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NEWS FROM PHILADELPHIA!

Almost a month has gone by since our new secretary came, and we haven't introduced her to you! She is Mariko Ozaki, who arrived from Hunt, Idaho, after eight months in Washington. She replaces Sachi Anraku, who was recalled to the capitol, as her two younger sisters were coming out from Rivers to take government jobs. We hated to have Sachi go, but we find that Mariko is an equally good secretary.

Mariko is living for the day when she will be able to bring her mother, her three brothers, and her two young sisters out to Philadelphia to join her. When we occasionally find her munching sandwiches for her lunch, we know that she is saving up for the time when they can all be reunited—or a trip back to the Center to see them. She expects to use all her days of vacation for the latter purpose before too long.

It was a proud day for us in the office when the Hunt paper of Sept. 25 carried on its front page a really magnificent poem by Mariko's 21-year-old brother Yukio. Her 19-year-old brother Mike is a recent volunteer in the service and now a P. F. C. at Camp Savage, Minnesota. The young sisters are 17 and 13, and her other brothers are 15 and 11.

We were delighted that we could make arrangements for Mariko to live in Stanfield House at 100 Lombard Street, a beautiful old red brick colonial home in Philadelphia. It is in the old part of the city, down near the Delaware River. With its wide floor boards, its chair rail, a fireplace in almost every room and much beautiful antique furniture, it is one of the rather few nice homes which might have been visited by George Washington or Benjamin Franklin.

Stanfield House was endowed by some wealthy man, and it is a residence for social workers (and a few others who are lucky enough to get in) with an adjoining playground for children. Mariko and Koko Yemoto, who also lives there, contribute to the project by giving a few hours service a week to the activities of the place. Here, for a modest sum, they live, each in a separate room with a fireplace, and sharing a bath between them. In the morning they "raid the icebox" for their breakfast, but when they return home in the evening, they find a well cooked and attractively served meal waiting for them and the other girls who live there, and they dine in real elegance in this dignified old home. We wish we had Stanfield Houses for all of our girls.

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A group of us were talking the other day about the need of hostels versus boarding houses and hotels for you who come out of the centers. One in the group was Kay Yamashita, whom we mentioned in our letter of October 5. Kay is with the Student Relocation Council, coming here by way of Heart Mountain.

"What kind of a home do you people want to find, Kay?" Someone asked her.

Kay looked at Miss Marian Lantz, Director of the International Institute, who was with us. "We want to find just the kind of a home that the International Institute made for me," she said. Kay has a small apartment there. "Just a little place," she went on, "of our own, with a kitchen where we can do our own cooking and get the things we particularly like."

We went on to pump her. "What else, Kay?" "Well," she replied, "a restful and attractive living room."

"I know what you mean," one of the women put in, "you want just what the soldiers want when they come out on furlough--to feel thick carpets under your feet, and everything so attractive that you quite forget what camp looked like."

Kay nodded reflectively. "I should say it would be just perfect if you could work in the city and at night get out to the suburbs where it's so beautiful and quiet."

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This is one of the times in the year when you'd be very much aware of the beauty of the East, for we are right in the midst of our fall, and the leaves at the moment look as though an artist had dabbed one tree scarlet, one tree bright yellow, but he hadn't yet had the time to change some of the green ones. Fall in Pennsylvania is something to behold. Come and see for yourself.

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Now and then those of us who haven't had the opportunity to get out to the centers find a bit of your life coming here to meet us. Like the letter which came to Sachi. She asked us, "This must have been written in an awful storm!" Then she put her hand in the envelope again and drew out a small, much folded paper. On the outside was a message from her sisters: "Just thought you'd like to see some of our Gila dust again."

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In our kitchen right now are a few dried apricots, relics of breakfasts at Amache. They were brought out by one girl who came this way, and she offered us what she had left.

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And in our refrigerator are the remains of Saturday night's Sukiyaki dinner. We had a special celebration because Mr. Charles Izumi is being employed part time by an excellent public school system at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Izumi dipped into her provisions and brought out the last of her "long rice." We'd never seen it before. It reminded us of trimmings for the Christmas tree. And Mr. Kikushima sent us a bottle of soya sauce. All together, though we cooked a lot, you can imagine that there wasn't much left.

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Over at the American Friends Service Committee we noticed a booklet with light green paper covers. On the cover was nicely printed--We Live in Topaz. Looking inside, we found that it was a collection of drawings made by the children in the Center and sent last winter to the Friends Meeting at Plainfield, New Jersey. We had a better idea of a center than ever before, better even than from the good WRA photographs when we saw it interpreted by the children. The pigs of Topaz were a particularly unusual group of animals. "Did you notice," someone added, "that in almost every picture there was a nice, fat, jolly yellow sun with its rays stretching out in all directions?"

