife and parents in Minidoka regarding relocation plans, is living at present at 1717 North Cedar.

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James Inouye and Tomatsu Nagai of Route 1 Box 260 returned a short time ago to Olympia where they have been accepted into the Oystermans' Union, an affiliate of the Teamsters Union, A.F.L., and are working for their former employer, Mr. R. E. Klontz, manager of the Olympia Oyster Investment Company. They expect to have their families with them within a short time.

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Tommy T. Yamane, formerly of Heart Mountain, but who has been out on seasonal leave, has returned to Tacoma to be with his brother, Kazuo, who operates the Everglade Apartments at 1509 1/2 South Tacoma Avenue.

Reverend and Mrs. Seichi Niwa and sons, Carl and Francis, arrived back in Tacoma last week from Chicago where they have been residing during the past two years. Prior to evacuation, Reverend Niwa was Pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church. He is again taking over the pastorate of that Church, now called the Fawcett Avenue Methodist Church. Their first undertaking will be to establish a hostelry for the accommodation of returning evacuees.

While in Chicago Reverend Niwa was an instructor of Japanese at Northwestern University. His classes consisted of United States Army Officers. His son, Carl, recently received a medical discharge from the Infantry and plans to enroll as a pre-medical student at the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma, Washington, at the opening of the fall term. Their younger son, Francis, who has been attending high school in Chicago will enter his senior year at Stadium High School in Tacoma this coming fall. The Niwas are making their home at the parsonage located at 416 South 19th Street, Tacoma, Washington.

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Kimiko Fujimoto, who has been attending college in Michigan, has completed her school year there and has returned to Tacoma to be with her mother and sisters who are operating the Capital Cleaners in Tacoma, Washington.

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Sgt. Joe Ichikawa dropped into the Seattle Area office July 11 while on his furlough. Sgt. Ichikawa, who had been in Assam, India, for 21 months, got back to the United States June 4 and later

reported to Fort Snelling, where he was given his furlough.

He has been visiting Minidoka Relocation Center where his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nuisaburo Ichikawa and his young brothers Roy and Jack are still living. His wife Shizuko and daughter Judy, aged 1 1/2 are living in Minneapolis.

The Sergeant had many interesting tales to tell about his experiences in India. One of the amusing anecdotes was his description of his lucky escape from the India battle phases without either injury or malaria, only to suffer minor abrasions from a bicycle fall on his visit at Minidoka.

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Marshall Field III, millionaire publisher and philanthropist, on a tour of the West Coast spoke July 9 before an inter-racial dinner meeting at the Olympic Hotel, on the American Council on Race Relations, of which he is chairman.

He remarked that his purpose here was to promote greater racial tolerance. He said; "I am interested in the white man and what kind of a fellow he is. I want the white man to know tolerance through education and through the elimination of the fear of competition.....The Japanese is an American citizen and therefore entitled to just as much right to discharge his civic responsibilities and to get the benefits as anyone else."

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Another uniformed visitor to the Seattle area office this week was T/5 George Natsuhara, formerly of Auburn, Washington, who is on his last furlough prior to graduation August 18 from the Ft. Snelling language school. His parents, Chiyokichi and Sen Natsuhara are still living at Minidoka with his sister May. His married brother Frank, brother Jack and married sister Sekiko are living at Nampa, Idaho. His sister Tomiko resides at Nyssa, Oregon, and his sister Maryo is studying nursing at Rochester, Minnesota.

George's mother and brother Frank have been in Auburn to look over the situation with the idea of returning there. Formerly they had a general farmers' supply store in Auburn.

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NORTHWEST NEWS BULLETIN NO. 12

Dr. Paul S. Shigaya returned to Seattle July 5 from Spokane where he relocated from Minidoka a year ago, and where he had established his practice.

He has re-opened his Seattle office at 6th and Jackson and will remain here permanently. Dr. Shigaya and his wife have moved into their own home at 4703 Beacon Avenue where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. Nattori are residing with them. Mrs. Shigaya will assist the doctor in his office. He reports that his friends and neighbors have visited them and welcomed them back home. Two nephews "King" and Shigeru Shigaya are in the army. A third nephew, Tetsuo Shigaya died while at Camp McClellum, Alabama.

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Dr. James Unosawa is opening his offices in the same building on 6th and Jackson as Dr. Shigaya. He has already obtained an apartment at the Carlton Apartments, 18th and Jackson, and expects his wife and three daughters, Marion 14, Phyllis 13, and Jeanette 9 to join him shortly. He reports he expects a busy practice and is happy to be back. Friends have given him a cordial welcome. John Ogishima and Roy Maekawa, brothers-in-law, are with the armed forces in Germany.

Dr. Unosawa is looking for an office girl.

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Visitors to the Seattle Area office this week were Connie Handa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Takeyoshi Handa who arrived from Minidoka July 11 and are living now at 119-18th Avenue, Apartment 5, and Kay Yokoyama from Toledo, Ohio, who is in Seattle visiting with her mother Hideyo. Mrs. Yokoyama and Kay are staying with the Handas at present. Kay is employed with a family at 4205 Brookside Road, Toledo. Her sister Yoshiko is employed by McClurg's in Chicago, and another sister Tak works for Willy Overlands in Toledo. Mr. Yokoyama and sister Aki are still at Minidoka.

Connie Handa, who just finished a year at Beaver College in Jenkintown, Pennsylvania, plans to enter University of Washington in the fall. Her brother Bob is in the army stationed at Fort Snelling, and her brother Michihiko is attending business school in Denver.

T. Kay Horike, of 1717 North Cedar Street, Tacoma, Washington, has as his guest his father, Kumaichi Horike, from Hunt, Idaho.

Mr. Horike Sr. is looking over the possibilities regarding his relocation back to his former home in Tacoma. Before evacuation Mr. Horike operated some variety stores in Tacoma.

