

There are 12 nisei resettlers living at 6545 University Ave. There are 8 single men, 2 single women, and one married couple. The group is a heterogeneous one and the members are living together purely because they happen to be living in the same apartment building. There are section factions and none of these people knew each other before their arrival in Chicago. Only one of the members moved in to join a friend. The rest moved into the building without knowing that other nisei were living there. There are six Buddhists and six Christians. There are two college men and the remainder are high school graduates. They are all citizens of the United States. Two of the men are mechanics, one is a chemist, one is teaching Japanese at the University of Chicago, one is a chick boxer, one is employed in a paper company, one is a student, one is a shipping clerk, two are office workers and the married woman is unemployed. Three of the members are from Stockton, two from Oakland, one from Lodi, three from Portland, two from San Francisco. Rohwer, Minidoka, Topaz and Gila are the relocation centers represented. The age ranges from 19 to 34 and the average is 26.

In spite of the diversified background from which these individuals came, all of them get along quite well. The two meeting places are the room of the single girls and the room of one of the men from Stockton who is very popular. The associations of the members are not restricted to those of the others in the house. The three men from Portland go out with other northwesterners quite regularly while the men from Stockton go around with other Stockton gangs. Those from the San Francisco bay region see much of their

own friends. The young men going to school and the other who is attending night school sometimes bring their student friends.

The favorite activity of the group as a whole is card playing. Everyone likes to play cards. The favorite games are Bridge and 500. Some of the members borrow each other's books and read fiction but the in the main, the conversation centers around the problem of establishing social contacts with other nisei. When the men are alone, they like to talk about women, and vice versa. The mechanics enjoy talking about automobiles and have their trade interests. The women like to discuss dressmaking and things of that nature. Some like to talk about future business opportunities and most of them are concerned about their future careers.

Many of the members are deeply concerned about their ~~parents~~ parents who are left in the centers. There is much talk about saving money for the post-war era but very few are actually saving money. Likewise, very few are taking steps toward getting their parents resettled. The two mechanics seemed quite satisfied with their work, but the others are rather doubtful about what they would be doing in the future. There is not much talk about the draft and the men are not particularly concerned about it. Some are concerned about marriage but there is very little open discussion on this matter. There is openly expressed on frequent occasions, the feeling that most nisei are too boisterous and may spoil the chances of the others.

Of the 8 single men, five of them go out on dates with women quite frequently. Three (D, E, and H) never go out with girls. The dates are generally made with girls who do not live in the house. It is very rarely that the girls living there go out with the men. There is very little mixing with Caucasians outside of work. The

SCHEDULE FOR RESETTLER GROUPSRegular Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Keiyoshi Shimazaki		23	M	S	C	JC	U.S.	Paper rolling mach.
B	Ed Yoshikawa		21	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	School-mach. op.
C	Ben Kubota		26	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	Bookkeeper
D	Jiro Okinaga		26	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	Paper cutter
E	Dick Kato Ogasawara		21	M	S	C	J.C.	U.S.	Machine whr.
F	Minoru Ogasawara		19	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	Paper cutter
G	Dick Shimazaki		20	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	Machine whr.
H	Jim Nakamura		24	M	S	C	U.C.	U.S.	Candy factory
I	Yamato Umuro		20	M	S	C	H.S.	U.S.	Paper Co.
J									
K									
L									

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Regular Members (continued)

No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	508 W. 70th	4/43	Stockton	Rohwer	student		
B	"	4/43	"	"	"		
C	"	4/43	"	Gila	Civil service		
D	"	4/43	"	Rohwer	laundry		
E	42 ... (?) Drexel Bld.	5/43	"	"	student		
F	"	9/43	"	"	"		
G	"	6/43	"	"	"		
H	"	11/43	"	"	"		
I	"	3/43	"	"	"		
J							
K							
L							

Peripheral Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Cit.	Address	Rel. to Group
	Dick Matsui		28	M	S	US	508 W. 70th	live same place
	Mr. & Mrs. Ogasawara			M-F	M	J.	Drexel	"
	Mr. & Mrs. "Bronco"			M-F	M	U.S.	"	"
	(Ogasawara)							
	Tamio Kurokawa		24	M	S	US	6543 Univ.	former member
	George "		22	M	S	US	"	"
	Joe Poi		22	M	S	US	"	friend of Tamio
	John Shimazaki		30	M	S	US		
	James Nakashima		32	M	S	US		

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No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Ben Chicagishi		22	M	S	B	UC	US	Student
B	Harry Tautasi		22	M	S	B	TC	US	Mechanic
C	Shig Arao		24	M	S	B	UC	US	Student
D	Frank Arata		24	M	S	B	H.S.	US	Mechanic
E	Reno Tamura		22	M	S	B	H.S.	US	Mechanic
F	Miss Tanabe		21	M	S	B	H.S.	US	Ship. Club
G	Chow Harold Nitta		26	M	S	B	H.S.	US	paper co.
H	Tamura								
I	Korne Poi								
J	Shimamura								
K									
L									

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Regular Members (continued)

No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	6017 Woodlawn	8/43	Stockton	Colum	Student		
B	"	6/43	"	"	"		
C	"	10/43	"	"	"		
D	"	4/43	"	"	farmer		
E	"	4/43	Linden	"	Student		
F	"	8/43	Oakland	"	"		
G	"	12/43	Stockton	"	farmer	from Michigan	
H							
I							
J							
K							
L							

Peripheral Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Cit.	Address	Rel. to Group
	Harry Uyeda						6017 Woodlawn	same house
	2 girls						"	same house

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No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Jun Agari		26	M	S	C	Col.	U.S.	
B	Fred Umeda		28	M	S				
C	Harley Umeda		26				J.C.		
D	Mas Nagai		24						
E	Tom Onishi		22						
F	Tom Sato		22				J.C.		
G	Sam Mori		21						
H	Mitun Komatsu		24						
I	Calph. Tautou		21						
J	Joe Mori		21						
K	Ischi Hirokida		22						
L	Andy Nakaba		23						

Regular Members (continued)

No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	Premier Rose Gardens, Maywood	2/43	Richmond	Rohwer	floriculturist		
B		2/43	Redwood City, Cal.	Idaho-73	nursery		
C		2/43	Richmond	Rohwer	" "		
D		2/43	"	"	" "		
E		6/43	"	Topaz	" "		
F		4/43	Hawthorne	Rohwer	"		
G		4/43	Richmond	Topaz	"		
H		3/43	"	"	"		
I		6/43	Stockton	Rohwer	farmer		
J		6/43	Montepella	Rohwer	nursery		
K		6/43	Monterey	Jerome	Fickelman		
L		6/43	Hawthorne	Rohwer	nursery		

Peripheral Members

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Cross Reference: *Housewarming party*
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Classification _____SCHEDULE FOR RESETTLER GROUPSRegular Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Sho Takahashi		20	M	S	E		U.S.	
B	Hiromu Arata		21	M	S	E			
C									
D									
E									
F									
G									
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J									
K									
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Regular Members (continued)

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No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A		4/43	Hardina	Polwar	gardener		
B		2/43	Stockton	Polwar	farmer		
C							
D							
E							
F							
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J							
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Peripheral Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Cit.	Address	Rel. to Group

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No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Eisli Tsuchida		26	M	M	C	U.C.	U.S.	machinist
B	Himeko "		25	F	M	C	H.S.	Alien	Sec'y
C	Mary Kobayashi		C. 23	F	S	C	Bus. S	45	"
D	Helen Ozawa		C. 25	F	M	C	U.C.	"	"
E	Shiz Takauchi		21	M	S	C	Ohio	"	Student
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I									
J									
K									
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Regular Members (continued)

No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	5738 Drexel	7/43	Beulavay	Topaz	Optometrist		
B	"	7/43	"	"	Cleaners		
C	"	6/43	"	"	Sec'y	4/43 in Chicago	
D	"	6/43	S.F.	"	Student	4/43 "	
E	"	10/43	"	none	"	9/43 "	
F							
G							
H							
I							
J							
K							
L							

Peripheral Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Cit.	Address	Rel. to Group
	George Yasukochi			M	M	U.S.	5646 Harper	friend
	Bess "			F	M	U.S.	"	"

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1/20/44

INFORMAL GROUP OF RESETTLERS WORKING AT THE
PREMIER ROSE GARDENS IN MAYWOOD.

