

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
East Coast Area

A GUIDE FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS IN NEW YORK CITY
AND SUBURBAN AREAS

April 1, 1946

Over a year ago the War Relocation Authority announced the program which it has recently been carrying out for closing the relocation centers operated as wartime residences for the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry who were evacuated from their West Coast homes in 1942. All of the ten relocation centers have already closed; the last center - Tule Lake - was closed on March 20, 1946. With the closing of the centers, the War Relocation Authority has also undertaken a parallel phase of its termination program - the closing of its field offices. This is being done in accordance with carefully made plans which provide for the continuance of essential services to the Japanese Americans by community committees working through and with the aid of local agencies.

The New York City District Office, which has been serving some 3200 resettlers, will close on March 29. For some time this office has been working with interested citizens and agencies to complete arrangements whereby the resettlers will continue to have available, after the WRA office closes, every community resource they need in meeting problems related to employment, housing, health, and their permanent adjustment into the normal life of their chosen community.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. Return to Alaska and Hawaii: Families with pregnant women beyond 7 months or families having children less than 3 weeks old will be given assistance to return to Hawaii or Alaska after February 28 providing they submit a relocation plan to the Washington Office which calls for return at the earliest practical date, but in no case later than June, 1946.
2. Public Proclamation #2 Issued October 1, 1945: This proclamation makes military clearance for returning Alaskan evacuees no longer necessary, removes all restrictions previously imposed, and rescinds all exclusion orders.
3. Contraband Goods and Travel of Parolees: Restrictions relating to the possession of certain prohibited articles and travel were revoked by the President on December 7, 1945. Japanese aliens are now entitled to travel (including travel by air) anywhere within the continental United States without obtaining advance permission from the appropriate United States Attorney, and they are entitled to possess personal property formerly contraband and to seek its return if surrendered to the Government. In order to obtain the return of contraband goods requests should be submitted directly to the United States Marshal for the judicial

district in which the property was surrendered.

4. Coast Guard Regulations: Revoked November 27, 1945, Coast Guard regulations relating to enemy aliens including Japanese Nationals and their activities on the waterfront and on shipboard.
5. Small Claims for Property Damage: Claims arising from loss or damage to evacuee property while in the possession of WRA caused through negligence of WRA or one of its employees which do not exceed \$1000 can be considered under the Small Claims Act, if submitted within the year following accrual of the claim, but the Act does not extend to acts of theft or vandalism by private persons or other losses arising from or growing out of the mere fact of evacuation.

In case a formal claim was not filed within the year following the accrual thereof, but was made in a more informal manner to WRA at a center or field office within the year, it is possible that this could be shown by affidavit.

In reference to those claims that may be filed and considered for payment under the Small Claims Act, an affidavit should be prepared showing in detail the date of the accrual of the claim, the items and amounts claimed, the fact of ownership, the fact of negligence or other cause of the claim that justifies payment thereof, and if the date of accrual of the claim was more than one year before the filing of the affidavit, the fact and circumstances of an informal presentation of the claim within the year, if in fact such an informal presentation was made, and the claim for reimbursement therefor.

For further information on filing claim go or write to the East Coast Area Office, Room 5819, 350 Fifth Ave., New York City.

6. Lost Bill of Lading: In the event that the original Government Bill of Lading has been lost or destroyed, a certificate in lieu of the Government Bill of Lading can be secured by applying to the East Coast Area Office, Room 5819, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
7. War Department Policy Regarding Selective Service:

Aliens of Japanese ancestry may volunteer for induction by Selective Service.

Former American citizens of Japanese ancestry who have renounced their citizenship may also volunteer for induction by Selective Service.

American citizens of Japanese ancestry who remain classified in 4-C may have their cases reopened by local boards and forwarded through to National Headquarters, Selective Service System, to the War Department for review, when such persons are otherwise eligible for immediate induction.