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Dr. Hajina Mitsumori of Minidoka dropped into the Seattle area office July 16 while on a visit to Seattle to see his

mother Tami Mitsumori. Mrs. Mitsumori is living at 1102 E. Spruce. Dr. Mitsumori reports that his relocation plans are uncertain, but he is considering moving back to Seattle. His wife Sezuko and their child are at Minidoka.

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Mr. and Mrs. Mitsuo Kashiwagi, of 2018 Stevens, in Seattle, report the birth of a daughter July 7. The Kashiwagis have two sons.

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T/5 Yutaka Fujikado of Ft. Snelling is in Seattle on furlough visiting relatives at 115-18th Avenue.

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The largest single group of returnees, 33 in number, were greeted at the Union Station by friends who had already relocated here as well as Caucasian friends, representatives of the WR⁴ and members of the American Friends Service Committee. The joy on their faces showed their delight to be back, and to be greeted so cordially by so many friends.

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Eyuta and Shika Hara were met in Seattle on their arrival from Minidoka by their son Iwao who is on leave from his job in Madison Wisconsin. They are residing at 1921 Jackson.

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A "Nihonjin Party" was held at the home of Floyd and Ruth Schmoee, July 8 at their home, 13434-40th N.E. which overlooks

Lake Washington, and from which the guests obtained a beautiful view. About 150 people attended the party and partook of the refreshments.

Among those present were:

From Minidoka Center

Isako Takahashi
Mary Hashimoto
Ruby Kokita
Kay Yamaguchi
Hideo Yabuki
Fumi Ishikawa
Ed Sasaki
Steven Sakaguchi
Sadie Asai
Frederick Sakura
Eddie, Aya, Roger Shimomura
Mrs. K. Kawamoto
Dr. & Mrs. Harada
B. Hayashi
Ruth Nakata
Mr. and Mrs. Motoda
Dorrie Abe
Martha Fukuma
Marion Y. Kono
Amy Sakaguchi
Shig Ishikawa
Miyeko Nagasawa
Kenneth Yasuda
George Yanagimachi
Margaret Yanagimachi
Alice Sakura
Minnie Itoi
Henry Itoi
Margie, Joanne, Carol Kawamoto
Katherine Kawasaki
Ai Kusakabe
Chiyo Tanaka
Mickey Nagasawa
Margaret Minato
Shig Hashimoto
Ruth Yamaguchi
Suzan Sakaguchi
Miye Ishikawa
Billie Sakaguchi
May Ota

May Funai
Mrs. T. Hayashi
Dr. G. Y. Nomura
Kiyoko Uji
Chiye Kusakabe
Suma Kato
Aki Kato
Fusaye Kato
Fred Imanishi
Mr. and Mrs. Toru Araki & daughter

From Heart Mountain Center

Kaz, Tommy, Dick Yamane

From Topaz Center

Toyo Mizobe

From Manzanar Center

Kiyo Kumagai

From Granada Center

Toyo Okuda

From Rohwer Center

Chizu, Roberta, Davi Hirahara

Others were

Rose Scott
Tsutomu Kumagai
Pvt. Joe Umemoto
T/Sgt. Paul T. Seto
Pvt. Shig Ishida
Katherine Tracy
Virginia Ondo
Patricia Ann Tracy
Mary Lou Wright
Fumi Noji
Joe Stritmatter
Ichiro & George Kawachi
Wm. K. Fujita

Bruce Dean
F. H. Kamihachi
Jack Kawabe
Martha Ikeda
Pfc. R. J. Tracy
Michael A. Tracy
Ruth Jenkins
Henry Kawamoto
Mrs. M. Nishimura
Jay Wright
G. Nishimura
George Matsumura
E. Stanley
George LaFabregue
Signe LaFabregue
Sato Kamihachi
Sachi Kawabe
Dick Tsuchihara
Pvt. T. Takemoto
Emery Andrews
Vera Frances Tracy
Mr. & Mrs. M. Noji
Suzanne Matsumura
Mary Jo Ann Wright
Pvt. Henry Shimizu
Arleen Andrews
Pvt. Shuichi Nakamura
Fumi Nakayama

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A great many jobs have been made available to both Issei and Nisei who have returned to Seattle, according to W. A. Dougherty, Relocation Officer of the Seattle District office. In the last week Okiko Kurosaki, Dorothy Nishimoto, Sumi Tsurui, and many others have been employed in private homes as domestics; T. Kono of 124-13th Ave. and Iwao Kikuchi of 423 2nd Ave. are employed at the Olympic Hotel, Lake Hoshino is doing tailoring for Samuel Stone, Tailors, Kiyoko Uji of 1042 Weller is a clerk typist at Yesler Housing project, Martha Fukuma of 326 15th Ave. is employed by the War Production Board, Y. Shimomura of 946 24th South is employed as janitor for the Y.M.C.A., Kiyoko Tashiro of 901 6th Ave. is a typist for the Seattle Public Library, Yoshiko Taniguchi of 901 6th Ave. paints figurines for Longmire Glass Co., George Matsumura of 6912 38th Ave. South, Dick Yamasaki of 3510 Holly and George Yanagimachi of 1311 E. Spruce are working for the Olympic Foundry.

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The Higo 10¢ Store at 604 Jackson Street is open and already many old customers have been in to greet the return of the Murakami family who own the establishment. Mr. Murakami, who opened the business in 1907, passed away shortly after his relocation to Seattle, but the business is being run by Mrs. Matsuyo Murakami, her daughters Betty and Masako and her son Kay, who returned in January from Minidoka, to get their business in order.