Almost a third of the employees of the Premier Rose Gardens in northwest Chicago are resettlers. In plant A in Des Plaines there is a large crew of Nisei working under a resettler forman. In plant B in Melrose Park there are four Nisei and an Issei couple. In plant C in Maywood, the entire plant is run by Nisei.

In plant C, there are 120,000 square feet of roses under glass, and 80,000 rose plants are cared for. About 15 men are necessary to operate the plant and 12 of them are resettlers. The foreman is a Nisei, a former nurseryman from Richmond, and two Caucasians (a boilerman and a nightwatchman) work under his supervision. The twelve Nisei men are all living together in a large house owned by the company which has been turned over to them. They have complete freedom in the management of the house. They cook what they please, and room and board is provided by the company (above their salaries). The men work for about 56 hours a week and get \$150 a month plus room and board.

The foreman gave the following account of how the group first got together:

"After I got into the relocation center, I kept taking the trade paper, "The Florist Review". I saw all kinds of ads in there asking for workers. I knew of all these companies before, although I never traded with them. I knew them by reputation. I drafted a letter to send to them asking them for jobs for Nisei. I sent out six letters and didn't even get a reply; so I added on the new letters, 'please have the courtesy to reply.' After that, I got answers, but they weren't so hot. Most of them turned us down for one reason or another, but I notice that all the companies that turned me down before

are taking Nisei now. They talk to our boss and find out how good we are, so now they want Nisei to fill in their labor shortage. I think that housing was the main reason why so many of them turned us down. It still is pretty tough. In our case we were lucky because the company happened to have this house. The old foreman and his family stayed here as a caretaker. They fixed up the place and turned it over to us.

"When I wrote to the boss here, he wired and said he was flying down to Rohwer to speak to me. He didn't understand the situation because when he got to McGehee he phoned me and asked me to go out to meet him there. I wasn't able to go out so he came into the camp and we talked for three hours. All this happened in December of '42. He asked me to round up a group of fellows and said he would see what could be done up here. I wired all the fellows that I knew had florist experience in the other centers and asked them if they were interested in coming out to work. Some of them said they were. In the meantime the general manager of the plant went all around Maywood and contacted all the big shots and groups and explained everything to them. It was all fixed up so that when we came out here everybody in Maywood knew all about us and were really swell. The original plan was to get all experienced fellows from all the camps, but since I didn't have so much luck I got all the fellows that I could get. My wires were so successful.

"So, in February five fellows came out with me from Rohwer. That was on February 17. Then a few months later three more fellows came out from Rohwer.

"Everything is pretty swell here. Everybody can do just about everything. Most of the fellows are specialists in something, but by now everybody can do almost anything. We get along fine with the hakujin here. Naturally we would here since we're in the majority."

The occupational mobility of the group is very low. Five of the men arrived in February; one arrived in March; three arrived in April; and five more arrived in June. Only two men have left the plant--one to join the merchant marine and the other to go to school. Neither of these men were nurserymen before and both took the job simply as a temporary means of support. All twelve of the men who are left are single; all but one are Christians. The foreman is the only college graduate in the group, although two of the men are J.C. graduates. The

remainder are high school graduates. In age, the men range from 20 to 28, and the average age is 23. All the men are Nisei. Of the twelve men who remain on the plant, six are from Richmond, one from Redwood City, ~~two~~ from Hawthorne, one from Stockton, one from Montepello, and one from Monterey. Seven of the men are from Rohwer; three are from Topaz; one is from Jerome; and one came from the freezone in Idaho. All except two of the twelve were formerly professional nurserymen. One ~~is-e~~ was a farmer and one was a fisherman.

There have been no difficulties with the management or with the community, in spite of the fact that Maywood lost a whole tank battalian in Bataan and has organized the Bataan Club to put pressure on the government for better treatment of prisoners in Japan and for a quick exchange of prisoners. If anything, the reception of the Nisei has been extremely friendly. In some stores in Oak Park the men have been able to purchase items in quantity to send back to the centers that Caucasian customers are not allowed to have. There have been no unfortunate incidents, and all the boys have been welcomed wherever they went. One of the pastors in the suburban churches has come out strongly for the boys and visited them on one occasion. The boys recall that the one time that they had grace before a meal was when the pastor prayed for them at the time of his visit. In Melrose Park, Oak Park, and Maywood, where the boys go for entertainment, they have been received well and have been given candy and other things that were scarce.

During the month of April or May, there was considerable excitement when the WRA photographers came to the plant to take

movies of its operation. The men were told that the movies may be shown in the camps and that some of the pictures might appear in Life Magazine.

In August the group held a housewarming party. The company had spent \$2,500 to make an addition to the building so that the men would have more room to sleep in. Before using the addition, the men decided to have a party and to use the place for a dance. The friends of the men in Chicago were asked to get a group of girls and other friends to come to the plant. The men got together and cleaned the entire building, bought refreshments, prevailed upon the wife of one of the workers in the Des Plaines plant to make sandwiches, and had their party. (See write-up of the party) About 50 people arrived, and several of the Caucasian girls working in other branches of the firm as well as the general manager and his family attended.

On several occasions the Spanish neighbors who lived across the street from the plant invited the entire crew to a barbeque or a chicken dinner. On another occasion one of the neighbors received 60 pounds of rare Canadian fish from a friend in the north and gave a substantial share of it to the boys. The men were asked to distribute the fish among some of the other neighbors and had many pleasant experiences while doing so. Some of the men have been guests of the Black Hawks hockey team in several of their games. The captain of the Black Hawks is a close friend of the general manager and several of the boys get complementary passes from time to time.

Most of the men from Richmond knew each other before the war since they were all florists. However, it was the type of

work available rather than friendship that brought the men together. There are no cliques discernable in the group, surprisingly enough. As one of the men described their group, "it's one big happy family." The men seem quite contented with the male companionship that they enjoy in their work and in their leisure time. They are so far away from the city that it takes too much trouble for them to visit their friends in Chicago often. The men go out on dates whenever they can, but rarely do they go to visit other friends (male). During the weekends the plant is crowded with visitors. Sometimes a person sits down as a guest at the dinner table and no one would know who he was. On some week-ends as many as twenty guests were sleeping at the plant. Each was someone's guest, but the others did not know who they were. This indicates that the men are from diverse backgrounds and do not have common friends. There is considerable telephoning. During the month of December there was a phone bill of \$17.00 on toll calls to Chicago. Friends, brothers, and soldiers visit the plant often. Some visit whenever they can. Some visit to get away from the city. In spite of the visiting however, the men are outside the area of communication of the resettlers in Chicago, and they rarely get news of the various social gatherings.

