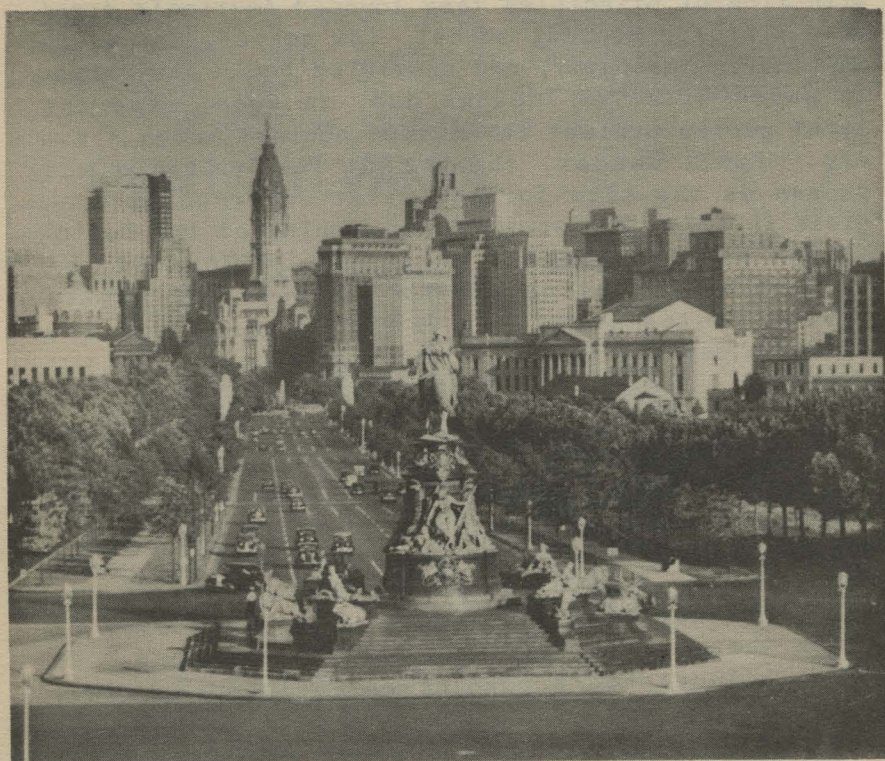


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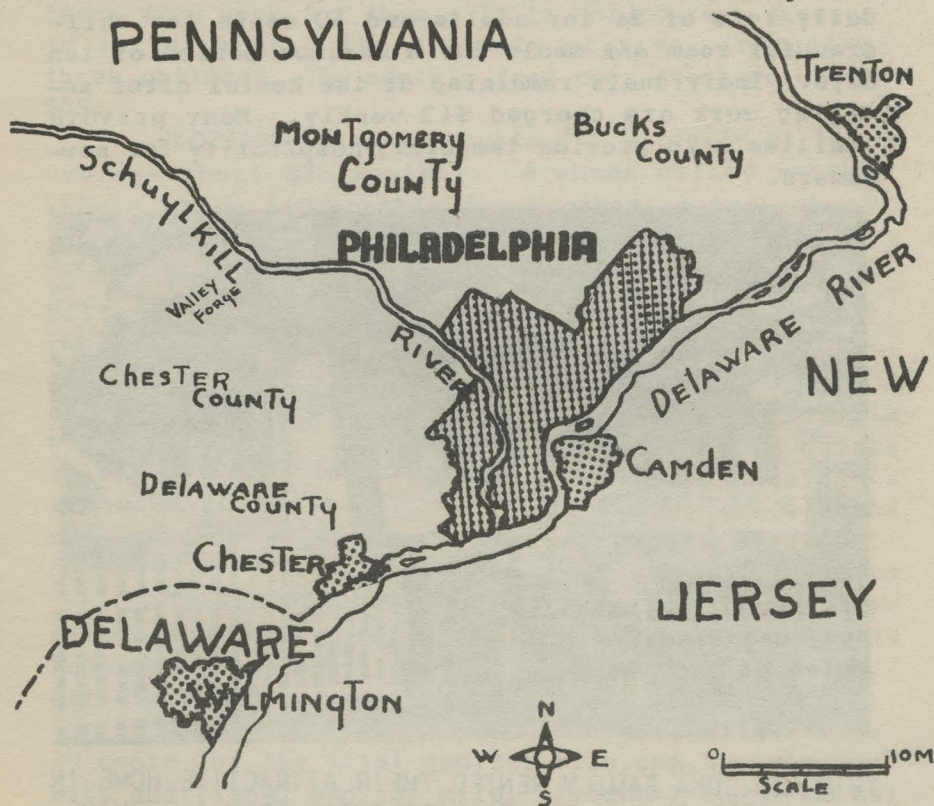
Philadelphia was founded in 1682 by William Penn and other members of the Society of Friends, and was given a scriptural name composed of two Greek words signifying "Brotherly Love." The English were soon joined by Swedes, Germans, and Welsh with like beliefs in political and religious freedom. With tolerance and with friendliness they built up the colony of Pennsylvania (Penn's Woods). With liberal principles they founded America's first free library, medical school, law school, art academy, daily newspaper, and chartered bank. They lived in peace with the Indians and, in 1688, made the first public protest in America against human slavery. Small wonder, then, that Philadelphia was chosen as the site for the first Continental Congress in 1774, the writing and signing of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, and the framing and adoption of the Constitution of the United States in 1787. The city, too, was the nation's capital from 1790 until 1800.

