

## Christian Science Monitor: BIG PROBLEMS CONFRONT NISEI IN RELOCATION

Latest Assistance Found by Grapevine Route  
of Friendliness — Housing Major Problem

Pacific Northwest  
Relocation of Japanese Americans on the West Coast is a complicated process. By comparison, their evacuation 3 years ago, was simple.

It is largely by the grapevine route that Japanese individuals and families are finding placement. A young stenographer, for instance, turned to her native city and friends help her find lodgings in an over-crowded apartment in an office friendly to young Americans of Japanese ancestry. Meanwhile, she has been searching for the two things essential to the return of her parents, housing and employment, which may take months to find. It will involve 60,000 persons in Relocation Centers who must be out by the end of the year, according to the WRA.

### Many Difficulties

There are several difficulties. Those remaining in the Centers are older persons who in general are physically handicapped and the thousands of more employable Nisei who have already found places throughout the nation. Some of them have become accustomed to depending upon the Government for support and are reluctant to begin over again on their own. In many cases they are now quite penniless.

The theory which prevailed a few months ago, that evacuees should not return until assured of permanent employment, is being discarded.

But the question is, where to house them when even wanted workers have difficulty in finding a place to live? To meet the need, one proposal is that temporary houses be provided where people can live in groups, as they did in the centers.

### Need To Pioneer

Those who are returning, come with the knowledge that there will be pioneering to do, more rigorous than their first-generation parents ever experienced. Wall-to-wall San Francisco citizens say the other day, "A sheriff would have to be unconscious not to know the back-room resorts where this element gathers."

Of course, law enforcement agencies detect and arrest these hoodlums if they care to; they can also uncover the "highers-ups" who are "egging" them on. Federal agencies should move in on this deplorable situation.

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## The Open Forum: Let the Federal Government Move in on Them!

Attacks on evacuees of Japanese ancestry returning from the WRA centers to this state have been increased to 20% by the War Relocation Authority.

The master has gone beyond the point of triviality; it has become a case of serious breaking of law and order in California. Although no one has been killed or seriously hurt in these attacks, the statements which have been committed should be classified as mere "hoodlumism", as the press has been wont to characterize them. Secretary of the Interior Ickes evidently views the situation this way:

"It is a matter of national concern because this lawless minority, whose actions are condoned by the decent citizens who make up an overwhelming majority of West Coast residents, are determined to carry out their Nazi storm-trooper tactics against loyal Japanese Americans and law-abiding Japanese aliens in spite of the laws and Constitutional safeguards designed to protect the lives and property of all the people of this country."

To those working with the re-settlers the situation is often discouraging. Despite the fact that all those returning are approved by the FBI, there are still threats to break the law in their own hands, even to homes where there is a service star in the window.

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## Relocation Ups and Downs In Southern California

LOS ANGELES. — Evacuees and appointed personnel headed for Southern California, who want to make a hit with their host cities, are finding it difficult to find in 12, the site of the 600,000 evacuees.

This first contingent must be drastically cut down by vigorous law enforcement. To this end let the 20% who are favorable speak out more emphatically so that the authorities both state and federal will hear what they say and know that they mean to be daily if the state officials diligently longer.

In the judgment of Carey McWilliams, 20% of West Coast peoples are opposed to the evacuation return, 20% are indifferent, and 60% are in favor.

Some hostels have no linens, while others can offer only bleached muslin substitutes.

Not only are bed linens of different kinds hard to find in stores right now, but the abnormal demands on Southern California laundry facilities have made 10-day and 2-week delays for return of soiled linens the rule than the exception.

Hostels have asked that the urgent suggestion be passed along to all travelers.

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"Happy" Logan and his orchestra will furnish music for the evening.

Chiaki Osumi, formerly of Parlier, Calif.; Akiko Higake, of Alameda and Ruth Michiko Kondo of Brawley, are all students at this nationally-famous Frank Wiggins Trade School in the dressmaking class.

Two Nisei girls who recently completed the dressmaking and ladies' tailoring course are now working in dress shops in Los Angeles. We can find jobs for our students without any trouble," Mrs. Johnson, head of the clothing section at the school said.

Another Nisei graduate of Frank Wiggins, Minoru Nakamura, recently went to work as an automobile mechanic. (Minoru has an identical namesake)

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## Violence Decreed

(The following was taken from Letters From the People to the Editor of the Sacramento Bee):

Sir — A recent United Press news dispatch quotes Secretary of War Stimson as follows regarding violence and terrorism practiced against Japanese Americans returned to the West Coast. The undersigned concur completely with Mr. Ickes' denunciation of these shocking occurrences.

Whether the activity consists of threat of physical violence or economic discrimination, such as evidenced in Stockton, Calif., it follows the pattern of intolerance so well established by Nazis.

These kinds of vicious intolerance mocks the principles for which we fight. Aside from the dangerous precedent established, we regard these attacks upon a peculiarly helpless and isolated minority as a kind of cowardice which merits the most extreme contempt.

The remarks are intended not only for the perpetrators of these acts but also the instigators — whoever they may be — and authorities whose duty it is to protect democratic rights as well as to protect pickpockets.

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with celebration and a blessing on June 17, Francis O'Malley, Relocation Officer for the Kansas City District has announced:

"We were most fortunate in obtaining Dr. George Nagamoto, formerly of Los Angeles as director of the 'Hostel', Mr. O'Malley, Dr. Nagamoto is a prominent dentist at the Kansas City Dental College, where former graduate students of his are in charge of it. Dr. Nagamoto is seriously concerned with the relocation problems of Issei, being himself an Issei, and he wants to help those who choose to find homes for themselves in the Midwest to adjust successfully to their new life situations."

"People's hearts are much warmer to us Japanese Americans here in the Midwest than they ever were in California," Dr. Nagamoto has said. "And friends mean more than money to us, or should after what we have experienced."

Temporarily, Mrs. Nagamoto will serve as dietitian at the Hostel. A son, Kenneth, is a soldier in training at Fort Snelling.

  
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