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## RELOCATION PROSPECTS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

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The prospects for the successful relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry in this area are very encouraging, and there are job and work opportunities open in practically every occupational field. Evacuees will find a friendly reception in this area. The cost of living is about the same as in most other parts of the country, and housing is much more readily obtainable, except in a few areas of concentrated population such as Washington and Baltimore.

The Virginia-Maryland-Delaware area has many of the same characteristics as the West Coast. The area as a whole is densely populated but there are only a few large cities and these are surrounded by highly-productive farming sections, making the economy of the region well balanced as between agriculture and industry. The climate is moderate, with heavy rainfall during certain seasons of the year. Winters are mild, with little snow. During the summer months the humidity is considerable higher than on the Pacific Coast but there is less fog.

Delaware is predominantly agricultural with a heavy production of truck crops, poultry, fruit and dairy products. Eighty to ninety million broilers per season are produced on poultry farms of the state. Industry in the state is centered largely in the city of Wilmington and manufactured products include dyes and chemicals, cellophane, explosives, plastics, textiles, paper and rubber products.

In Maryland, Baltimore (Est. Pop. over 1,000,000) is the largest industrial city, with shipyards and aircraft plants, sugar refineries, distilleries, manufacturing of iron and steel products, textiles, clothing, machine tools, chemicals and many other articles. Serving this huge city market is the nearby agricultural area along the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay with its heavy production of vegetable and fruit crops. Here too are the famed oyster beds, and the center of the commercial fishing industry.

Virginia is also primarily an agricultural state, producing such crops as tobacco, fruit, vegetables, grains and dairy products. Industrial activity is principally centered in Richmond, its capitol and largest city, where there are extensive tobacco processing plants, lumber mills, paper mills, food processing plants and textile mills.

Washington, D. C., with its metropolitan area now having an estimated population of over a million, is the seat of Federal Government and aside from government jobs there are many opportunities for employment in the service trades, markets, transportation and in nearby farm areas.

Farming in the area is on a year-around basis and is widely diversified. There are employment opportunities in practically every occupational field from common labor to those requiring the highest technical and professional skill. Farm labor is greatly in demand and in most cases, steady year-around employment is offered. Experienced poultrymen, orchardists and vegetable growers are needed. There are many jobs open for domestics, both couples and single persons. Also in demand are workers for hotels and restaurants, for personal service establishments,



gardeners, caretakers, farm managers, retail markets, and in factories in industrial areas.

Finding living quarters in the area is relatively easy except in the major cities mentioned where the housing shortage is acute, particularly with respect to apartments and houses. That the situation is not impossible, however, even in these cities is evidenced by the fact that evacuees who have already relocated in the area have found places to live. Local co-operating committees working with WRA have been very helpful and Federal housing agencies are also co-operating. Single persons seeking rooms have little difficulty in getting located. The housing provided on farms in the eastern part of the area is generally good, separate houses for families being available in many instances.

I hope more evacuees will consider the possibilities of relocating in this area. There are real opportunities here; almost any type of job is available; the people are friendly; educational and recreational opportunities are of the best; and the chances for economic advancement are excellent.



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**Facts About Baltimore, Md.**  
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Baltimore is the seventh largest city in the United States and the largest in Maryland. It covers a total of 92 square miles and has a metropolitan population of more than 1,000,000. Midway between the North and the South, the city combines the charm and quaintness of colonial days with the activity of a great industrial and transportation center. Baltimore is situated approximately in the center of Maryland on rolling hills where the Patapsco River flows into the Chesapeake Bay. It is 40 miles from Washington, 100 miles from Philadelphia, and 200 miles from New York. About 20 miles away is the picturesque United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. The city is served by three major trunk line railroads, three national highways, airlines to numerous cities, and in peacetime by numerous transatlantic and intercoastal steamship lines. The city is surrounded by a rich agricultural area.

The average temperature is 58.8 degrees. The mean monthly temperature ranges from 34 degrees in January to 80 degrees in July. Summers are quite warm, with many humid days, some of which are followed by thunder showers. The winters are mild with abundant sunshine and relatively little average snowfall. Zero temperatures are rare. Rainfall is well distributed throughout the year, averaging about 40 inches yearly.

#### Baltimore Is A Historical City

Baltimore is known as "The Monumental City" and "The Birthplace of the Star Spangled Banner." Both of these names resulted from early 19th century history when the city was the first to erect a monument to George Washington and when what is now the National Anthem was written by Francis Scott Key on a ship in the Baltimore harbor. The city was first settled in about 1659 and in 1729 Baltimore was officially founded.

According to the 1940 census, Baltimore had 165,843 Negroes, about 20% of the total Baltimore population. There were also small numbers of persons of Oriental ancestry, including about twenty Japanese. There were more than 10,000 persons of Polish birth, 14,000 Germans, 17,000 people of Russian origin, 7,000 persons of British and Irish birth, and some thousands of Italian extraction.