Many of the old buildings which witnessed the nation's birth still stand. But Philadelphia has not been content to dwell in the historic past, and today it is the country's third largest city. Its original two square miles have spread into 129 square miles. More than 2,000,000 people of all races and nationalities now live in this city of homes where trees, gardens, and parks abound. In 1940 Philadelphia's population included approximately 1,700,000 Caucasians, 250,000 Negroes, and small numbers of Indians, Chinese, Japanese, Filipinos, and Hindus. The Japanese population was estimated at 250, of whom more than half were Issei.

Philadelphia is 90 miles south of New York City and 140 miles north of Washington, D. C. Located 60 miles inland at the junction of the Delaware and Schuylkill Rivers, the Port of Philadelphia is

the country's second largest in total tonnage. Just across the Delaware River, spanned by a mighty bridge, lies the State of New Jersey. Twenty miles down the river--lined with shipyards, oil refineries, steel mills, and factories--is the State of Delaware. A few miles beyond Philadelphia's beautiful suburbs lies a rolling, wooded countryside where are located many thriving truck, fruit, dairy, and poultry farms.

The mean temperature is 54.4 degrees. The average year-round rainfall of 40.41 inches makes irrigation unnecessary. During January and February the temperature often drops to the vicinity of 32 degrees, but very rarely to the zero mark. The snowfall is light. In July and August, the wettest months, the average temperature is 77 degrees, with



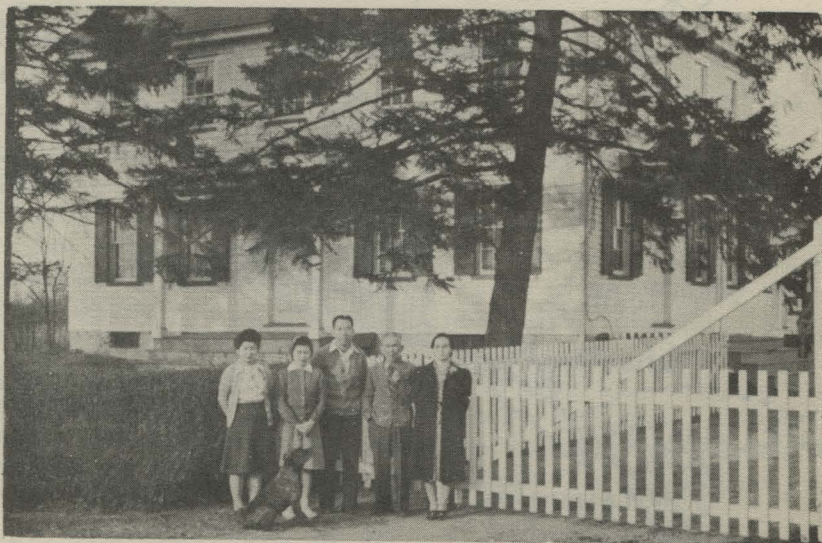
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occasional rises to the 90's. However, frequent rainfall and south winds cool the temperature at night.

