



Committee on Resettlement of  
Japanese Americans. Minneapolis  
Chapter records, 1942-1944.

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Domestic

Jan. 11/43

[File under Jan. 1, 1943]

Mrs. T. S. Kadomoto - P.O. Box 544

Sgt. Thomas S. Kadomoto - Barrack K, Camp Savage

Age - 21 - ht. 5'2" wt. - 115 - health - good

Education - High school grad.

Woodbury College - 14 months

Executive Fashion Art course

(a) Pattern drafting

(b) sewing

(c) millinery

(d) sketching

(e) little business training

Exp. - No experience - just training

Prof. Any of the work mentioned  
is asked

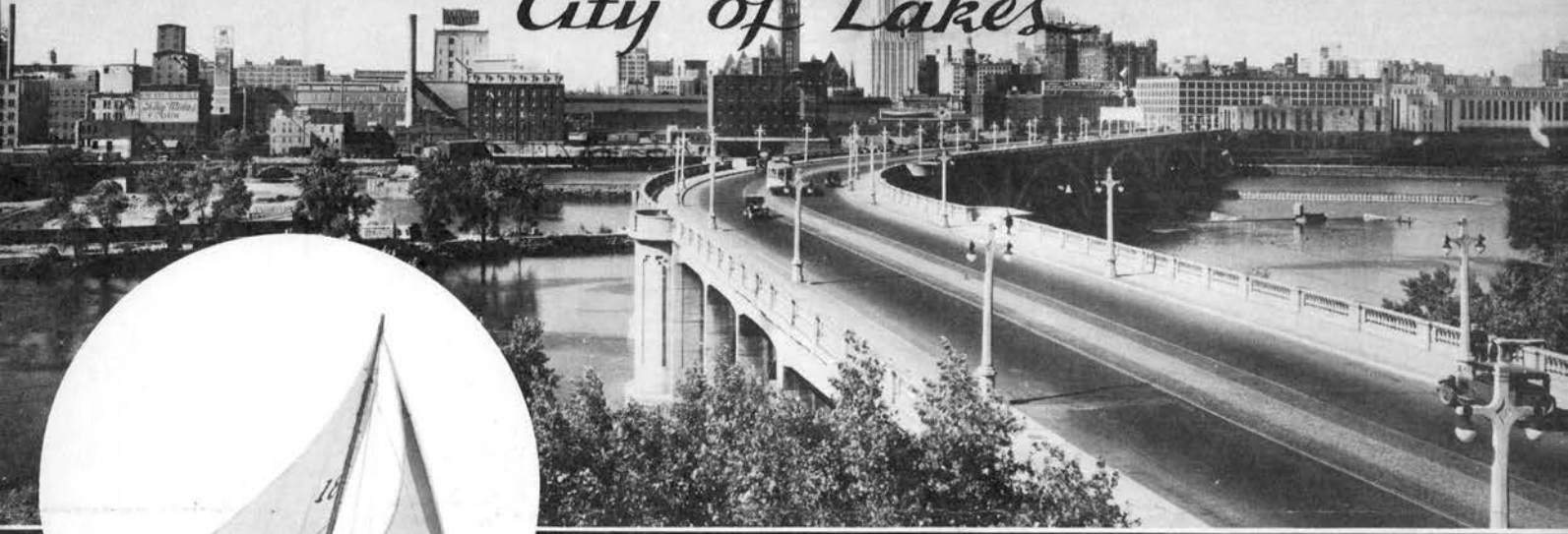
This young lady is very much  
interested in getting into some  
field of interest other than domestic.

CCP

Called Miss Agnes Crouse at Vocational - she  
suggested I write Sgt. Kadomoto suggesting a 6 months  
course at Vocational, (working for room and board), and then  
placement thru Vocational. Letter written Feb.

# MINNEAPOLIS

*City of Lakes*

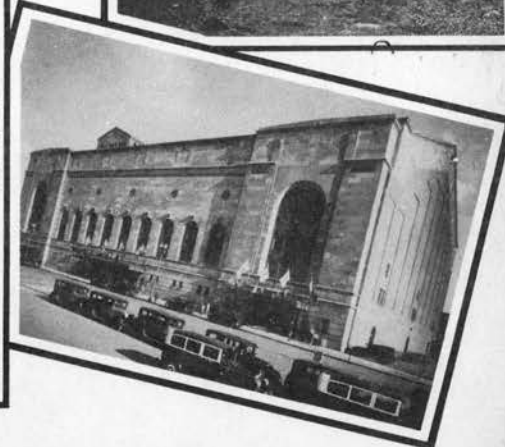
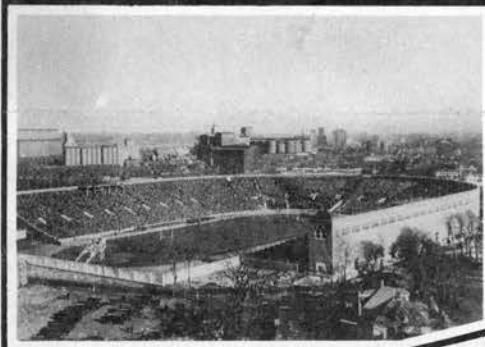
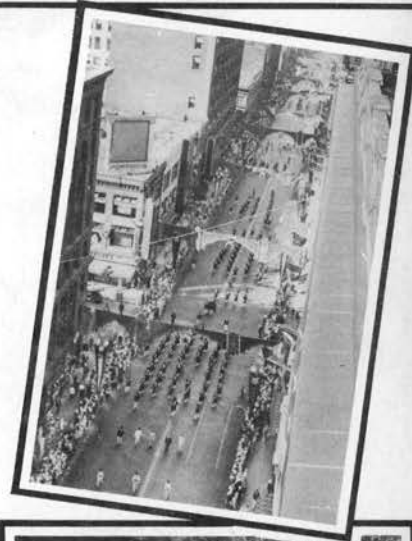


## Minneapolis

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Monday-Jan.25

My dear Miss Stanley:

My Secretary is busy so I shall try typing up a few bits of information-in order to get the domestic employment situation completely in your hands.

First: On Sat.afternoon Johnie Fujikawa of Camp Savage came to see me about his sweetheart-Miyoko Sugi of the Relcation Center at Rohwer,Ark.

Miyoko is very anxious to come here-they will probably be married within a month or so after her arrival. His is H.S.grad. as of 1937-attended a school for beauty operators in 1938 and since then worked in a beauty shop in Los Angeles. During the year in beauty college worked in a home taking care of the baby and doing general housework. She was a country girl.

Application was made for leave clearance about Jan.15

He describes her as pleasant,sweet,and showed me her picture so that I may add that she is most attractive. About 5 feet tall-rather chunky- not stout,however--!

She is a Baptist.

She desires work as a domestic-feeling that there would be little likelihood of securing employment as a beauty operator-and will stay on here if and when Johnie leaves.

Second: On the list of people who have requested Nesé help-the name of Mrs Harold Finch should be removed--as should the name of Mr.Leonard. Mrs Finch has a satisfactory girl--and I placed the wife of a Camp Savage soldier with the Leonards last Thur.

Notation should be made that Mrs Mithun prefers a single girl.

call Mr and Mrs Herbert Beatty should be added to this list. They desire- would be glad to take a girl who has had secretarial training-and try having her do some house work and some of the business secretarial work at home. You might wish to talk with Mr.Beatty about this. Mrs Teramoto  
#6341

Third: On the record of Placements in Process--the following changes:

Mrs Hunter-- \$10.00 per week instead of eight.  
Mrs Herbert Rice-instead of Mrs T.C.O'Donnell# for May Nakayama. \$10.00 to start then 12.00 if satisfactory. 92.5001- 4936-10th Ave.

Dr. Wissler-Mrs Hunter, Mrs MacPhail and Mrs Rice have all written to Poston verifying the job offers.

Mrs A.H.McAuley does not have a girl and wants one.

Mrs Mintener was turned down by Miss Murakami.

*[Handwritten notes and signatures on the left margin:]*  
112211  
Mrs. Duncan  
Jps

Fourth: the attached application came thru Mr. Planck I believe at the Service Men's Center. Was referred to Mrs George Fahr. Ge.3876.

I am suggesting to Mrs Steefel that after we get going we consider the possibility of having a volunteer worker at the Center on Sat. afternoons to take care of any applications which the boys there may wish to file with us. I imagine however that most of them are now cared for and that things will be quiet until a new group arrives.

I am enclosing a letter which Mrs Edward Evans wrote Dec.21 about the wife of a private at Camp Savage. It might be well to check to see what if anything she has heard.

I am sending the Occupational Inventory to Mrs Steefel. On it there are the following that seem good for the filling of present employers requests:

Page 12. No.359 Three years exp.as domestic.  
452-- Seven years exp.

Page 13. 959--Mother's helper. H. S.  
1500- " " 2 years college.

Page 15. 424. Nurse's Aid--but has been part-time domestic.2 yrs College.

I shall be glad to carry on with the Yamada-Nakayama situations which should be cleared soon. Otherwise it's all in your hands! For which I am most grateful! My telephone will be available for other things-and my dinners will be less disturbed. I even had a woman called me from dinner yesterday!

Thanks to you-muchly!

Cordially,

*Mavis R.*

Name MRS HARU Sugishita

Address 2225 Oxford Street

4-3-7 - Topaz Relocation  
Center - Delta Utah

Age

23 years.

Education

High School Graduate  
and Menlo Business  
College Graduate (2 yrs.)

