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MANY RESIDENTS TURN EAST

A special car has been requested for a large group that plans to leave here for relocation in the East on November 14. They have accepted job offers in New Jersey, N.Y., and Pennsylvania, that were made available as the result of Mr. H. Narita's exploration trip in that section a month or two ago. More than 60 exceptionally good employment offers have been sent to Mr. Narita recently and detailed information concerning them can be obtained from him. They are mostly in fruit farming, domestic and caretaker work, and in straight vegetable growing. Housing is provided in practically all cases. These offers have been reserved exclusively for Rohwer people.

If the interest in relocation in the East continues to increase as it has in the past week or two, it will be necessary to obtain another special coach for that section the latter part of November.

Mr. C. B. Price, Relocation Program Officer, pointed out that the coach of November 14, was not restricted to Mr. Narita's group but would also be available to other Eastern resettlers as long as there was sufficient room. Mr. Price also announced that another train had been requested for departure for the West Coast on November 16.

SPECIAL REQUEST ON FREIGHT CRATING

Mr. Elmer Owens, Evacuee Property Officer, has especially requested that all those leaving on the special train November 9, have their freight crated as soon as possible. Mr. Owen said that if this were done the freight crew would be certain to pick up the property before the owners left the center and it could be shipped immediately. Assistant Project Director, Rains, joined in Mr. Owen's request and pointed out that advanced crating was more important than before because of the fact that the freight loading crew is now smaller than it has ever been.

MONUMENT TO BE DEDICATED SUNDAY

A monument in memory of 30 Nisei soldiers from this center who were killed in action in Italy, France, and Germany, will be dedicated next Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. at the center cemetery. Its construction was sponsored by the center USO and funds were provided by this organization and by center residents. It is composed of a shaft 12 ft. high and 4 ft. wide resting on a 9 by 12 foot reproduction of a light tank.

The whole thing is made of concrete and weighs 13 tons. It was designed and constructed by Mr. Kohcigi Horiasawa with the assistance of Mr. Harry Fujioka. One side of the shaft bears the names of the men honored and the other is an American flag and the following inscription by Mr. F. B. Moulton, Assistant Project Director: "In memory of our sons who sacrificed their lives in the service of their country. They fought for freedom. They died that the world might have peace."

NEWS OF ROHWER RELOCATEES

Washington, D. C. - Mr. and Mrs. Chimata Sumida and their daughter Marjorie, who came to Washington, D. C., in August from Rohwer, are now residing in a ten-room house at 2951 McKenley Street, N. W., Chevy Chase, Maryland, which Mr. Sumida purchased about a month ago. The Sumidas are well pleased with the neighborhood, and Marjorie is attending nearby Wilson Junior High School. Mr. and Mrs. Sumida's three married daughters and their families will join them soon and all will live in his house at Chevy Chase. Two of the daughters are now residing in Dayton, Ohio and the third daughter is living in Denver.

Detroit, Mich. - Mrs. Izuno Amano, Rohwer and Fresno, who arrived in Detroit this week, is residing at 309 Bueno Vista, Highland Park 3, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. Manuemon Fujita and Hiroshi arrived in Detroit to join son and uncle, Robert, at 17377 Sherwood, Detroit 12. The Fujita's are also from Rohwer and Seattle.

South Wales, N. Y. - Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Koyama, formerly of Rohwer and Los Angeles, are employed at Gow School, a private boy's school in South Wales, N. Y., as cook and assistant.

Rochester, N. Y. - Mr. George Seno, well known for his voice in Los Angeles before evacuation, is relocated in Rochester, N. Y. He is rehearsing Handel's "Messiah" which is to be presented for Christmas at the Lastman Theater. George is living with wife, Mrs. Kay Kiyoko Seno, formerly of Rohwer and Pasadena, at 276 Rawlinson Road, Rochester, N. Y.

St. Louis, Missouri - Mrs. June Kaneko Nagata who relocated to St. Louis on August 3, with her young daughter, Miko, has accepted a position as beauty operator at the Louis Beauty Shop, 2322 South Grand Avenue. Her husband, Carl, of Jerome and Fresno came to St. Louis in September, 1943, and is employed as pharmacist at the Firmin Desloge Hospital. They are residing in a furnished apartment at 3555 Caroline Street.

Kansas City, Mo. - Mr. Tomiki Noda, 63rd and Wenonga Road, Kansas City, Missouri, Issei relocatee from Jerome since July, 1943, was surprised to meet Mr. Koichi Merikitani at the Issei meeting held at the Hostel on October 18. Mr. Merikitani, a new Issei arrival from Rohwer, and Mr. Noda had not seen each other in 30 years and did not know the other was in the city until this meeting. Mr. Noda was a resident of Hanford, California, prior to evacuation and Mr. Merikitani lived in Stockton, California.

St. Louis, Mo. - Rohwerites are taking a prominent part in Nisei affairs in St. Louis. Fred Oshima, former sports editor of the Outpost, is editor of The Nisei Newsletter, a monthly publication of the Nisei Coordinating Council and is serving on two important Council Committees. Stewart Nakano is serving on the Invitation and Reservation Committee; and Wille Kagawa is a member of the Printing and Finance Committee of the Council.