The men have free time only on Sunday afternoons. They work six days a week and half a day Sunday. During week-days however, they quit work at 4:30 so that there is plenty of time for them to do whatever else they wish to do. During the evenings, some of the men go dancing at the Rragon, attend stage shows like "Good Night Ladies," "In Old Oklahoma", or see spectacles like

the Sonya Heine ice skating show. Some go to the museums and the parks in the leisure time. The foreman was a golf fan before the war and now there are two or three men who have purchased clubs. They play whenever they have the opportunity. Some go horseback riding since there is plenty of room in the vicinity. There is a pond across the street from the plant and some of the men go ice skating after dinner. Most of the men go to Chicago about once a week or once every other week. Some of the men visit houses of prostitution regularly. Their favorite house is the Victoria Hotel in the loop.

There are no open animosities among the men. Each seems to have certain traits for which he is liked. With the exception of the one man who quit to go to school, no one is left out of the activities of the group. Even the man who was left out could have joined in if he wished to. Everyone is allowed to pursue his individual interests, and the others do not bother with other's affairs.

At present, everyone wants to purchase a car. Almost every one of the men has just about enough money saved up to buy a car. If one man does buy one, it seems likely that the others will too. In the past if one man purchased a new suit of clothes and displayed it, the others got the notion that they too should buy one. On one occasion one man did buy a new suit and within a few weeks everyone bought one.

Decisions are reached quite informally. Someone would yell out at dinner time, "Let's have a party!" If everyone likes the idea, the matter is settled and the group most interested starts

planning the details with the tacit approval of the group. As the project gets under way there is more active cooperation from the entire group. Now and then the foreman has to take the initiative in such matters as cleaning up the house a bit, but he generally says very little to the boys. The foreman is only 26 and there are several men present who know more about certain aspects of nursery work. Most of the men have responsible positions and are able to do their work without constant supervision.

In the evenings, the men generally sit around and talk. They read the papers and listen to the radio; then, go to bed. Three or four of the men have their girl friends out and visit them about three times a week. These men got their girls out of the centers and got them placed in domestic jobs in Oak Park so that they could be together. Some of the men play poker almost every night and especially if there are visitors who like to play. Two of the men have fairly complete and large collections of popular phonograph records and many evenings are spent in listening to them and dancing among themselves for fun.

There are in general very few complaints to be heard among the men. Of course, there are minor complaints about losing two dollars in a poker game the night before, but none that are serious. The men talk about girls, but those who crave girls either get dates or go to houses of prostitution. There are no complaints about the WRA because the men never come in contact with the agency. There are no complaints about evacuation; some may feel bitter, but they keep their feelings to themselves. There is not much talk about the draft. Some of the men are concerned, but they all agree that if the draft comes in they will go.

On the whole, the men doubt if the draft is coming. One of the recruiting officers in one of the nearby army camps is a close friend of the general manager. Since about a third of his workers are Nisei, the manager was naturally concerned about their draft status and called in the officer to ask his opinion. The officer called at the house and told the men to keep on working because he doubted if there would be any use for Nisei troops after Hitler's defeat in the summer of 1944.

On one occasion, when the Park Ridge American Legion was sponsoring a raffle, the men purchased \$15. worth of tickets. Out of 100 prizes, one of the men won a brush and comb set and gave it to his fiancée in camp.

Several of the men (6) are members of the County Farm Bureau. Some of them take active part in the organization.

There is very little competition with the other plants. In spite of this, however, there is some pride about working in plant C. The men openly boast about how their good behavior made it possible for 50 to 100 other Nisei to find employment in nearby nurseries. None of these men were placed by the WRA.

There are very few animosities against outsiders. The men feel it childish to talk about others in derogatory manner. As one of the men put it, "We like a regular guy. We don't like guys who are under-handed, and just don't associate with them. We like most everybody--especially women."

There are certain common understandings among the men as to how they should behave in public, but these are not too crystallized. When one of the visitors arrived in a dirty trousers in which he worked in the machine shop, some of the following comments were

made: "Jesus Christ, you meant to tell me that you rode out here in the El dressed like that?" "Is that the only pair of pants you have?" "You're a god damn disgrace to the Japs!"

There are many contacts between the men at the plant and the Nisei in Chicago. The number of phone calls made and the number of visitors over the weekends insures the contacts. However, not much news reaches the men about Nisei activities. For one thing, the men are not interested in anything the Nisei are doing in Chicago other than the dances.

It is rather difficult to place this group in the stratification of the emerging Nisei society. Some of the men call themselves "Yogores" and at the same time denounce other "Yogore". Most of the men are Christians and while they are not religious they live by the values traditionally taught in the church and schools. The men mix quite well with all the visitors and are quite friendly with college men as well as "Yogores."

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THE PREMIER ROSE GARDENS
Consolidated

Des Plaines, Illinois

January 2, 1943

Ray D. Johnston, Project Director,
Relocation Branch,
McGehee, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

Some weeks ago, Jan Agari from your Relocation camp at Rohwer answered an advertisement for employment which we had in one of our trade papers. We replied to his application and told him that we could use him and others with greenhouse experience just as soon as housing situation could be arranged.

At present, we operate three greenhouse plants and employ approximately 85 men. Out of this number, about 25 have gone into military service and probably an equal number into defense work, in consequence, we are faced with the problem of closing one of our plants.

Knowing that there are a large number of Japanese that have Agricultural and Horticultural experience, we thought, we might be able to get enough Japanese men to operate our small plant which takes about 12 to 15 men. All of these Japanese could be house in our residence located on our place and the plant operated exclusively by them.

With this idea in mind, I came down to the camp at Rohwer on December 30, 1942. I met Jan Agari who introduced me to Mr. Moulton and others. Jan Agari thought that he could get enough men together with experience that he personally knows could manage this greenhouse plant. These men are located at different camps and he would contact them by letter and if interested secure their release papers. We are very anxious to know if this plan meets with your approval, and how long it would take before the men could be released. We would appreciate any assistance you can render these men as well as ourselves in this matter.

The writer was very much impressed with the operation of this camp and greatly appreciates the courtesies extended me by everyone I met.

Very sincerely yours,

Jos. E. Wiltgen, Gen. Manager
THE PREMIER ROSE GARDENS

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

Telephoned from McGehee December 28, 1942, 3:00 PM

DESPLAINES, ILLINOIS

JAN AGARI

WOULD LIKE TO COME DOWN TO MEET YOU AND YOUR
COMMANDING OFFICER RELATIVE TO PLACING YOU AND
OTHER EXPERIENCED GREENHOUSE MEN IN OUR ROSE
RANGE. CAN COME AT ONCE. WIRE ANSWER COLLECT
VIA WESTERN UNION IMMEDIATELY

PREMIER ROSE GARDENS

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ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER

MCGEEHEE, ARKANSAS

PREMIER ROSE GARDENS

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

YOU MAY COME IMMEDIATELY. IF HOUSING PROBLEM CAN
BE MET, I AM SURE I CAN HELP YOU

JUN AGARI

9-12-E

COLLECT

Dec. 28, 1942, 5:15 PM

(COPY)

INCOMING TELEGRAM

TELEPHONED FROM McGEHEE - DECEMBER 29, 1942
9:35 P.M.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

JUN AGARI, 9-12-E
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

ARRIVING McGEHEE 4:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY. GET IN
TOUCH WITH ME AT GREYSTONE HOTEL WEDNESDAY
MORNING ABOUT NINE.

JOSEPH E. WILTGEN
PREMIER ROSE GARDENS

(COPY)

NIGHT WIRE

Jan. 6, 1943

JOSEPH E. WILTGEN
PREMIER ROSE GARDENS
BOX 32
DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

YOUR LETTER ARRIVED TODAY. HAVE GATHERED WORKING
CREW AND STARTED EXPEDITING RELEASE PROCEDURES
THROUGH GOVERNMENT CHANNELS. WILL WRITE LATER.