#### Living Costs Are Moderate

Baltimore is distinguished by its row on row of red and yellow brick houses with their scrubbed white steps, and by its tree-shaded residential areas in the city's outskirts and suburbs.

Since Baltimore is a large industrial area in which many war plants are concentrated, housing is one of the chief problems. Apartments and houses, both furnished and



unfurnished, are difficult to obtain, but may be found with thorough searching. Several thousand units of new housing, both public and private, are now under construction and should alleviate the situation somewhat. With the help of WRA and the War Housing Center, resettlers coming to Baltimore individually or in family groups have been able to secure both temporary and permanent housing. Two families recently purchased their own homes in separate parts of the city. Single and double furnished rooms can be easily obtained. Average rentals are as follows:

Single room (furnished): from \$4 to \$8 per week. Average \$5.  
Double room (furnished): from \$6 to \$15 per week. Average \$10.  
Board (sometimes available with room): \$5 to \$7 per person per week.  
Unfurnished apartments: \$37.50 to \$50.00 per month for 1 to 4 rooms.  
Furnished apartments: \$45.00 to \$60.00 per month for 3 to 4 rooms.

The food cost for a family of four including two children is about \$54.00 a month. A person taking all meals out should budget at least \$10.00 per week. Clothing for a family of four averages about \$18.00 monthly. Gas and electricity cost about \$5.00 monthly for a family of this size. Telephone service, when available, can be secured at \$2.50 per month.

Baltimore has an extensive transportation system of streetcars and buses for which the fare is 10 cents for adults and 5 cents for children. Taxis charge 25 cents for the first 2½ miles and 5 cents for each additional mile.

#### Baltimore Has Many Excellent Schools and Colleges

Baltimore has an excellent public school system which includes 114 elementary schools, 21 junior high schools, nine senior high schools, and 20 night schools. Attendance at these schools is free to every child who has a parent or guardian residing in Baltimore. Special and vocational schools, including one for physically handicapped children, are also provided. In addition there are 22 private elementary and high schools in and around Baltimore, many private nursery schools, and about 20 publicly operated child care centers for children of working mothers. Baltimore also offers exceptional opportunities for higher education. Among these institutions are the Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, Goucher College for Women, Maryland State Teachers College, University of Baltimore, Notre Dame of Maryland, Loyola College, Maryland College for Women, Maryland Institute of Art, Peabody Conservatory of Music, St. Mary's Seminary and University, Mt. St. Agnes Junior College, and Morgan College for Negroes.

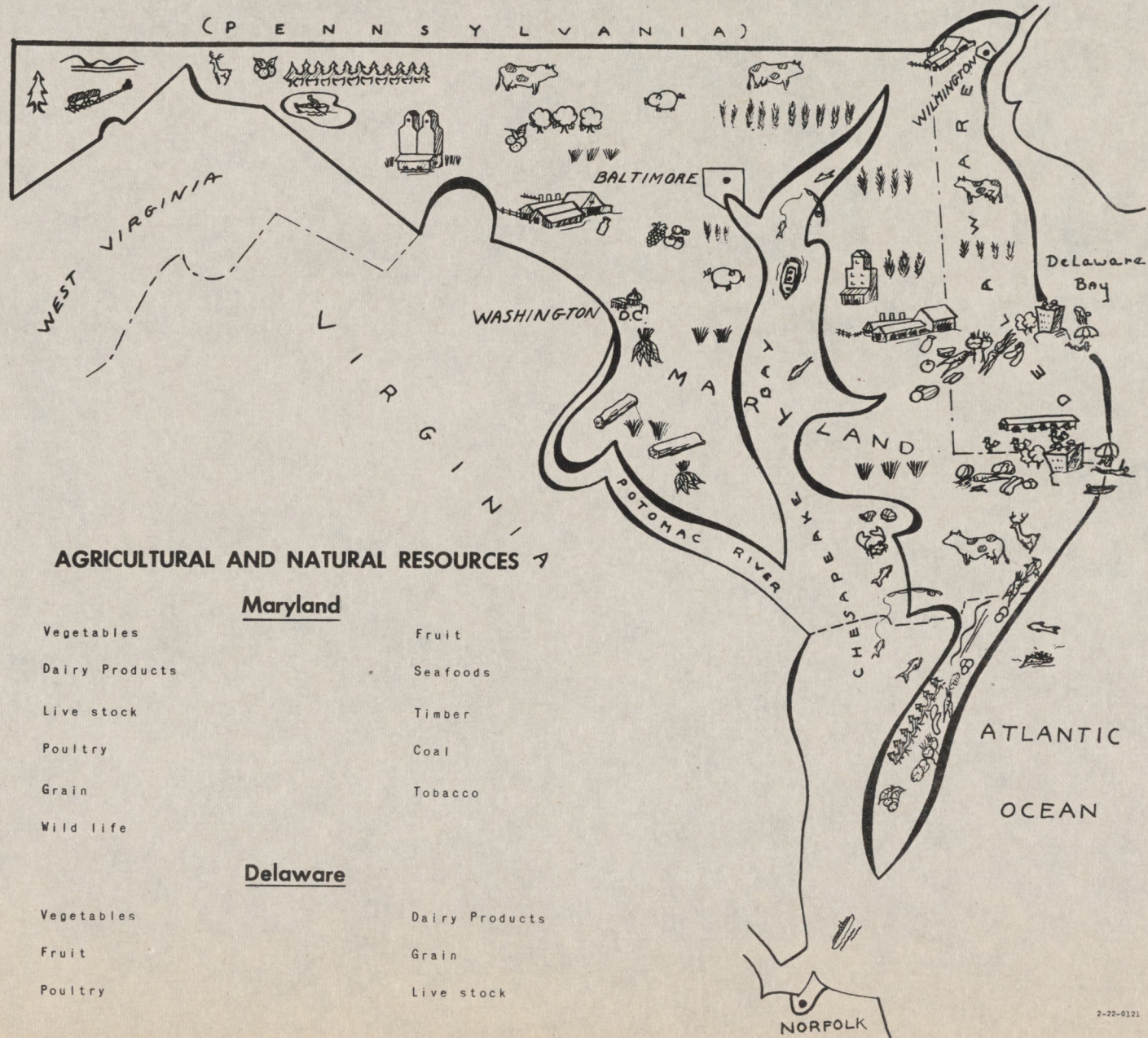
Baltimore has long been outstanding for its hospitals and their facilities for the teaching of medicine. Famed Johns Hopkins Hospital has been internationally recognized for a great many years. The University of Maryland has the oldest medical school in the South and the fifth oldest in the country. There are approximately twenty other hospitals in Baltimore.