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A new arrival in Philadelphia is Pat Mafune, 21 years old, who is staying at present in the apartment of her friends, Shizu and June Yoshino. She wanted to be a clerk in an office, and perhaps she'd take shorthand and brush up on her typing at night school. We found out that she had been the president of the student council in a high school with 700 pupils. This was a good advance piece of publicity for us to give prospective employers, as we phoned to make appointments for her.

Pat made four calls in a day: the first to a plant with war contracts, the second to a hospital, the third to a large publishing house, and the fourth to a social service agency. And Pat came in radiant. All four had made her offers, not only because of what we'd told them, but most of all because of her personality. Which should it be? The war plant or the hospital? The war plant paid more than the hospital, but at the hospital she would have all her meals included. She finally chose the hospital. "I always kind of wanted to be a nurse," she said, "but it was hard to decide." Good luck to you, Pat!

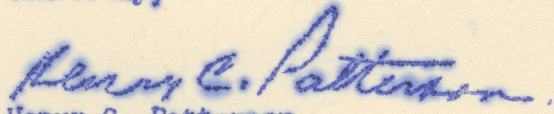
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In closing, a word about the Yoshino sisters. Before Shizu, the older one, arrived, June, the younger one, had been hired by the Student Relocation Council. Shizu, with splendid records for her efficiency as a bookkeeper, office worker, etc., did a good job for us making calls at new places. She was a little discouraged when offers seemed low for her ability and she wasn't taken during her first few days. However, soon she was working in a wholesale produce house. The two sisters have a nice small furnished apartment which they found for themselves.

Recently one of the men whom Shizu interviewed that first trying week phoned the WRA office. "I want to ask about that Miss Yoshino who came to see me. Is she employed yet?" "Goodness, yes," we told him, "she's working with a produce house." "Well," he said, reluctantly, "whoever got her certainly did well for himself. I don't know when I've ever been so impressed by any young lady I interviewed as I was with her."

We feel pretty happy about the way people in Philadelphia are accepting you.

Sincerely,



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Relocation Officer

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Mrs. Joseph Scattergood, Jr., 333 North Franklin Street, West Chester, Pa. Experienced Cook-housekeeper.

Mrs. Scattergood is an attractive young woman in her middle thirties. She married quite a successful doctor in a small town about 25 miles from Philadelphia. They were terribly distressed when they had no children of their own and adopted two children, a little girl and a little boy, who, when Mrs. Patterson last saw them, looked like picture-book youngsters. They live in an old brick house which they have fixed up in a most charming way. Mrs. Scattergood wants to find a responsible person who can do the cooking and housekeeping. If she can get one who is particularly competent, she will pay up to \$25. However, if there is someone especially nice who hasn't had so much experience but is willing to learn, she will try to teach her. In addition to the Scattergood family, West Chester is one of the nicest places we know of. There are some other Japanese Americans living nearby, and Mrs. Scattergood thinks that if someone is interested in coming to live with her, she can find places nearby with her friends.

Mr. James C. Butt, P. O. Box 302, Narberth, Pa. Two couples for general housework.

Mr. Butt is a trust officer of the Girard Trust Company in Philadelphia, and his home is in a nearby suburb. He asks for a couple to work in his home, and another couple to work for a neighbor. Each home has about seven rooms. There are two adult children in each family, but it is seldom that they are home. The two wives would be expected to do the cooking and upstairs work, but no laundry. Their husbands would wait on table, clean the downstairs, cut the grass, etc. One husband would need to know how to drive a car. He would suggest correspondence with anyone interested. Please give experience and ages: Offers \$125 or \$130 a month to an experienced couple, or to beginners something less.

H. J. Fleischhauer's Sons, Printers, 68 North 4th St., Philadelphia, Pa. c/o Mr. Walter Fleischhauer, 3 boys for press feeding.

Mr. Fleischhauer has very elegant stationery with a gold border all around and the announcement that he does Gold Leaf Embossing. It also mentions "hat tips, designing, cigar labels, job printing, engraving, and embossing." Because of the shortage of labor he needs experienced job press feeders, but according to all accounts an experienced man would make only 50¢ an hour, while a beginner would start in at 30¢, then go to 40¢ the next month, and finally to the top. Sounds pretty poor to us, but thought we would tell you about it.

Dr. Dorothy Wood, 2035 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Houseman.

