

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MIDDLE ATLANTIC AREA

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A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees

Although there has recently been a lull in the receipt of job offers, the employment needs of most evacuees are being met without difficulty once they are on hand to investigate opportunities that can be developed on the basis of their individual qualifications. There continues to be a greater demand for domestic workers than can be filled. Placements have been difficult for professionals, such as architects, engineers, and chemists, and for persons interested in share-crop farming.

2. Job Offer Digest

MEN

Auto Mechanics

\$35 a week, two mechanics; \$25 a week, one auto mechanic's helper.

Domestic Workers

\$30 and \$35 a month with full maintenance, two housemen; \$30 a week with full maintenance, one houseman.

Farmer

\$25 week, one man with experience to work on farm, milking, tractor or team work, loading or pitching hay. Maintenance and garden plot.

Resident Doctor

\$1,000 a year and full maintenance, either man or woman, internship completed and, if possible, State Board examination taken and license to practice received.

WOMEN

Domestic Workers

\$15 to \$25 a week for full-time help. Several part-time and room and board jobs. For couples, \$125 to \$175 a month.

Laboratory Technician

\$90 a month for untrained girl, \$100 if she has technician's diploma or equivalent college training. Hours 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nurse's Aides & Graduate Nurses

\$90 a month and full maintenance to start. Month of vacation a year with pay. Hospital specializes in maternity cases and pediatrics.

Stenographers

\$23 to \$25 a week, 5½-day week.

B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION

The housing situation in Philadelphia continues to be rather tight. As previously indicated, however, rooms for single men and women can ordinarily be secured without difficulty, and temporary hospitality can be arranged for in several homes. Furnished and unfurnished apartments can usually be found through several days of diligent searching. Private housing units are being continually placed on the market in considerable number, but it is necessary to be very alert in discovering and taking advantage of these opportunities. Plans are now being made to broaden housing assistance for evacuees resettling in Philadelphia and vicinity through increased cooperation with Federal housing authorities and through the organization of a citizens' housing committee.

| <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> |
| Temporary--single | Plentiful | \$1-\$1.50 night | | |
| Temporary--family | Adequate | \$3 & up night | | |
| Furnished room | Plentiful | \$3.50-\$5 week | | |
| 2 or 3-room apt. | Fair | \$35-\$80 month | Adequate | \$30-\$65 month |
| Single family house | Fair in suburbs | \$50-\$85 month | Fair in suburbs | \$45-\$75 month |