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### SEPTEMBER 28 TRAIN POSTPONED

The special train which was to have left today has been postponed until next Sunday. Project Director Johnston was notified Wednesday afternoon by railroad officials that because of Army requirements the necessary equipment would not be available until September 30. Those planning to leave today were immediately notified of the following changes in plans.

1. The train will arrive at 8 A. M. on September 30, and will leave at 9 A. M.
2. Checked baggage will be picked up Saturday September 29, starting at 8 A. M.
3. Pick up of freight will continue on present schedule through Friday and Saturday.
4. Payment of grant and meal allowances will be made Saturday, September 29, beginning at 9 A. M.
5. All project employees both, appointed and evacuee, will work Saturday and all offices will be open on that day. On Sunday passengers will be picked up and the train will be loaded according to the same procedure used for other trains.

Concerning the postponement, Mr. Johnston said, "We regret the delay in the departure of the train and we hope no serious inconvenience to the passengers will result. Movement of returning soldiers changes Army requirements from time to time and we are relieved that the delay is not greater than two days."

Mr. Johnston also stated that since all employees would work Saturday, no one, with a few exceptions, would work next Monday and that all project offices would be closed on that day.

### POSTON SETS RELOCATION PACE

Relocation from this center has been good recently but Poston has been setting the record for the last three weeks. During the week ending September 1, 848 people left there, the following week there were 961 departures, and 1252 relocated during the week ending September 15.

### WILSON PLANTATION SCHOOL HONORS NISLI

Yukio Akahoshi has already become a leader in his new surroundings, having been elected vice-president of his class in the Wilson Plantation Public Schools, Wilson, Arkansas.

Yukio is the son of Suematsu and Tsuye Akahoshi who recently relocated their family from the Colorado River Relocation Center, Poston, Arizona to the Wilson Plantation. Although only 13 years of age, Yukio is in the ninth grade. He is a member of the Boy Scouts of America and in less than three weeks time has won himself a favorable place in the opinion of all his classmates. His older sister, Mitsuye, attends the same high school. A younger brother, Toshio, is in grade school.

C. L. Bird, Superintendent of the Wilson Schools, said: "We are very happy to have the Akahoshi children and the many other Americans of Japanese ancestry in our schools. They are all good students and are welcomed by the entire student body."

### GIVE INFORMATION ON NEW ADDRESS

The Finance Section at this center reports that cases are becoming more numerous in which salary and grant checks are being returned to the disbursing office because no forwarding address is left by relocating center residents.

Care should be taken that an accurate forwarding  
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address is left with Block Managers or some other reliable persons so these checks can be delivered without delay. The suggestion was made that if a specific address was not known before departure, it might be wise to give a general delivery address, until the relocatee was permanently settled.

Also several postmasters of cities and towns on the West Coast have advised WRA that they are having difficulty making proper delivery of mail to returning evacuees. They ask that newly returned families come to the postoffice and file an address card giving the names of all family members and make sure that the street or rural box numbers are correct. In many instances numbers have been changed during the period these people have been away.

#### WORK, HOUSING AND A UNIVERSITY AVAILABLE

Fayetteville, Arkansas - Mr. Herbert L. Thomas, president of the Pyramid Life Insurance Company of Arkansas and also president of the University of Arkansas school board, wishes to secure a man and his wife with one or two older children who are interested in attending the University of Arkansas. He will employ those who go to the University on a part-time basis and will give full employment to the parents. He has a large home near Fayetteville. The workers would live in a five-room furnished house. The salary isn't mentioned, but Mr. Thomas will work out a very desirable proposition for any good family that is interested. For further information contact the Relocation Office, 42-2-E.

#### MR. NARITA SENDS GOOD OFFER

Mr. M. Narita, Executive Secretary of the Community Council, who has been making a tour of the South and East to find favorable job offers for the people in the center has sent to the Relocation Office a very good offer. Those interested in learning more about this offer should come to the Relocation Office, 42-2-E.

#### TWO MORE HOSTELS TO BE ESTABLISHED IF NEEDED

Los Angeles - The Southern California Baptist Convention is willing to establish and sponsor a hostel in the Baptist church located in the Clearwater District in Los Angeles. Before going any further with their plans it will be necessary to know how many people of their faith and others would be interested in temporary quarters at a hostel in this location.

The same holds true of the Presbyterian Church located in Long Beach, California. Those interested in using either hostel should report this to the Relocation Advisers, 42-2-E.

#### SCHOOL NOTES

University of Michigan - Sei Shoda formerly of Rohwer and Pasadena is transferring from Michigan State College at Lansing to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor to continue his studies in architectural engineering.

University of Wisconsin - Takashi Hattori, from Monterey, California, and Rohwer, has recently entered the University of Wisconsin.

Des Moines, Iowa - Itoko Katayama, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Katayama, formerly of Jerome and Long Beach, California was elected president of her home room at Washington Irving Junior High this week. She is a member of the 7-B class and this is her first semester at Washington Irving. The Katayama family has recently moved to their newly purchased home at 1508 Pleasant Street.

NEWS OF ROHWER RELOCATEES

St. Louis, Missouri - Jean Otani of Rohwer and San Francisco, California is very pleased about her new position as Fashion Designer of Martha Manning Clothes, a product of the Forest City Manufacturing Company, 1641 Washington Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri. Jean has been a resident of St. Louis approximately a year and had been rounding out her work in dress designing at Washington University where she won acclaim for her attitude and originality in this line of work.

St. Louis, Missouri - Hide Ijuin of Rohwer and Stockton, California was the guest recently of Ayako Mori of Granada and Sacramento, California. Hide, a recent graduate of Gregg College in Chicago is on her way to New Orleans to join her mother and sister in New Orleans, where they own a restaurant at 1611 Tulane Avenue.