Dr. Wood is a physician, past middle age, we judge, who is working in the Public Health here in Philadelphia. Her husband is a retired doctor, and there are two other adult members of her household. They live in a four-story Philadelphia house in a good section of the city, and they want a man to do the general work of the house, the cooking, serving, and ordinary cleaning. He will have no laundry to do or no heater to take care of. They offer \$80 the first month, \$90 the second month, and \$100 thereafter, with meals, room, and private bath. If he can drive, so much the better. Willing to take an older man.

Mrs. Richard Prewett, 126 Lansdowne Court, Lansdowne, Pa. Houseworker.

Mrs. Prewett is a very charming young woman from Kentucky, with nice manners and a beautiful manner of speech. She and her husband have a four-bedroom home in a nice section of a suburb close of Philadelphia. They have three children, the youngest not yet two. She would like someone to live there with them and do the work. She will keep a girl a day a week to do the laundry and part of the cleaning. She can pay \$15 a week. We like her.

Mrs. J. Robert James, Wallingford, Pa. General houseworker who can cook.

Mr. and Mrs. James are very concerned Friends who have a beautiful and good-sized stone house

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with large picture windows in the dining room and living room. They have four children, three well along in school, and the fourth one about nursery school age. Mrs. James was a trained nurse before she was married, and she is very active in the work of the Race Relations Committee of the Society of Friends. This summer she met a young Nisei and gave her employment in her home. The girl was not experienced, but they all liked her and she learned to be helpful. Now she has left them to go into nurse's training, according to her plans. Mrs. James has no one with her now except women who come in to give her day's assistance. She would like a full-time girl who can cook or who can learn. She will start her at \$65 a month and be quite willing to pay more if the girl is able, or learns to be so. She might also consider someone who wants to go to school in the city later, but would like to work full time for her now, saving money, and after school begins, continue to live there helping night, morning, and over weekends. (Another interesting sidelight about Mrs. James is that she was the President of the Board of a Friends School. A colored doctor and his wife, both of them college graduates, were not pleased with the nearby public school and wanted to put their son in the Friends School. Mrs. James and the committee felt that he should be admitted, and stood by their decision though at a great loss in pupils to the school).

Mr. H. B. Teegarden, Moylan, Pa. Good opening for a family with full-time employment for wife only. Wife to do housework and cooking, with assistance from other member of family.

Mr. Teegarden is the principal attorney with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, which was moved from Washington to Philadelphia. He has taken a good-sized house in Moylan, thirteen miles from the city, where he keeps bachelor quarters with a group of four to eight men who also work at the Philadelphia office. Mr. Teegarden is managing this whole enterprise, and he thinks the best thing for them to do is find a family, perhaps husband, wife, and older children, though the wife will be the only one employed to look after the place. The services of her husband would not be needed, so this is an excellent opportunity for him to make his home there and go off to work each day. The wife would be expected to do the general housework but no cooking at the present time except a simple breakfast for the men in the morning. She would, of course, clean and straighten their rooms. For this she will be paid \$75 a month and the full use of the third floor for her family. On the third floor there is a large bedroom, two smaller ones, and a bath. She could make extra money if it works out later that she would like to cook dinner for the men. We think she may be expected to do some of the laundry for the men, but a washing machine is provided. If there are a couple of boys of high school age in the family, Mr. Teegarden will be glad to compensate them for doing chores outside, such as mowing grass.

Miss Blanche M. Nicola, Executive Director, St. Martha's Settlement House, 2029 South Eighth Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Housekeeper, but no cooking.

St. Martha's is in an interracial neighborhood, and both colored and white girls come to the settlement and are on their staff. They are very anxious to have two Japanese girls on their staff. This offer is for a head housekeeper. They have an excellent cook, but they need someone to be responsible for planning their meals and doing the buying of food and general supplies. This will pay \$70 a month with full maintenance.

St. Martha's Settlement House, 2029 South Eighth St., Philadelphia, Pa. Piano teacher.

The Settlement also wants a part-time music teacher. It will require someone who can teach elementary piano pupils and direct chorus groups. The hours required will be from 3:30 to 5:30 Mondays through Fridays and 7:00 to 9:00 on three evenings a week. They will pay her \$55 a month with full maintenance. This will allow this girl to take another kind of a job, if she wishes, from 9:00 until early afternoon. This sounds interesting to us.

Mr. E. B. Rickard, c/o Securities Exchange Commission, 18th and Locust Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. Competent housekeeper fond of children.