Cost of Living

HOUSING—Although the influx of war and government workers has made housing in Philadelphia difficult to find, suitable housing at a fair price can usually be found with the help of local residents. All areas of the city are open to Japanese Americans. Houses for rent are scarce, but quite a few are for sale. Unfurnished apartments are more plentiful than furnished ones, but furnished rooms are comparatively easy to find both in the city and suburbs. Some defense housing is available for resettlers through the War Housing Authority.

A hostel provides temporary quarters at the daily rate of \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children for room and meals for a maximum period of ten days. Individuals remaining at the hostel after securing work are charged \$12 weekly. Many private families also provide temporary hospitality for newcomers.



THIS MINIDOKA FAMILY RENTED THEIR ATTRACTIVE HOME IN MOORESTOWN, N.J., NEAR PHILADELPHIA, FROM A SERVICE-MAN NOW OVERSEAS.

Average rents are as follows:

<u>Type of Accomodation</u>	FURNISHED		UNFURNISHED	
	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Supply</u>	<u>Price Range</u>
Temporary single	Plentiful	\$4-\$4.50 night		
Temporary family	Adequate	\$3 & up night		
Furnished room	Plentiful	\$3.50-5 wk.		
2 or 3 room apt.	Fair	\$35-\$80 mo.	Adequate	\$30-\$65 mo.
Single family house	Fair in suburbs	\$50-\$85 mo.	Fair in suburbs	\$45-\$75 mo.

FOOD--Philadelphia has numerous moderate-priced eating places, including one chain with 50 restaurants in various sections of the city where a noon-day meal costs from 35 to 50 cents. A person who eats all meals in restaurants should budget at least \$9 a week for them. It is, of course, cheaper to eat at home. For a family of five, including three children, the monthly food cost averages about \$65.

CLOTHING--Clothing costs for a family of five average about \$26 monthly. A woman office worker should allow \$40 monthly for clothes; a man, about \$9.50 monthly.

PUBLIC UTILITIES--Both gas and electricity bills in Philadelphia are very reasonable, seldom running higher than \$3 per month. The minimum price for a two-party telephone is \$2.50 plus tax, which allows 45 calls in the city a month. Without a priority, however, it is almost impossible to get a telephone now. In an apartment the water charge is included in the rent. Garbage disposal is a free city service.

TRANSPORTATION--An extensive transportation system of street cars, buses, and subways honeycombs Philadelphia and reaches out into the suburbs. Streetcar and subway fares are 8 cents each or two for 15 cents. Bus fares are 10 cents. Taxis charge 20 cents for the first quarter mile and 5 cents for each additional quarter mile. Frequent train service is provided by three railroads.

Educational Facilities

Philadelphia's excellent free public school system includes 183 elementary schools, 24 junior high schools, 16 senior high schools, and four vocational schools with a total of 352,000 students enrolled. Children of resettlers are admitted to the public schools without restriction. Kindergartens and day nurseries are conveniently located throughout the city, and many churches offer summer vacation schools to keep the younger children occupied. There are also public and private schools for the handicapped. Evening sessions are held by many of the high schools. The city also has more than 200 private and parochial schools.

With 51 liberal arts colleges and normal schools, the state of Pennsylvania leads the Union in the number of schools of higher learning. In the Philadelphia area are the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Drexel Institute, and the following colleges: Swarthmore, Haverford, Bryn Mawr, Beaver, Villa Nova, Rosemont, and Saint Joseph's.

Philadelphia is a great medical center. It has six medical schools—University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Jefferson Medical College, Woman's Medical College, Hahnemann Hospital, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathy—63 hospitals, 27 approved schools of nursing, and two dental schools. Allied professional training is also offered by the Pennsylvania Veterinary School, the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, the Philadelphia School of Occupational Therapy, and the Pennsylvania School of Social Work. Trade schools with both day and night courses offer training at reasonable rates in photography, navigation, refrigeration, watchmaking, welding, x-ray technology, cooking, dressmaking, and many other fields. There are also 44 beauty schools and 23 business schools.

Philadelphia has also, from its earliest days, been a great cultural center. The Academy of Fine Arts, the School of Industrial Art, the Museum Textile School, the Philadelphia School of Design, the Tyler School of Fine Arts, and the Curtis Institute of Music provide sound training to students.



THE CHILDREN OF TWO FAMILIES FROM GRANADA AND HEART MOUNTAIN ATTEND THIS NURSERY SCHOOL IN MEDIA, PA.

