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FAMILY GROUPS IN PHILADELPHIA

Approximately 70 percent of the more than 1300 relocatees in the Philadelphia district have relocated as families. The WRA definition of a family is two or more members of the immediate family relocating together. The features of Philadelphia seem to appeal to families--its work and housing possibilities, its homely lack of glitter though metropolitan, its extensive educational and health facilities (over one-fourth of the relocatees of Philadelphia proper as of December 1, 1944, were students and one-fifth of them cadet nurses or medical students), its traditions of liberty, and Quaker tolerance.

We are informed that this district has the highest percentage of family relocation in the country. We are, of course, proud of this. We have long been convinced that families can find satisfying homes and homelife here, and that various members, with their various skills, can find their niche in employment and community life. Post-war employment and opportunities will be good also, and we are pleased to know that families have resettled in a permanent way in so favorable a city.

H. Leon Yager
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Philadelphia District Office

F.E.P.C. and the Nisei

One of the many arguments used by the various anti-Oriental groups on the West Coast is that the Japanese lack proper political consciousness and therefore can never be assimilated into the American stream of life. Those of us who have known the situation as it existed can easily answer that argument with the factual statement that the Issei is not eligible to citizenship and that the Nisei's average age at the time of evacuation was only twenty years which meant that the majority of us were not of age in the political capacity.

Today, three years after evacuation, we find the majority of the Nisei has become of age. Are we able to say that with the right to vote our political consciousness has developed? We do know that the mind of the Nisei has been broadened to wider experiences incident to our moving about as a direct result of relocation and in many instances through participation in the war effort. We also know that whatever takes place in the State Legislature or in Congress does affect us.

All this leads us to consider the importance of the Fair Employment Practices Commission bills which, if passed in the near future, would make the F.E.P.C. a permanent agency. The Homer S. Brown bill - H.B. 354 - which has been introduced to the Pennsylvania State Legislature says in part, "It is recognized that any employment policy which discriminates against persons of equal ability solely because of their race, creed, color, national origin, or ancestry, fosters community intolerance, foments domestic strife and unrest, and substantially and adversely affects the interests of employees, other employers, and the public in general." This will give the Commission power to investigate complaints on refusal of employer to hire, use of unfair application forms or any classification or personnel plan which serves to discriminate against any employee solely because of race. This bill also prohibits the printing of want ads which specifically call for "White Christians", "No Catholics", "Protestant Only", or similar classifications.

The Commission would operate in the following manner: A complaint is made to the Commission. The Commission holds a hearing to determine if discriminatory practices exist. If there is evidence of discrimination, the Commission issues a cease and desist order. The Commission may petition the court for enforcement with fine or imprisonment for non-compliance.

We can see the F.E.P.C. bills will be applicable to the Nisei's well-being and future success. The only way in which bills can be passed is to give them active support - write your Congressman, tell others to do the same.

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Yone Watanabe, Ichiro Hasegawa, Fuku
Yokoyama, Fuji Fujikawa, Yuri & Hiro
Uyehara, Lafayette Noda, Mariko Ozaki
Grayce Kaneda, Tosh Koiwai, George
Sakai, JoAnn Fujikawa, Yas Abiko,
Nellie Nagano, Marion Tomita, Lily
Sakaguchi, Miyo Shitamae.

...and---on Personalities in Philly

Hip, hip, hurray! The Fujikawas have found a lovely apt. in Germantown with the untiring efforts of our grand friend Robertson M. Fort. (Hi ya, keed!) What would the relocatees do without him!... Wonder what's behind Mike Hide's weekly trips to New York City?---Incidentally, Philly will be minus three more eligible bachelors--Mike Hide, Goro Takeshita, and Aki Ouye; they'll be wearing khakis from April 3rd...K.T. and A. Y. certainly hit it off well from the start;

