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ANOTHER TRAIN LEAVES SEPT. 28

Project Director Ray D. Johnston received confirmation Wednesday that another special train will leave the project for the West Coast Area on Friday September 28. Mr. Johnston said, "Because of the cooperation of the people in making their wishes known in advance it was possible for us to justify another request to the Army and the ODT for the necessary railroad equipment. By coming in and signing up ahead of time these people made it possible for others to have travel accommodations that would not otherwise have been available. Their helpful attitude in this matter is very much appreciated."

There is still room for other passengers, stated Mr. C. B. Price, Relocation Program Officer, and applications will be accepted through Monday, September 24. Mr. Price explained that 4 days were required to prepare the necessary papers and make arrangements for shipping property.

The train is expected to arrive at 8 A. M. and loading will start immediately. It will consist of a diner, two Pullman cars and six coaches. The Pullman quota will be filled by cases that have been certified as eligible for special accommodations by the Chief Medical Officer.

Picking up of checked baggage will start at 8 A. M. September 27, the day before the train leaves. All checked baggage should be ready and placed on the roadside. If it is left in the apartments or between the barracks it may be overlooked.

Passengers are especially requested to come to the train only in the trucks that are supposed to pick them up and to board only the cars assigned to them. Otherwise, the pick-up sheets of the truck drivers will not check and the people cannot be properly checked in at the coaches.

INFORMATION ON CHICAGO HOUSING

Chicago - A directory of hotels, rooming houses and apartments buildings operated by resettlers in Chicago has been prepared by Mr. Shotaro Hikida, an Issei member of the WRA staff in Chicago. Mr. Hikida has personally interviewed most of the people on the list and the information in the directory is reliable. Names, former centers, and pre-evacuation addresses of operators are shown, as well as telephone numbers and addresses. Former Rohwer people operate eight of the 94 establishments listed. Advisors at the Relocation Office will make the directory available to those interested.

442nd VETERAN VISITS CENTER

Pfc. Harry Oshima, formerly of Rohwer and Lodi, is back in the center visiting his mother, Mrs. Toyo Oshima, after nine months overseas. He fought in France and Italy with Company L of the 442nd Regiment and wears The Presidential Citation Award, The Combat Infantry Badge and three battle stars. He returned from Italy to this country by plane and will enter Fort Snelling, Minn. as soon as his furlough is over. He is now assisting his mother in making her relocation plans.

RELOCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Decatur, Michigan - Mr. Jimmy Ouye, representing the Harry Becker Farms of Decatur, Michigan, is in the center with an unusually good employment offer. Forty celery harvesters are needed and after this work is over some time near November 1, Mr. Becker will pay transportation to any other point of relocation. This includes California. The wage is \$.50 per hour plus room and board, free. Mr. Ouye would also like to discuss permanent relocation with family heads. The Becker farm has hired hundreds of Japanese workers since relocation and is recognized as a thoroughly reliable employer. For additional information come to the Relocation Office, Block 42.

San Antonio, Texas - A 100 acre, black land, irrigated, vegetable farm is available for rent near San Antonio, Texas. It is on a good road and is 25 miles from the city. Improvements include a four-room house, a barn, garage and a milk house. The owner, Charles Ganahl Walker, Route 10, Box 72, San Antonio, Texas, will rent for either cash or crop rent. There are already two Japanese farmers in the vicinity who are prospering. A Japanese doctor, Y. Suma, 301 South Pecos Street, San Antonio, is offered as reference by the owner. More details at the Relocation Office, Block 42.

NEW RELOCATION INFORMATION

On August 10 Mr. and Mrs. Roger Tsujimura, formerly of Rohwer and Los Angeles, took up their new work as gardener and housekeeper at the two acre place of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Reed in Rye, N. Y., a suburb of New York City. Mr. Reed was formerly on the staff of the American embassy in London.

This is typical of the farm-estate offers for families that are now open in the New York suburban area. They all include housing and are described in a new bulletin put out by a special WRA New York office that will handle relocation opportunities of this nature. The bulletin is available in the Block Offices and at the Relocation Office, Block 42.