Work Experienced

Domestic Experience - 5 yrs.  
\* Secretarial

will be coming next week.  
(2/8/43)

Mrs. Stufel -  
Staying Y. W. C. A.

⑧④ Miss Yoneko Higashi formerly of Los Angeles  
Age: 23 Height: 5' 1" Weight: 102  
Education: High School  
Previous experience: Domestic worker for the Spanish  
Consul in Los Angeles prior to evacuation of  
Japanese coast —

Filled out by Pvt. Ichiro Taniguchi  
Camp Savage, Minn. Brk. #15-  
Miss Stanley { Referred to  
Mrs. Kingman

Rec'd. at  
2/8/43



Here

Jan. 4, 1943.

Name Kei (Kay.) Hanafusa (Mrs Sugimoto)

Address Dianna, Sgt J. Sugimoto, Camp Savage, Minn.  
Call - Walnut 5447 + leave message or at 57 Regis Hotel.

Work preferred - Domestic work in a nice family home - private room + grown up preferred. But do not mind youngsters above age of 8 or 9 yrs old. Could do simple cooking if necessary.

Location - Preferably around 50<sup>th</sup> Street or Edinur District or near Harriet Lake.

Personals - Japanese 5'-1" 115 lbs. age 25

- ① High School graduate Roosevelt Hi. in Los Angeles, Calif.
- ② Attended 2 yrs. Frank Wiggins Trade School Dressmaking.
- ③ Business school - Metropolitan in Los Angeles. 2 terms.
- x ④ Worked in Dress Shops in Beverly Hills + Hollywood for 3 yrs. (Custom Dress Shop)
- ⑤ Chrysler + Plymouth Dealers as Bookkeeper, Switchboard + General office work for 1 1/2 yrs (Till evicted)
- ⑥ While in school, worked at Hospital<sup>at</sup> Switchboard operator.
- ⑦ Have character references

If in to be placed immediately would like part-time job till after marriage or get few days off. (wedding date Jan 12<sup>th</sup>.)



Referred to Mrs Muller  
friend of Mrs Reese

Working -  
Mr. & Mrs. Hanson - Hopkins.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MANZANAR WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:  
Relocation

January 2, 1943

Mr. Arthur N. Phillips  
The Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance Co.  
538 Northwestern Bank Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Phillips:

We are sorry to inform you that  
Miss Amino has changed her mind and does  
not desire to work for you.

We are interviewing other girls  
and as soon as we find someone whom we  
think will be acceptable to you, we will  
write you again.

Sincerely,

*Ralph P. Merritt*  
m.H.

Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director



WRC  
rec'd from Mr. Heald  
2.24.43.

Blk.4 Bldg.3 Apt.1  
Manzanar, Calif.  
January 3, 1943

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U.S.EMPLOYMENT OFFICE  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear sir,

Before the war started I graduated from the National Schools in Los Angeles. I also passed the F.C.C. examination and have my Radio-Telephone First Class License. For reference you can write to the instructors Mr. Hall, and Mr. Grammas of National Schools. The U.S. Employment Office in Glasgow, Montana.

I am 100% American but the fact that my parents were Japanese I was asked to go to a reception Center which I voluntarily went. When the recruiting of sugar beets began, to save the million dollar crop, I was one of the first to sign up. I, although born in a warm climate, was sent to Glasgow, Montana, one of the coldest spot in the United States. Nevertheless I didn't fall down but did my work satisfactorily until all the beets were out of the farm as can be verified from farmer, Mr. Howard Porter, P.O.Box 561 of Glasgow, Montana. Not to forget to mention that for six months during the infancy of Guayule Plants in Manzanar; a sorely needed source of the acute rubber situation, I was there pitching to get the best results.

By these examples, isn't it proof enough that I am more American than some other Caucausions, though I come from a Japanese parents.

I wish you will put my name in file and let me know immediately when such offer as Radio Technician, repairman or anything pertaining to Electronics in the line of Radio comes up. I will consider any Radio assembly offers.

I can get a Clearance Paper from the W.R.A. within the time limit of one month to leave the center.

An immediate answer as to your decision will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Yours truly,

Fred Hiraoka

January 5, 1943

Manzanar Relocation Authority  
Manzanar, California

Dear Sirs:            Attention, Mr. Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director

I am sorry to hear that the applicant in question has changed her mind about accepting the position in my home.

While in my previous correspondence I did mention a weekly wage of \$8.00 to \$10.00, I think it will be perfectly all right to make a definite offer of \$10.00 per week, if this will help in attracting a suitable maid. I do feel that this is top wages, considering that a laundress is employed regularly in addition, and that the handy man does come in quite frequently to help with the heavy work.

Very truly yours,

AMP:HS

ARTHUR N. PHILLIPS



S. Stanley

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5302 - B  
Tule Lake W.R.A.  
Newell, California  
January 6, 1943

Y.W.C.A.  
Minneapolis, Minnisota

Dear Madam:

It is my desire to work in an organization such as the Y.W.C.A. and I would like to know if there is an opening for a Jr. Clerk - Typist at the present.

I have been working as a Jr. Clerk-Typist in the Budget & Finance Division at the Administration Building here in the Tule Lake W.R.A. Prior to the evacuation, I attended the Wilson's Business College in Seattle, Washington for a year after graduating from the Auburn High School, Auburn, Washington, in 1940.

It is my sincerest desire to work at the Y.W.C.A. and would appreciate it very much if you would let me know if there is an opening.

Trusting I will hear from you soon.

Very truly yours,

*Fumi Kitahara*

(Miss) Fumi Kitahara



*County  
Intels*

2808 West River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
January 16, 1943

The Honorable Walter C. Judd, M.C.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Judd:

The recent notices in our local papers (the New York Times for the date has not yet arrived) indicate a move afoot to place the whole question of Americans of Japanese descent now being handled by the War Relocation Authority under the control of the Army.

Long before the present difficulties arose many of us here had been disturbed lest a situation grow in our own country similar to that developed by the Nazis toward the Jews. Feeling that loyal Japanese-Americans should be spared contact in the camps with pro-Japanese elements, and should have opened to them opportunities to serve in the war effort, we used the only channel open to us and organized a local War Relocation Committee, Reverend Morris Robinson Chairman, to do all possible to help these men and women to leave Relocation Centres and earn a living.

Such information as was yielded by the Harper's Article on this subject has indicated that the whole plan has been hurried and lacking in far-sightedness. Our work, locally, has indicated an appalling lack of planning and a complete lack of standards in proper employment procedures on the part of the National War Relocation employment workers. (A Chicago Conference of these workers held January 13-16 may have yielded some better thinking.)

It is hard to think what Mr Steefel and I would feel if we were confined to such quarters as have been provided for these citizens, with few or none of our personal belongings about us; assigned to hard labor in many cases to reclaim land not for our own use, but for that of other men; and to be subjected to the galling reproaches of men disloyal to our own country. To help control disloyal citizens of the same racial extraction as ourselves we would even be willing to submit to restrictions ourselves to safeguard the country against those disloyal to it. But we might, and with reason, ask to be segregated with loyal Americans like ourselves.

We are not of Japanese extraction, but three generations ago our forbears were European in appearance, habits and manners. But we are Americans, and our parents were Americans before us. This is true of many of these citizens. Why are American citizens loyal to America but of Japanese extraction treated differently from those of other extractions, say German, Roumanian or other? What could be better calculated to corrupt their loyalty than continued mistreatment of the kind to which we are submitting them? Are we to be so blind as to give proof in this country that there is no hope for the great majority of mankind, the colored races, if we win this war? In God's name what will our son be fighting for when he is

drafted within the year?

We note that the members of the sub-committee about to treat this problem are from Kentucky, Colorado, and Washington state. Does such geographic background give promise of an objective approach to such a problem of race and color?

While the present Committee is a Senate Committee we are writing to you as well as to Senator Ball because we feel that your knowledge of the Far East as well as of national problems affecting Japanese-Americans may serve to guide us toward some constructive action.

With greetings and salutations from a Minnesota, today, of twenty two degrees below zero, we wish you well, and good progress.

Sincerely yours,

*Genevieve L. Skefel*

(Mrs. Lawrence D.)



2808 West River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
October 13, 1943

The Honorable Walter C. Judd, M.C.  
Washington D.C.

Dear Dr. Judd:

I am sorry that when you have been at home I have not managed to reach you. I still hope that I may do so before too long a time has passed.

First, let me tell you how heartened we are with the progress you are making on the Chinese Exclusion reform. That is, most certainly, the first step in the solution of this whole business of learning to live next door to Asia. Your Town Meeting of the Air discussion was wholesome and gave the wavering falterers among our legislators arguments to work with, and public support for sound action.

Our Minneapolis Committee continues to work with the Employment of Nisei. The War Relocation Authority has mended many of its most shortsighted policies, and has even acknowledged that the investment the public has made in the United States Employment Service techniques should not be completely disregarded. They have begun to employ the simpler forms, at least, of sound employment practice.

Our relations with Camp Savage working wives and their husbands are much happier since Col. Rasmussen ruled that there must be limited leave where the wives of the men are working in private homes.

After this somewhat lengthy prelude, there are two things I want to speak of: The problem, psychologically, of the Nisei in the Center considering the prospect of relocation for himself, and the question of the exclusion of Nisei from the University of Minnesota.

