

CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES AND HOUSING SITUATION, KANSAS CITY AREA  
For Period Ending March 10, 1944

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI DISTRICT

A. CURRENT RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Employment Opportunities for Evacuees:

There are still better than 200 unfilled jobs on file at the WRA offices in this district, a considerable number of which are better than average employment opportunities. Trained and highly skilled workers are direly needed to fill good paying positions. The Civil Service Commission is now recruiting typists for positions with government agencies, which are open to evacuees. Gross salary, based on 6 days per week, \$146 monthly. Only regular Civil Service investigation required. There is also a good opening for a laboratory dental technician.

2. Other Relocation Opportunities:

Persons in the centers interested in private enterprise, regardless of what line of business, are urged to write or visit the WRA Offices in Kansas City for first-hand information concerning the possibilities here. No obstacles of any conceivable nature are felt to exist here which would hinder private enterprise in this city by Japanese-Americans.

WRA officials here are ready and willing to investigate any propositions in which the resettler may be interested, with full detailed information furnished on request concerning public acceptance, license requirements, sources of supply, business property, location, rents, etc. Simply address the Relocation Officer for the area in which you are interested.

3. Job Offer Digest:

Men

Shipping and Stock Clerks - 4 - for large manufacturing and whole-sale firm - 70¢ per hour plus overtime. Employer furnishes free hospitalization, group insurance, Christmas bonus of \$100, free luncheons, drinks, etc.

Male Secretary - \$140 a month to start - must be able to take shorthand and do typing. Knowledge of Spanish preferred but not required.

Male Messenger - \$125 per month - Must have Civil Service clearance. Duties will be picking up bags of mail at Post Office and delivering of mail. Any able young man who can lift as much as 40 or 50 lbs. 16 years of age or over. War Service Appointment.

Electrical Repairman - Radio and household appliances. \$25 to \$50 weekly. Also commission basis.

Shoe Repairman - CIO Union. \$40 to \$50 a week.



Linotype Operator - 80¢ an hour, time and a half over 40 hours.

Janitor - \$22.00 per week - night work - 6:00 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.  
General office cleaning, sweeping and dusting.

#### Women

Clerk-typist - Civil Service - Pay including overtime \$146 per month.  
Civil Service investigation required.

Graduate Nurses - General Hospital, \$100 a month.

General Office - Typing and billing, \$90 a month.

#### Service and Domestic Offers

Hotel Work - Exclusive resort hotel needs elevator operators, (\$50 a month); waiters, (\$40 a month and tips); bell hops, (\$10 a month and tips); kitchen helpers, (\$50 a month); all with room and board. Some of these positions net \$150 to \$175 a month.

Domestic - Numerous openings for single girls, \$15 to \$20 a week with room and board, experience not essential in some jobs. Work may entail light housework, cooking and serving, and in some cases occasional care of children. A number of Nisei girls satisfactorily placed in this field.

Domestic Couple for 10 acre farm - \$85 a month plus separate quarters and full maintenance. 3 children, 18, 10, 15, in family.

Domestic couples paid \$100 to \$150 a month with complete maintenance. Wife usually cooks and does housework, while husband does yard work and heavier cleaning. Arrangements may be made to exchange duties; also opportunities for wife to work, husband to live with her but work out.

#### B. CURRENT HOUSING SITUATION:

The housing situation here both temporary and permanent still remains unchanged. While in a sense acute, suitable quarters are being located for single persons and small family groups. Added efforts are being given to the founding of a hostel here, and reports now are favorable in this regard. One local assisting agency has recently consented to sponsor the venture and it remains now only to complete the necessary arrangements before the hostel may be ready for operation.

In the meanwhile, however, it is advised that visitors to the area notify the WRA offices in advance of their visit in order that accommodations may be previously arranged. Single male visitors can always find accommodations at the local Y.M.C.A.

<u>Furnished</u>			<u>Unfurnished</u>	
<u>Type of Accommodation</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>
Temporary - single	Adequate	75¢ up, night		
Temporary - family	Fair	\$2 up night		
Furnished room	Adequate	\$5 to \$8 week		
1-room hskpg. apt.	Fair	\$24 to \$50 month	Scarce	
3-room hskpg. apt.	Scarce	\$37.50 to \$60 mo.	Scarce	
Single family house	Scarce	\$35 to \$100 month	Scarce	\$25 upward
Room and Board	Fair	\$8 to \$10 a week		