The city has an excellent system of public libraries. Through the Enoch Pratt Free Library and its 27 branches, approximately 3,000,000 volumes are borrowed yearly. Among other notable libraries are those at Johns Hopkins University and the Peabody Institute, the Welch Medical Library, and the library of the Maryland Historical Society. Baltimore is also proud of the Baltimore Museum of Art, Walters Art Gallery, Maryland House, Peale's Museum, Maryland Historical Society, and the Maryland Academy of Sciences.



# MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

## THE DIVERSIFIED STATES





### Varied Recreational Facilities Are Available for Young and Old

Each year Baltimore has a municipally sponsored series of park concerts. The Baltimore Symphony, also municipally sponsored, gives concerts each winter at which such famous artists as Jascha Heifetz, Vladimir Horowitz, and Gladys Swarthout are soloists. There are also frequent performances by outstanding musicians, ballet troupes, and the like, and each season some of the best of the current stage plays come to Baltimore on tour. Baltimore has five large modern first-run movie houses in the downtown section and some 90 smaller houses throughout the city.

Baltimore is a sportsman's paradise. Its 113 public parks, which cover nearly 4,000 acres, provide facilities for tennis, golf, swimming, horseback riding, and other sports. One park has a zoo. Baltimore is widely known for its horse racing, polo, yachting, and salt and fresh water fishing. In normal times the municipally owned stadium has a full season of football. A professional baseball team, the Orioles of the International League, plays its home games in Baltimore. Baltimore's situation so near the Chesapeake Bay makes possible many water trips. There are daily excursions to nearby beaches and daily overnight steamship service between Baltimore and Norfolk, Virginia. In normal times, there is also daily boat service between Baltimore and Boston, Massachusetts, and Jacksonville, Florida. The Chesapeake Bay, Maryland's inland sea, is one of the world's richest fishing grounds. Its oysters, crabs, terrapin, and the like have made Baltimore famous for its seafood delicacies.

### Baltimore Is Known For Its Industries And Seaport

Some 2,000 manufacturing plants making 100 different products are located in or near Baltimore. The major industrial lines are iron and steel, copper, clothing, tin products, canning, meat packing, sugar, soap, aircraft, automobiles, sanitary wares, oils, chemicals, fertilizers, machinery, and refined petroleum products. Among the large industrial plants in Baltimore and vicinity are the Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem-Fairfield Shipyard, Inc., Revere Copper & Brass, Inc., Coca-Cola Co., The Glenn Martin Co., Western Electric Co., Inc., and Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Co.

With 53 steamship lines and an average of 20 million tons of cargo annually, Baltimore is one of the world's principal ports. It has 25 miles of waterfront. In a normal year, 6,000 ships visit Baltimore from all parts of the world. Baltimore is also an important aviation center. The city has 33 hotels, several large department stores, and hundreds of smaller shops and stores of all types.