they're practically inseparables, we hear--"Candy" Oikawa's mind is always wandering off to Camp Wheeler....The Philadelphia Hostel sorely misses Mrs. Esther Meyerding. Let's all wish her a speedy recovery!---It seems that a certain Fred Kawakami in Lansdale is the ideal dream man for many of the girls here.. Talking about MEN (girls' favorite past-time), Mr. Michiyoshi Kohno and Mr. George C. Yamamoto are our favorite Issei of the month. They're both tops!.. The stork has dropped a cute little bundle with the George Ohamas in Lansdale--the name is Abe...Also to Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kambe--name Joseph....There'll be another flurry of excitement at Mr. H. Leon Yager's home soon; the stork's hovering mighty close....To Miss Jennett S. Walker's mother at Bryn Mawr Hospital we hasten to send our get-well wishes---Orchids to John Masai, who has volunteered for Uncel Sam...Doesn't Setsu Matsubara do a grand job entertaining the G.I. Joes!....I seem to faintly hear wedding bells in the immediate future for a certain K.N. and J.K.F.....Did you know that we have another Relocation Officer in this area, and that his "office" is in Haddonfield, New Jersey?? He's Tak Moriuchi, and is he doing a wonderful job!....More family members are coming out nowadays to complete family units. There are the Endos, Mizukis, Tonnos, Uchidas, etc. "Yours truly" hopes her family will be not long in coming out. Family reunions are wonderful!

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EVERY NISEI'S AID NEEDED TO SOLVE HOUSING PROBLEM OF EVACUEE

Housing is one of the biggest problems facing any relocatee. It seems that it is becoming one of those things which people talk about but do not do very much about it; and for the new-comer to this city it seems all but hopeless. And it does seem incredible that the City of Philadelphia has been able to accommodate over 600,000 new people since the start of the War. Furthermore, the housing situation in Philadelphia, as bad as it is, is by no means as acute as some of the other cities.

In order that the exodus from the Relocation Centers may be carried out, Philadelphia must find accommodations for 3,000 to 5,000 evacuees. Under the present conditions, it is going to be a Herculean task. Bob Fort of the American Friends Service Committee and George Sakai have undertaken the job of helping the evacuees with their housing problems. But they are sorely in need of cooperation from every nisei and issei.

Everyone may help by watching for vacancies and phoning them in to Bob Fort, Rit. 9372. This is one thing that all of us can do without too much effort; and it will be a real service.

For the newcomers, Bob Fort is preparing a housing guide, giving detailed information of districts, rents, and certain peculiarities of Philadelphia housing. This pamphlet will be available in the very near future either from the WRA office or from Bob Fort at the American Friends' Service Committee, 1201 Chestnut Street.

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NISEI RED CROSS CAMPAIGN NETS \$218.52.

Wonderful, splendid, excellent! The Red Cross Campaign went over the top with \$218.52. The dance netted \$69.02 and the sales of shares \$149.50. Now don't you think that is something for our first campaign!

I gratefully thank all the committee members, hosts, and hostesses who helped enthusiastically and all those who shared in the Red Cross so generously.

Yuriko Uyehara

NAO TAKASUGI GRADUATED WITH HONORS

One of the first students to relocate to Philadelphia, Nao Takasugi, who hails from Oxnard, California, recently graduated from the Temple University School of Business with high honors. In order to receive a Bachelor of Science degree with honors, the student must have been in the upper ten per cent of his class. At present Nao is working with the National J. A. Student Relocation Council capably filling the position of Kay Yamashita who left Philadelphia last month to join her family in Chicago.

In addition to his work with the council Nao has kindly agreed to head the speakers' bureau to take care of the increased demand for nisei speakers who could acquaint the various interested group with our problems.

WELCOME TO PHILADELPHIA

We would welcome the following new arrivals to this fair city of William Penn and wish for them every success in the difficult but necessary job of taking root in a new city. As each person becomes settled there falls on him the responsibility of helping those who come after him.