Persons of Japanese ancestry who were serving in the Army on December 7, 1941, and who were given honorable or other discharges shortly after that date under the War Department policy of permitting commanding officers, at certain levels, to determine whether they wished to retain or discharge soldiers:

Those who have served honorably and have since been released are not being forwarded for induction by Selective Service unless they volunteer. There is no restriction on the voluntary enlistment or induction of these persons if they are found to be qualified. Those men who receive discharges without honor, so-called "blue discharges," may submit their cases to the Secretary of War's Discharge Review Board. If that Board determines that an injustice has been done, corrective action is taken to award an honorable discharge which will render the men in question eligible for voluntary induction or enlistment, if they are otherwise qualified. The policy which precludes the enlistment of those who have received blue discharges is non-discriminatory, and applies to all citizens and non-citizens regardless of their ancestry.

8. Resettlement Assistance: The special funds which were appropriated for emergency needs for peoples dislocated as a result of conditions caused by the War and administered through the Social Security Board will be available at least until June 30, 1946. Applications must be made to the local Department of Public Welfare in the city of one's residence.

Suggested Resources For The Use Of Resettlers
in
New York City and Suburban Areas

THE GREATER NEW YORK COMMITTEE FOR JAPANESE AMERICANS, INC.

This Committee is the central referral agency for all problems concerning Japanese Americans in New York City. The Executive Director will direct persons coming to him to the proper local agencies when further assistance is needed or to the Committee's special sub-committees on employment, housing, small business, health welfare and community activities, and problems of aliens.

The membership of the Committee is a cross-section of the Greater New York community with representation from welfare agencies, trade unions, business, civic organizations, etc. The Japanese American community itself is fully represented on the Committee. This organization has as one of its objectives the development of additional resources in the community whenever it is demonstrated that existing services do not meet completely the needs of Japanese Americans.

The Committee is concerned not only with the immediate problems of housing, employment, financial assistance, etc. which confront Japanese American resettlers, but also the development of a program for participation by Japanese Americans in the general life of the community.

The Committee will, therefore, through its Executive Director and its sub-committees look to the Japanese American community for an expression of individual and group needs.

For the convenience of resettlers who are trying to locate their friends, the names and addresses of New York City resettlers are on file in the offices of the Committee.

The Committee will give direct housing assistance.

For advice, information and referral to the right agency who can give the assistance you need, apply to

The Greater New York Committee for
Japanese Americans, Inc.
11 West 42nd Street
Room 785
New York City, N. Y.