### Maryland and Delaware - The Diversified States

As the accompanying map indicates, Maryland and Delaware have diversified natural and agricultural as well as industrial resources. In some sections a turnover of three crops can be made in 18 months. The Delmarva Peninsula, noted for its agricultural products, seafood industry, and summer resorts, includes nine counties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the entire State of Delaware, and two counties of Virginia. Activities carried on throughout the area include the raising of cattle and other livestock, grain, vegetables, fruit, poultry, and fishing and oystering. This entire section enjoys excellent markets, for it is within an overnight drive by motor truck of New York, Philadelphia, and numerous other cities throughout the East. There are also many canneries and processing plants in this section.



The five counties of Southern Maryland are noted for the growing of tobacco. The mild climate also permits diversified truck farming. In this part of Maryland, known for its serene atmosphere, are found many historical homes.

Central and Western Maryland consists of counties lying further inland in which the city of Baltimore is the principal trading center. Three smaller cities, Frederick, Hagerstown, and Cumberland, are also located in this section. This area is noted for its agricultural and industrial products, milk, corn, wheat, fruit and coal. Although many farms specialize in either dairy products or fruits, principally peaches and apples, numerous other farms raise both grain and livestock.

#### Varied Employment Opportunities Are Available

**FARM OPPORTUNITIES** - There are many farm opportunities which include monthly, daily, or hourly wages, and certain privileges customary to this area. These privileges, which often afford a good living wage to start, include housing, gardens, poultry, milk for family needs, and in many instances pork for meat supply. In many cases the privileges take care of most of the necessary living needs.

Wages range from 50¢ per hour to \$7 to \$8 per day for piece work for men without families, and from \$80 to \$100 per month for men with families. The latter offers include privileges such as housing, gardens, etc. The houses are substantial living quarters consisting of from four to six rooms, some of which have conveniences such as bath and electricity.

Among the crops grown in Maryland and Delaware are corn, wheat, oats, and barley. These are chiefly used for livestock feeding as there are many dairy and beef herds scattered throughout the two states. Other crops grown for cash income are strawberries, asparagus, peas, sweet corn, beans, soybeans, and almost every variety of garden vegetable known. These are either marketed at the large city markets or packed by canneries.

**OFFICE WORKERS** - There are offers for workers with the Social Security Board starting at \$1260 under Civil Service with opportunity for advancement. There are also some private office jobs from \$20 to \$25 per week to start.

**NURSES** - Openings for several women are available in the practical nursing field; no previous training required, \$55 per month plus maintenance. Student nurses - 12 needed for 18-month course in practical nursing. \$10 per month plus maintenance. Graduates in this field receive \$70 per month plus maintenance.

**DOMESTIC WORKERS** - There are numerous openings for single persons, couples, either male or female, and married couples, in some instances with children. Salaries range from \$15 per week to \$150 per month plus room and board, including food for the children.

**AUTO MECHANICS** - There is a very large field for auto mechanics and body and fender repair men in Baltimore. Wage scale from 60¢ per hour for apprentices to \$1.10 per hour for experienced men; some jobs provide time and half for all over 40 hours per week. There are many other jobs in this line, with wages ranging from 90¢ to \$1.06 per hour.



FERTILIZER MANUFACTURE - Excellent opportunity to learn the fundamentals of the manufacture of agricultural fertilizers with a cooperative organization. 70¢ per hour to start, 48-hour week, year-round work.

FOUNDRY WORK - Men above the age of 26 needed for the manufacture of railroad castings and brake shoes. Steady work at 61¢ to \$1.01 per hour depending on skill. 48-hour week required, but can work as many extra hours as desired.

DENTAL LABORATORY - Excellent opportunities in dental laboratory field with rapid advancement for those who care to apply themselves. 45¢ per hour to start, time and one-half for over 40 hours. Plant working 50 to 60 hours per week.

Other job opportunities are in process of development. Evacuees experienced or interested in unlisted lines of work are invited to inform the Baltimore WRA relocation office of their qualifications and work preferences.

#### Local Agencies and Residents Aid Resettlers

Five families were included among the 30 evacuees who had resettled in Baltimore and vicinity up to the summer of 1944. Among these are several Issei. Ten of the evacuees have been employed in the big garage of the Sun Cab Company, which operates 220 taxis and employs more than 500 men. The company's president recently said of the Nisei workmen: "We have nothing but praise for them as we have found them to be apt pupils and steady, reliable, conscientious workers. They were acceptable to the rest of our employees from the day they arrived, and considering the fact that Caucasians in Baltimore had never worked with persons of Japanese ancestry heretofore, we consider it a compliment to both those that we employed for the way they conducted themselves, and to the Baltimoreans for their readiness and willingness to accept them."

Among other resettlers we find a nurseryman, a presser in a valet service, a clerk in an A & P Store, office and factory workers, and several dental technicians. Two Nisei girls are attending Goucher College for Women.

Plans are under way for the organization of a citizens resettlement committee. A number of individuals who are interested in the formation of this committee have already cooperated with the War Relocation Authority and resettlers by providing temporary housing and hospitality. The YMCA has offered to make available temporary rooms for girls and wishes to have them join the various clubs and other activities carried on in their attractive building. The YMCA is also prepared to provide similar services and facilities for young men.