Name	From	Address
Mr. Eddie Hamazawa and daughter, Tera	Heart Mountain	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Vernon Ichisaki	Savannah, Ga.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Minoru Inokuchi	Chicago, Ill.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Ted Iwasaki and son, Robert	Gila River	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. James Noda	Heart Mountain	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Misao Shirakawa and family, Alice, Harris & Homer	Minidoka	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. Tsuruzo Takeda	Chicago, Ill.	Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Kay Keiko Taketa	Minidoka	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. Kinu Toda and son, Kenji	Poston	Philadelphia, Pa.
Misses Natsuko & Torie Tomimatsu	Topaz	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Shosaku Uchida and family, Hiroko, Yukio & Tadashi	Gila River	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Tadashi Mizuki and daughter, Tsukino	Gila River	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Ujiro Ezaki and daughter, Sumiko	Poston	Philadelphia, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. Kay Matsuoka and sister, Miss Shizuko Matsuoka	Poston	Allentown, Pa.
Mr. Tanekichi Fujiwara	Gila River	Newtown, Pa.
Mr. Sadao Ono	Gila River	Newtown, Pa.
Mr. & Mrs. George Yamamoto and family, Ayao, Kinzo, Shinobu, Tetsuo, & Yuri	Gila River	Newtown, Pa.
Mr. Arthur Hirano	Minidoka	Tom's River, N. J.
Mrs. Frances Kato	Minidoka	Haverford, Pa.
Rev. Sadami Sam Mizukami and sons, Osamu & Satoru	Granada	Haddonfield, N. J.
Miss Mitsuye Tono	Chicago, Ill.	Croyden, Pa.
Mr. Harold Tono	Heart Mountain	Croyden, Pa.
Mr. David Uchida	Manzanar	Berlin, Maryland
Misses Catherine & Mary Yamamoto	Granada	Germantown, Pa.
Mr. Wakichi Endo and family, Tamiko, Toshiko, Haruko, Karoku, Fusako, and Burton	Poston	Haddonfield, N.J.

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NISEI DATE BOOK

April

7 & succeeding Saturdays. Bridge tables at Hostel, 3328 Chestnut St.

- 7 Concluding day of Mas Yabuki's gouache painting exhibit at Women's University Club, Sheraton Hotel, 19th & Walnut.
- 7 8:00 p.m. Young Friends Saturday Evening Discussion Group. 20 S. 12th Meeting House, Leader for the evening is Bill Cleveland who is a G.P.S. man at Pennhurst.
- 8 & 22 2:30 p.m. Issei Church at Fellowship House, 1431 Brown St.
- 11 6:30 p.m. Steering Committee Supper Meeting. Race Street Meeting House, 20 S. 12th. Interested persons are asked to make reservations with JoAnn Fujikawa (Pen. 9294). Miss Doris Carter, who is a supervisor of a nursery school and co-chairman of the Fellowship House Board will speak on "Negroes in White America". Business Follows.
- 15 3:45 p.m. Fellowship Church at Chambers Wylie Presbyterian Church, Broad below Spruce. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, Pres. of Howard University in Washington will speak. Mr. Johnson is an outstanding Negro educator.
- 21 8:00 p.m. Nisei Forum: "Relocation: Present and Future". International Institute, 645 N. 15th St. W.R.A. personnel will participate.
- 21 & 22 Sat. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sun. Young Friends Conference on "Quakerism, What it Means to Us as Individuals." Speakers will be Harold Chance & Jean Toomer. Cost \$2.50. Registration must be in Young Friends Office by April 14th.
- 24 8:30 p.m. Colonial Party at the old Customs House. Folk Dancing led by Eddy Nadel. (Old Souther & New England Dances). The International Institute has secured this building at 410 Chestnut St. for this interesting evening. There will be an admission charge.
- 26 8:00 p.m. I. I. Annual Meeting. Speaker will be Dr. Yaroslav J. Chyz of the Common Council for American Unity on "Nationality Groups and Post War America". Members and friends of I. I. are invited.
- 28 8-12 p.m. Young Friends Dance. Whittier Aud., 15th & Cherry.
- 29 3:00 p.m. 14th Annual Spring Concert of Phila. Concert Orchestra, Inc. and Fellowship House Choir. Fleisher Auditorium, Broad & Pine. Get tickets (\$1.25) from Ben Kaneda or other Fellowship House Choir members.
- Festival of Fine Films. (These free film programs will be concluded this month) At the Art Museum (Parkway at 26th), Sat. & Sun 1 & 3 p.m. April 14, 15. The Informer (Victor McLaglan); April 21, 22 Harvest (Gabriel Gabrio); April 28, 29 Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (James Stewart & Jean Arthur). At the Free Library (Parkway at 19th) Sat. & Sun., 6 and 8 p.m. April 14, 15 It Happened One Night (Clark Gable & Claudette Colbert); April 21, 22 Ballerina; April 28, 29 How Green Was My Valley (Walter Pidgeon).

Miss Tennet Walker
21 So. 12th St.
Phila., Pa.