I think I will take up the second first: The request of the Secretary of the Navy, that Nisei be excluded from the Universities where Navy research is being done and where Navy men are being trained, has been more rigidly interpreted here, I am told, than at other State Universities having similar obligations to the Navy..Ann Arbor, or the University of Michigan, for example. Repeatedly the President and Dean Kelley have written the Secretary of the Navy, and the answer has always been the same. (Incidentally, second generation Germans, Italians and others can come and go at will on the campus and in the laboratories, and yet are much harder to identify than the oriental would be.)

One Naval Cadet even said to my husband, who is doing some work in training for the Army, that if any Nisei came onto the campus he would leave. An icecream firm in Minneapolis which uses Nisei help in its various parlors, tells us that they "do not dare have them near the navy boys" in their Southeast branch. The army does not seem to have developed



this allergy. From which one concludes, with the help of a number of other incidents, among them a near race riot at the USO center between some navy boys and Nisei, that the Navy is indulging in some rather dangerous psychological teachings.

I think it should be stated that all this time the Army is bringing Nisei soldiers in for specialized training as Pre-meteorologists, as Engineers, and, as you doubtless know, in Japanese Area and Language studies. Thus there is little if any logic in the "precautions" which the Navy is taking.

I am told by Mr. Harold Mann, our Minnesota War Relocation Officer, that Michigan, Illinois and Northwestern all use Nisei clerical, Secretarial, and the Service Occupations connected with messing the army. The University here is desperately short of help with messing. It has advertised, begged help of the Civilian Defense groups and elsewhere, to appeal to housewives to take paid jobs as a patriotic gesture, to forward the specialized training program. We have offered them Nisei help, but the answer has always been a regretful "No."

The roster of the Nursing Cadet Corps is not full at the University. We called to offer three Nisei girls who were partly trained as nurses, and who qualified academically, for admission. Miss Densford, the Supervisor said she is not permitted to accept them. The State Nursing Education Office says that the individual hospital accepts or rejects on its own responsibility.

I learned just yesterday, that a Mrs Yumibe, wife of a member of the armed forces, has been accepted. Inquiry in a number of offices, each referring to the other, finally brought the statement from Mr. Pettingil, registrar, that President Coffey had admitted the young woman. That this is an exception, and that there is no change in the ruling. No other Nisei will be accepted for the corps whether qualified or not, even though the corps is not filled. The question which rises is: if the President can determine in this case, what is to be done, what about other cases?

I have had two young women who have the B.A. degree asking for admission to the University Institute of Child Welfare. They are working at Nursery Schools, and the Boards of the Settlement Houses where they work are willing to allow them time, and budget for their tuition to help them gain academic qualifications for advancement to administrative work in their fields. They cannot enter, and there are not other graduate schools in the Twin Cities which these young women could attend while earning their living with the daily routine of their jobs.

A dentist, graduate of the dental school, University of California has money enough to come out, do a little private practice among Nisei and would like to fill the rest of his time with graduate work in dental specialized advanced training. He cannot be admitted to the only dental school in the Twin Cities close enough to the three hundred Nisei we know to be here, who could give him a start in private practice. (Meanwhile, our dentist friends tell us they are willing to take their share of the Nisei dental practice, but that their obligation to their



patients, and the heavy demands on their time, will not permit them to take more than their quota.

These are only a few of the individual problems. If the Navy is going to indoctrinate our young Americans with "A Jap's a Jap, whether he's an American citizen or not", what is the prospect for good after war relations? Perhaps if that could be eradicated from their psychology we could get a sounder and more sensible attitude toward our American Japanese problem. At the moment, that seems to be being sacrificed to the commitments already made to a barbaric code of fighting.

At least one wishes our army and navy could act as though they were fighting under the same Commander in Chief! From the Commander in Chief comes the request for fair treatment of a racial minority, and the Authority for Relocation of this minority on humane lines. From him also comes the authorization for enlistment of members of this minority in the Army. From him also, comes the instruction to include these men in specialized training for Army Intelligence, for liaison work, for engineering, for weather reporting (a most strategic place for dangerous men) and other highly responsible duties. Does he also order that the Navy teach other Americans to mistrust these same members of the armed forces? If so, who makes up his mind? The Commander in Chief or the Navy Secretary? One wonders a little, and queries, too, by times, "who're we fighting this war with anyway?"

Is there any way that legislators can explain to the armed forces the confusion of the poor layman whose battle they are, theoretically fighting?

As to the Nisei Psychology, and its relation to relocating from the Centers: I have worked with hundreds. I guess it would come close to five hundred by now, of Nisei. At present there is no doubt from what they say, and from the letters which come to us from the Centers, that the greatest obstacle to relocation is in the minds of the Nisei themselves. Of course, had the early policies of the WRA been more farsighted, the reports back to the Centers would have been less dismal. And it was those reports which, as in the case of every other voluntary migration, were to determine the movement of the migrants.

Aside from that, however, we are undoubtedly dealing with a psychological inertia similar to that of the old WPA and confirmed relief client. Now there are more and better opportunities for employment. Over and over again they are refused. The whole problem was spotlighted for me, personally, quite recently. I give you the details, because they tell the story more accurately and briefly than anything else could. Mary Hayano, aged 19 was a student at St Olaf's last spring term and worked for us this summer as a student helper. Her parents were among the group to be moved from Tulalake to make room for those being segregated in to the "disloyal" group. I asked if she thought they would consider a job here rather than relocation to another Center. She said that she doubted it, her father is nervous, has been thought to have ulcers, and there are younger children. "The place for them is in the Centers."



Some days later Alice Goda, another Nisei reported that a rumor had started that the segregation once over, all camps were to be closed, and that at the close of a given period all Nisei would be told that they must find outside employment. This rumor circulated through the community of Nisei. I never heard a protest against it from a Nisei. The comment was "We thought that would be a logical next step." In Mary's case there was a complete change of tone. "What have you for my Mother and Father to do? Will you give me details, so I may write them? They will not want to wait until everyone else leaves and jobs will be harder, they will want to come out early, while there are good jobs to choose from." Many other Nisei spoke of letters from relatives, Nisei and Isei which voiced the same reaction.

It was a rumor promptly denied by the WRA. Dillon Myer himself voicing the opinion that it would never be done. I asked our Officer here what he thought of such a policy. He agreed that it would be the best thing that every happened to the evacuees, but stated that such a move would endanger the safety of American prisoners of the Japanese.

Personally, I can see where release of the ISEI might seem so, but the restoration to Nisei of the rights of American Citizenship, even by force, seems to me to be an argument in our favor rather than against us, in any consideration of treatment of the minority. And one thing is certain, where the children go the parents would in due time follow if possible.

If all Nisei for whom <sup>there are</sup> good jobs, at the level of work experience and skills, could be refused hospitality of the Centers at the close of a six to nine months period, much good would be done this group. I am convinced of it. I say people in the local civilian defense office who were forced back into private employment by refusal of relief since jobs were open, and then forced into private employment after a reasonable period of re-employment experience under WPA who are now well adjusted in private industry. They never would have been motivated to this from within. Neither, after this period of demoralizing confinement and idleness will the Nisei.

I would be the last, as I hope you know, to recommend any measures which would make for unfair employment or exploitation of this group. I began to work with them because I love Americanism too much to tolerate seeing American citizenship rights abused. But I have known serious illnesses in myself and others where only firm measures of activity during convalescence resulted in full rehabilitation. The patient cannot see the long time outlook, and the temporary adjustments seem more than can be borne, but as one looks back it is with gratitude for the discipline exercised.

I send ~~one~~ this long epistle for what it is worth. I have reread it and can't see what to leave out. At least it is the result of long thinking.

Mrs Lundeen presided at the Lyceum last evening for the Reverend(?) Gerald Smith. Now there's a field for defense of the nation! "We have been quiet since Pearl Harbor.....Lindbergh is our candidate....." This morning's Tribune carried no notice at all. I wonder how many emerged from under cover.

Thank you for all your are doing, and more strength to you, even if you do fear the academician and his governmental activity more than than the business man. That, I have faith, is something you will outgrow!

With greetings,

2808 West River Road,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
January 16, 1943

Senator Joseph Ball  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Ball:

The recent notices in our local papers, (the New York Times of that date has not yet arrived) indicate that a move is afoot to place the whole question of Americans of Japanese descent, now being handled by the War Relocation Authority, under the control of the Army.

Long before the present difficulties arose many of us here had been disturbed lest a situation be developed in our own country similar to that created by the Nazis for the Jews. Feeling that loyal Japanese-Americans should be spared contact in the camps, with the pro-Japanese elements, and should have opened to them the possibility of serving in the war effort, we used the only channel open to us and organized a local War Relocation Committee. This committee is seeking to do all we can to help these men and women leave the camps and find employment. Each is cleared, as you probably know, by the F. B. I. before release, and comes into the community to a specified job which is waiting for him.

Such information as was given in the Harper's articles written by one of the men in charge of this work, has indicated that conditions are far from those permitted for Americans of other extraction. Why are American Citizens, loyal to America, but of Japanese extraction treated differently from those of other extractions, say German, or Rumanian? What could be better calculated to corrupt the loyalty of these citizens than to ~~be submitted~~ <sup>place</sup> to mistreatment of the kind to which ~~these men and women~~ <sup>they</sup> have been receiving? <sup>subjected</sup>

It is hard to think what Mr Steefel and I would feel if we were confined to such quarters as are provided for these people with few or none of our personal possessions about us; assigned, perhaps, to hard labor, to reclaim land not for our own, but for the use of other men; and to be subjected to the galling reproaches and abuse of men disloyal to our country because our relatives had enlisted in the Army or intended to do so. To help control treacherous citizens of the same racial extraction as ourselves we would even be willing to submit to restrictions ourselves for the sake of the general safety. But we might, and with reason, ask to be segregated with loyal Americans like ourselves.