A majority of the persons who have resettled in Baltimore have done so on the invitation of relatives or friends who have preceded them. In several instances an invitation to come to Baltimore was extended to evacuees by Caucasians who have assisted them on arrival and in becoming adjusted in Baltimore.

The Baltimore WRA office gives every possible assistance to evacuees and welcomes inquiries regarding resettlement opportunities in Baltimore and vicinity. Further information can be secured from Robert C. Cronin, Relocation Officer, 1322 O'Sullivan Building, Baltimore 2, Maryland.



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FIELD BULLETIN NO. 2

I. COMMUNITIES OPEN FOR COMMUNITY INVITATION PLAN

The National Capital open under the community invitation plan includes the city of Washington, D.C., and in addition, the surrounding suburban towns such as Arlington and Alexandria in Virginia; and Bethesda, Silver Springs, Takoma Park, and College Park in Maryland. For other parts of Virginia and nearby counties of Maryland, we suggest that interested resettlers communicate first with the WRA district office in Washington for details.

II. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees

Family life and the opportunity to be seeing friends frequently is part of the special attraction of the Washington District. Transportation is exceptionally good and distances are not great. A young lady working in the Barr Building in down-town Washington and commuting each day from her family home on a small farm in Maryland is typical of what can be done easily in Washington. For \$1.25 you obtain a pass for a whole week on both street cars and the city buses interchangeably, and ride as much as you wish. Near the suburban towns, the garden acreage and small farm offer opportunities for Issci couples with children whose training and interests are for jobs in the city, but who wish either to live at home or else to spend weekends with their parents. Thus, whole families can relocate satisfactorily in the Washington District, and parents who may be anxious to have their children near them can either all come together or else have grown children come first to Washington with the knowledge that short distances and good transportation here make possible the later coming of parents to establish homes and family headquarters.

2. Job Offer Digest

MEN

<u>Bus Boys</u>	51¢ per hour plus meals.
<u>Cashiers</u>	8-hour day, \$1.05 per month plus 2 meals daily.
<u>Clerks</u>	\$1440 - \$1800 per year.
<u>Clerk, Statistical</u>	5-day week, either temporary or permanent. \$1440 - \$1560 per annum.
<u>Cook</u>	Could be a college student, in which case salary would be adjusted. \$75 per month plus full maintenance.
<u>Cooks, Junior</u>	51¢ per hour plus meals.



Dishwashers

55¢ per hour plus meals.

Dishwasher-Cleaner

\$30 per month plus full maintenance.

Display Artist

Possibility of promotion. \$25 per week for inexperienced person, \$30 for experienced.

Greenhouse Men

Cut flowers, including carnations and roses, are grown by a large greenhouse family firm (since 1889) right in the city of Washington. Basic pay 60¢ per hour, plus some additional to help compensate for housing, is offered to start so that applicants can demonstrate their knowledge and experience in these lines.

Locker Room Attendants

\$1080 per annum.

Life Guards

\$1440 - \$1800 per annum.

Photographers

Printers, finishers, retouchers, dark-room men, \$35 - \$100 per week.

Stenographer

Part-time, four mornings a week. \$60 per month.

Yard and Handy Man

Full maintenance and \$85 per month.

WOMEN

Beautician

All-around operator. Up to \$45 per week plus tips for up-to-date, experienced operator in shop in high class neighborhood.

Cashiers

\$105 per month plus 2 meals.

Chamber Maid-Laundress

\$70 per month plus full maintenance.

Clerks

\$1440 - \$1880 per annum.

Clerk, Statistical

5-day week, \$1440 - \$1560 per year.

Clerk-Stenographer

\$1920 per annum. Dictation and transcription, keep simple set of books, general office duties. Welfare organization. No work Saturday afternoons, alternate Saturday mornings.

Cooks, Junior

51¢ per hour plus meals.

Cook's Helper

\$75 per month plus full maintenance.

Cook-Housekeeper

\$70 per month with full maintenance.

Dishwashers

51¢ per hour plus meals.

Dishwasher-Cleaner

\$80 per month plus full maintenance.



Domestics

Numerous offers ranging from \$65 to \$125 per month plus full maintenance--most of the salaries range from \$75 to \$90 per month plus full maintenance. There are also good part-time opportunities for domestic employment. Within the above wage ranges there are enough variations to meet the particular desires of almost any interested evacuee.

Locker Room Attendants

\$1080 per annum.

Life Guards

\$1440 - \$1800 per year.

Nursmaids

\$85 - \$125 per month with full maintenance.

Stenographers

Numerous offers with salaries ranging from \$1300 to \$2300 per annum. For example, the Legislative office of a national organization particularly friendly to Japanese-Americans offers \$1800 per year for 48 hours a week. \$1560 to \$1800 per year (depending on experience), is offered for a secretary of city-wide religious education committee, for 40 hours a week. Part-time stenographic positions are also available at salaries ranging from \$48 to \$64 per month."