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The Maximum Cafe at 1110 First Avenue, is doing a lively business, serving many sailors and soldiers, Caucasians, and Negroes. Kiichi Sakoda, his wife Teru and son Toshio all of Minidoka, run the cafe with the help of Kutarō Fukui. The Sakodas live at 721 1/2 Dearborn Street and have been operating the cafe, which can accommodate about thirty people, since May.

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T. Uji, has established his barber shop at 314 6th Ave. South and reports that he has more customers than he can take care of including Caucasian servicemen and civilians, and Japanese Americans. The family arrived from Spokane about six weeks ago. His wife, Kami works in the Prefontaine building where she helps make toy stuffed animals. Kiyoko, the daughter, works for Federal Housing. At present they are residing at the Nichirin Church at 1042 Weller. Mr. Uji reports he can use an assistant.

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At the time of the interview, Mr. K. Kawakami, former owner of the Tacoma Hotel, was visiting with Mr. Uji. 71 year old Mr. Kawakami said: "Tell everyone to come back...things very good." Mr. Kawakami has two sons in the armed forces: Iwao in the Pacific and Toshio in Europe.

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NORTHWEST NEWS BULLETIN NO. 14

Mr. Genji Mihara left Seattle yesterday after having spent nearly two weeks here on personal business and to look over the situation on employment, housing, business prospects, marketing of produce, and leasing of office space.

He conferred with Mayor W. F. Devin, Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd Shorett, F. R. Montgomery of State Department of Social Security of Olympia, A. N. Burchill of U.S.E.S., Jesse Epstein, Regional Director of FHA, Irene Miller, Advisor on Race Relations of FHA, other public officials and many returned evacuees.

As a result of his talks with the Seattle Council of Churches, the Council has agreed to reduce the hostel rates from 75¢ to 50¢ per day. He reports they have agreed to open the Saint Peters Episcopal Church and Congregational Church as a hostel since the present hostels in Seattle cannot accommodate all the people in need of temporary lodging. He also arranged for the Methodist Church, next door to the Congregational Church to be used for a warehouse where returnees may leave baggage temporarily, since the hostels do not have available space.

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Mr. Frank Iseri of Toppenish prior to evacuation, has returned from the Heart Mountain center to his hop farm a few

miles from Toppenish. Mr. Iseri is married and has three children of school age and the school superintendent, Mr. Armstrong, of Toppenish has been interviewed in regard to the Iseri children attending school this fall. Frank will stay on the farm about ten days with his tenant and will then be around Wapato where he has other property interests.

Mr. Iseri is very happy with the fine reception he has received.

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Shizuo Kondo, a graduate of the Army Intelligence School at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, is visiting with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. H. Kondo, who are living on their farm 1 1/4 miles north of Wapato. Shizuo will have a few days with his parents before being shipped out for foreign service.

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Tom Nagai of Olympia, Washington, who returned to the Minidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, to bring his wife, Yukiye, nine year old son Yasumi, and three year old daughter Hiroko, back with him, returned to Olympia on July 18. Tom had returned to his former place of employment at Oyster Bay about a month ago. He is employed by Mr. R. E. Klontz, manager of the Olympia Oyster Investment Company. The family returned to a nice five room house which Tom had been helping Mr. Klontz fix up for the families' return.

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Jimmy Inouye's family has also returned to Olympia this past week. Jimmy too, is employed by Mr. R. E. Klontz. In Jimmy's family is his wife, Michiye, their four year old son Roger, and their two year old son, Melvin. They, too, are moving into a comfortable home furnished by their employer, Mr. Klontz.

With the Inouye family came Jimmy's mother, Mrs. Shizu Inouye and her daughter, Nobuko. Nobuko is engaged to be married to a sergeant who is now stationed in Italy. Mrs. Inouye and daughter are working for Mr. Klontz during the oyster harvesting season.

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Another arrival at the Klontz establishment during the week was Masaaki Fukushima also from Hunt. Mr. Fukushima formerly worked for the Eatonville Lumber Company at Eatonville, Washington, and was on various farms around Sumner, Washington.

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The Relocation Officer at Tacoma reports that he talked by telephone to Mrs. Klontz this morning and was informed that all the returned families were getting settled and were very happy to be back on their own and among their former associates again. She also mentioned that they were expecting some other families from Minidoka before long.

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Mr. Mihara, Councilman from the Minidoka Relocation Center, visited Tacoma Wednesday in company with George L. Townsend and George Worden of the W.R.A. relocation staff in Seattle. Mr. Mihara was seeking information to take back to his Center.

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Returnees to this area who have gone back into business or are practicing in their former professions, report that they are doing exceptionally well.

The Chihara Jewelry Store, operated by MRS. N. CHIHARA, is open at 614 Jackson Street, while FRANK KITAMOTO's jewelry store is located next door to UJI's barber shop at 314 Sixth Avenue.

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JACK CHIKATA has opened his drug store at 114 Twelfth Avenue, next door to the Cherryland Florist, operated by M. OBATA. MR. OBATA reports he is doing a brisk business but states he is still obtaining some flowers by express, mainly from California.

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The Olympiad Sportswear Shop at 1520 Bellevue Avenue at present employs fourteen Issei and Nisei, and the manager indicated he is interested in employing more evacuees. The pay ranges from 50¢ to 60¢ per hour for beginners and \$1.00 per hour for experienced help.

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RALPH Y. KONO is operating a garage at 317 Twelfth Avenue, and Y. HASHIZUME is operating a service station at Twelfth Avenue and Washington Street.

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DR. K. HARADA has opened his dental office on Twelfth Avenue between Jackson and Main Streets.

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MASATOKU AMANO is acting as assistant manager for the Bradley Studio at 1328 Second Avenue.

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GEORGE TANIGUCHI has reopened his plumbing business at 1411½ East Fir Street.

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S. EGASHIRA has opened the Jackson Cafe at 610 Jackson Street.