A new booklet on Philadelphia, which was prepared by the Philadelphia Nisei Council gives information on housing, welfare assistance, employment and schools. Of especial interest are monthly budgets for different sized families living in Philadelphia. Available in the Block Offices and at the Relocation Office.

SOME FORT SNELLING GRADUATES TO GO TO JAPAN

Fort Snelling, Minnesota - Graduates of the Army's language school at Fort Snelling, the majority of whom are Americans of Japanese ancestry, "will be key men in the re-education of Japan's youth," Major Paul F. Rusch, director of military procurement at the language school, declared this week as he was alerted to join the General "headquarters of the American occupation forces in Japan.

Major Rusch declared that the Fort Snelling graduates who will make up a part of the American occupation forces in Japan, "will be instrumental in building the kind of world of racial understanding we must have if there is ever to be a hope for permanent peace."

Major Rusch, who spent 18 years in Tokyo as a member of the faculty of Rikkyo University, visited Rohwer when Language School recruiting first started and interviewed and signed up several boys from this center.

FEDERAL TRIAL FOR WATSON BROTHERS

Sacramento - The Watson brothers of Auburn, California will be tried in Federal Court on October 2, on charges arising from the attempted dynamiting of the property of Sumie Doi. They had previously been acquitted in a state court.

NEWS OF ROHWER RELOCATEES

St. Louis, Mo. - Mr. and Mrs. Motaro Arimura and their four children are one of the first Rohwer families to take advantage of Federal Housing for families of veterans. They moved into the Powell Terrace Housing Project, St. Charles, Mo. on September 13. This project is operated by the Federal Public Housing Authority and consists of 324 housing dwellings - single dwellings, duplexes and four-plexes, with one, two and three bedroom units. It is within walking distance of any part of the town of St. Charles. A grade school is just two blocks from the project and a high school, four blocks.

The maximum rental for a three bedroom unit is \$32.50 per month and a two bedroom unit, \$27.50. The project has approximately twenty units available for occupancy at present. A family having either a husband or children in the service is eligible to make application for rental privileges. St. Charles, Missouri is located 26 miles from St. Louis and has a population of 10,500 persons. There are several shoe factories and a car manufacturing company located in St. Louis, and in addition, the county of St. Charles is considered one of the richest farm communities in the state of Missouri. Factory work and farm work is available at present.

Kansas City, Missouri. - Lily Matsushita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hideichi Matsushita who formerly lived at Rohwer and Los Angeles, has entered High School in Kansas City. When the public schools there started, September 4, there were 12 Nisei Grade School students attending, and 11 High School students.

Kansas City, Missouri. - Miss Katherine Sachi Ashiwagi, a 1945 honor graduate of the Paseo High School in Kansas City, Missouri, who returned to Los Angeles early this summer visited the Kansas City WRA office on her way to Chicago where she is to enter the Nursing School affiliated with the Cook County General Hospital. Miss Ashiwagi and her mother, Mrs. Haru Ashiwagi, had relocated to Kansas City in December of 1943, from Rohwer.

St. Louis, Mo. - Fred Oshima of Rohwer and Lodi, California took "top honors" in a competitive examination for draftsmen given by the U. S. Civil Service Commission which resulted in his receiving an appointment as draftsman with the U. S. District Engineers Office in the Federal Building, St. Louis. Fred will start to work on September 10, since he was just laid off from his defense work job. He is the only American Japanese worker in the St. Louis district laid off from defense work. Fred's personal reconversion resulted in his obtaining a better job in government work at just the right time.

St. Louis, Mo. - Among the fifteen members who were elected to serve next year on the Nisei Council of St. Louis, were the following people from Rohwer; Stewart Nakano, from Lodi; Ted Ohashi from San Francisco; Fred Oshima, and William Kagawa, both from Lodi. Plans were made for the studying of an organizational set up to take the place of WRA upon WRA's closing. The Nisei Council voted to take the initiative in asking the Issei Resettlers Resettlement Committee and the Advisory Committee of the Social Planning Council, to constitute a committee to study the type of organization that would best serve St. Louis resettlers upon the closing of WRA.