Philadelphia is proud of its many cultural foundations, and its famous museums cover the world's arts and sciences. These include the museum of the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphic Museum of Art, the Commercial Museum, the Franklin Institute, which with the Fels Planetarium occupies a new and mammoth building, and the Academy of Natural Sciences.

The new building of the Philadelphia Free Library has a capacity of 1,500,000 books and many specialized departments. There are 35 branch libraries in various parts of the city. Philadelphia has approximately 1,200 churches of numerous faiths and denominations.

Recreational Facilities

Philadelphia has one of the world's best symphony orchestras, once conducted by Leopold Stokowski and now led by Eugene Ormandy. With two opera companies of its own, the New York Metropolitan Opera Company on Tuesday nights, and the world's foremost musical stars performing upon the stage of the famous Academy of Music, it is not surprising



THE PHILADELPHIA HOSTEL IS THE SCENE OF THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIAL FOR RESETTLERS AND FRIENDS.



NOW EMPLOYED IN PHILADELPHIA, THIS BEAUTICIAN FROM GILA RIVER ATTENDED SANTA BARBARA BEAUTY COLLEGE PRIOR TO EVACUATION.

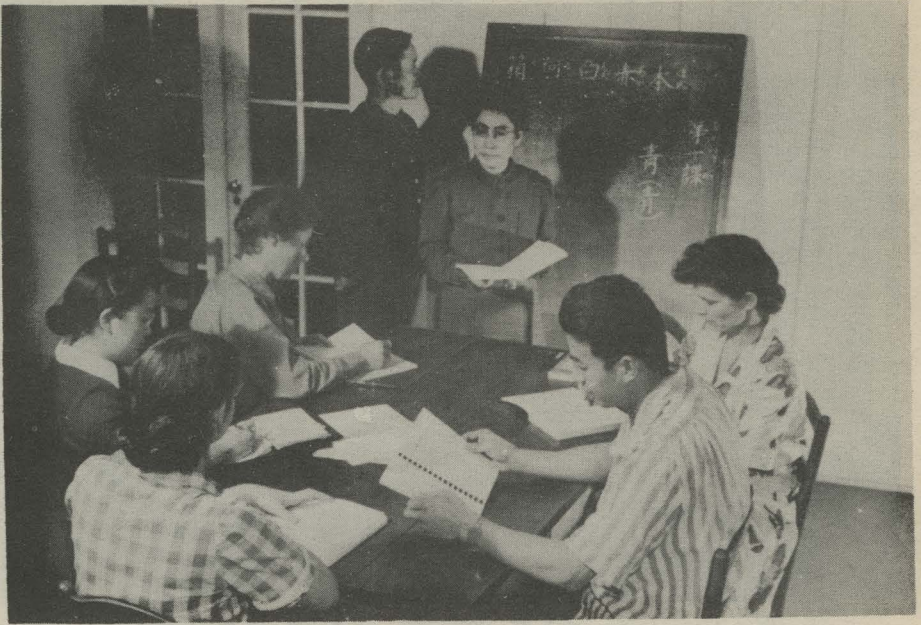


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THESE ISSEI FROM TULE LAKE MANAGE THE PRODUCE DEPARTMENT
IN A BUSY RETAIL MARKET IN PHILADELPHIA.



THESE MECHANICS FROM COLORADO RIVER AND JEROME GET
MANY "OFF DUTY" CABS LIKE THIS ONE ROLLING AGAIN
THROUGH THE STREETS OF PHILADELPHIA.



THIS ISSEI COUPLE FROM HEART MOUNTAIN ARE EMPLOYED AT A QUAKER GRADUATE SCHOOL NEAR PHILADELPHIA—THE WIFE AS A TEACHER OF JAPANESE, THE HUSBAND AS A MAINTENANCE MAN. THE STUDENTS INCLUDE EVACUEES FROM GILA RIVER AND COLORADO RIVER.

that Philadelphia has produced such artists as Marian Anderson, Nelson Eddy, and Jeannette MacDonald. In summer the Philadelphia Orchestra gives concerts out of doors in Robin Hood Dell at which many guest stars are presented. Philadelphia also has six theatres, which present the nation's best plays with their original New York casts, and numerous movie houses.

Fairmount Park is the largest in the country and covers 3,840 acres. Some 140 additional parks and playgrounds cover several thousand more acres, so that everyone is within walking distance of a public park or square.