JUN AGARI
9-12-E
RELOCATION BR.
McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

The following is a copy of a telegram sent by Jun Agari to young men in various relocation centers when he was recruiting workers for Premier Rose Gardens:

JAN. 6, 1943

JOE OISHI

20-10-B

TOPAZ, UTAH

WIRE NAMES OF THOSE INTERESTED IN JOB
IMMEDIATELY

JUN AGARI

9-12-E

RELOCATION BR.

McGEHEE, ARKANSAS

Jan. 12, 1944

Mr. Jun Agari,
c/o Premier Rose Gardens,
Plant C,
Maywood, Illinois.

Dear Jun:

Thank you ever so much for letting us use these copies of your correspondence with Mr. Wiltgen. We have found them very useful. I have also found that the brief conversation that we had last night has been very helpful in presenting to us a picture of a group quite different from the others here in Chicago.

I'm returning with this letter, the material which you lent me. Thank you again for your kind cooperation.

Very sincerely,

Tom Shibutani

Enclosure: 6

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
226 West Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, Illinois

May 13, 1943

FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION

Mr. Guy Robertson, Director
Administration Building
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Inasmuch as the difficulties we had with farm labor being employed by the Curtiss Candy Company in the town of Marengo, Illinois, seem to have received national attention, and also because two of the Project Directors have wired me about it, I am taking this opportunity to assure you that the incident is now closed.

At the request of the qualified voters of the community, assembled in town meeting, who voted by secret ballot, 62 to 21, we have sent the group of sixteen workers back to Marengo and the situation is entirely quiet. Having had the battle and having won it, we are in much better position than if it had not occurred. I attended the town meeting, and was delighted with the calm, cool, logical discussions which took place, and found a bare minimum of prejudice.

In discussing this with Mr. Holland last Saturday, we both agreed that if we could come through the stories of the executions with only the one incident at Marengo, and that settled so quickly, nothing else ought to worry us in our relocation program. I feel that we are now well launched, and look forward to good progress only from now on.

However, I do want to appeal to you to impress upon all your evacuees who are leaving, the necessity of their being honest in their selection of jobs and their determination to stay on that job unless it proves to have been misrepresented or some unforeseen difficulty makes their leaving it necessary; also, that such leaving should not be done without careful consultation with the Relocation Officer in charge of that particular situation. We are embarrassed no end by people who seem to have accepted a job

Mr. Guy Robertson

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May 13, 1943

only to leave the Project. We are being patient because I know that they arrive in a very confused state, and after fifteen months of absence from the world they have difficulty in making job adjustments.

Some warning should also be given all of them relative to the stabilization program of the War Manpower Commission as it is applied to essential industries. There are very strict regulations established in many areas where the stabilization program is in effect, relative to quitting a job in an essential industry. Because of the War Relocation Authority's policy, we are anxious to place as many people as possible in essential industries, and such ought to be the desire of the evacuees; but they must be told that once in an essential industry, they cannot get up and quit to accept higher pay somewhere else without definite proceedings as to their transfer. I think each evacuee should have pointed out to him that all employees in America in essential industries are under the same regulations. He has, therefore, no right to look upon himself as an exception.

We are beginning to work somewhat on the Director's authority given in his letter of May 8, which should allow us to bring people to Chicago without prior job offers. We shall use this in an experimental way for the next two or three weeks, to find out how it works, and would appreciate any suggestions from you. I would be tempted to use it in a much larger way, were it not for the housing difficulty. If at any time you have cases of particular individuals whom you desire to send on here in order that we may work on them personally, please write directing them to my personal attention and we shall always be happy to cooperate. Also, I should deem it a favor if you would call to my attention any difficulties that may confront you as a result of correspondence or action by any of the Relocation Officers in these four and a half states.

It is only by all of us pulling together that we can speed up the program. This is our desire, and I know it is yours as well.

My kindest regards to you.

Very truly yours,

Elmer L. Shirrell
Relocation Supervisor

CURTISS CANDY FARMS
511 W. Oregon, Dundee, Ill.

8-3-43	Harry Makino & wife Tule	arr. 8-17	to handle broilers (is working)
	George Shintaku "	"	
	Jack Hanamoto & wife "	"	
	Ted Takuno		
	George Sakoda		
	Sal Sakamoto		
8-26	Akira Kawamoto		workin
	C. Katagiri & family	arr. 9-4	
-27-43	Claire N. Hamada Poston	offered accountant job	
8-28-43	Shizuko Kadowaki	arr. 9-7	
	Phyllis Y. Kadowaki "	"	
	Carrie Kadowaki	"	
	Chizuo Katagiri	"	
	Tei Katagiri	"	
	David Katagiri	"	
10-8-43	Burns Tanaka Tule		
8-23-43	Yoshio Doegen Mini.	reported working..	WRA trying to interest mother, 3 brothers, sister and sister in law to work herealso.
2-4-44	Harry Mayeda will visit camps to recruit workers about 2-1. H.P. Scott to go along, to Ht. Mt., Topaz and Minidoka		
3-29-44	Sandra Kawakubo Ht.Mt.	leave 4-3	re job
4-8-44	Kizo Kometani "	trial indef. to arr. 4-12	
4-10-44	Ernest K. Awaya Rohwer	" "	
	Hideo Okumoto "	" "	leave 4-17
4-11-44	S. Kawanaka Granada	seeks job	leave 4-17
4-28-44	Masao Najima Ht.Mt.		arr. 5-2
5-9-44	H. Mayeda and Shirrell rep. Curtiss to visit Jerome, Rohwer shortly		
	Motoki Kudo Topaz	interested n job	
4-24-44	Toshimitsu Omote Rowher	trial indef. work to arr. 5-12	
4-28-44	Arnold Nose Ht.Mt.	" "	leave 5-1
	Shigeo Oba "	" "	"

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January 11, 1944

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Enclosure

CURTISS CANDY FARMS

10-22-43

To: WRA Re: Report on Accident to Torao Hayano

Torao Hayano, on Sat. 10-16, was working on a potato digger on the Curtiss Farms near Marengo. His potato digger broke down, and he voluntarily climbed on the other potato digger to give what assistance he could. It seemed the vines were clogging up the digger and, in order to clear the vines, he was standing on the back of the tractor near the point where the universal joint connects between the tractor and digger. It was a cold day, and Hayano had on quite a bit of clothing. The wind blew the clothing into the universal joint, and, before the tractor could be stopped, it pulled his leg into the machinery and practically severed the foot.

Hayano's father and sister have both arrive thru Chicago at the time I visited Marengo and the hospital. Hayano is in the St. Joseph Hospital at Belvidere and seemed to be resting as comfortably as could be expected under the circumstances. At first, it was though he had ~~xxx~~ been injured possibly seriously in the chest, but from the reports I do not believe this to be true. His leg was amputated below the knee.

All of the family were cautioned against signing any release to the insurance company until all of the facts had been gathered and digested.

11-17-43

To: ELS From Torao Hayano

Thank you very much for everything you have done for me when I got hurt.....I came home from the hospital Saturday (No. 13). I stayed at the hospital exactly 4 weeks.

I will be on crutches for 4 months. All that time I will not be able to do anything so I am planning to go to Trade school or take up correspondent course and learn about auto mechanic or deisel engineering. My dad want me to learn about mechanic and he wants me to ask you what school I should go and what course is essential after the war. I like to go to school in Chicago or Rockford because it will be close to here. Or maybe Minneapolis or St. Paul so I will be near to my sister.