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Others who report they are doing very well include DR. PAUL S. SHIGAYA, DR. JAMES UNOSAWA, T. UJI, K. SAKODA of Maximum Cafe at 1110 First Avenue, DR. G. Y. NOMURA and the Higo Ten Cent Store. These returnees have been mentioned in previous bulletins.

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DR. H. MITSUMORI expects to announce the opening of his dental office in the Jackson Building in the very near future, and the Sagamiya Confectionery will soon open at its former location on Sixth Avenue and Main Street.

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Hostels now in operation in Seattle are: the Japanese

Baptist Parsonage, Japanese Baptist Women's Home, Japanese Methodist Educational Hall and Japanese Episcopal Church. The American Friends Service Committee also maintains a hostel, and Nichiren Kyokai (Buddhist) operates another. Two Christian ministers, who returned to Seattle a short time ago, are REV. T. MACHIDA, Methodist, and REV. G. SHOJI, Episcopal. REV. MACHIDA is the principal minister at the Methodist Church at 1311 East Spruce Street. REV. SHOJI at present is residing at 1610 King Street.

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MR. IWA0 MATSUSHITA, Special Relocation Officer in this area, reports: "I have gone to movie houses, restaurants operated by Chinese and Caucasians, bought goods at ten cent and department stores and have had no unpleasant experiences. City bus drivers are all very courteous and kind in giving directions. I visited the City Hall to have my 1941 driver's license renewed, and it was done in two minutes without any unnecessary questions being asked."

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 16

The Main Street Service Station at Twelfth Avenue and Main Street is going full steam ahead these days since Yoshiharu Hashizume, Issei, has resumed its management. Freshly painted in the vivid red and yellow of the Shell Oil Company whose products are featured, the buildings on the property are in good condition, and at least half a dozen cars were on the greasing racks, in the gas lanes or were being worked on by mechanic George Koyama, Issei.

Mr. Hashizume, who brought his wife and three children back to Seattle from Minidoka on July 24, said he had plenty of business, and his customers were Negroes, Filipinos and Caucasians. His wife, Katsuko, has been busy getting Yoshiko, 16, Tomiko, 14, and Masao, 9, ready to go back to school next week. The two older children will go to Garfield High School and the youngest will go to Bailey Gatzert Grammar School. The family home is located at 1412 East Spruce Street.

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Ichimatsu Kihara, Issei, and his nephew, Yoshito Kihara, Nisei, who relocated to Ogden, Utah, from Minidoka in May, 1944, have opened the Mutual Trading Company, a wholesale and retail fish and grocery market at 108 Fourteenth Avenue, Seattle.

Their clientele is Japanese American at present, because, as Yoshito explained, most of their merchandise consists of foods like

octopus, salmon eggs, dried sea weed, canned squid, bean cake, noodles, and other foods which are a little too exotic for Caucasian appetites.

Yoshito's wife, Yoshiko, has her hands full caring for their four daughters: May, 5; Helen, 4; Naomi, 2; and Joyce, 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. Shigeru Matsumoto recently opened a combination barber and hand laundry shop at 1712 Yesler Way, Seattle.

Mrs. Matsumoto is looking forward to sending her three oldest children to Bailey Gatzert Grammar School this fall, because she attended the same school and had several of the same teachers when she was a child. May Yoshiko, 10, Thomas Kenji, 8, and Ruth Michiko, 5, will all enroll, but Katherine Reiko, 3, will have to stay home for a few more years before she is old enough to become a full fledged kindergartener. The family returned to Seattle from Minidoka on May 24.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 17

Nisei soldiers by the bucketful have been in Seattle during the last week. Some ~~have been~~^{are} on furlough after lengthy European service and others have completed furloughs and are reporting in to either Fort Lewis or Fort Lawton. From there on, it's anyone's guess as to whether they will be sent to Japan to help out with the army of occupation, will be discharged, or held in strategic reserve.

Several stopped in the WRA area office on business, and among them was Staff Sergeant Samuel Rokutani of Alameda, California, but more recently of Okinawa, Leyte, and Saipan. Sergt. Rokutani was interviewed by the Seattle Times while he was here, and he told the reporters ~~some~~ fascinating tales about helping to route Japanese soldiers and Okinawa civilians out of the caves on the island, interrogating prisoners, and doing front line combat duty.

Sergt. Rokutani wears the combat infantry badge, the purple heart, good conduct medal, Philippine liberation ribbon, and the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon with three battle stars. A graduate of the University of California in 1939, Sergt. Rokutani was evacuated with his family to Poston. He enlisted from Poston, and his family has now relocated in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Private William K. Fujita, whose pre-evacuation home was San Francisco, accompanied Sergt. Rokutani on his visit to the WRA office.

Pvt. Fujita is stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington, with the "Medics". His wife, Dorothy, and his mother, father and sister are still at Topaz. His brother, Tad Fujita, is in San Francisco.

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Private Calvin Ninomiya, popular ex-Minidoka resident, was in Seattle on emergency furlough from Camp Fannin, Texas, to attend the funeral of his father, Kamesaku Ninomiya, who was fatally injured in a traffic accident on August 17, 1945. Evacuee and Caucasian friends join in extending sympathy to the family.

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Private Harry Terashita of Bainbridge Island has been in Seattle on furlough during the last week.

He and his family were evacuated from Bainbridge Island in 1942 to Manzanar from where he relocated to Marsing, Idaho, in February, 1943. In August, 1944, Pvt. Terashita was drafted and went overseas to Italy and France in January, 1945, where he fought with Company F of the 442nd Infantry.

Two stars on his ribbons indicate he has been in two major battle campaigns, and he wears the purple heart and good conduct medal. In April he was wounded in the legs and left arm and was sent home in May to convalesce at McCaw Hospital, Walla Walla.