The parks and playgrounds provide facilities for numerous sports such as tennis, ice skating, soccer, horseback riding, cycling, baseball, football, track, and swimming. There are 39 outdoor swimming pools.

There are two professional baseball teams, each with its own stadium--the American League's "Athletics," managed by Philadelphia's famous Connie Mack, and the National League's "Phillies."

The city is situated within easy access of numerous mountain and seashore resorts. Atlantic City, famous year-round seashore resort, can be reached in 90 minutes.

Industry and Employment

The 1940 census revealed that 485,086 men and 218,612 women were then employed in Philadelphia. With more than 4,500 separate manufacturing establishments, Philadelphia leads the nation in many manufacturing fields. Products manufactured include carpets and rugs, cotton goods, hosiery, clothing, radios and parts, electrical machinery, lubricating oils and greases, ball and roller bearings, transportation equipment, locomotive engines, and various food products. Large steel companies operate at full blast, and the textile mills employ many thousands of highly skilled weavers, knitters, and machine operators.

Across the Delaware River in Camden, N. J., (population 117,000) are located great plants where food products, radios, phonograph records, and other goods are manufactured. Down the river 20 miles, in Wilmington, Del., (population 188,000) are oil refineries, more shipyards, and the famous DuPont industrial plants.

BEAUTY OPERATORS--Opportunities in this field are sufficient, with salaries ranging from \$20 to \$35 (plus tips) per week depending on experience. Operators require licenses costing \$2.

DRY CLEANING AND LAUNDRY WORK--There are many offers for washmen, spotters, pressers, sorters, etc. Wages range from 60¢ an hour for inexperienced workers, and from 70¢ to \$1 an hour for experienced help. A 44- to 48- hour week prevails, with time and one-half for overtime.

FARM WORKERS--There is a critical labor shortage on the numerous truck, fruit, dairy, and poultry farms in this area. Offers are made on a

share-crop basis or on a salary basis with partial or full maintenance. Tenant houses or ample living quarters for families are part of the agreement, with milk, meat, and other farm products supplied. In the latter case, salaries are \$25 per week; and with full maintenance, \$50 to \$75 a month. Workers for the dairy farms are in greatest demand, with salaries from \$80 to \$90 per month and full maintenance. Many of the farm offers are on a yearly basis. Fruit and vegetable pickers average \$5 to \$7 a day.

GARDENERS AND NURSERYMEN--Employees in greenhouses and nurseries are paid at the rate of \$22 to \$35 a week; some jobs include full maintenance and additional provision for employment of wife. Gardeners on private estates receive from 50¢ to 75¢ an hour.

MECHANICAL TRADES--There are many opportunities for experienced mechanics with salaries ranging from \$35 to \$55 weekly. Printing and publishing plants also offer good positions.

MEDICAL FIELD--Doctors. Hospital resident jobs are on file at \$1 000 to \$1,800 a year with full maintenance for couples.

Graduate Nurses--Many hospitals offer from \$100 to \$115 a month plus full maintenance.

Undergraduate Nurses and U. S. Cadet Nurse Training Corps--Many of the hospitals in Philadelphia have accepted and will accept Nisei girls. There are 124 approved schools of nursing in Pennsylvania, and of the 29 in the Philadelphia area, 25 have Cadet Nurse programs.

Technicians--There are openings for laboratory, x-ray, and dental technicians with salaries ranging from \$25 to \$60 a week.

Other Hospital Help--Dietitians, orderlies, and aides are needed, with salaries from \$70 to \$100 per month plus partial or full maintenance.

OFFICE WORKERS--There are many excellent opportunities for all types of clerical workers. Depending on experience file clerks receive from \$18 to \$23 per week to start typists \$18 to \$25 bookkeepers \$18 to \$30, and accountants \$35 to \$45 for a



IN THE PHARMACY DEPARTMENT OF A PHILADELPHIA HOSPITAL THIS GIRL FROM JEROME AND HER FELLOW WORKER ARE BUSILY PREPARING CAPSULES.

5½ day week. Medical and legal secretaries are in demand. U. S. Civil Service positions are also available.

PROFESSIONAL FIELDS--Opportunities are opening up for engineers, architects, artists, and recreational and social workers at prevailing salaries.

SEAMSTRESSES AND HAND FINISHERS--This field of work offers good employment, ranging from piece work in factories to regular employment in exclusive

dress shops. Factory piece workers earn up to \$50 a week on power machines, while seamstresses in dress shops receive a starting salary of \$20 to \$25 a week.