I wish you would give me reply as soon as possible for at home, days seem so long because I'm doing anything and the rest of the boys are all our working.
very truly yours

11-19-43

Dunwoody Institute, 816 Wayzata, Minneapolis suggested.

12-4-43

Application card sent by R.T. Craigo, ass't. director, The William Hood Dunwoody Industrial Institute, a non-profit group. Letter said, in part: "From present indications Dunwoody will be in operation 12 months in the year and we would no doubt have room for you to enter in May or June, 1944.

12-28-43

From: Torao Hayano To: WRA

".....I am planning to enroll to that school April 1, 1944 and also it will be closer to my sister where she is now.

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Chicago Sun
April 26, 1943

Jap-Americans to Leave

Marengo After Threat

Public resentment at nearby Marengo over importation of young Japanese-Americans to work as truck farmers under a federal relocation plan resulted last night in decision by Otto Schnering, president of the Curtiss Candy Co., which operates the farms, to cancel the plan.

Schnering's announcement came after Ray McAdnrews, a restaurant owner, whose son, Don, was killed in a bomber crash in the Pacific on December 26, had warned that unless the Japanese-Americans were removed "hell would be a-poppin'."

Three Already at Work

Schnering said he would ask relocation authorities to withdraw three Japanese-Americans already at work and to cancel arrangements for importation of 13 others who are on their way to Marengo.

Chief of Police Paul Carr had said he would extend police protection to the Japanese-Americans "if they ask for it."

"There are about 300 boys in the armed forces from the community," Carr said. "Two of our young men have been killed in the Pacific. That doesn't create good feeling for the Japanese, even though these 16 truck gardeners may have good records. I hope there won't be any trouble. Public feeling is pretty high."

Stay Away from Town

Marengo is a town of 2034 population, 64 miles northwest of Chicago in McHenry County.

During their first week in the community, the Japanese-Americans have visited Marengo only occasionally.

"Our townspeople believe in justice as much as anybody, but they just don't like the idea of these strangers being around," Carr said.

Authorities of the war relocation board said that members of the group,

most of whom came from California, had been rigidly investigated, including inquiry into their conduct in evacuation camps.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Elmer L. Shirrell

Date: May 5, 1943

From: W. W. Lessing

Subject: Public Sentiment, Marengo, Illinois, May 4, 1943

At the request of the officials of the Curtiss Candy Company and the Marengo City Council, Mr. Elmer L. Shirrell and Mr. W. W. Lessing attended the open meeting held at a public auditorium in Marengo, Illinois. Mayor Miller opened the meeting and invited Mr. Shirrell to briefly outline the purposes and background of this program. At the termination of Mr. Shirrell's talk, Mayor Miller spoke on his own behalf, designating the situation as a tempest in a tea pot and criticizing the "Tribune" for numerous misquotations with reference to the entire problem. Mayor Miller also read a number of newspaper clippings, including General DeWitt's familiar remarks, those of Senator Chandler, and others. He further stated that in his opinion the incident would have caused no excitement if there had been sufficient advance publicity. The next speaker was J. W. Hicks, who described the holdings of the Curtiss Candy Company and stated that no decision had been made as yet with regard to the utilization of Japanese-American farm labor.

Marshall Clark, the farm superintendent, then presented a complete history of the case, explaining how and why the company acquired the land and how and why the decision was made to employ Japanese-American farm help. The talk was very well received and created favorable comment.

Mr. Hicks again took the floor and made a number of very confusing and contradictory statements about the situation with apparently no concern for the interests of the Curtiss Candy Company so far as their farm program was concerned. He stated that in a private poll conducted by men in his employ, it was determined that 60% of the population of Marengo were against the use of this type of labor. He avoided the issue, however, when one member of the audience asked that a poll be taken to see how many in the audience (which numbered about 100) had been approached by the Curtiss Candy Company. After Mr. Hicks completed his talk, there were a number of questions typical to WRA. At the end of the discussion, the entire group was polled with the result that 62 voted in favor and 21 against.

As the case now stands, the Curtiss Candy Company is in conference to determine whether they will continue with their plan inasmuch as one-third of the population (according to the poll) appear to be opposed to the use of evacuee labor in Marengo."

W. W. Lessing

members get along quite well with the Caucasians who live in the apartment house but their contacts are very casual and secondary.

Two of the men who had formerly lived in the house moved out to go live with former friends in Stockton. One of the Stockton men had formerly lived elsewhere and moved in when one of the men moved out. The person who is more respected than any other is (B). In spite of his youth, others go to him for advice.

In general, the group openly express resentments against nisei zoot suiters and "delinquents". There is expressed a general desire to make a good impression on the hakujin. The California people living in the house do not like Santa Anita people and the Portland people do not like Californians who are not in the house.

There are certain tacit undertstanding among those who live in the house. One of these is that no noise is to be made by nisei when coming into the building. Another is that nothing should be done to attract attention. Sloppy dress is disapproved and there is an effort to keep the rooms clean to impress the landlady. There is also an understanding that "the place should not be overrun with bootchies". There is no objection to large numbers of nisei visitors coming to the building as long as they behave themselves and are not boisterous.

During the holiday season, there was considerable interest and excitement with various socials. Several of the members attended. And there is considerable anticipation of future socials.

Most of the members look upon themselves as typical nisei. They dislike those intellectuals, reformers, and "yogores".

SCHEDULE FOR RESETTLER GROUPS

Regular Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Al Doi		22	M	S	B	Col.	U.S.	prof. - Jap.
B	James Kennerton		24	M	S	C	J.C.	"	drug chemist
C	George Mungashima		22	M	S	C	H.S.	"	mechanic
D	Gioli Mungashima		23	M	S	B	H.S.	"	paper co.
E	Ed Sakaguchi		25	M	S	B	H.S.	"	mechanic
F	James Migooshi		21	M	S	B	H.S.	"	student
G	George Takahara		19	M	S	C	H.S.	"	ship. clerk
H	Sam Tsubota		30	M	S	C	"	"	poultry - chick. ex.
I	Masayo Marioka		31	F	S	C	"	"	Office worker
J	Maijho "		24	F	S	C	"	"	"
K	Harry Baba		34	M	M	B	"	"	"
L	Mrs. Helen Baba		29	F	M	B	"	"	housewife

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Regular Members (continued)

No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	6543 University	10/44	Stockton	Stockton A	student	St. Louis - 10/43	
B		4/43	"	Poluwei	student		
C		2/43		"	mechanic		
D		6/43	Oakland	"	student		
E		2/43	Los Angeles	"	mechanic		
F		7/43	Portland	Minidoka	student		
G		7/43	"	"	"		
H		7/43	"	"	farmer		
I			S. F.	Topaz	shop clerk		
J			S. F.	Topaz	"		
K		8/43	Oakland	Alila	gardener		
L		8/43	Stockton - Cal.	"	housewife		

Peripheral Members

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Cross References

Evacuation and Resettlement Study: Chicago, Illinois; 12/13/43.

Date 1/18/44

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The three Japanese-Americans recently employed by Curtiss Candy Company for work on the company's farms near Marengo will be withdrawn immediately from the Marengo district, according to a statement by Otto Schnering, president of the company.

This action is being taken, Mr. Schnering said, because of resentment on the part of citizens of Marengo and vicinity to the presence of Nisei farm laborers in their community. This resentment is based on the fact that the general public has not become sufficiently acquainted with the Government's relocation program for American-born Japanese who are citizens of the United States.

