

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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TO: All Project Directors

ATTENTION: Relocation Program Officer

Warm days are beginning to alternate with cooler ones as spring, ushered in officially ten days ago, begins actually to appear in the North Central Area (Chicago). Robins are beginning to appear in the city parks, and farmers are beginning the actual work of the season. With the coming of warm weather, resettlers are beginning again to enjoy the pleasures of the great outdoors, and changes are beginning to appear in the nature of the job openings in the area. Farm offers and plans are once again in the foreground in each of the district offices in our area and each of our district offices are now actively engaged in stimulating the flow of farm openings. Inviting plans are being made by the War Food Administration for seasonal work, particularly in the vegetable and small fruits sections of the Midwest, and definite offers will be forthcoming in the very near future under the new seasonal work plan. The initial stirrings of the spring are reflected in the increased farm offers listed in the attached sixth Job Summary Report, listing employment opportunities current in the district offices at Chicago, Indianapolis, Peoria, Rockford, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis.

Another change in the general situation in the area which is helpful to persons resettling here is the gradual clarifying of the right of both nisei and issei to work in certain war plants without prior clearance. Provost Marshal General regulations remain much as they have been in recent months, but more and more plants are being permitted to hire resettlers with individual clearance being made after employment. A typical plant recently opened in this fashion is one in which landing barges are being built.

Another factor of great importance is the strongly cooperating plan now under way with the National Housing Authority. Hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of units of adequate housing should be available to resettlers in various parts of our area in the near future through the cooperative efforts of the National Housing Authority.

Every district office in our area is well prepared for the

expected increase in relocation throughout the spring, and it is anticipated that with increased experience our offices will be able to give a better rounded service to newcomers.

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