We are not of Japanese extraction, but three generations ago our forbears were of European appearance, habits and manners. Yet we are American Citizens, and our parents were before us. The same is true of many of these American Citizens of Japanese descent. German-Americans who are loyal are not so treated. Why are these discriminated against? Are we to be so blind as to give proof in this country that there is no hope for the great majority of mankind, the colored races, if we win this war? In God's name, what will our son be fighting for when he is drafted within the year? Not what the Atlantic Charter says, if we can do no better here in our own land! Such things destroy not only the morale of a pitiful minority, but of every American citizen who wants to believe the best.



We note that the members of the Senate sub-committee about to deal with this question came from Kentucky, Colorado, and the state of Washington. We trust that such geographic background does not promise the lack of an objective approach to this question. For is it not, fundamentally, a question of race and color?

We write to ask you for counsel as to what constructive action we can take in this matter. To agitate against the handling of the matter by the Army seems to us unintelligent when we know so little of the whole background. But we feel free to say that we are unhappy about its present handling, and far from proud of its results. It would be intolerable that harsher treatment, with no more careful planning <sup>should</sup> ~~might~~ exacerbate rather than correct the wrong we are now doing to these American citizens. There is willingness to do constructive work on the part of many of us. How can we go about it?

With greetings from a Minnesota which is running a temperature of twenty below. We hope Washington is warmer outside though feverish in other ways.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel

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407 S. 4th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
October 13, 1943

Dr. George M. Suda  
16-3-A Rivers, W.R.C.  
Rivers, Arizona

Dear Dr. Suda:

In answer to your letter of September 14th, 1943. I have made inquiries wherever I could, and the result of them is as follows.

The University of Minnesota, which is the only educational institution here having a recognized school of dentistry, and a graduate school, is, for the time being, closed to Nisei. The Secretary of the Navy's request is interpreted here somewhat more rigidly because of secret research which is being undertaken. Therefore, at least for the present, your plan for advanced study would not work.

As Nisei have come to me at the desk, I have asked them if, provided one were here, they needed a dentist's care they would go to a Nisei dentist. The answer has always been in the affirmative. I have had occasion to refer Nisei to local dentists. They would, in normal times be grateful for referral of new patients. But now the load is so heavy that they ask that no one of them be asked to take all new patients, Nisei or Caucasian.

As to institutional work. I have learned, recently, that there has been no dentist at Faribault, the School for feeble-minded children for some time. Whether that is still true, and whether a Nisei could be admitted to the job, might well depend on when he got his state license by taking the state exam, and what impression he might make, as an individual, on the selecting committee.

The next state board is to be given in December. Sometimes it is possible, with experienced men who are needed to arrange for special exams. As soon as the state license was procured, the whole question of dentistry in institutions, in partnership with another dentist, in the smaller communities, or on a private practice basis could be discussed.

There are volunteer clinics in Minneapolis. If you were available for interviews we might be able to explore the field there for contacts with local practice, and possible other results.

Are you in a position to arrange for temporary leave to come to Minneapolis? If you could be here at the time of the State Boards and take them, then your status would change. The professional personnel resources committee could then take cognizance of your problem, and tell us that they might be able to work something out for you.



Dr. Kita has been here recently. He had a Dental Technician job in Chicago, but wanted to explore possibilities here also. I do not know what came of his visits. I tried to have him meet some of the dental group here. They said, however, that before he had a license there would be little they could do. He visited various dental laboratories. To date these have not been as short handed as elsewhere, and have preferred to train apprentice technicians than to take on dentists. They seem to prefer highly specialized speed output to all round dental background. As a matter of fact I think a man with dental training embraces them by knowing how much their production and products could be improved! Anyway they want someone they can tell things to, not someone who knows.

I'm afraid this is not too encouraging a picture. It might, however, if you can see the way financially, lead to your coming out to look over possibilities.

Please let me know if there is anything more I can do for you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
Volunteer Placement Secretary, Minneapolis War  
Relocation Committee



WALTER H. JUDD  
5TH DIST. MINNESOTA

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House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1943

Mrs. L. D. Steefel  
2808 West River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you for your long letter setting forth your experience with the problem of resettling Japanese Americans in the Minneapolis area and your conclusions therefrom.

I am especially glad to have the information regarding the marked difference in the attitudes and treatment of the Navy as contrasted with the Army. I happen to know some men close to the top in the Navy Department well enough to demand a flat explanation. There certainly is no reason for greater discrimination against the Japanese at the University of Minnesota than in half a dozen other universities where work of a similar secret character is being carried on.

The problem of those who have been for a year and a half in the relocation camps is of course increasingly difficult. The Pacific Coast psychology prevailed for so long and developed so much hate throughout the nation that most of these persons are terrified at the fear of physical violence if they leave the security of the camp. While I know that the longer they stay there the more difficult it will be for them ever to resume normal, self-respecting, self-supporting lives, I also realize that the fear of reprisals on Americans in Japanese hands if Japanese-Americans in this country were to be abused or murdered, must probably be given first consideration in our thinking. That is, having made the colossal blunder in the beginning, it is doubtful whether the dangers of trying to correct it at this particular time would not be greater than the dangers of continuing without forceable closing of the camps during the remainder of the war.

With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter H. Judd*

WHJ:EGF

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER  
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:

OPA

January 9, 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will certify that Miss Sara Tanigawa was employed as my secretary while I was acting Project Attorney at the Tule Lake War Relocation Center.

I am very glad to recommend her as a capable and efficient secretary. She proved herself to be loyal and dependable in every way. She was helpful, cooperative, and willing to work overtime frequently. She was accurate and careful and interested in her work.

Miss Tanigawa has a charming personality, and is exceedingly popular both with the Caucasian staff and the evacuees. She was a candidate for Tule Lake Beauty Queen and is very attractive. She is thoroughly American--and is engaged to a fine young man who was selected to be among the first of the Tule Lake contingent to leave for the Army Intelligence post at Camp Savage, Minnesota. In my opinion, Miss Tanigawa is one of the most completely Americanized nisei I have known either at the Manzanar or the Tule Lake Relocation Centers. I feel confident that she will fit into any American community as readily as any of the young Americans of Japanese ancestry.

It is a pleasure to vouch for the excellence of her work and her pleasant personality.

Yours very truly,

*Robert B. Throckmorton*  
Robert B. Throckmorton,  
Project Attorney

rbt/hi



WRCA

# WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

Tule Lake Project  
3501 D  
Newell, California

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February 16, 1943

*Noted  
CCP*

Minneapolis Relocation Committee  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

At the present time, I am a secretary for the Project Attorney, Mr. Anthony E. O'Brien, of the Tule Lake War Relocation Project at Newell, California. I have applied for my indefinite leave which is, as you know, the procedure necessary in order to leave the Center for private employment. I would like to relocate myself in either of the Twin Cities of St. Paul or Minneapolis as soon as possible.

My fiance is a soldier in the United States Army stationed at Camp Savage, Minnesota, where he will probably be located for at least nine months in specialist training. I am anxious to join him so that we may be married.

I would like to obtain some employment commensurate with my experience and ability. I am 22 years of age, a graduate of the McClatchy Senior High School in Sacramento, California. Later I attended the Sacramento Junior College for a year and a half until the time of my father's illness which resulted in his death. My father was an employee of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company in Roseville, California for about 23 years. I have lived all my life in either Roseville, where I was born, or in Sacramento.

After completing my schooling, I worked for M. A. Harada, M. D. as secretary-nurse in Sacramento. On November 1, 1941, I received a United States Civil Service appointment with the War Department and worked at McClellan Field Air Depot at Sacramento until the outbreak of the war on December 7. At that time, I was transferred to Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, and worked there until suspended because of my ancestry. Upon my arrival at the Tule Lake War Relocation Center, I was assigned to the Stenographic pool and then later became secretary to Mr. Robert B. Throckmorton, predecessor to Mr. O'Brien as the Project Attorney.

I would like to have a stenographical position. My typing speed is approximately 70-75 words per minute; and dictation speed, about 120 words per minute. My experience also includes stencil cutting and dictaphone work.



You will find enclosed a small snap which is the only one I have in my possession at the present. I have also enclosed one carbon copy letter which is written and signed by Mr. Robert B. Throckmorton for your reference. My other reference letters have all been sent to Washington already, but if you would like to have names for recommendation, the following may be used:

Mr. Anthony E. O'Brien, Project Attorney  
Tule Lake Relocation Center  
Newell, California

Mr. F. A. Lewis  
206 Vernon Street  
Roseville, California

Miss Ruth Young  
Tule Lake Relocation Center  
Newell, California

Mr. J. W. Hanson, Principal  
Roseville Union High School  
Roseville, California

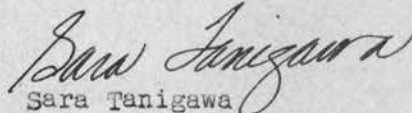
Mrs. Walter Finney  
1510 12th Avenue  
Sacramento, California

Mrs. Roy W. Stovall  
1137 46th Street  
Sacramento, California

Mr. Elmer Richey  
Roseville Union High School  
Roseville, California

I will deeply appreciate your assistance in this matter, and will await your early reply.