The company will file a request with the War Relocation Authority to temporarily delay assignment of 13 additional Japanese-American farm workers who now are en route from California to Marengo until time permits a more complete understanding by the general public of the reasons for utilizing this type of farm help and the manner in which it is to be allocated in conformity with the War Manpower Commission's plans for the relief of the farm labor shortage.

The action Curtiss Candy Company will take in temporarily withdrawing the Japanese-Americans from the company's farms at Marengo and the request to the War Relocation Authority for delaying the arrival of additional workers of this type at the Curtiss farms operation is voluntary on the part of the company after it had requested a hearing Sunday with W.L. Miller, mayor of Marengo, and Charles H. Doolittle, president of the Marengo park board and past commander of the American Legion post.

"A large number of Marengo families have boys in the service," Mayor Miller said, "and resentment has been running high here, as it has in other sections of the country, ever since news of the Japanese atrocities in Tokyo was released this past week. I am definitely opposed to Japanese employment until the situation is clarified to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, as well as that of the general public. I believe this can be accomplished through an educational program and that by such means the War Relocation Authority can do more justice to itself, as well as to the several organizations that are being given an opportunity to use this type of labor."

It was pointed out to the mayor and civic leaders of Marengo, by representatives of the Curtiss Candy Company, today that the War Relocation Authority had solicited the Curtiss company's cooperation in helping to provide employment for Japanese-Americans who are citizens of the United States. These people, who are commonly referred to as Nisei, have been thoroughly investigated by the War Relocation Authority and their records checked against FBI records to make sure of their loyalty to the United States. The company agreed to employ a limited number of this type after conferences with the War Relocation Authority, the War Department, Navy Department, Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Justice, Mr. Schnering said.

"Curtiss Candy Company," Mr. Schnering said, "now will request an opportunity for its representatives to appear with representatives of the War Relocation Authority before civic leaders and business groups in Marengo for the purpose of explaining the manner in which Japanese-American labor employment is a means of alleviating the manpower labor shortage on farms, and further solicit the cooperation and understanding of the public in the company's desire to help produce the maximum amount of war food and its efforts to comply with the Government's war food program."



CURTISS CANDY COMPANY

CHICAGO 14, ILLINOIS

CURTISS CANDY COMPANY OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS is an old established Corporation engaged in the production, processing, manufacturing and selling of food and candy. The COMPANY has 17 FACTORIES in Chicago and other cities, SIXTY-TWO FARMS with a total of 10,000 acres. These farms are producing dairy products, hogs, poultry, field crops and vegetables. At the moment there are a total of about 3600 employees with over 900 away on duty with the Armed Forces.

Copy The personnel policies of the Corporation are directed toward maintaining fair treatment of all employees, good working conditions with just salary rates and promotional opportunities. The high percentage of employees who have been with CURTISS CANDY COMPANY for from 10 to 25 years is a result, we believe, of the fair policies and honest dealings of MR. OTTO SCHNERING, the founder and President of the Curtiss Candy Company.

Over 100 Issei and Nisei men and women are now employed by Curtiss Candy Co. and seem to be happy in their work. There have been no difficulties and because of the success these first employees have made the Company has decided to proceed with its plan to hire more evacuees at a gradual pace. This is permanent employment with post war possibilities.

<u>ADVANTAGES</u>	1. Rest Periods
	2. Cafeteria Service at Low Prices
	3. Modern First Aid Facilities
	4. Vacation with Pay
OF	5. Group Life Insurance
	6. Group Health Insurance
FACTORY	7. Pension Plans
	8. Retirement Income Profit Sharing Plans
<u>EMPLOYMENT</u>	9. Post War Employment

<u>FACTORY</u>	50¢ per hour - first 30 days
WAGE SCALE	Then 53¢ per hour - next 30 days
	Then job classification
FOR	Time and a half for over 40 hours
	Extra pay for night shift
<u>WOMEN</u>	Some jobs pay bonus for piece work

<u>FACTORY</u>	!	63¢ per hour - first 30 days
WAGE SCALE	!	Then 65¢ per hour - next 30 days
	!	Then job classification
FOR	!	Time and a half for over 40 hours
	!	Extra pay for night shift
<u>MEN</u>		If experienced pay is higher

AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

We have about completed the quota for farm workers with families. Due to the difficulty in getting housing, we are at this time recruiting only single men.

The employment offer made to our present farm workers by the Farm Management Division reads as follows:

Salary \$25.00 per week per person
 Adequate housing and basic foods such as milk, eggs, chickens, vegetables in season provided by the Company.
 Each worker will contribute approximately \$5.00 a week for board.
 Cooking will be done by a cook whose salary is paid by the Company.
 An attempt will be made to prepare meals which are suitable to persons of Japanese ancestry.

The average number of hours of work during the farm season is ten hours a day, six days, Monday through Saturday.

The men will live in a dormitory which is light, clean, airy and comfortable with adequate bathing facilities. Single men will share rooms with other workers. A spacious living room is provided for the convenience of employees.

About 80% of the candy manufactured by our plants goes to supply the men and women in the Armed Forces. EMPLOYMENT WITH CURTISS CANDY COMPANY MEANS YOU ARE WORKING IN AN ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY, doing your share in the war effort.

Any further questions should be directed to MR. ELMER L. SHIRRELL or MR. HARRY MAYEDA, CURTISS CANDY COMPANY, 1101 BELMONT AVENUE, CHICAGO 13, ILLINOIS.
 Phone Bittersweet 6300.

Curtiss

48 people

June 1, 1944

37 citizens

11 aliens

9 males, avg age
is 30.4

4 males, avg. 56

7 female : 44.8

28 females; 33.6 age

all married

3 men & 4 women
married

4 men & 24 women
single

1 man wid.; 1 divorced

incomplete data

26 h.s.; 5 trade sch.

4 college.

no data on 12

5 elementary

1 h.s.; 2 trade sch.

1 college

no data on 2

mostly late arrivals -

(1) late opening

(2) winter

June 1 — 48 exp. Complete

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 1 US " = div. ✓

complete

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high school (17)		! 1	!!! ✓✓ 3	!!! !!! !!! 13
trade (7)		!! 2	! ✓ 1	!!!! 4
college (3)	! 1		!!! ✓✓ 3	! 1
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Date of Arrival in Chicago

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Classification OccupationalSCHEDULE FOR RESETTLER GROUPSRegular Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Gloria Ishihara		22	F	S			U.S.	
B	Rinka Iwakiri		29	F	S			U.S.	
C	Anna Yawaka Honda		25	F	S			"	
D	Dorothy Yayoi Honda		23	F	S			"	
E	Rosalie Sakauye		23	F	S			"	
F	Eleanor Kiyoko Sunada		27	F	M			"	
G	Mitsuyo Tamura		43	F	M			J	
H	George Terai		20	M	S			U.S.	
I	Jeanne Imai Tsukahara		27	F	M		H.S.	"	
J	Yuriko Lily Kobayashi		24	F	S		"	"	
K	Grace Shige Takusagawa		21	F	S		"	"	
L	Kiyoko Ikemoto		21	F	S		"	"	

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No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	4624 N. Clifton St.	4-27-44	L.A.	Gila			
B	5509 Blackston Ave.	1-27-44	S.F.	Poston			
C	828 W. Leland Ave.	4-29-44	Fowler	Gila			
D	" "	"	"	"			
E	2408 Burling St.	5-27-43		Rohwer			
F	3538 S. Ellis Ave. St.	5-18-44	Isleton	Rohwer	farm work		
G	1238 W. Congress St.	8-11-43	Isleton	Tule Lake			
H	4522 N. Clifton St.	5-18-44	L.A.	Gila			
I	5509 Blackstone Ave.	1-21-44	L.A.	Heart Mt.			
J	619 N. Rush St.	4-29-43	Pasadena	Gila	domestic		
K	" "	7-14-43	L.A.	"			
L	" "	7-14-43	Compton	"	student		