Four brothers, Pfc. George, Pvt. Toshio, Pfc. Masao and Pvt. Hideo, are in the service. Pvt. Harry expects a medical discharge soon. If he does get one, he will help relocate his father, Motokichi Terashita, from Minidoka Center.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 18

Sunao Shimomura, Issei, is reserving several rooms at his New Cascade Hotel, 716 Dearborn Street, for returnees who might find themselves without a roof over their heads when they arrive in town. At present he has accommodations for 48 residents, about 44 of whom are Caucasian, the remainder American Japanese.

Mr. Shimomura is very enthusiastic about business conditions and assures listeners that even if they have to pay more for hotel properties than before the war, business is good enough to warrant the extra initial outlay. He returned to Seattle May 9, but didn't resume management of his hotel until two months later. He claims he will always remember that particular day because it was on the 4th of July!

His wife, Tsuru, and two daughters, Mitsuko and Teruko, recently returned from Minidoka to join him. A third daughter is working in Chicago.

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One of the most attractive grocery stores in Seattle is now being operated by Moriye and Haru Ida.

The store is located at 23rd Avenue and Madison Street and features a complete line of groceries and fresh fruits and vegetables. The meat department has been renovated, and a very efficient looking butcher, Robert Brockwell, Negro, has leased the department

from Mr. and Mrs. Ida. Customers are Caucasian and Negro, and Mrs. Ida reports "good business and no trouble at all on deliveries and merchandise."

Two year old Jeffrey Ida, who was born in Caldwell, Idaho, adds his sparkling personality to the store's atmosphere whenever he can escape the watchful eyes of his grandmother, Takiyo Hayashi, or his grandfather, Buichi Hayashi. The family home is at 1825 23rd Avenue. The Hayashis have been Seattle residents since 1906.

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Fred N. Suto, Issei, opened his two-chair barber shop at 207 Fifth Avenue, South, on May 7. It had been closed "for the duration" while he was at Minidoka.

He and his wife, Yoshino, and son, Johnnie, 19, are residing at the Eleanor Apartments. Two daughters, Bessie and Dorothy, who had been residing in Denver, have joined them recently. A third daughter, Rosie Ichihara, whose husband is overseas, and grandchild, Joyce, have returned to Seattle.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 19
LIVING COSTS IN RENTON HIGHLANDS FEDERAL PUBLIC HOUSING PROJECT

Twelve American Japanese families recently found housing accommodations in the Renton Highlands Federal Public Housing Project. Rents in this project range from \$35.50 a month for a one-bedroom unfurnished unit with electric refrigerator to \$58.00 a month for a four-bedroom unit, furnished, with electric refrigerator. Lawn mowers, grass seed and fertilizer can be obtained without charge by each tenant who wishes to improve the appearance of his unit with landscaping.

Furnished units contain beds, a table and chairs, and all units have circulating coal heater, electric stove and stationary laundry tubs and either an ice box or an electric refrigerator. The rental includes fuel, electricity and water. Ice may be purchased. Units with electric refrigeration run from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a month higher, depending on the size.

Transportation to the project is by busses which cost 15¢ a round trip from the project to Renton, and 30¢ a round trip from Renton to Seattle when ten-ride tickets are bought. Single rides are higher. Seattle-Renton busses are on a 15-minute schedule during the day and an hourly schedule late at night. Free bus service is provided for children who attend school in Renton. There is a school on the grounds for children up to the seventh grade, and students in the upper grades attend the Renton schools.

Hundreds of families in Seattle live in outlying districts where

transportation facilities may require anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour and a half to get from their homes to work in the city, so traveling time is not something which must be met only by residents of such projects as the Renton Highlands. This is due largely to the crowded conditions necessitated by war-time stepped up schedules. From the Renton Project with good connections, traveling time takes about 45 minutes to an hour during the day. At night, of course, traveling time would be greater.

On the project are a post office, a dry cleaning establishment, a drugstore, vegetable, grocery, and meat markets. Although the apartments do not have telephones, there is a public pay telephone booth located in each block of housing units. There is also a telegraph office on the grounds.

It is advisable to remember in computing the cost of living that families who have resided in relocation centers for the last two or three years, may be comparing food costs of today with the prices that were prevalent before evacuation. They may not be aware that prices have risen in the last two or three years since evacuation. However, prices are standardized and controlled by the OPA, and costs depend on what grade stores the family patronizes. On the project the grocery store is a grade 2 and the meat market a grade 4. In Renton foods may be obtained more cheaply if the family trades at cheaper grade stores.

WRA representatives interviewed two of the twelve families living on the project to secure detailed information on their living costs.

Mr. and Mrs. Takeo Miyake and daughter, Carol, 18 months old, occupy a furnished two-bedroom unit with electric refrigeration for which they pay \$45.00 per month. Mr. Miyake, an Issei, is employed at the Olympic Hotel on the swing shift, a job which he obtained a few days after arrival. Mrs. Miyake, a Nisei who attended high school in Auburn, pointed out that a bakery delivers breads, rolls, and pies of all kinds about three times a week, and frequently fresh fruits and vegetables are delivered from the country. Milk is also delivered to the door. She pointed out also that her food costs were high to start with because she had to buy "everything from the beginning, such as spices, staples and some cooking equipment", but that otherwise she felt that food costs were not excessive.

The Ichikawa family includes Virginia Ichikawa whose husband, Staff Sergeant Joe I. Ichikawa is in the China-Burma-India theatre, and daughter, Judy, 19 months old, the senior Mrs. Ichikawa and her two young sons, Roy, 15, and Jack, 11. Both boys attend school in Renton where Roy is a sophomore in high school and Jack is in the seventh grade. They ride to school in the free school bus and both are making new friends daily.