Most sincerely,

  
Sara Tanigawa





## GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HUMBOLDT AVENUE SOUTH AND 28TH STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTAMORRIS CLAGGETT ROBINSON  
Minister

January 7, 1943

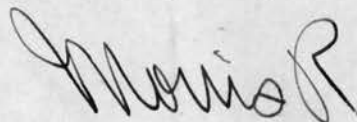
Mrs Russell Duncan,  
128 W. Elmwood Place,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs Duncan:

Please find enclosed records of placements in process and applications which have come to my ear. I have told all of these people that we would put them on our waiting list and as soon as we receive possible employees' names from the War Relocation Authority, we would make suggestions to them so that they might either write or accept the people on the basis of our recommendation. Henceforth, as people call me I shall refer them to you and I hope that you will not be disturbed too much.

I sincerely appreciate your willingness to take over this aspect of our common task.

Cordially yours,



Morris C. Robinson

MCR:GB

Record of Placements in Process.

*not willing to go time*

*Write to Mr. Landward -*

Mrs. Edward Evans has written in behalf of Mrs. Yoshiko Mayeda  
*Na 4990* 28-12-C.  
 Gils Relo.Center-Rivers, Ariz.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gissler (Leave requested *almost completed*  
 Wa. 0030. by M. C. R.)  
 Offered \$75.00 per mo. to start Mr. and Mrs. S. Nakayama, Boston.  
*(Yamada's sister)*

Mrs. Hunter. (Leave requested Michiko Yamada *Nothing heard.*  
 by M. C. R.) Boston.  
*"Living in"*

Mrs. Robert Macphail. " Adela Nakayama. *"d"*  
 Wa, 8400. Boston.  
 \$8.00.

*Mafine*  
~~Mrs. T. C. O'Donnell. (Mrs. Ricci" 4936-10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. - Pl. 5001 -~~  
~~Wh 0116. May Nakayama. Will call.~~  
~~\$8.00. Boston.~~

*Li 3876*  
 Mrs. George Fahr ~~is interviewing husband of~~ *Will call.*

Mrs. J. W. Black. Alice Miyazawa *Disappeared*  
 Ke 6606 ~~is corresponding~~ 21-11-E. *didn't want.*  
 Hunt, Idaho.

Mrs. Merton Bell  
 Wa 3866 ~~Record incomplete~~ ~~Think she's girl.~~

Mrs. A. H. McAuley  
 Ke 2634 ACCEPTED Mrs., Taniguchi-thru husband

Mrs. Bradford Mintener  
 Ke 0620. Corresponding with Isoko Murakami.  
 Minidoka-Twin Falls, Idaho.

*Just learned that Mr. Wilkie had a reply that they were already employed*  
 F. J. Wilkie  
 Continental Machines. Mr. and Mrs. Kitano.  
 Poston, Col.

Mrs. Paul Reese  
 Secured Nisei through friend.

People who have requested Nisei help.

Ch 4653

*Notable  
to reach -*

December. Rabbi Aaronson's wife says that she has spoken to several women of their congregation - "Beth-El" and could place five or six girls.

December. Mrs. Harold Finch, 1715 James Ave. Ke. 2824, Couple. *Not interested  
gave me  
(over)*

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January 2. Mrs. Louis E. Lohman, 2216 Newton. Ke. 5316. Children 5th and 8th grades. Home to lunch. Mrs. Lohman employed. Wants capable, experienced maid to do washing, ironing, cooking, etc. \$10.00.

January 2. Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson. I asked them to call back about January 15 but put their names on the list as of the date of call. 20 Woodland Road. Wa 4353.

January 5. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Dunsheath. (He made application). 253 Ashley Road, Interlachen. Wh. 1005. Bus. Phone Ma 6509. Four months old baby, Want experienced girl. - *reliable -* Cooking. Send washing out. *\$10.00 - one block from*

January 6. R. O. Mithun, 4502 Drexel. Wa. 6106. Three boys - eight, six and eighteen months. No Laundry. \$9.00 or \$10.00.

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*Has one* ✓ Mrs. J. K. Kingman, Jr. One maid. \$9.00. Children 15-13.

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Mrs. Dwight Miller, 4224 Elmer. Wa. 3363. \$8.00. Children six and nine. Little entertaining.

*Pl. 4471 - Lieut. Dowd Home - Ma 7329 -*



Mrs. French & Thomas.

~~First  
Feb. 7- Included in letter -~~

~~Mrs. & Mrs. C.R. D. Minder - 1621 - E. River Rd.  
Br. 7576 -~~

~~2 children - 7 & 7 -~~

~~Not necessarily E. River, as age preference~~

~~4 bed-room - Room (private)~~

~~Laundry done in - has Bendit (employee)~~

~~Time off: Thursday afternoon & evening -~~

~~Sun. from 7:30 or 3 -~~

~~Salary: \$10~~

Jan. 10-44  
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# Application for Position [Jan. 10, 1944]

Miss Nancy N. Kanegai  
Block 14-8-2  
Manzanar, California

The Director of  
the Manzanar R/C will  
give her immediate  
release upon assurance  
of a position.

Age - 24  
Weight - 105  
Single  
14-5'3" ~~14-5'3"~~

Seeking position for clerical or sten. work

## Previous Exp.

Librarian at Los Angeles City Library  
5th and Flower St.  
Los Angeles, California  
(Civil Service)

Passed Federal Jr. Sten. Examination  
(Federal Civil Service)

Part time typist Hollywood, Calif.

## Education

Graduated University High School, W. L. A., Calif.

3 years. U. C. L. A., Calif.

Business College, Los Angeles, Calif.

## Personal

Sister - ~~Miss M. S.~~  
Mrs. Masako Iwaka instructor  
at U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.  
(U. S. Army)

Brother - 1st Sgt. Yoshi S. Kanegai  
Camp Savage, Minn. (U. S. Army)

Sister in law - Toy Kanegai  
66-So. 12th St. Mpls, Minn.  
(Sister-in-law at Donaldson's)

Application Recom. by brother  
1<sup>st</sup> Sgt. Y. G. Kanegae  
Student Det.  
Camp Savage, Minn.  
U.S. Army

She is a very pleasant person and easy to  
get along with. Very neat in appearance.

This is a very good prospect and I  
feel that we should do every thing  
we can to place her to good  
advantage.

ACP



*Mrs. Lawrence Steefel writing*

128 West Elmwood Place,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota,  
January 11, 1943.

Mr. Harold S. Choate,  
226 West Jackson Blvd.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Mr. Choate:

*0 years  
has open  
C means  
check book*

At the suggestion of Mrs. Lawrence Steefel of the Minneapolis Relocation Committee, I am enclosing a list of placements in process and some applications for domestic employees which Mr. Robinson has turned over to me, and some that I have received. As you can see, there are many opportunities for placements in domestic work, and some definite procedures, forms, etc. will have to be used if a satisfactory job is to be done. We thought a definite list of this nature might be of help and of interest to you in making your plans this week in Chicago. The salary mentioned by several employers- \$8 a week- we feel to be lower than the average being paid at this time for semi-skilled help, and would appreciate any guidance you might give us at this point. I am fairly familiar with the problems connected with household employment in Minneapolis, as I have been chairman of the YWCA's Industrial Committee for the past three years, and it is because of that position that I am serving on the Minneapolis Relocation Committee. Our list to date follows:

- C Mrs. Edwards Evans has written in behalf of Mrs. Yoshiko Mayeda  
12-12-C.  
Gilo Relo. Center- Rivers, Ari
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- Mrs. A.E. Selby 2 in family, but have daughter with 5 months old baby visiting until late spring. Paying \$8.00- will go to \$10.00
- Mrs. Theodore Burton Prefers girl with some experience. Will pay \$8.00 with laundry done out. Two boys- 8 and 2. 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Not particular about age. Some Japanese help employed near home.
- Mrs. Ralph Bearman One 3½ year old girl. 3 bedroom bungalow. New home. Girl would have a room and bath. \$8 per week top salary, with alund laundry. No cooking. No Sunday dinner.
- filed* ~~Mrs. Arthur Brin would like girl. No other details.~~

As you can see from the above, we have a great need for certain standards as to salary, conditions of work etc. if we are not to have a great deal of difficulty in making placements. And we need to have more information concerning the Nisei women if we are to make satisfactory contacts. We hope that the meeting in Chicago will clear up some of our questions and that we will be able to do a good job of absorbing as many of the Nisei as the national committee sees fit to allow us.

Sincerely yours,

✓ WILL A. GREGORY, Vice-President  
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January 12, 1943.

Mr. Frank Reese,  
113 So. 10th St.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

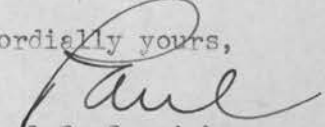
Dear Frank:

Here is the second employment application which we have received from a Nisei. I thought I had a job for Yukio Ozima, but this morning I was informed that the party who had been very much interested had decided not to employ him. I expect, however, to continue to search for a job for Ozima which suits his abilities a little better than the temporary job which we have given him here at the "Y".

In addition to what I shall do for Ozima and Yoshimura the writer of the enclosed, I should like to suggest that both of these names be cleared through the sub-committees of the Minneapolis Committee on Re-Location. It might be well also to let all members of the Re-Location Committee know that these two young men have made application for employment.

If there is anything further which you feel that I might do in this direction, please let me know.

Cordially yours,

  
Paul B. Bremicker,  
Associate General Secretary.