Long Island, N. Y. - Pfc Bob I. Shoda formerly of Rohwer and Pasadena, California has been visiting his sister in Romeo, Michigan at the Mountain View Orchards for the past few days. Pfc. Shoda trained at Camp Blanding and Shelby and saw action in France and Italy with the 442nd. He wears campaign stars for Southern France, Rome, Arno, Po Valley, Appenine Mountains and is also a wearer of the Purple Heart. His mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Motohiro Shoda, and younger sister are in Long Island, New York. He plans to visit with them the remainder of the week.

Sacramento - Mrs. Kazuko Yamasaki and her son, Henry, with her married daughter, Mrs. Michiye Yamasaki Imura, whose husband is with the Army, recently returned from the Rohwer Center and called at the WRA office here.

Michiye has been notified by the U. S. Civil Service Commission to report for employment with a Federal agency.

Mrs. Yamasaki formerly operated a hotel here and is looking into possibilities along this line.

Cincinnati, Ohio - Ty Saito (Los Angeles, Rohwer) and mother, Mrs. Mine Saito left for their former home in Los Angeles, California. Mr. Saito has been employed by the Tool Steel Gear & Pinion Company for the past year. He has also been active in the young people's activities in Cincinnati.

St. Louis, Missouri - Mr. and Mrs. Kengo Mitori of Rohwer and Stockton, with their five children, are in their new home on the country estate of Mr. S. M. Werber. This family arrived in St. Louis on September 11, 1945 from the Rohwer Relocation Center to accept employment offered by Mr. Werber at Pevley, Missouri, which is within commuting distance of St. Louis.

The Mitoris are hopeful that another Issei Family can be secured for the additional vacancy on this estate. There is a house available near the one the Mitoris are occupying, which would make an ideal set-up for the two families. The Post Office address of the Mitori family is RFD #1, Pevley, Missouri.

St. Charles, Missouri - When Mr. and Mrs. Yotaro Arimura arrived at their new home in the Powell Terrance Housing Project, St. Charles, Mo., they found that plans had been made by the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church with the assistance of three women from his church, to give the family a hearty welcome. Luncheon had been prepared at the home of one of his congregation, and the pantry in the kitchen of the Arimura home had been stocked with sufficient groceries for their immediate needs. The group also made provision for emergency furnishings of their tree bedroom home.

In rendering assistance, this church group seemed to have thought of everything - arranging for the purchase of the coal they will need, having the electricity turned on in the home, and contacting the local P. T. A. regarding enrolling the children in school.

RELOCATEE EXHIBITS PAINTINGS

Whittier, Iowa - Miss Sumi Horibe, American Institute of Business student, formerly of Granada and Winters, California, had eight of her original oil paintings depicting camp life on display in the Art Room of the Public Library in Des Moines for two weeks in August. These eight paintings made up the entire display. The work was also exhibited at the Conservative Yearly Meeting of Friends at Whittier, Iowa, as well as at the Five Year Meeting of Friends in Osceola, Iowa on August 23rd with 500 persons in attendance. The paintings were received enthusiastically in all instances.

CIO ASKS DISCHARGE FOR DISCRIMINATION

Stockton, California - A CIO union official has recently stated that Alva Bone and C. A. Schmidt, who were expelled from the CIO International and Longshore men's Union on charges of race discrimination against a worker of Japanese ancestry, must quit work in the warehouses at Stockton. The Business Agent for the Stockton Local said a formal notice will be sent to the employer of the two men to discharge them under the provisions of the union contract.

ISSEI PROSPER IN CHICAGO

Chicago - An Issei employee of the Chicago WRA office, Mr. Shotaro Hirida, recently interviewed most of the evacuated business men in Chicago. He found that 180 businesses are now owned or operated by resettlers in Chicago and that more than 50% had opened since the first of the year. The majority of the proprietors are Issei and all agreed that business was good and that people were nice and easy to deal with. Most of the opportunities now open are in laundries, cleaners, shoe repair shops and gift and flower shops.

GENERAL DEVERS LAUDS NISEI SOLDIERS

General Jacob L. Devers, Commanding General of the Army Ground Forces, made the following statement concerning Nisei soldiers during a recent press conference in Washington, D. C.

"I don't know anything about the Japs personally, but I do know about the American-Japanese. I know he is a fighter and know when he is given a mission he goes and gets it under American command. He is American-born and has had an American environment.

Not once did the 7,000 Japanese-Americans who served under my command in Italy with the Fifth Army and later with the Seventh fail to take their objectives in battle."

FIFTY FAMILIES ENTER LONG BEACH HOUSING PROJECT

According to John E. Peterson, housing manager of the Federal Public Housing Authority in Los Angeles area, 50 returnee families have rented quarters at Cabrillo Homes and Truman Boyd Manor, two housing projects at Long Beach. Peterson said, "There were vacancies and the Japanese families were classified as distressed and were rented units just the same as other Americans."

SEATTLE PROJECT HOUSES 12 FAMILIES

Seattle, Washington - Twelve American Japanese families recently found housing accommodations in the Renton Highlands Federal Public Housing Project at Seattle, Washington. Rents in this project range from \$35.50 a month for a one-bedroom unfurnished unit with electric refrigerator to \$58.00 a month for a four-bedroom unit, furnished, with electric refrigerator.

Furnished units contain beds, a table and chairs, and all units have circulating coal heater, electric stove and stationary laundry tubs and either an ice box or an electric refrigerator. The rental includes fuel, electricity and water. Units with electric refrigeration run from \$1.50 to \$2.00 a month higher, depending on the size.