FARM OFFERS

Farmers

(These three offers taken together provide a splendid opportunity for three or four families to settle as neighbors)

The owner of a "Tidewater" Virginia estate, within sight of the Rappahannock River in Essex County, is raising thorough-bred Hereford cattle for beef; also has splendid natural facilities for hogs in a woods on a stream. A share basis (50/50) of the net is offered, the owner supplying everything to work with. Also a truck man is needed on a cash basis to start (see Couples and Families classification.)

160-acre farm with good house, fair barn, and on the Rappahannock River, Virginia bottom land, is now offered on a share crop basis, with all equipment available. Crops are corn, hay, pasture for beef, cattle, and plenty of garden room.

A third farm, adjoining the above 160-acre farm, will be available October 1. Two or three farm families settling in this area could be near one another and have plenty of river bottom land.



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Farm Workers

Two single men can live in an adjoining two-room house and yet be relieved of cooking by taking their meals at owner's home where a good cook is employed. This is a 400-acre farm in Virginia about 40 miles west of Washington, D.C. One man is to work with the foreman in general farm work incident to fattening steer for the market. The other man to work with poultry (including a few pheasants) and caring for lawn and a vegetable garden next year. \$70 per month plus house (above) and meals.

A group of three or four single men can locate on adjoining farms about 20 miles north of Washington in beautiful rolling country of Montgomery County, Md. Two of these farms have dairies and the others are general farms growing corn, wheat, potatoes, and poultry. \$65 per month plus full maintenance, or else its equivalent.

\$8 - \$10 per day is now being made by apple pickers on a large fruit farm 24 miles north of Washington near Rockville, the county seat of Montgomery County, Md. During this seasonal big-money period lasting well into November, you can make contacts with owner and also owners of neighboring farms regarding year round work.

\$100 per month and can arrange for board if two single men; or if couple, they can have cooking facilities in two fair-sized rooms. In Maryland, east of Washington, toward Chesapeake Bay. Crops are tobacco, vegetables, some livestock, and chickens. Good bay fishing not far away.

COUPLES AND FAMILIES

Farm-domestic

Near a small town in Virginia suburban to Washington, owner offers \$70 per month plus nice bungalow with electricity, running hot and cold water, and full maintenance. Man to do truck gardening and wife to do general housework. Could use three adults if without children.

Ranch style home in Maryland near Washington; will pay up to \$150 per month plus maintenance, for an experienced couple to live in one wing of the house



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and be responsible caretakers, as owner's family is away a good deal. Man to do the outside work, including 100 chickens and truck garden; wife to do the cooking and care of the house.

A number of offers for couples providing full maintenance and wages ranging from \$100 - \$225 per month. There are also opportunities for families with 2, 3, or 4 working, or with 1 working and others living there.

One offer calls for one or two--a couple or two sisters or a mother and daughter--with wages of \$80 for one or \$125 for two plus full maintenance.

### III. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

In Washington, housing is not nearly as difficult as some people have feared. It is true that the big name hotels and transient facilities are overtaxed, but the more moderate facilities for everyday living are quite satisfactory and reasonable. The Housing Sub-committee has an ample list of immediate housing accommodations for one, two, or three persons, and as resettlers now in Washington occasionally move into new living arrangements, they are leaving a wake of good will among landlords, which constantly builds in our favor.

Also, the plans for a hostel in Washington are developing nicely. The house is centrally located and fronts on the trees and grass of one of the city's numerous circles, and should soon become an additional factor in the housing and social facilities of the Capital City.

Average Washington rents are:

<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Furnished</u>		<u>Unfurnished</u>	
	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>
Single Rooms	Plentiful	\$6 - \$8 week		
Double Rooms	Plentiful	\$5 - \$12 week		
Apts. for 2 persons	Scarce	\$45 - \$60 month	Adequate	\$35 - \$50 month
Apts. for 3 persons or more	Scarce	\$65 and up	Adequate	\$35 and up a month
Houses for 4 to 8 persons	Scarce	\$125 - \$150 month		



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NEWS AND NOTES ABOUT RESETTLERS  
IN THE WASHINGTON, D. C. - BALTIMORE, MD., DISTRICT

Classmates at School - Teammates in Sports

Among the June graduates from Eastern High School, Washington, D.C., are two young Nisei: Calvin Machida, formerly of Seattle and Minidoka; and Teddy Ikeuchi, formerly of Los Angeles and Poston. Calvin and Teddy, both 18, are the only Nisei members of the Kenilworth Boys Club, composed of boys living in their neighborhood at the Lily Ponds Housing Project. Calvin and Teddy are members of the club's basketball team, which was recently runner-up in a tournament at the Stewart Playground League. Teddy is also center on the club's football team.