Peripheral Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Cit.	Address	Rel. to Group

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Regular Members

No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Educ.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Kaoru Kani		22	F	S		Coll.	U.S.	
B	Sam Isami Kawashima		24	M	M		H.S.	"	
C	Tae Kawashima		26	F	M		"	"	
D	Shigeno Kimoto		42	F	M		Elem.	J	
E	Lila Suyeko Kitahara		20	F	S			U.S.	
F	Fumi Kurotsuchi		36	F	M		Buss.	J	
G	Dick Arimoto		34	M	W			U.S.	
H	Hikobei Nakata		55	M	M			J	
I	Kimi Kuniyoshi		22	F	S			U.S.	
J	Tomi Kuniyoshi		24	F	S			U.S.	
K	Rose Suteko Uno		25	F	M		H.S.	"	
L	Yoshiye Kawaguchi		22	F	S			"	

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No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	634 Oakdale Ave.	6-24-43	San Jose	Heart Mt.			
B	626 W. Buckingham Rd.	3-11-44	Tacoma	"			
C	" "	"	Hood River	"			
D	4639 Drexel Blvd.	4-7-44	Norwalk	Rohwer			
E	5042 N. Winthrop Ave.	7-11-43	San Jose	Poston			
F	1635 N. Western Ave.	18-12-43	Readley	Poston			
G	1238 W. Congress St.	4-27-44	L.A.	Topaz	Prod. field man		
H	1827 W. Washington Blvd.	2-13-44	Delano	Jerome			
I	6541 S. University Ave.	12-7-42	L.A.	Granada			
J	" "	"	"	"			
K	1032 N. Dearborn St.	2- -43	L.A.	Heart Mt.			
L	4624 N. Clifton Ave.	4-27-44	Pasadena	Gila			

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No.	Name	Pseudonym	Age	Sex	M.S.	Religion	Edus.	Cit.	Occupation
A	Masako Nakaoka		25	F	S		Art	U.S.	
B	Wakako Nakamura		19	F	S		H.S.	"	
C	Suzie Mori		24	F	S		Buss.	"	
D	Fuku Momoi		51	F	M		Buss.	J	
E	Lois Fusa Mizota		43	F	M		H.S.	J	
F	Ben Tsutomu Matsumoto		26	M	M		Coll.	U.S.	
G	Ichiro F. Mizota		53	M	M		Elem.	J	
H	Jun Maeyama		18	M	S		H.S.	U.S.	
I	Masaichi Yamaguchi		25	M	S		H.S.	"	
J	Eddie Shuichi Kasugai		55	M	M		Art	"	
K	Fusako Sugi		27	F	S		H.S.	"	
L	Toshio Tsukuho		34	M	S		Coll.	"	

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No.	Address	Date Arr.	Former Loc.	Rel. Ctr.	Former Occ.	Remarks	Date dep.
A	2022 S. Michigan Ave.	3-16-44	Fresno	Jerome			
B	915 Fletcher St.	4-11-44	Oceanside	Poston			
C	3548 N. Halsted St.	7-8-43	L.A.	Poston			
D	1246 N. Dearborn St.	7-5-43	Seattle	Tule Lake			
E	3614 S. Lake Park Ave.	6-22-43	Long Beach	Jerome			
F	2211 E. 67th St.	4-21-44		Gila			
G	3614 S. Lake Park Ave.	6-22-43	Long Beach	Jerome			
H	516 W. 65th Place	3-16-44	Suisun	Gila			
I	5042 N. Winthrop Ave.	7-22-42	Venice	Manzanar	Teller		
J	2835 N. Clark St.	4-11-44	L.A.	Gila			
K	640 W. Aldine Ave.	1-25-44	Gardena	Rohwer			
L	826 S. Wabash Ave.	4-19-43	Camp Robinson	Minidoka			

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undated, 1943-44

~~8~~. "Why we welcome the Nisei"

business printing & binding magazines & books.

5,600 employed - at date 20 Nisei
- their work satisfactory - want
100 more - "We are anxious
to do this in the interest of the
Niseis' future as well as our own."

Housing big problem - lease 35-room
hotel for Nisei. - remodel main
floor - 2 large rooms (dining r. &
rec. hall) - Japanese cooks -
sanctuary of sleep, cook, & wash dishes.
- only 5 1/2 blocks from the plant.

Karaoke - up. to camp.

~~late~~

Rate of Pay: men

1st. wk	50¢ hr.	— 50 hrs.	\$ ^{wk.} 27.50
2nd :	62.5¢ "	— " "	34.38
8th ..	67¢ "	— 50 ..	36.85

overtime after 40 hrs —
time & a half.

Women

1st.	50¢ hr.	40 hrs.	20. wk
4th	55¢ "	40 hrs.	22. wk.

guarantee 40 hrs. —

occasional overtime at time & 1/2
after experience, can at option do
piece wk — earn \$35 wk.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
226 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago 6, Illinois

January 11, 1944

Dear Friend:

A national conference of Americans of Japanese ancestry will be held in Chicago, Illinois, January 28, 29, and 30. Two delegates from each relocation center and delegates from each relocation field area will meet with the Director, Mr. Dillon S. Myer; Mr. E. G. Arnold, Chief, Relocation Division; Mr. John Provinse, Chief, Community Services; and others.

The conference agenda will be:

- (1) Problems related to the future of resettlers and others of Japanese ancestry in the United States
- (2) Major problems facing center residents in terms of their future
- (3) Specific plans or proposals for creating better understanding and working relationships between the resettlers and the War Relocation Authority

Two delegates are to be chosen from the Chicago area. They may be Issei or Nisei, and may be former center residents, voluntary evacuees, or Japanese Americans who lived in the community prior to evacuation. We are requesting you to choose the best possible persons from the Chicago area--delegates who will truly represent the community.

Please state the names of the two delegates of your choice on the enclosed postal card and return it to us without delay.

While we are writing this letter, we want to assure you that we are anxious to discuss with you at any time, any matter which concerns the relocation of your family or friends who may still be at one of the projects. A simple hospitality offer from you directed to this office, will enable us to send the necessary invitation so that members of your family, or friends, may be brought to Chicago. This office will be glad to assist in temporary and permanent housing, as well as employment. If you are interested, please come in and see any one of our Staff, who will be delighted to help you with plans for your family.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer L. Shirrell

Elmer L. Shirrell
Relocation Supervisor

Enclosure

Cuneo Press

10-7-43 Larry Oskima - worked one day + quit
7-26-43 Sam Tami " " "
4-30-43 Oshi Kiina left Jer. for CP.

4-21-43

To Proj. Dir., Tule Lake

J.F. Cuneo, pres. of Cuneo Press, ~~is~~ owner of a 2100 acre farm about 25 mi. northwest of Chicago, has openings for 4 men--3 single and one may be married if his wife would be willing to cook for the group. For the time being he prefers citizens, altho aliens will be acceptable later if he increases the staff.

Requires 2 gardeners and 2 vegetable growers with some experience in carrots, cow beets and tomatoes. Plans to raise 10 acres of cow beets, 5 acres of carrots and 5 acres of tomatoes and a large variety of other vegetables, including potatoes. Work will be permanent.