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2. 20.43  
Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel,  
407 So. 4th Street,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Yukio Ozima is a young neisi who lives in room 1222 Central YMCA. He was born in Seattle, Washington where he graduated from Grade and High School. During the summers he worked as a berry picker and on a vegetable farm. Since he graduated from high school he has worked

1. As a laborer on an extra gang for the Great Northern Railway.
2. As a truck driver for a furniture store.
3. On his cousin's truck farm in Idaho.

He knows how to operate a typewriter, has considerable knowledge of auto mechanics and did good work in industrial arts in high school. He carries with him letters of recommendation from the furniture store with whom he worked in Seattle and also from the principal of the school from which he graduated.

When he came to the Central Building he had just enough money to pay his room and board for one week. We gave him work washing dishes which tided him over until he also secured training work with the N.Y.A. for which he receives \$25 a month.

Mrs. Ed Evans interviewed him for an opening which she had for a house-boy, but decided finally to hire female help.

At the present time he seems to be getting along quite nicely and wishes to complete his N.Y.A. training in welding before taking a permanent job.

If there is any further information which you wish to have, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

*Paul B. Bremicker*

Paul B. Bremicker,  
Associate General Secretary.

PBB:va

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Manzanar War Relocation Project  
Manzanar, California

In reply, please refer to:  
Relocation

January 12, 1943

Mr. Arthur M. Phillips  
538 Northwestern Bank Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Phillips:

This is in further reference to our correspondence concerning a domestic for employment in your home. We have located another girl. She seems to us to have qualifications which would interest you.

Miss Mary Takahashi is not quite twenty years old. She is an attractive, friendly girl with considerable intelligence and has had a little experience as a domestic. Since coming to Manzanar, she has worked in the hospital as a nurses' aid and is well recommended by her superiors. We have invited her to write to you directly and to tell you of her qualifications for the position.

Please advise us whether you will wish Miss Takahashi or whether you will desire us to interview additional girls. From the time you make your final selection, it will take some three or four weeks to obtain release for a girl.

We trust that we will hear from you further within the near future.

Sincerely,

*Ralph P. Merritt*  
m H.

Ralph P. Merritt  
Project Director



January 12 - 1943.  
#16-2-1 W.R.A.  
Manzanar, Calif.

Mr. Arthur Phillips  
Fidelity Mutual Ins. Co.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir;

Through Mr. Heath our  
relativin director, I was informed  
about you wanting a girl to  
work in your home.

I am twenty of age, five  
feet two and half inches tall,  
hundred and ten pounds  
and in good health. I went  
to Junior and Senior high  
school in San Pedro, Calif. and  
was attending Compton Junior  
College but because of evaluation  
was unable to finish. For past  
eight months I have been  
working as an attendant in  
our hospital - both the adult  
and children's ward. My  
religion is Christian (Baptist)  
I know there will be many  
things new to me but I



I'm always willing to learn.  
If you want to know anything  
more about me I will always  
write. Hoping to hear from  
you soon and would like  
to know more about you  
and your family.

With appreciation  
Mary Takahashi

P.S. In order to relocate ourselves  
we have to go through the  
"F.B.I Clearance". It will take  
about 4 weeks for that.

*by Stanley*

(5)

January 12, 1943

Miss Edna H. Porter  
General Secretary  
Y. W. C. A.  
1130 Nicollet Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Porter:

Thank you very much for referring my letter of December re inquiry on job possibilities to Mrs. Gulick, Business & Professional Secretary of your organization.

I was very grateful and encouraged, and the position offered me is definitely in my line and just what I enjoy doing. However, per attached cc of letter to Mrs. Gulick, I am quite dubious as to whether I can maintain myself on \$75.00 a month.

It was much to my disappointment and regret not to be able to accept this kind offer, however, I will greatly appreciate any further assistance you can give me.

Thank you again for your kind interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Kiku Shimazaki*

(Miss) Kiku Shimazaki  
Block 4 - 7 - A  
Topaz, Utah

Enc: cc of letter to Mrs. D. A. Gulick

January 14, 1943

War Relocation Authority Committee  
U. S. O. Building  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

I am very interested in finding a secretarial position in Minneapolis. I will appreciate it very much if you will send me a list of organizations or institutions which do take care of these requests and are willing to take me.

I am an American with Japanese Ancestry, having been relocated to Denson, Arkansas from Fresno, California. I was born in Stockton, California, August 16, 1918 and spent most of my life in Corcoran, California.

I finished Corcoran Union High School in June, 1937 and I graduated from Woodbury Business College in Los Angeles, August 10, 1939 with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. My major was Foreign Trade, which includes shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, advertising, marketing, economics, business correspondence, filing, dictaphone, PBX, etc. My shorthand speed is approximately 100 words a minute and my typing is 60 words a minute.

At present I am employed in the Community Enterprises Division in Denson, Arkansas as a stenographer to Mr. Wayne Foster, Mr. Mauritz Erkkila and Mr. Charles M. Beltt. While in Fresno, I was employed in the Mess and Lodging Division as secretary to Mr. Clifton E. Snelson. I am confident of being qualified for a position of a good and efficient secretary.

For further information, you may write to Mr. R. H. Whitten, Woodbury Business College, 1027 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California or Mr. W. C. Love, Placement Officer, Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas.

Thanking you for your kindness and consideration, I am

Gratefully yours,

*Mariko Chono*

(Miss) Mariko Chono

2-4-B

Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas



COPY

MINNEAPOLIS  
WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE

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February 4, 1943

Miss Mariko Chono  
2-4-B  
Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

Dear Miss Chono:

A position, half time bookkeeping, half time stenography is opening in a Minneapolis Welfare Agency. The Executive Secretary says she expects this to happen in about three weeks. She is interested in your training and qualifications, but would like to have an interview with you before final arrangements are made.

I have written Mr Choate, of the National War Relocation Authority that this position is opening, and that the agency is interested in your qualifications. I have asked if he could arrange for you to come here.

The arrangement would be as follows, if it meets your approval: My husband and I would be glad to have you come and stay in our home for a few days until the opportunity for interviews had been given, with the understanding, that if something in the way of a clerical job did not open you would be willing to take some other kind of work.

As you know, a personal interview is almost always required for a job which pays ninety or ninety-five a month. This would make an interview on this or any other opportunity that came along a possibility. I am sure that, provided you meet requirements this job would be open to you, and I should like to know whether the kind of arrangement I have proposed is satisfactory to you. Please let me know at once.

Address me :Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
2808 West River Road,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

I shall be happy to hear from you, and will hold the job open for your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
Member of Minneapolis War Relocation Committee.

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February 8, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel  
2808 West River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 4th offering me the position of a bookkeeper-stenographer which will be open in a few weeks.

I referred your letter to the "Leave Clearance" office here and they also have the letter which you wrote to Mr. W. C. Love, Placement Officer. My "Leave Clearance" has not arrived as yet and Mr. Bob Itanaga, who is in charge of this department, told me to write to you stating this, but they would wire to Washington, D. C. to have my case given special attention and would do all they can to help me. So if you will, could you hold the position open another week or two? I would appreciate it very much if you would do so.

As you know, I have had experience in stenography, but have had no actual experience in bookkeeping, although have had complete training in this line at business college and I am sure that I am capable of doing this work.

Enclosed you will find two character references from Caucasians who have known me for quite some time. Also, you will find a small snapshot of myself so as to give you an idea of the type of girl I am.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration and I hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

*Mariko Chono*

Mariko Chono

2-4-B

Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

M. M. CARDOSO

CORCORAN, CALIFORNIA

Dec. 29, 1942

33A

To Whom it May Concern:

Relative to the character and ability of the holder of this letter, Mariko Chono: I have known this person since she was a small child, and have known her character to be above reproach. As to her ability to do clerical work, she has had several years training for this type of work and I can high<sup>ly</sup>/recommend her a position of this type.

Respectfully yours

  
M. M. Cardoso

J/C



H. HANDLEY, President  
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A. YODER

# Corcoran Union High School

Senior and Junior

H. L. BUHLMAN, Principal

Corcoran, California  
November 30, 1942

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To Whom It May Concern,

Miss Mariko Chono attended the Corcoran Junior-Senior High School for six years and graduated in 1937. During that time I found her to be conscientious student, capable in her studies, willing to assist in any way possible, and always a good and loyal citizen.

I am sure she will do well in the work she finds herself capable to do.

It is with pleasure that I recommend her to you for your serious consideration of her application for a position.

H. L. Buhlman, Principal

Corcoran Union High School

*H. L. Buhlman*

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MINNEAPOLIS



MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE AND FACTORY  
113-115 SO. 10TH ST.

Jan. 15, 1943

Rev. Morris C. Robinson,  
1430 W. 28th St.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. R obinson:

I enclose a letter from Paul Bremicker with attached letter from Stebbins Yoshimura, who seems to be at a relocation center at Twin Falls, Idaho. It would seem to me that this boy should get his application filed and approved, so I have written him as per enclosed copy. I have done this to save you from having to write a letter.

It would seem to me that we should have the usual information as to Yukio Ozima on file with your committee. Perhaps you already have it. Rev. Fred Croft of Excelsior might be able to locate him.

Yours very truly,

*Frank Reese*

Frank Reese

NAENCO BOND

Jan. 15, 1943.

Mr. Stebbins Yoshimura,  
15-6-C Hunt Branch  
Twin Falls, Idaho.