SERVICE OCCUPATIONS--Both commercial and domestic help are in extreme demand in Philadelphia and vicinity.

Janitors and sextons receive from \$75 to \$100 a month with full maintenance; dishwashers from \$25 to \$27 a week with meals; and chefs and short-order cooks from \$30 to \$50 a week with meals.

Offers for domestic service are extremely numerous. All offers include full maintenance. Inexperienced girls to act as mothers' helpers receive \$15 a week; cooks, depending on experience, receive from \$18 to \$30 a week. Domestic couples receive from \$125 to \$200 per month in every combination of duties. Some of these employers will also accept maintenance of children.

UNSKILLED WORK--Warehouse workers and truck drivers receive from \$25 to \$40 a week. Unskilled and semi-skilled workers in factories receive from 50¢ to 65¢ an hour.

PART-TIME WORK--Part-time work is available in domestic, industrial, clerical, recreational, and medical fields.

Full-time workers may earn their board and room by after-hour domestic duties in private homes. Students desiring work to help meet their expenses can find many types of part-time work.

UNION ATTITUDES--Relations between the Philadelphia office of the War Relocation Authority and the labor unions are excellent. An important official of the United Automobile Workers CIO is a member of the Philadelphia Citizens Cooperating Committee on Resettlement, to which an AFL representative is soon to be added.

Unions in which Issei and Nisei have been accepted for full membership include the Laundry Workers International Union; International Association Cleaning and Dye House Workers; Amalgamated Meat Cutters of North America, Butcher Workman's Union and Meat and Canner's Union; Bookbinders and Machine



THESE EVACUEES FROM COLORADO RIVER AND POSTON ARE SHOWN WITH THEIR EMPLOYER AND ANOTHER FARMHAND ON A 300-ACRE FARM 15 MILES FROM PHILADELPHIA. SEVEN OTHER EVACUEES, INCLUDING AN ISSEI COUPLE, ARE ALSO EMPLOYED THERE.

Operators Union; International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen, and Helpers of the AFL; and the United Auto Workers; and Printing and Paper Trade Auxiliary of CIO. Several unions have been very helpful in the placement of relocatees.

Placement Results

The Philadelphia relocation office of the War Relocation Authority has made placements of many types in numerous towns and cities in various parts of Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, and Northern Delaware. The principal fields of employment are as follows:

Regular Employment: Beauty operators; dry cleaners and laundry workers; truck, fruit, and poultry farmers, both on the salary and share-crop basis; gardeners and greenhouse workers; mechanics of all types; internes and doctors, dentists, laboratory technicians, hospital receptionists; and orderlies; office workers of all types, including accountants, bookkeepers, file clerks, receptionists,

stenographers, and typists (some under Federal Civil Service); printers; chemists; commercial artists; industrial designers; engineers; recreational and social workers; seamstresses, hand-finishers, and power machine operators; hotel and restaurant workers, mothers' helpers, general houseworkers and handymen, butlers, and cooks of all degrees of experience; and packers, labelers, and other factory workers, truck drivers, and warehousemen.

Training: Mechanical trades, welders, beauty operators, pharmacists, undergraduate nurses (many in U. S. Cadet Nurse Corps), and medical students.

Aiding the Resettler

The members of the War Relocation Authority staff in Philadelphia aid each incoming evacuee in utilizing local facilities and agencies in finding a job and housing. Resettlers are welcome to return for further counseling and assistance.

The staff aims also to make plans for reuniting each family. Many Nisei have come to feel that because of Philadelphia's friendly attitude, it is an excellent city for the resettlement of their parents, as well as other members of the family. Already there have been many happy reunions.

The Hostel, the American Friends Service Committee, the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council, and the Citizens Cooperating Committee all aid resettlers with housing, educational problems, and other matters. In the few cases when medical or financial aid has been necessary, the Social Security Board and local welfare agencies have been quick to cooperate.

Church groups of all denominations have cordially welcomed Nisei and Issei. The International Institute, the YMCA and YWCA, the Philadelphia Nisei Group Committee, and the American Japanese Social Committee have sponsored panel discussions, lectures, picnics, dances, and other social functions. These informal get-togethers are enthusiastically attended by Nisei, Issei, and Caucasians.