Mr. Rickard, who lives in an attractive house in a residential neighborhood, is another of these men in a Government office who writes us that his wife is in need of a complete rest

and must be relieved of all household duties for a year or two. They have three well behaved children whom he has sent temporarily to some relatives in the Middle West, giving him time to reorganize his household and find someone who can manage the house and the family. As soon as possible, he wants to bring the children home. The oldest child is a little girl who has just entered first grade, the second is three years old, and the little boy is two. Mr. Rickard says it is essential that whoever comes to them should like the children. In the morning she would take charge of the two youngest ones so that Mrs. Rickard can sleep. They do not require constant supervision, and when Mrs. Rickard is up, she is able to be with them and take care of them, but she cannot do the heavier housework. They have a woman come in one day a week to clean and they send their laundry out. The housekeeper would cook and serve meals, wash the dishes, keep the house straightened, and look after the children in the mornings. Pay for a competent woman, \$20 a week.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Wesley Masland, 1219 - 68th Ave., Oak Lane, Phila., Pa. Couple.

Mr. & Mrs. Masland are about 65 years old. They have a son who teaches at Stanford University and has a number of friends among the Japanese Americans. The Maslands live alone in a good-sized house with a little ground around it. Mrs. Masland is the treasurer of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. She spends a great part of her time at the office, so she wants someone at home who can answer the telephone and take messages and do the housework, cooking, etc. If it were spring time she would expect a man to be spending part of his time on the outside work or driving the car. Now as winter approaches, there would be little for him to do but help his wife in the house. Mrs. Masland frequently has to go away from home on trips for the Missionary Society, so she wants to know that her husband will be well taken care of in her absence. She would prefer to have Christians. She offers \$125 a month.

Mr. James T. Haviland, N. Wayne Ave. and Eagle Road, Wayne, Pa. A couple or a girl for general housework.

Mr. Haviland is a prominent somebody whose name often appears in the papers. He and his wife have a 15-year-old daughter, and the three of them are the only ones at home. They live three blocks from the station in Wayne, which is 15 miles from the city. Wayne is a pleasant high-type community with its own moving picture theatre. They would expect the wife to do the cooking while her husband served the meals, and they would be responsible for the cleaning. If the wife will do the washing and ironing, they will pay \$150 a month, but if they do not wish to do this and so an extra woman must come in, the pay will be \$125 a month. The husband should be prepared to drive their cars on occasion. If no couple are interested in this job, they will consider a woman to do the work, and they will pay her \$15 to \$20 a week, depending on her ability, and then they would have someone come in to do the laundry and upstairs cleaning. They will also consider two girls who want to work together. Should be good and not too hard. The Pattersons know Mrs. Haviland.

Dr. R. W. Baeseman, Suite 508, Jersey City Bldg., Asbury Park, N. J. A couple or a woman.

Dr. Baeseman has a brand new home which he occupies with his sister. A good part of the time the doctor is there alone. The work will be the general variety, cooking, serving, cleaning, and doing the small laundry which they will have. No one is home for lunch. They do very little entertaining and the cooking would be the minimum. The couple will live in quarters over the garage, with their private bath. It is well heated. Dr. Baeseman writes--"Truthfully, it will be an easy position. The salary would be of the rate around this part of the country." This should mean \$125 to \$150. Sounds good. Asbury Park is quite a seashore resort.

Eagleville Sanitarium, Norristown, Pa. Please communicate with the Director, Dr. A. J. Cohen, 1830 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. Nurses and various employees for sanitarium.

This is a tuberculosis sanitarium not too far outside of Philadelphia, and three miles from Norristown. They are, of course, in need of workers and are offering very good wages. The

graduate nurses get \$150 a month and full maintenance. Even nurses' aides get \$90 or so. We asked Dr. Cohen whether there was any danger of the nurses contracting the disease, but he says they learn how to protect themselves. This must be true, for there are tuberculosis sanitariums in all parts of the country, but the pay here is better than we have found anywhere else. In addition he needs all kinds of people, many for domestic jobs, some to work in the kitchens and a couple to handle the chickens and do the outside work. (At the present time one of our young men is a patient there, more for a rest cure and prevention. We're catching him just in time).

Dr. A. J. Cohen, 1830 Ritterhouse Square, Philadelphia, Pa. Houseman.