Teddy came to Washington in February 1944 with his father, Yoshiaki Ikeuchi, from Poston, where they resided at 19013-A. Before evacuation they lived at 2636 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles, and Teddy attended school there.

Calvin's parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Jonathan Machida, and his 4-year-old sister Joyce Ayako recently returned to Seattle, where Rev. Machida has resumed the pastorate of the Japanese Methodist Church at 1236 Washington Street. Calvin plans to attend the School of Pharmacy at the University of Washington in Seattle in the fall unless he is meanwhile called for Army service.

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High School Freshman Majors in Electricity and Welding

George Higa, 14, of 3416 - 13th St., N.W., Washington, D.C., is completing his first year at the Bell Vocational High School in that city. He is majoring in electricity and welding, and is a member of the inter-shop basketball team. He came to the Nation's capital from Heart Mountain, where he resided at 8-23-0 with his mother, Mrs. Kana Higa. Before evacuation he lived at Covina, Calif., and attended the Covina Grammar School.

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Nisei Girl Enters Teachers College

Another June graduate in the Nation's capital is 18-year-old Dollie Nagai, former Rohwerite, who is just completing her studies at Roosevelt High School. She next plans to attend Wilson Teachers College, which is operated under funds provided through the District of Columbia. Dollie has been employed at the high school cafeteria during lunch hours. Recently she made two speeches to the school assembly about the Nisei soldiers of the 442nd Infantry Regiment.

Before evacuation Dollie lived at 905 Inyo St., Fresno, Calif., with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nagai. They now reside at 29-5-E, Rohwer. Dollie is now living at 3244 Q St., N.W., Washington, D.C., with her sister Kiyo, who is employed by WRA.

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Nisei Athlete Chosen for All-Star Team

James Yamasaki, 17-year-old senior at Hyattsville, Md., High School, has made a name for himself as a member of the school's football and basketball teams. Not long ago he was elected to the All-Star County Basketball Team for Prince George County, Md. He is also a member of the Varsity Club and Hi-Y. Before evacuation, Jimmy lived in Modesto, Calif., and attended Modesto High School. He came to Hyattsville from 12E-12-C Granada and is now residing at 4703 Ravenswood Road, Riverdale, Md., with his sister Miye. She is employed as an assistant in soil chemistry at the University of Maryland.

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Neighbors Help Newcomers to Housing Project Feel at Home

The address is now 2661 S. Nash Street, Arlington, Virginia - just across the Potomac River from the Nation's capital - for Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kobayashi and the three Kobayashi youngsters, formerly of 16-9-AB, Gila River, and 323 N. Verdugo St., Glendale, Calif., where they operated a grocery store.

"The neighbors are very good," Mr. Kobayashi recently said. "I've become acquainted with many of the neighbors and it's just like home. Why, my wife's been borrowing brooms, mops, and step ladders from the neighbors. The neighbors give my wife a lift when they go shopping and this morning, I got a lift to work. The project is well located and it only takes me twenty-five minutes to get to work by bus."

Mr. Kobayashi, an Issei, came to Washington, D. C., on March 23, 1945, accompanied by his family, to take a government job. They applied for war housing at the Shirley Homes Project while residing temporarily at the Washington Hostel. Twenty-four days later, or on April 16, to be exact, they were told that there was a vacancy for them, and Fred Kobayashi and his family moved right in.

Their 3-room apartment, equipped with an electric range and refrigerator, rents for \$43. Their apartment was completely furnished with new furniture through Resettlement Assistance Funds established to take care of such cases and provided through the Arlington Welfare Agency.

Two of the Kobayashi youngsters, Ben, 9, and Ted, 7, attend the Shirley Homes School. Bill, 5½, is a little young yet for school. Recently, the Washington Daily News carried a picture of Mrs. Kobayashi and the three Kobayashi boys playing with their Caucasian schoolmates.

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U. S. Army General Says Resettled Couple Are "Good Workers"

Mr. and Mrs. Ikuzo Suzuki, formerly of Granada, and their two children, Francis Takami, 5, and Kenneth Toshio, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ , are now residents of Washington, D.C., where Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki are employed as domestics in the home of a General of the United States Army.

The employer stated that they are "such good workers," and that he is well pleased with the Suzukis.

Mr. Suzuki, Issei, and Mrs. Suzuki, Nisei, stated that "our children are making friends with everybody." Next September the Suzukis plan to send Francis Takami to the kindergarten, which is only three blocks away.

Mr. and Mrs. Suzuki formerly resided at 41 Princess Street, Sausalito, Calif., where Mr. Suzuki was employed as a gardener.

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Her Children Have Many Friends, Says Evacuee Mother

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Tsuda, formerly of 35-1-B, Jerome, and 1324-3rd St., Sacramento, Calif., are attending public schools in Washington, D.C., where the Tsuda family now lives at 3914 Tunlaw Terrace. Carol, 14, is a sophomore at Western High School, and her brother Roger, 9, is a fourth grade pupil at Stoddert Grammar School.