Young Mrs. Ichikawa says, "Here it is very comfortable and everybody is very friendly." It costs them around \$20.00 weekly for food, but Mrs. Ichikawa pointed out that food costs depend on the family, its size, and the kind of foods purchased. The Ichikawas say their meals are of the average sort--sometimes quite plain and other times a little more elaborate.

Families who are planning to move into the project should make

arrangements to stay in a hostel for a few days, because train schedules make it practically impossible to make moving arrangements on the same day as arrival from a relocation center. It may take from two to five days before the family can actually move into an apartment.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 20

"Jobs, housing, and temporary welfare assistance for returnees are of primary concern to our entire staff in the Seattle district office," William A. Dougherty, district supervisor, pointed out today.

"We have recently made additions to our staff which bring the personnel total up to ten, and we want returnees to feel free to call on us for assistance in solving many problems which naturally arise when they return to normal community life.

"Mr. Carroll Mage is our special relocation officer in charge of federal housing; Mr. Ralph McFarling is in charge of welfare; Mr. William Waltmire and Mr. Morrison Helling are looking after employer contacts and are helping open up new field of job opportunities; Miss Mary Matsumoto, our Nisei receptionist, 'triples in brass' and serves as general information clerk and interpreter for Issei who require aid," said Dougherty.

Mr. Dougherty, who became district supervisor on July 1, joined the WRA staff in March, 1945, as a relocation officer in the Seattle district office. He has been a Seattle resident for the last 23 years and is familiar with local relocation problems.

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Evacuees may obtain help on legal questions concerning their position and rights in matters involving State or Federal Laws, Harold S. Fistere, area supervisor, pointed out today, in announcing the

recent appointment of Irvin Lechliter, area attorney, to the Seattle area staff.

Mr. Lechliter has been with the WRA since June of 1942 when he was in the solicitor's office in San Francisco. From there he went to Washington, D. C., and later was project attorney for Heart Mountain, then at Minidoka, and finally at Tule Lake until he entered the Army in August of 1944. After receiving his medical discharge in June of 1945, Mr. Lechliter joined the staff of the Seattle area office.

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Mr. Iwao Matsushita, formerly assistant supervisor of adult education at Minidoka, is now a member of the staff of the Seattle area office in the capacity of special relocation officer. Mr. Matsushita is on hand particularly to help in the solution of problems relating to the relocation of Issei.

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Tenants in Seattle and other overcrowded districts of the Pacific Northwest must be given six months' notice before being evicted from a house that has been sold to a person who wants to occupy it, according to Irvin A. Hoff, district director, Office of Price Administration. Formerly a 90-day waiting period was necessary.

This additional time before eviction applies also to Bremerton, Tacoma, Yakima, Olympia, Shelton, Port Angeles, Bellingham, Mount Vernon and Everett.

In the case of returning servicemen who need to buy their living quarters, the waiting period may be waived or reduced, depending on

circumstances.

Evacuees who are planning on buying homes in these areas should inquire carefully into this matter, to find out whether the property they buy is immediately available for tenancy.

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Fred Rock Matsuno, who has the Bronze Star earned in action with the famed 442nd Battalion in Italy, is the first discharged Nisei serviceman to return to Alaska with the assistance of WRA. He is taking his wife Sasa, and two children, Paul, 4, and Marie, 1½, who had been at Minidoka, back to their home at Pilot Point, Bristol Bay, Alaska.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 21

Betty Natsuhara, formerly of Tule Lake, arrived in Seattle, Friday, September 7, and went to work Monday, September 10, as a typist in the Seattle-King County War and Community Chest office. Betty's parents, Shintaro and Shige Natsuhara, and her sister Kay are still at Tule Lake.

At present, Betty is staying at the Washington Street Hostel, but expects to move in to the home of a Caucasian family this week-end.

Betty reports that the WRA Seattle district office assisted her in obtaining the job at the Chest where three other Nisei girls are employed full time, and two Nisei girls work evenings in addition to their day-time jobs elsewhere.

"As soon as I get really acquainted in Seattle, I know I will be happy here. Already I have met some very friendly people," Betty said.

Other Nisei girls at the Chest are:

Auzella Yamamoto, 925 20th Avenue, formerly of Heart Mountain and Minidoka, is now living with her mother and married sister and a brother, Richard, 18, who is attending Garfield High School. Her brother-in-law is a staff sergeant in the China-Burma-India theatre.

Michi Nakawatase lives with her mother, brother and his family at 10208 First Avenue, Northeast, since their relocation from Minidoka. Her brother Takeo was discharged last month after having been a member of the famed 442nd Combat Team.

Barbara Oki, whose pre-evacuation home was Bellingham, is now

living with her mother and sister-in-law at 1402 East Fir Street. Her brother Bob is with the armed forces in Hawaii since his graduation from the intelligence school at Fort Snelling.

All are former Minidoka residents.

The four girls report they have been well received and are very happy in their new jobs.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 22

Two former Tule Lake couples are employed as kitchen assistants at St. Edwards Seminary, just north of Seattle's city limits, William A. Dougherty, Seattle district supervisor, announced today.

The couples were residents of Seattle prior to evacuation and express themselves as being "very glad to be back home". Mr. and Mrs. Joe Oyabe and their son, Jerry, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miyake told WRA representatives that Father McCormick, president of the seminary, and the entire staff of nuns and assistants were extremely kind to them and it was a pleasure to work at the seminary, which is a school for boys who wish to become priests.

Jerry Oyabe is a student in the 9th grade at the school, and helps out by taking telephone duty in the office during evenings. The Miyakes' son, Roy, former Franklin High School student, is now a private in the Army.

Both couples relocated to Seattle during August.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 23

Mrs. Suze Hiraki is now operating her barber shop at 156 Main Street where she reports that her business is excellent. Mrs. Hiraki, who returned to Seattle from Idaho where she had previously relocated from Minidoka, is glad to be back, and says she finds conditions good and people extremely friendly. Her husband, Frank, is still in Boise where he is working as a chef. Their son Tom who has been in service since December 15, 1941, is still in Italy. Daughters Mary and Sumi are in Seattle with Mrs. Hiraki.