The day that Dr. Cohen came in to talk to us about opportunities in his sanitarium, he went on to air his views on the subject of WOMEN. And we gather that he doesn't think much of them. "Take my mother," he said, "she did all her own work, raised eleven of us and sometimes when we were sick, she didn't take her clothes off for weeks! She died at 75, five minutes after eating a hearty meal. She was as sound as a nut!" Then he continued with a recital about the number of rich widows today, who kill their husbands making money for them, and then turn around and marry some other guy. Somewhere in the conversation he mentioned that Mrs. Cohen always had her breakfast in bed, went out for a bit and worn out at the end of the day. After all this, and telling us about the two girls he now has, he said he'd be awfully glad to have a houseman instead. The actual work runs from Monday morning to Friday afternoon, for the Cohens go out to Eagleville every weekend to oversee it, returning Monday morning. This sounds like a cinch of a job to us, to cook, serve and clean for two people, with both of them frequently out at lunch time. The pay is \$30 a week and full maintenance. A good man could get an additional job for Saturdays and Sundays in one of the city restaurants if he liked.

Mr. Melvin Sutley, Wills Hospital, 16th & Spring Garden Sts., Phila., Pa. General housework.

Mr. Sutley is the superintendent of the Wills Eye Hospital which is located in a beautiful new big red brick building. He and his wife have an apartment on the top floor, just the two of them in the family. They send their laundry out. Mrs. Sutley has a job, so she depends on a good housekeeper to run everything at home efficiently for her. Their present girl has been working from 7:30 to 4:00, but they would prefer to have someone come in later and stay thru dinner. They would like to have someone who lives out of the building. They offer between \$18 and \$20 a week, depending on ability. Mr. Sutley tells us that he lived in Japan for six years. For three of them he was teaching in a school and the other three he was the superintendent of the St. Luke's International Hospital.

Mrs. Henry Tumen, 6500 Wissahickon Avenue, Germantown, Pa. Housework.

Mrs. Tumen, who grew up in Salt Lake City, is very anxious to have a Nisei come to work in her eight-room apartment, which she admits is as big as a house. Her husband is a doctor and she has a 12-year-old daughter. At present her mother from Salt Lake is visiting her, but the usual family is only three. She would like an experienced girl and will pay \$16, though she will add to it if the girl can do the laundry and so dispense with her present laundress. The Germantown YWCA will help to provide an adequate social life for the girl who comes to live with her. She seems very nice.

Stetson Hospital, 1745 N. 4th Street, Phila., Pa. Miss Merrick, Director of Nurses.

This hospital does all kinds of general work, especially maternity cases and pediatrics. They do not have a nursing school, but they give a special one-year course for attendants. These attendants do not have to be high school graduates, though, of course, they are glad for them to have as much education beforehand as possible. After this one-year course, which includes 125 hours of class work, and then the rest of the time on practical duty, those who are 20 years of age or older may take a State examination and be licensed. Miss Merrick feels that this is better training than a practical nurse's course. The hospital relies on these attendants for much of the nurses' care. This course is open for both girls and men. They have a beautiful nurses' home where the girls could live, but the men would

have to live out. They have excellent food, but in addition to this maintenance there is no salary while this course is in progress. While taking this course the attendants have a considerable amount of time off, some of the holidays, etc. The instructress of the attendants is especially first rate. If any want to enter this course who have not finished high school, Miss Merrick will try to arrange for them to continue night course nearby. Openings for this course at once.

In addition to this the hospital can use some nurses' aides and they have a number of places for graduate nurses. Pay for them starts at \$90 a month and full maintenance, and perhaps more if they can take special responsibility. These nurses get a month of vacation a year with pay.

(We have wired for a Nisei doctor to come to this hospital as chief resident).

Request from Washington for good translators of Japanese. Write the Philadelphia office for information.

A young Government man has been in this office asking for men or women, preferably under fifty, who can interpret Japanese as it is spoken and translate it into good English. He says a great many Government jobs are opening. It concerns the war effort and deals with radio broadcast. The pay is good. It is not in this part of the country. Don't come here, but send us your names and addresses if you are interested, and we will forward them to Washington.

American Stomach Hospital, 1309 Wallace Street, Phila., Pa. c/o W. Wilson McNeary, Superintendent. Resident Physician.

This is a rather small hospital in Philadelphia where they seem to work on everything skin to the stomach. They are begging us for a doctor. We don't believe there is any great deal of pay in this, but whoever comes will certainly be appreciated. And it should be good training for a young doctor. Full maintenance and some pay--we don't have the particulars.

Final note: Harold Arase has just been in here to see us. He arrived in Philadelphia from Jerome a few weeks ago, and had two offers in a couple of days. He is working as a laboratory technician at the Northeastern Hospital. He reports--"This job is nice! Of course, I have to work, but the food is good. My bedroom is like a king's palace. Steam heated--and an inner-spring mattress. It suits me!"