Dear Mr. Yoshimura:

Your letter dated Jan. 3d to the Minneapolis YMCA has been forwarded to the Minneapolis Committee on Relocation. This Committee has been formed for the purpose of assisting Nisei to find employment in our community, and if it is possible for us to do so we would be very glad to be of assistance to you.

A certain procedure is to be followed in this program and we understand that the first step is for you to make application for transfer through your local center. Once your application has been approved, your individual history will be forwarded to communities in which employment can be found. You could request that your application be routed to the Minneapolis Committee on Relocation.

This procedure is being adopted to facilitate relocation of applicants and to attempt supervision of employment deals in the interest of fair treatment of the employee as well as to satisfy the employer by finding persons who are qualified for the employer's particular job.

We hope the program is now about ready to function in volume. Since the first step is for you to file application with your local center and secure approval, will you please do this as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

Minneapolis Committee on Relocation

FR.H

Chairman



Stebbins, Yoshimura  
15-6-C Hunt Branch,  
Twin Falls, Idaho  
January 3, 1943

Minneapolis Y. M. C. A.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Gentlemen:

As I am deferred from the draft as yet it has created a desire in me to seek work opportunity in your organization.

My descent is part-Japanese. I can't speak or understand Japanese, I deeply regret that, I am denied a full participation in the war effort. My fellow Americans have pledged to give their lives to help win this war. The least I could do is to prepare myself to be a good soldier and buy War Bonds.

I am 19 years old, high school graduate, and 5 foot 11 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds.

I have considerable experience in regards to: janitor, porter, dishwasher and window-washer work.

Why I feel qualified? I feel

that, I am qualified to fill the position of janitor, porter, dishwasher or window washer because, I am young enough to be ambitious and adaptable, but old enough to be industrious and conscientious.

I feel sure, I can do the work satisfactory. What I do, however, you can depend on my doing faithfully.

I shall be most happy to gain a permanent or a temporary work at any salary you think, I am worth.

I shall be glad to arrange for a personal interview, all the expense will be my pleasure.

I have written you this letter because your institutions belief and promotion is love of fellow man, respect for every man's right to equality and also your institution has never refused to help any human need.

I shall certainly appreciate anything you can do for me.

Most sincerely,  
Stephen C. Timmons

Call

Wm. Reese

Br. 4634

Excellior 192

Keith

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Marion "

2 sisters (21)

Trained for nursing  
1 1/2 yrs in Univ -

one more semester for  
Junior college  
(After Spring)



*Heald*  
Chamber of Commerce  
Minneapolis  
Minnesota

January 14, 1943

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JAN 18 1943

MINNEAPOLIS CIVIC  
& COMMERCE ASSN.

Gentlemen:

*Rec'd W.R.G. 2-24-43*  
I am very interested in finding a secretarial position in Minneapolis. I will appreciate it very much if you will send me a list of organizations or institutions which do take care of these requests and are willing to take me.

I am an American with Japanese ancestry, having been relocated to Denson, Arkansas from Fresno, California. I was born in Stockton, California, August 16, 1918 and spent most of my life in Corcoran, California.

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For further information, you may write to Mr. R. H. Whitten, Woodbury Business College, 1027 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, California or to Mr. W. C. Love, Placement Officer, Jerome Relocation Center, Denson, Arkansas.

Thanking you for your kindness and consideration, I am

Gratefully yours,

*(miss) Mariko Chono*

Mariko Chono

2-4-B

Jerome Relocation Center  
Denson, Arkansas

P.S.

Regarding her reference, you may  
correspond with

Father Hugh Lavery; Maryknoll School  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Taylor Kung; Mgr. Calif Barrel Co.  
2581 East 8th St  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. Chas. Butters; 1362 East Sixth St  
Los Angeles, Calif.

or to any administrative officer at the Granada  
relocation Center.

She operated a Dressmaking shop in her  
own home and have made considerable number  
of dresses and gowns including evening and Wedding  
gowns; she was also employed as office clerk  
for a vegetable shipping house for about 15 years  
of which I was the manager.

Being an efficient typist and general clerk,  
along the produce line, I think she will well  
qualify in that capacity, altho I think she is  
also able to work as Dressmaker or Designer.

I think she will prefer to work for a  
Produce dealer or Brokerage house; or work  
along the Dressmaking line or as a salesgirl  
in some store.

I would appreciate any effort that  
you or your committee might make in  
effecting her resettlement.

You will recall that we have two  
boys, ages 11 and 13 years old, now attending  
Junior High school at the relocation center.

Thanking you for your efforts, I am

yours truly  
Pvt. James Hanazawa



Mr. Claire Plank  
807 Hennepin Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

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(24)

Savage, Minn.  
Jan. 17, 1943.

Dear Sir:- Thank you for allocating me some of your valuable time in permitting me to explain my situation and desire to call my wife and children for resettlement purposes.

You will recall that I am a private in the services and am now taking my course at Savage, Minnesota.

I do not know the exact age of my wife but I think she is about 33 years old, and am now living in Block 11G - Bldg. 9, Apt. B. in the Granada Relocation Center at Amache, Colorado.

Her height is about 5 feet and weighs around 110 pounds and is in good health, not having been ill (seriously) as far as I can recall.

She graduated The Poly High School of Los Angeles and also finished the Dress making course at Frank Wiggins Trade School and have also taken Book keeping course at a Business School in San Diego, Calif.



11G--9--B  
Amsche, Colorado  
Feb. 2, 1943

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Mr. Claire Plank  
807 Hennepin Ave.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

I have before me a letter from my husband, Pvt. James Kanazawa, in which he mentions your work on the committee for Nisei resettlement.

He evidently enjoyed tremendously his conversation with you, for he mentions how much he would like to have me meet you. I am hoping to make a trip to see my husband as soon as the weather becomes a little warmer, at which time I hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting you in person.

Both of us have been looking forward to the day when we would be doing service in some form towards our country. He has been granted his desire, and I hope that I too may contribute my share.

Realizing that yours is an extension of the work of such fine men as our camp Director Mr. James Lindley and his Assistant Mr. Harbison, I am most anxious to be at your service should you feel that I might possibly have some of the answers to the questions that arise in your mind pertaining to this matter of resettlement.

This evacuation and resettlement of the Japanese Americans certainly is a very perplexing problem at times. It is quite a big thing, and I know there are men on the various staffs of the very highest calibre, yet it must puzzle them at times too. And how 'little me' could be of help, I often wonder. Yet, I might be of some help. So if a times comes that you feel an urge to ask some seemingly insignificant questions, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

I shall be looking forward to the time that I may be of service to you.

Yours very truly,

*Mrs. James E. Kanazawa*  
Mrs. (Chizuyo) Kanazawa

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119-9-B  
Limache, Colorado  
March 19, 1943

Mrs. Steifel  
407 Fourth St. So.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Madam:

I wish to thank you for information regarding resettlement in your area given me at time my husband and I were in your office some time ago.

While in Chicago, I made inquiries there also on the same matter. I am torn between your city and there. However, at present I have a few friends in Chicago who are persuading to try Chicago first, amongst some friends to start with. And being alone I am inclined to be moved by their presence.

Knowing the great number of people involved, I would like to step aside and give some one else an opportunity in your file. So will you please set aside my preliminary application so as not to get in your way. Should I definitely go to Chicago and settle there I will write and let you know so that I will be completely out of your file.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. C. Kanazawa



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Office of: Health, Welfare, Housing and Consumer Interest Committee — Citizens Aid Building — 404 South 8th Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
January 18, 1943

Reverend Morris C. Robinson  
1430 W. 28th Street  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Reverend Robinson:

It is not clear in my mind as to just where the male applicants for employment, in this area, are to be sent. Hence, I am sending them on to you. All of the applicants for domestic work I have turned over to Miss Stanley at the Y.W.C.A.

I am also enclosing a letter from a Miss Chono at Denson, Arkansas. I acknowledged her letter advising her that her application for employment would be placed with the proper source on the committee.

During the past two weeks I have had countless numbers of interviews with Japanese men who are anxious to find work for wives, brothers and friends, and it would facilitate matters no end if we had a type of application blank that they could fill out and file with us. I am sure that this will be taken care of as soon as we can get to it, but if you have any more information at the present time in regard to the handling of those applications I would be happy to get it.

Yours very truly,

C.C. Plank, Director  
Service Men's Center  
807 Hennepin Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



[Jan. 18, 1943]

RAY CHITOSE ONODERA  
Last name

16 yrs. old      5 ft 6 in.      120 lbs.

Education:

Still attending high school.

Experience — none

Pref: any housework or such in which  
he can attend school during the  
day + receive small amt. for  
spending money.

Tracy Reinholds.  
Referred

[Jan. 12, 1943]

Ken Onodera 19-9-5 Manzanar, Calif.

~~200~~ 21 yrs. old 140 lbs - 5 ft. 4 in. 26

Roosevelt High School. L.H. graduate

Experiences.

Fruit & vegetable stand, <sup>clerk</sup> also grocery clerk  
for the last 3 yrs.

Pref: None, something he can learn  
a trade in.

~~Ref~~

January 18, 1943

Miss Mary Takahashi  
#16-2-1  
c/o Manzanar War Relocation Project  
Manzanar, California

Dear Miss Takahashi:

I have received your letter of January 12th. Judging from your letter and from the splendid recommendation given by <sup>your</sup> Relocation Director, both Mrs. Phillips and I feel that you will prove satisfactory in our home. We are glad that you are willing to learn, and know that you will find Mrs. Phillips very patient and understanding.