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Keisho Ishii returned to Seattle from Minidoka last week and is living temporarily at 1212 Washington Street. His daughter is working as a waitress at 610 Jackson Street. Mr. Ishii, who served as a translator for the government at Minidoka, is very proud of his record of having lived 45 years continuously in the United States.

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Frank Kitamoto, who recently opened a jewelry store at 314 Sixth Avenue, will move in November to new, larger quarters at 617 Jackson Street. Yoshito Takano, watchmaker, and May Katayama are employed in his shop. May's brother Mitsuo, here on furlough, is helping out in Mr. Kitamoto's jewelry repair section. Mr. Kitamoto reports that his wife and four children are in the family home on Bainbridge Island. The three older children are attending Bainbridge schools.

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The Seattle Times is carrying out its favorable policy with regard to American Japanese right down the line to the news carriers. Two Nisei boys applied for and now have jobs carrying Seattle Times on neighborhood routes. The boys, Tommy Kusaka, 11, living with his family at the Fir Apartments, and Bobby Yamada, 11, with his family at 910 East Fir Street, reported that they are glad to be back at the Bailey Gatzert School where they have been warmly received by the other children. Both families have returned to Seattle from Minidoka within the last couple of months.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 24

Five hundred jobs are available to Issei and Nisei with the Great Northern Railway Company through the Office of Division Superintendent, according to William A. Dougherty of the Seattle District WRA office.

Wage rates are 62 cents per hour for inexperienced labor, 64 cents and 66 cents for experienced, 74 cents an hour for gang boss or book men, for an 8-hour day, 6-day week, with some overtime.

350 jobs are available in the Spokane Division, section and extra gangs, with a limited number at Everett, Stanwood, Lyman, Concrete, Sultan, Index and Skykomish, all in Washington. Others may be available as far east as Montana and the Dakotas.

A limited number of mechanical men are needed at this time also, such as machinists, boilermakers, car men, helpers, sheet metal workers, carpenters, repairmen, etc. To qualify for these jobs the applicant must have served an apprenticeship in his field or have had four years' experience, and be 45 years of age or less.

Those interested should communicate with the nearest railroad retirement board. The District office will soon release to the projects more detailed information.

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Shizuko and Riyoko Hayashi of Heart Mountain, former residents

of the Yakima Valley, returned last week to Yakima and are now employed in the canning factory of Libby, McNeil and Libby. The girls are getting along nicely and are residing at the Y.W.C.A. Their father will arrive October 1 with the two younger children, and the family will be housed in one of the units at the Sunnyside Housing project near Yakima.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. Shibata and their partners, Mr. and Mrs. S. Asaba, have opened their confectionery and stationery shop at 524 Main Street, where Mr. Shibata's father had maintained this business for thirty years prior to evacuation.

They already have on hand an assortment of bean and rice cakes, and Mr. Shibata says they are doing very well. He was glad to relate that all the wholesalers with whom he deals have welcomed them back, and he finds "everything just as it was before evacuation".

Fumio Shibata, 14, is attending Garfield High School, and Teruo Shibata is in the sixth grade at Bailey Gatzert School. Both boys are getting along very well. The Shibatases are living at 1439 Jackson Street at present, but hope to move into larger quarters soon.

The Asabas' 13 year old son attends Washington Junior High School and their daughters are at Garfield High School.

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Staff Sergt. Masaru Miyoshi, who served with the 442nd combat infantry team for a year in Italy and has been with the armed forces

since before Pearl Harbor, dropped in to the Seattle Area WRA office this week on his furlough. Sergt. Miyoshi wears the Purple Heart for wounds received at the famous Hill 140. His mother, Mrs. Nami Miyoshi, is still in Minidoka with another son, Haruo. Another son, Glen, also with the 442nd, is still overseas. Sergt. Miyoshi will return to Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City for further medical treatment.

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Lieutenant Akira Otani, who volunteered for army service more than three years ago and was commissioned at Fort Benning, Georgia, was in the Seattle Area office last week with his father, Matsujiro Otani of Granada, who is awaiting transportation back to his home in Honolulu where his wife and four daughters are running their fish market. Two other sons, Kenji and Toshiro, are in the Army, in camps in North Carolina and Texas. Lieutenant Otani was a member of the 442nd but was kept in the United States to train troops when the famous combat team was sent overseas.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 25

Nami Yamada and Mary Furukawa of Tule Lake are arriving this week in Portland to accept positions as domestics. Miss Yamada will be employed at the home of E. B. McNaughton, local bank president, and Miss Furukawa at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Ben Vidgoff of Dunthorpe.

English classes for Issei women will be held at the hostel in Portland, 315 N. W. 16th Street, beginning October 9. Mrs. Margaret Wymans will teach the classes.

Jimmie Kondo, formerly of Minidoka, is back at his old position as chef at Henry Thiele's, which position he held for fifteen years prior to exclusion. Before returning to Portland he was employed as chef at Owyhee Hotel in Boise, Idaho. Mr. and Mrs. Thiele are helping the Kondos find a home to buy.

Frances Moriyasu of Cleveland and a former resident of Minidoka has accepted a position as seamstress in an exclusive ladies' tailoring establishment, Lipshutz, in Portland.

Toshiko Morimatsu entered Pacific University at Newberg, Oregon, this last week to take preliminary training in preparation for entrance into the nurses' school next year. Formerly a Bothell, Washington, resident, Miss Morimatsu recently relocated from Tule Lake, and her family

hopes to relocate from Tule Lake very shortly.

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Two Nisei girls have enrolled at Oregon State College. Aya Iwasaki and Noriko Kido, both of Nyssa, Oregon, are the new enrollees.