Peter S. Aoki
Executive Director

Telephone: Wisconsin
7-1616

SOME OF THE AGENCIES IN NEW YORK CITY WHICH MAY BE VISITED DIRECTLY

Employment

United States Employment Service

Commercial

Manhattan - 10 East 40 Street, NYC 16 LExington 2-0160

Professional, Technical and Sales

Manhattan - 44 East 23 Street, NYC 10 ALgonquin 4-8500

Nurse Counseling and Placement

Manhattan - 119 West 57 Street, NYC Circle 6-2240

Industrial

Manhattan - 37 Madison Ave., NYC 16 LExington 2-8900

Brooklyn - 205 Schermerhorn St., B'klyn 2 M/in 5-5775

Queens - Bank of Manhattan Bldg.,
Queens Plaza, LIC, NY STillwell 4-0855

Building, Construction - Shipbuilding Trades

Brooklyn - 165 Jeralemon St., B'klyn 2 MAin 4-8500

Needle Trades, Textiles, Laundries and Dry Cleaning

Manhattan - 225 West 34 St., NYC 1 PENnsylvania 6-1700

Brooklyn - 205 Schermerhorn St., B'klyn 3 MAin 4-6701

Hotel, Restaurant, Hospital and Building Maintenance

Manhattan - 40 East 59 Street, NYC 22 PLaza 3-4250

Farm

Manhattan - 44 East 23 Street, NYC 10 ALgonquin 4-8500

Household

Manhattan - 220 West 80 Street, NYC 24 TRafalgar 4-5646

Bronx - 384 East 149 Street, Bronx 55 MELrose 5-0600

Bronx - 29 East Fordham Rd., Bronx 58 FORDham 7-5500

Brooklyn - 205 Schermerhorn St., B'klyn MAin 4-5310

Brooklyn - 937 Kings Highway, B'klyn ESplanade 5-1000

Long Island - 90-01 Sutphin Blv'd., Jamaica,
LI 2 REpublic 9-1011

Metropolitan Suburban Offices

Staten Island 25 Hyatt Street Gibraltar 7-2931
Richmond 1, N. Y.

Hempstead 79 Washington Street
Hempstead, L. I. Hempstead 3434

Rockville Centre 189 Sunrise Highway Rockville Centre
Rockville Centre, N. Y. 1112

Lawrence 389 Central Avenue Cedarhurst 6433
Lawrence, N. Y.

Metropolitan Suburban Offices (Continued)

Patchogue	10 South Ocean Ave. Patchogue, N. Y.	Patchogue 1660
Riverhead	Griffing Avenue Riverhead, N. Y.	Riverhead 2649
Bayshore	58 West Main Street Bayshore, N. Y.	Bayshore 531
Glen Cove	20 Bridge Street Glen Cove, N. Y.	Glen Cove 2422
Huntington	381 New York Ave., Huntington, N. Y.	Huntington 56 & 57
White Plains	226 Main Street White Plains, N. Y.	White Plains 8450
Tarrytown	17-19 Broadway Tarrytown, N. Y.	Tarrytown 388
Peekskill	1037 Main Street Peekskill, N. Y.	Peekskill 3490
Yonkers	71 South Broadway Yonkers 2, N. Y.	Yonkers 3-9211
New Rochelle	578 Main Street New Rochelle, N. Y.	New Rochelle 2-2990
Port Chester	151 Westchester Ave. Port Chester, N. Y.	Port Chester 3110
Mt. Vernon	10 Fiske Place Mt. Vernon, N. Y.	Mt. Vernon 8-1716-7
Nyack	1 South Broadway Nyack, N. Y.	Nyack 2114

For special employment needs i.e., domestic placement for families,
jobs with housing, persons with language difficulty, etc.:

Miss Ruth Simon
United States Employment Service
Section 211
40 East 59 Street
New York City
Plaza 3-4250

Counseling, Medical, Financial Assistance

Community Service Society

Manhattan District Offices

Chelsea-Lowell	71 West 23 St. (6th Ave.)	STuyvesant 9-2426
Grarercy	853 Broadway (14th St.)	ALgonquin 4-6714
Harlem	2238 Fifth Ave. (137th St)	EDgecombe 4-8960
Jefferson	19 East 110 St. (5th Ave)	MONument 2-9416
Mount Morris	81 East 125 St. (Park Ave)	LThigh 4-5460
Riverside	2112 Broadway (74th St)	TRefalgar 7-1428
Washington Heights	1146 St. Nicholas Ave. (168th St.)	WAdsworth 3-5960
Yorkville	1384 Third Ave. (79th St)	BUTterfield 8-3467
East Bronx Office	1910 Arthur Ave., Bronx	TRemont 8-0324
West Bronx Office	2468 Jerome Ave., Bronx	FORham 4-7450
Queens Office	37-34 82nd St. Jackson Heights, L. I.	HAVemeyer 9-1083
Bureau for Men and Boys	289 Fourth Ave. (22nd St.) New York City	GRerercy 5-2081

Brooklyn Bureau of Social Service

285 Schermerhorn St.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

TRiangle 5-0710

Resettlement Assistance:

Civilian War Assistance Unit

Department of Welfare
250 West 57 Street
New York City

Circle 5-7600

Temporary Housing:

Manhattan Hostel
58 East 102 Street
New York City

ATwater 9-9743