He is completely remodeling a house on the estate, will be ready in about 2 weeks and will accommodate 5 persons. White, 2-story, frame bldg. with living room, 16-x16 dining room same size, medium-sized kitchen and bedroom on first floor, 2 bedrooms and bath on second floor. Place is modern with plumbing and electricity. Light, fuel and water free. Mr. C. will supply stove, furniture, beds, etc.

House about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mi southwest of Mundelein, Ill., a town of 1300. Have talked to number of persons in town including mayor, banker, merchants and appears to be no danger of antagonistic public sentiment. In fact, they welcome the idea of more business. Three of "kSy" employees on the estate have expressed complete willingness to accept J-A labor.

Mr. C. will pay \$90 a mo. to each man in addition to furnishing a home. Will also pay a bonus based on production, the terms of which will be worked out by employer and employee. He is very much pleased with work of number of evadees now working in his plant in Chicago.

ELS

Note: similar letters sent to Poston, Gila, Rohwer

9-30-43

To Takayoshi Karakane, 5356 S. Drexel

We understand that you are interested in managing a hotel. We have recently heard of a proposition which may interest you and recommend that you call at Cuneo Press.

CP has leased a 35 room hotel at 22nd and State for evacuees who are willing to work at the co. Altho plans are still in formative stage, we believe that Mr. Durand intends to have the hotel managed by an evacuee. ELS

10-7-43

To: Poston, Gila, Jerome, Manzanar, Rohwer

John F. Cuneo Co. will employ about 100 American citizens of Japanese ancestry, male or female. The work consists of light manual labor indoors in a publishing co. factory where magazines, school books, etc. are printed. About 20 nisei are employed there now and are well liked. The sentiment is excellent, by demonstration.

There will be permanent employment after the war with no slack seasons. There are no educational requirements. Housing is guaranteed 5 blocks from the plant. Mr. Cuneo has leased a 35-room hotel with about 27 vacancies. Rooms at \$4-7 a week at present and probably less later. He plans to remodel hotel and sub-lease it to an evacuee manager in the immediate future and reduce rents to conform with the cost of maintenance.

Aver. earnings of unskilled workers are from \$35 wk. Men earn 50c hr. the first week and 62½c for the next 11 weeks and 67c later. Women earn 7c an hour less than men in each bracket. Time and ½ pay for overtime. Wages are set By Fed. regulations. ELS

12-15-43

To Guy Robertson, Prof. Dir. , Ht. Mt.

Reurtel Dec. 14 on J.F. Cuneo offer. Unfortunately plant ordinance has just ruled out all persons who recently visited Japan. All others, at rate of 10 per week up to 50 persons will be employed and housed as promised. Should bring birth certificates and leave forms.

12-23-43

To Guy Robertson, Proj. Dir., Ht. Mt.

Following 3 aliens, Kazumo Wakisaka, Suyekichi Ozu and Frank Saichi Ouye, arrived this morning in your party to work at Cuneo Press. We cannot understand in view of our telegrams Dec. 15 and 17 to you why these men were allowed to come. Creates embarrassing situation which we will try to handle but make sure on additional people that you send on this Cuneo job offer that they are nisei and qualify under the wires of Dec. 15 and 17. ELS

12-22-43

To W. Wade Head, Proj. Dir., Poston

We were terribly disappointed with the results of Mr. Karakane's trip. He had promised 50-100 recruits and on this basis we were ready to take over the Cermak Hotel. Nothing like this number materialized.

.....In the meantime I have arranged to house the nisei in a good hotel able to accommodate 150 people. It is much better than either the Cermak Hotel or the rooming house at 2022 S. Michigan. Several of our employees have given it their unqualified approval.....We have made arrangements at our own cafeteria located at our plant to provide a nisei special breakfast and dinner. They will have the regular lunch with the other employees. We will serve breakfast and dinner every day except Sunday. Those who are light eaters can eat well at \$1.10 per day for 3 meals. The cost to those who want more will not exceed \$1.50 per day. The above arrangement is definite. I am not making promises based on other people's promises to me. We are ready to go on this basis! JB Blaine

To Guy Robertson, Proj. Dir., Ht. Mt.

We are writing this letter to acquaint you with more detailed facts about the J.F. Cuneo offer because we realize that our teletype of Dec. 22 must have brought up many questions and is probably still causing a great deal of indecision at the center, on the part of persons who are interested.

As you know, the J.F. Cuneo Co and Cuneo Press have both been negotiating with the WRA for a period of months. At present they have about 40 men and women of Japanese extraction, who seem to be managing very nicely, and apparently like the work. Many have been employed 3 or 4 mo and earning much more than the original maximum hourly rate. Because of the company's experience with this group, and because the co. needed additional ~~x~~ labor, we were asked to furnish about 100 more people, early in Sept.

At that time we suggested that offer would be more more attractive if some provision could be made for housing. Officials of co. took action and several days later leased a 35 room hotel in the neighborhood. The plan was to remodel the building to include cooking facilities, making it possible to house and feed employees at cost. Notice of this fact was immediately sent to project. When housing failed to bring results, we suggested that co. employ a reliable man and send him to several centers to explain the offer in more detail. This was done and still the results were negligible. Obviously, the col spent a considerable sum of money in these operations and could not afford to spend additional funds remodeling the hotel unless assured of tenants. As a final result, the lease was cancelled and management made an agreement with the rooming house operator at 2022 S. Michigan to house and board evacuees for \$9 a week. We are certain that the co. was acting on this plan in good faith.

With the revision from indef. to seasonal leave, unexpected things happened. A large group immediately expressed willingness to leave the center and after final clearance with the co. officials with respect ~~to~~ to housing, arrangements were made to absorb 10 men a week for 5 weeks. Almost simultaneously the owner of the rooming house was taken to the hospital and therefore unable to proceed according to the earlier understanding. After a great deal of work on the part of the exe. v.p, James B. Blaine, a substitute arrangement was made whereby the men could be housed and fed for \$12.50 to \$15 weekly. As the matter now stand, some of the men are satisfied and willing to accept the offer while others are as yet undecided.

The management of the plant points out that attempts are still being made to accommodate employees at 2022 S. Michigan on the \$9 a week basis and expects to know definitely in a week or 10 days.

ELS

John F. Kueno

3-14-44	Jim Tomomasa	Bela	indg.
2-23-44	Ted Shiras Mizuki	"	"
"	Nelson Hedeto Tanaka	"	"
"	Ted Suteuri Ito	"	"
2-16-44	Kay Mita	Ut. Mt.	→ 2-16-44 Plans to relocate with parents on farm
2-15-44	Henry Shushige Sato	Bela	"
"	Nobuhide Kodama	"	"
2-15-44	Ed. Sadaura		→ neg. aid in obtaining release from C.P.
2-10-44	Korus Kuenada	Ut. Mt.	"
10-26-43	Stephen K. Ichiki	Cedar	to leave - few days for T.F.C.
1-26-43	Frank Harada	Jer.	"
"	Mori Kawasaka	"	"
"	George Omatsu	"	"
"	Toshi Kiino	"	"
5-4-43	Takionni Halastuta	"	to leave 5/5 for T.F.C.
	Robert Ishigaki	"	"
5-11-43	Tungio Ed Nakagawa	Jer.	to leave 5/12 for T.F.C.
2-30-43	Roy Tajima	Topa	1/5/44
"	Keichi Kawamata	"	"
"	Shigeo Kato	"	"

John T. Cuneo Co.

4-20-44

Reurstel 4/18 - Cuneo Press spec. have very unfavorable report. unless their spec has been thoroughly investigated recently & condition changes, we are unable to permit any more work. Morris Bridge - acting P.P.

~~4-29-44~~