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Elsie Nakashimada, former Minidoka resident, started work the last part of September as an assistant on the Portland Libraries Traveling Bookmobile.

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N. Kusano, formerly of Minidoka, has accepted a position as cook in the Jolly Joe Restaurant in Portland. He will specialize in both oriental and Spanish dishes.

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Kimi Akiyama, former Minidoka resident, has been employed by the Portland Art Museum, and she will do general office work--typing, cataloging, filing, etc. Miss Akiyama has registered at Lincoln High School for night courses in typing and shorthand to further her office skills.

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Hattie Yamada of Milwaukie, Oregon, formerly of Minidoka, is employed as a stenographer in one of the district offices of the Multnomah County Public Welfare Commission.

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Returning from New York City where she had originally relocated, Mae Iwashita wanted something "very different" from her New York job

with the C.I.O. Social Action Committee and got it! She is now secretary-receptionist in an East-side Photo Art Studio.

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Mrs. Gimba, who relocated from Minidoka, has accepted a permanent position on the clerical staff of the Main Library. Originally the job was a temporary one, but the librarian found Mrs. Gimba so efficient that a permanent place was made for her.

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Frank Miyamoto, formerly connected with Dorothy Thomas' group in social service research work at the University of California making a study of Evacuation Resettlement, has been appointed to the post of assistant professor of sociology at the University of Washington in Seattle.

Mr. Miyamoto, at present living at the International House, Berkeley, California, will be in Seattle about the middle of October. Classes start at the University of Washington on November 1.

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T/3 Richard A. Hayashi, of the 77th Infantry Division, more familiarly known as the Statue of Liberty Division, who has seen 20 months of service overseas at Guam, Okinawa and the Philippines since he volunteered for the Army, was in the Seattle District office this week while on his furlough.

Hayashi flew home from Manila to help his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hayashi, on their return to Tacoma from Minidoka. He says the elder Hayashi plans to open a barber shop but Richard's plans still depend on the Army. The rest of his outfit is with the Army of Occupation "somewhere in Japan".

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 26

Recently returned from Italy, Pfc. George Fujita, a member of the 442nd Infantry, was in the Seattle Area office last week. A former resident of Auburn, Washington, Private Fujita has been in the service a year and a half and is now on a fifteen day furlough from the language school at Fort Snelling where he has enrolled since returning to this country. He wears the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Ribbon, and the European Theatre Ribbon with two battle stars for action seen at Mount Belvedere and Po Valley.

His parents, who were former residents of Tule Lake and Minidoka, have relocated to Nyssa, Oregon. An older brother, Nobi, is also in the service.

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Mrs. Suma Matsumoto is now living with her daughter Mary and her son Tom and his wife and two children in the Holly Park Housing project on 37th Ave. So., in Seattle. Their apartment has three bedrooms and a bath upstairs, and a combination living-dining room and kitchen on the first floor. The apartment is equipped with a refrigerator, electric range and automatic water and circulating heaters. Included in the rent of \$42.60 are electricity and water.

Mary Matsumoto reports that while theirs is the only family of Japanese ancestry now living in the project, that the project weekly paper came out with an article pointing out that others would be likely to move into the project, and that it is only fair that they be given

the rights and privileges of all Americans. She said they have been treated with friendliness and courtesy by the neighbors, and the Caucasian children play with her niece and nephew. Mary works in the Seattle District WRA office.

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Dr. and Mrs. Hajime Mitsumori, formerly of Minidoka, with their 9-year old daughter, Ida Jane, are now residing in the Stadium Park Housing project at 2205 27th Place South, Seattle. The Mitsumoris have a furnished four-room apartment with electricity and water and equipped with circulating heater and icebox at \$36 per month.

Dr. Mitsumori opened his dental office at 6th Avenue and Jackson Street last week, and Mrs. Mitsumori, who helps him in the office, reports that some of his old patients have already returned. The family is comfortable and happy in the project, and Ida Jane attends Colman School, walking there with a Caucasian friend who also resides at the project.

The Mitsumoris lived in Seattle for many years prior to evacuation.

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First returnees to start work on any railroad in Seattle, George Hikida, Tomichi Naito, Kazuo Nakano, Masashige Ota, Tsunezo Tsue, Kiyoshi Shimono and Tetsuo Okada, all from Minidoka, Jim T. Kodani from Tule Lake, and Harry Kataoka, Shiro Yokoyama and Bungo Hibino have been accepted by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company for employment as section laborers at the King Street Station in Seattle, according to William A. Dougherty of the Seattle District office. It is expected

that others will be employed there in the near future, Mr. Dougherty said.

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NORTHWEST AREA NEWS BULLETIN NO. 27

A recent visitor in Seattle is Staff Sergeant Harry Yabu, a member of the 442nd Combat Team. A former resident of Seattle, he is visiting his family and friends while on a 40-day furlough before reporting to Fort Snelling. Sergeant Yabu has been in the service since before Pearl Harbor and has seen action in France and Italy. He wears the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Ribbon, and the European Theatre Ribbon with three battle stars.

His parents, former residents of Seattle, have recently returned from Minidoka and are residing in Renton. Sergeant Yabu has two brothers in the service.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20250

November 4, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, BLM

Re: Report of Special Agent in Charge, District of Columbia, dated October 10, 1945, regarding the discovery of a large quantity of unexploded ordnance (UXO) in the vicinity of the Washington Monument. The report states that the UXO was discovered during a routine inspection of the area. The UXO was found in a trench and was identified as a 105 mm mortar round. The report also states that the UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide. The UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide. The UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide.

This report, being a matter of internal security, is being handled as such. The UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide. The UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide. The UXO was found in a trench which was approximately 10 feet deep and 10 feet wide.