JEROME RESIDENT VETERAN OF WORLD WAR I & II

Chicago, Illinois - Tec 3 James Yoshinobu, berry farmer of Torrance, California, prior to evacuation and veteran of World War I and II, has been visiting his family in Chicago while on a furlough following action with the 4th Marine Division on Iwo Jima. Now 46 years of age, Sgt. Yoshinobu was uncertain as to whether or not he will accept a discharge. Mrs. Yoshinobu relocated to Chicago from Jerome.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STATEMENT CONCERNING INTERNEES

Washington, D. C. - Following the War Department announcement today that the Department and the Western Defense Command have terminated military controls of persons of Japanese ancestry previously excluded from the West Coast, Attorney General Tom C. Clark made known that approximately 6700 resident Japanese have been ordered interned by the Attorney General either at Justice Department camps or at the War Relocation Authority Segregation Center at Tule Lake. "The action of the military authorities," Mr. Clark said, "will have no effect on the status of these persons."

Included in the group to which the Attorney General referred are approximately 5500 persons of Japanese parentage born in the United States who have renounced their American citizenship and are presumed to be nationals of Japan. The balance are foreign-born Japanese interned as alien enemies for the duration of the war.

"These persons," Mr. Clark said, "will be continued in internment pending final review of their cases by the Attorney General and approval by the military authorities of the removal of hostile Japanese nationals to Japan."

In addition to the 6700 interned Japanese who are residents of the continental United States, there are in Department of Justice internment camps approximately 1000 Japanese nationals from Hawaii, Alaska and various Latin American countries and approximately 2000 voluntary internees. An additional 2500 Japanese aliens are on parole orders issued by the Attorney General and have their activities supervised by the Immigration Service.

RETURNEES GET PUBLIC HOUSING

San Francisco, Calif. - Ten Japanese-American families with members in the armed forces moved into housing units at the Richmond housing project at San Francisco on September 8, 1945. The move was in line with National Housing Agency Laws, which give priority to servicemen in renting public housing vacated by war workers. WRA and Federal Public Housing Authority requested Richmond accommodations for the Nisei.

NISEI PRESENT MEMORIAL FUNDS TO PRESIDENT

Washington, D. C. - Four Nisei soldiers of the famed 442nd presented President Truman with \$4,300 raised by members of the regiment for a memorial to the late President Roosevelt. The ceremony took place September 11, 1945 and was attended by WRA Director, Dillon S. Myer, Secretary of the Interior Ickes and Mr. Earl Finch, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi. The event was given wide publicity in Eastern papers.

NISEI TEACHERS IN MINN. HIGH SCHOOL

Elgin, Minn. - Mr. Tsuneyoshi Azusa, formerly of Poston and San Diego, California, graduated this spring from the State Teachers College at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and has accepted a position with the Elgin, Minnesota, School Board, teaching social science.

PHARMACIST RETURNS TO LOS ANGELES

Los Angeles, Calif. - Mr. Leo Ishikawa, formerly in charge of the Gila River Community Hospital Pharmacy, his wife, Edith, and daughters, Jean and Celia, are now living in their own home at 975 South Normandy Avenue, Los Angeles. Mr. Ishikawa who is a pharmacy graduate of the University of California, is now employed as pharmacist at the Quality Pharmacy, 1600 East 1st. Street, Los Angeles.

WAR DEPARTMENTS SPONSORS TOLERANCE SPEAKER

San Francisco, Calif. - For the second time the War Department has seen fit to order a returned combat hero to the West Coast to relate to the public the job done by Americans of Japanese ancestry. This time it is Captain Thomas E. Crowley who will tour Northern California for approximately 30 days and make almost 60 appearances before various groups urging fair play and tolerance.