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TRAIN LEAVES NOV. 9, CHICAGO COACH ON NOV. 6.

In accordance with the indicated departure dates and destinations of those center residents already processed to leave the week of Nov. 4, and the group scheduled to leave during that period, Project Director, Ray D. Johnston, announced that a special train will leave here for the West Coast area on November 9.

Tentative arrangements have also been made for a special coach to Chicago, which will depart on the night of November 6.

As succeeding groups are scheduled to leave, additional railroad equipment will be requested. Mr. Johnston said that under the system of scheduled departures now in effect, most of the people will be out of the Center by December 1.

MR. NARITA'S LETTER TO CENTER RESIDENTS

October 24, 1945

Dear Fellow Residents:

Our time has come! But it is not the time for us to weep over spilt milk. Our future is far weightier than all our past put together.

"Where shall we resettle?" must be decided immediately, and our decision today may mean a great happiness or a fearful misery for tomorrow. Let us sit up and think once more before we take our final step.

We have been uprooted by evacuation. The first and the most important thing that we have to do after relocation is "to be rooted". Three WRA offices of the eastern territory have plowed, leveled, and prepared the ground for us to be planted and to spread our roots. Anybody will agree that we can root much better and faster in the soil prepared with kindness and understanding than in the wild field full of rocks and clay of hatred, discrimination, and organized opposition. "Why should we choose the crowded west when there is an ample space in the east?" is a very serious problem we have to consider and reconsider.

I should like to advise to my fellow residents to be sensible, very sensible, in deciding their destination.

Yours always,

M. Narita
Executive Secretary
Resettlement Plan. Com.

NOTE: SEE PAGE 4 FOR INFORMATION ON LAST YEAR
JOBS RESERVED FOR ROHWER.

FUND STARTED TO REBUILD BURNED HOME

Mr. Cosmo Sakamoto whose house was burned near Loomis, received a letter from Mrs. Elinor Lowell Morrison of Berkely, in which she said that her father, Orrin J. Lowell, who died recently, intended to send \$100 to the Sakamoto family to help defray expenses caused by the burning of the home. The letter concludes, "since he did not have time to do so, will you please accept this amount from me as his deputy."

DEMAND FOR NISEI WORKERS EXCEEDS SUPPLY IN BALTIMORE

Baltimore, Md. - In a story beginning "Japanese Americans represent the latest labor shortage in Baltimore," the Baltimore Sun, the city's leading paper, reports that Mrs. Albert Simon, of the Baltimore Peace Center, 328 North Charles Street, who is cooperating with the nearest WRA office in Washington, D. C., received "more than 50 requests for Nisei in recent weeks to fill various occupations, with only 18 workers available."

One clothing manufacturer wants "all he could get," according to Mrs. Simon, and the Goodwill Industries can use 75 resettlers for rehabilitation work in their factory. She also pointed out that about 30 applications for domestic workers have been turned down "because the Nisei are preferring more specialized jobs."

There are 67 Nisei and two Issei working or studying in Baltimore, the Sun story adds. Those employed include doctors, nurses, dieticians, mechanics, secretaries, domestics, and others.

SEPARATE BUDDHIST SERVICES FOR ISSEI IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Ill. - The Reverend Gyodo Kono, formerly of Rohwer, reports that due to increased attendance of Issei members, separate Buddhist services have been started for the Issei every Sunday Afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at 1219 N. LaSalle Street. Many activities, including Japanese movies, are being planned especially for Issei.

FIRST NISEI G.I. TO JOIN VETERAN'S ADMINISTRATION

Rochester, New York - The first Nisei G.I. in this section and one of the first in the country to accept a job with the Veteran's Administration, is Pfc. Karl Nakazawa.

Formerly working in a legal agency on the West Coast, Nakazawa made application for a personnel position in the Veteran's Administration. He was accepted and assigned to the Rochester, New York Office.

"It seems to me that Rochester has the conveniences of larger cities without the congestion", Karl said, "As soon as I get settled in an apartment or house, I'll send for my wife, Florence, and my 14-month-old son, Roger, who are living in Chicago."

NEWS OF ROHWER RELOCATEES

Philadelphia - Jiro Kobuki, formerly of Rohwer (5-10-C) and Meneta, California, has accepted a job as apprentice dental technician in Philadelphia. His family plans to join him within a short time.