When asked how the children were getting along, Mrs. Tsuda said: "The schools are very nice. The children are getting along with their playmates just fine. They're always out at the playground at the Stoddert, making friends with everybody."

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Issei Parents Join Daughter Near University of Maryland

Mr. and Mrs. Tomiji Nagao, Issei, formerly of 27-13-2, Manzanar, and Los Angeles, are now resettled at the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Miller at Cockeysville, Maryland. They came to Washington, D. C., to join their daughter, Masako, who is employed as an assistant dietitian at the nearby University of Maryland Hospital and readily found suitably located domestic employment so that they could be with their daughter.

The Nagaos report that they are very pleased with their employers and that the Millers are interesting their neighbors in engaging other persons of Japanese ancestry.



The Miller estate is located in the famous fox-hunting section of Worthington Valley, 15 miles from Baltimore, where the University of Maryland Hospital is located.

Masako is an assistant dietician at the University Hospital, where she is teaching a course in "Therapeutic Dietetics." She is a graduate of the University of California in Los Angeles and of the University of Maryland, and is a member of the American Association of Dieticians.

Mr. Nagao formerly operated a grocery store in Los Angeles. The family resided there at 2115 $\frac{1}{2}$  East 3rd St., prior to evacuation.

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Former Missionary in Japan Is New Director of Washington, D.C. Hostel

Miss Olive Hodges, formerly a missionary at Yokohama, Japan, where she was director of a girls' school, recently was appointed director of the Relocation Hostel at 2311 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. She succeeded Mr. and Mrs. Parker Barrett, who have returned to their home in Walla Walla, Wash., with their daughter Emma Jean, 11, and Mrs. Barrett's mother, Mrs. Emma Quaintance.

The Barretts and Mrs. Quaintance were guests of honor at a farewell party late in May at the hostel which was attended by many resettlers. The Washington, D.C., Committee for Americans of Japanese Ancestry presented Mr. Barrett with a Japanese print and Mrs. Barrett with a silk-embroidered sash. Other farewell gifts were given them by the Washington Nisei Council and the Hostel board.

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Brother and Sister Complete High School Courses in Baltimore

May Koda, 17, was graduated this June from the Eastern High School in Baltimore, Md., and is planning to attend the Maryland Institute of Arts and Crafts. Her younger brother Richard has just completed the eighth grade at Clifton Junior High School, Baltimore. He has had the honor of being selected to attend Baltimore's Polytechnic High School.

May and Richard live with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sakae Koda, at 1904 Kennedy Avenue, Baltimore. Mr. Koda is employed there by a cleaning and pressing shop. The Koda family relocated from Heart Mountain (7-13-G) in September 1944, and previously lived at 374 Elm St., Coalinga, Calif.

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### Nisei Girl Wins High School Art Contest

Virginia Takahashi, 17-year-old junior at Eastern High School, Baltimore, recently won the high school contest for water-color painting. Her water colors have been exhibited along with the paintings of other Maryland artists at the Baltimore Museum of Fine Arts. She formerly lived at 6-E-3, Heart Mountain, and at 1529 West 11th Street, Los Angeles, where she attended the Belmont School. She now lives at 4700 Catalpha Road, Baltimore, with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tazo Inui.

Two of the Inui children, Mary, 16, and Lloyd, 14, also attend Baltimore schools. Mary has been attending the sophomore class at Eastern High School. Lloyd has just completed his last semester at the Hamilton Junior High School. Next semester he plans to attend the Baltimore City College (a public high school for boys).

The Inuis were the first resettlers in Baltimore to purchase their own home. Mr. Inui has been employed there for over a year as a presser for the Valet Service. Prior to going to Heart Mountain, where they resided at 6-E-3, the Inui family lived at 420 N. Bonnie Brae St., Los Angeles.

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### Brother and Sister Attend Baltimore Schools

Eugene Matsushige, 18, formerly of 53-11-C, Colorado River, is now a student at the Baltimore City College (high school for boys) and has one more semester before graduation. His sister Opal, 15, is a sophomore at the Western High School for girls. They live with their widowed mother, Mrs. Manuela Matsushige, at 59 N. Catherine St., Baltimore. They formerly resided at Holtville, Calif.

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### Nisei Girls Are Active at College

Among the students at Goucher College, near Baltimore, are Kimi Nao, former Topazite, and Patti Kazue Okura, formerly of Rohwer. Miss Nao, who will be graduated from Goucher this semester, has been student head of her dormitory at the college. She lived at Topaz at 20-11-D and before that at 2035 Pine St., San Francisco, where she was a student at San Francisco Junior College.

Miss Okura, a junior at Goucher College, is the feature editor of the college newspaper and secretary of the student organization. At Rohwer her address was 19-3-C. She previously lived in Stockton, Calif., where she attended Stockton Junior College.

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