NISEI HONORED BY WISCONSIN SCHOOLMATES

Miss Theresa Honda, of Yakima, Washington and Heart Mountain was elected as vice-president for United States Student Assembly of the University of Wisconsin. This organization works on behalf of minority groups and studies problems of discrimination in medical schools, international relations, and social life. Elected to the office of Treasurer for the Student Council of West Division High School, Milwaukee, was Donald Suzukawa, a sophomore, formerly of San Francisco and Central Utah. "Suzie" as he is known, is also manager of the football squad.

ISSEI MEET IN KANSAS CITY

Kansas City, Mo.- The first get-acquainted meeting of Issei resettlers to Kansas City, Missouri held on Thursday, October 18, 1945, at the Kansas City Hostel was a success with 40 Issei present. The group was addressed by Dr. George Nagamoto, Issei director of the Kansas City Hostel at 2411 Independence Boulevard, who had just returned from a visit to Los Angeles. Plans were made to hold a similar get-together within a few weeks.

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PERMITS NOW ISSUED

Los Angeles, Calif. - Dr. Kenzo Sugino, Issei, now has his sales tax permit to engage in the optometry business in Los Angeles, and 15 other Board of Equalization permits that had been held up, have now been issued.

Furthermore, the Board agreed in writing at the court hearing October 15, to hereafter grant permits without any delay. This is the result of petition for writ of mandate filed by the American Civil Liberties Union and the Catholic Interracial Council, both of Los Angeles, on behalf of Dr. Sugino.

The A.C.L.U. and the Catholic Interracial Council are actively championing the cause of returnees on several other fronts as well. It is interesting to note that the court action was taken by Attorney Marshall entirely without fee.

CHICAGO HOTEL EMPLOYS MANY ISSEI

Chicago, Ill.- Asakichi Shinmoto, Gila River and Gardena, Calif; Yasutaro Sayegusa, Topaz and San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Imayo Suzuki, Minidoka and Portland, Oregon; and Hideichi Kuhara, Heart Mountain and Los Angeles, Calif., are among Issei who recently arrived in Chicago and became new employees at the Stevens Hotel. Mr. Frank Fukuda, who is in the Employment Department of the hotel, reported that at present there are a total of approximately 250 Issei and Nisei employed in various departments of the Stevens.

OWNER OF NEW JERSEY GREENHOUSE PRAISES EVACUEE WORKERS

Newark, N. J.- A letter praising resettlers employed at the large Anton Joas Greenhouses in Murray Hill, N. J., has been received from Mr. Joas, the owner, by the WRA office in Newark, N. J.. The workers to whom Mr. Joas refers are Mr. and Mrs. Shigetaro Fujimoto of Rohwer, and Mr. and Mrs. George Yonekura of Central Utah.

SEVEN FAMILIES TO SETTLE IN SOUTHWEST MISSOURI

The Project Relocation Officer, announced yesterday that seven families from this center had signed contracts with Mr. Godfrey White of Osceola, Arkansas, to grow vegetables on muck land in Southeast Missouri just across the Arkansas line! Mr. White has already started building houses for these families and could use 3 or 4 more if they are available. Those interested in this proposition should see Mr. Y. Suzuki, 38-4-A&B.

HOUSING AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK

New York City, N. Y. - Despite the housing shortage in New York City, William Fishkin, WRA Relocation Officer for housing in the New York City District Office, during two days of field work recently located 25 unfurnished steamheated apartments at rentals ranging from \$20 to \$25 per month for units of 3 to 5 rooms. All these apartments are located in Manhattan and The Bronx, mostly in the older walkup apartment buildings. Some are near parks, schools, playgrounds, and good shopping areas.

Other parts of the city are now being canvassed by the District Office, and the cooperation of real estate owners and managers is being secured. It is expected that more apartments will be available to resettlers in the near future.

RELOCATION BOOM AT TULE

Resettlers have besieged Tule Lake Center's Relocation offices the first two weeks of October with indications that terminal departures may reach a figure for October equal to, or greater than, that for all of the first nine months of the year.

During the first ten days the Relocation offices were open in October, 466 persons were scheduled for resettlement in various parts of the United States.

ADDRESSES OF FORMER JEROME RESIDENTS SOUGHT

Mr. Earl M. Finch, well known friend of Nisei soldiers, wishes to learn the present addresses of several evacuee families in order to send them testimonials in memory of relatives killed in action. The following are the names with the last addresses given:

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| Miss Fumiko Shimatsu 20-3-F Denson, Arkansas | Mrs. Kiyo Nakamura 15-10-D Denson, Arkansas |
| Mrs. Sumiko Kikuchi 14-11-C Denson, Arkansas | Mr. Walter Okoda 41-11-C Denson, Arkansas |

Any one knowing present address of any of these persons is requested to send the information to Mr. Finch at Hattiesburg, Miss.

JAPANESE EDITOR JOINS NEW YORK NEWS AGENCY

New York, N.Y. - Mr. Hideo Kitayama, former Japanese section editor of the Hinidoka Irrigator, is now in New York City working with the Japanese-American News Corporation at 11 West 18th Street