New York, N.Y. * Mr. Henry Sugimoto, formerly of Hanford, California, and Rohwer, is now living with his wife and two children at 147 West 100th Street. A collection of Mr. Sugimoto's paintings will be exhibited in November at the American Common at 40 East 49th Street under the auspices of the Common Council for American Unity. Two other well-known evacuee artists have also recently relocated in New York City. Mr. and Mrs. Matsusaburo Hibi and their two children, of Hayward, California and Topaz, are now located at 458 West 37th Street. Mr. T. Fukui, another well-known Topaz artist, formerly of San Francisco, has just arrived in New York and is residing temporarily at 20 West 56th Street.

St. Charles, Mo. - Yoshiko, Mitsuko and Jean Hattori, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Seizaburo Hattori of Rohwer and Stockton, were delighted over their parents and two brothers joining them on October 12th. They will occupy a three bedroom unit dwelling at the Powell Terrace Housing Project, St. Charles, Mo. The house they selected is located at 1024 Howell Ave. across from the Yotaro Arimura family of Rohwer and Hanford, who were the first Japanese American family to occupy one of the homes in this housing project. A third evacuee family from Mikioka is living nearby.

Mr. Trecco, Manager of the Project, reports that there are still additional vacancies in both two and three bedroom apartments which are available to families relocating. Under the Federal interpretation, the project is available to servicemen's families who are in distress for need of housing. The rent of these apartments is dependent on the income of the families. St. Charles is a suburb of St. Louis.

Milwaukee, Wis. - Four speakers described the contributions and the problems of the Japanese Americans, as soldiers overseas and resettlers at home, before a meeting of the Milwaukee Chapter, Americans Association of Social Workers, at Hospitality House, local hostel, on October 9. They were: Capt. Masao Yamada, 42nd Infantry Regiment Chaplain; Sam Minami, Milwaukee Nisei Council chairman; Masao Satow, YMCA, and Harold Mann, assistant supervisor, WRA, Chicago area.

New York, N. Y. - Following their arrival in New York City from Rohwer, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nakamura first stayed at the Brooklyn Hostel, visited friends, and interviewed prospective employers. Now they are working as domestics for Mrs. Erwin Price of Woodmere, Long Island. Inability to speak fluent English was no handicap to this couple, and they are finding life on Long Island very pleasant. Mrs. Price is so pleased with the Nakamuras that the WRA office for the New York Suburban District has received numerous offers from her friends in neighboring communities.

NEW JOB OFFERS IN EAST RESERVED FOR ROHWERITES

In an honest response to the increase in interest of Rohwer people in resettling in the eastern states, Mr. Dolins, the supervisor of New York, Newark, and Philadelphia, WRA offices, has re-organized and mobilized his entire staff to develop and open good job opportunities in order to give a last chance to the Rohwer people.

With the sympathetic assistance and hearty cooperation of the County officials and the people of their communities, Mr. Dolins has achieved initial success in obtaining some fifty job offers which were sent here a few days ago. He promised us that these jobs are open only for the Rohwer residents, and guaranteed that all jobs had been inspected closely and approved by WRA officials. Additional opportunities may be expected later.

These jobs consist of domestic offers and fruit, vegetable, and poultry farm work, and are open to anyone who is interested in resettling in the east. Even those who have received the notice of departure between November 5th and 9th, may also apply for these jobs. Some of these offers may be taken by two or more families together.

Anyone who wishes to get information concerning these jobs may see either Mr. Price at the Relocation office or Mr. Marita at the Community Council.

MINIDOKA CLOSING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The last resident left the Minidoka Center on Oct. 23, nine days ahead of the scheduled closing date of Nov. 1. All terminal departures were orderly and without incident. Minidoka had 2,258 residents remaining on Sept. 13, when scheduled departures began.

LARGE HOSTEL OPENS IN NEW YORK

An additional Hostel accommodating 60 persons will be opened in New York City on October 29, under the auspices of the Unitarian Service Committee.

WRA LEAVES TULE FEB. 1, 1946.

In line with the liquidation schedule of the WRA Relocation Authority, plans have now been completed for an intensive relocation program at the Tule Lake Center. This program and all other WRA services to evacuees at Tule will be terminated on or before Feb. 1, 1946.

All residents of the Center who are not on the Department of Justice detention lists are eligible for relocation assistance. Those who wish to relocate with WRA assistance will formulate their plans by Dec. 15th at the latest. Persons on the detention lists will remain in the custody of the Department of Justice pending final decision regarding deportation or continued internment. Questions regarding the future status of the detainees--or of family members who may wish to remain with them--should be addressed to the War Relocation Authority, Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.