You say you would like to know more about our family. I am, therefore, enclosing a copy of the original letter written to the Employment Division on November 7th. This copy will give you a very complete picture of our home. The only change is that we have agreed to pay a salary of \$10.00 weekly.

We have decided to engage you for the position, and would like you to go ahead and obtain your release. We are also writing to the Project Director today, and informing him of our decision. We should be very happy to hear from you, particularly after you have arranged for a definite date of departure, so that we may plan to meet you here and take you to our home.

We shall look forward to a very pleasant relationship.

Very truly yours,

ANP:HS

Arthur N. Phillips

COPY TO RALPH P. MERRITT, PROJECT DIRECTOR



January 18, 1943

Manzanar War Relocation Project  
Manzanar  
California

Dear Sirs:      Attention Ralph P. Herritt  
                         Project Director

Since receiving your letter of January 12th, I have received a letter from Miss Mary Takahashi, to which I have replied as per the enclosed copy.

I will thank you to proceed with obtaining her release, and have her come on as soon as possible. I will appreciate whatever information you may send me as to the exact dates of her departure and arrival.

Thanking you again for your efforts in my behalf, I am,

Cordially,

ANP:HS

Arthur N. Phillips

January 18, 1943

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*Heald*

# Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association

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*Rec'd WRC  
2-24-43*

January 18, 1943

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Mr. George H. Knowles  
U. S. Employment Service  
407 4th Ave. S.  
Minneapolis

Dear George:

The enclosed letters from Miss Mariko Chono of the Jerome Relocation Center at Denson, Arkansas; and Eugena Smith Carter of Sedalia, Missouri, are self-explanatory.

We shall appreciate it very much if you will furnish the desired information.

Yours very truly,

*[Signature]*  
Manager  
Industrial Department

J. S. Lincoln: CC  
Enc.

*Mr. Knowles will  
phone this man*



January 20, 1943

Mr. D. W. Onan,  
D.W. Onan & Sons,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Onan:

Mr. Harold S. Choate of the War Relocation Authority has just sent me the names of two mechanical draftsmen. I am sending these along to you in the hope that your situation may have cleared up a little as far as the antagonism was concerned, and that you may be interested in writing to them.

Paul Asano, 25-10B , Delta, Utah

Frank Fukuda, 8-3-C, Delta, Utah

There is a third man also at Delta, Hideo Kowahaha, whose dormitory address I do not have.

I would suggest that if your need is great that you try to win the group over to hiring one American citizen of Japanese ancestry and see how you get along.

Your men understand, of course, that these people are approved by the FBI and that this program was cleared with the War Department and the War Manpower Commission.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Morris C. Robinson

MCR:GB

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

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Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

January 22, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel  
2808 W. River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

This letter of application was instigated upon Miss Eleanor Nakagawa's suggestion that I write you. It is my understanding that there is a Relocation Office opened, or to be opened in the immediate future, to assist Americans of Japanese ancestry in this relocation program of the War Relocation Authority.

At the present time I am a secretary for Mr. Anthony E. O'Brien, Project Attorney, of the Tule Lake Project, Newell, California. I have applied for indefinite leave which is the procedure necessary in order to leave the Center, (which I hope will be as soon as possible), for private employment. My fiance is a soldier in the United States Army and is stationed at Camp Savage near Minneapolis where he will be located for six months or perhaps longer. I am anxious to join him so that we may get married, and it is also my intention to work. I would like to obtain some employment commensurate with my experience and ability. I am 22 years of age, a graduate of McClatchy Senior High School in Sacramento, California. I have attended the Sacramento Junior College for a year and a half. I have lived all my life in either Roseville or Sacramento. My father was an employee of the Southern Pacific Company in Roseville for about 23 years which was until the time of his illness which later resulted in death. After completing my schooling, I worked for M. A. Harada, M. D. as secretary-nurse in Sacramento. On November 1941, I received a United States Civil Service appointment with the War Department and worked at McClellan Field Air Depot, Sacramento, until the outbreak of the war December 7. At that time I was transferred to Hill Field, Ogden, Utah, and worked there until suspended because of my ancestry. Upon my arrival at the Tule Lake Relocation Center I was assigned to the Stenographic Pool and then became secretary to Mr. Robert B. Throckmorton, my present boss' predecessor as Project Attorney.

I can speak Japanese and of course, I have a good general background knowledge of these people.

I have enclosed a copy of my reference letter written by Mr. Robert Throckmorton which was part of my clearance application along with the rest of the reference letters, which was sent to Washington.



I will appreciate any assistance which you may be able to offer -- or any suggestion -- in this connection, and will await your reply.

Very sincerely,



Sara T. Tanigawa  
Tule Lake Project  
3501 D  
Newell, California

The following is a list of names whom you may refer to, if it is your desire:

Mr. J. W. Hanson, Principal  
Roseville Union High School  
Roseville, California

Mr. F. A. Lewis  
c/o "Your Drug Store"  
Vernon Street  
Roseville, California

Mr. Anthony E. O'Brien, Project Attorney  
War Relocation Authority  
Tule Lake Project  
Newell, California

Mr. Elmer R. Richey  
c/o Roseville Union High School  
Roseville, California



C O P Y

MANZANAR RELOCATION CENTER  
Manzanar, California

January 9, 1943

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This will certify that Miss Sara Tanigawa was employed as my secretary while I was acting Project Attorney at the Tule Lake War Relocation Center.

I am very glad to recommend her as a capable and efficient secretary. She proved herself to be loyal and dependable in every way. She was helpful. She was accurate and careful and interested in her work.

Miss Tanigawa has a charming personality and is exceedingly popular both with the Caucasian staff and the evacuees. She was a candidate for Tule Lake Beauty Queen and is very attractive. She is thoroughly American--and is engaged to a fine young man who was selected to be among the first of the Tule Lake contingent to leave for the Army Intelligence post at Camp Savage, Minnesota. In my opinion, Miss Tanigawa is one of the most completely Americanized nisei I have known either at the Manzanar or the Tule Lake Relocation Centers. I feel confident that she will fit into any American community as readily as any of the young "mericans of Japanese ancestry.

It is a pleasure to vouch for the excellence of her work and her pleasant personality.

yours very truly,

/s/ ROBERT B. THROCKMORTON  
Robert B. Throckmorton, Project Attorney

rbt/hi

58-5-C  
Gila WRA Center  
Rivers, Arizona

JAN 23 1943

Y.W.C.A. Headquarters  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Madam,

I was wondering if you can give me some information. I would appreciate it very much if you would take the time out to assist me.

The War Relocation Authority wishes to resettle anyone who desires to do so outside of the prohibited zone. As you know all of us American citizens and aliens alike are relocated into these WRA centers. Many of us Americans of Japanese ancestry have never been out of California, our native state, and naturally we hesitate to go out into the unknown without first being assured.

To come directly to the point I am one of these people who desires to resettle if chances are promising. And this is where I wish to ask your assistance. Would there be a possibility of a position in your particular city? And will the community be willing to accept an evacuee? Or could you refer my letter to any organization which might throw some light on the information I request? At present my name has been forwarded to Washington for necessary clearance with the FBI and War Department.

Maybe it might be a little easier if I gave you a little personal data on myself.

1. I am an American citizen.
2. Age 20. Height 5'4", weight from 115 lbs. to 120 lbs.
3. Lived in California all my life until evacuation.
4. Am able to meet Caucasian.
5. My desire is to be a Receptionist or Junior Clerk Typist to a small concern or to a professional. Prior to evacuation I was a typist to a private party and here in the relocation center I'm working as a Mail Clerk. As Mail Clerk my duty is to sort and route official mail: read important letters and index or code them. And do some typing.

Now that you have a picture of what I can do, do you suppose there might be a chance in your city? I am asking these questions for general information only and if prospects looks bright I will further my plans.

Thank you very much for taking the time to read my letter. For your convenience I am enclosing a self-addressed envelope for your reply.

Sincerely yours,

  
Sakae Kaite (Miss)

P/S Arethere any domestic jobs open in your city.....two friends of mine have asked me to inquire.





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*After Five Days Return to . . .*

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Miss Sakae Kaita  
58-5-U  
Gila WRA Center  
Rivers, Arizona

Jan. 25. [1943?]

My dear Mrs Steefel:

I am anxious to turn over to you the work applications which have come to my hands in recent weeks, in order that we get started on our regular procedure for job clearances.

Attached are letters and applications as follows:

1. Correspondence concerning Stebbins Yoshimura, in which Yukio Ozima is also mentioned. *Sainter, porter, window washer*

Yukio is here at the Y. is not very pre-possessing in appearance and has no ascertainable skill. *man - Ymca.*

2. Letter from Kei Hanafusa--(now Mrs Sugimoto) filed thru Mr. Plank. *5015 - new lab hand (dressmaker) 2nd made - Domestic*

3. Letter from Prv. James Kanawaza about wife. *(Dressmaker) (Typist, General Clerk)*

4. Letter from Mr. Plank--accompanied by applications of Miss Chono and Ray and Ken Onondera *16 31* *Miss Chono (Bookkeeping Clerk)*

5. Copy of letter from R.J. Wilkie to Mr and Mrs Kitano. Hearsay is that Mr. "ilkie received no reply for a long time, then wrote the project director at my suggestion, and received word that Kitano's were already employed. He was said to be slightly disgruntled. I called his office and left my phone number, but he did not call back and I have not followed thru as I should have.

Furthermore I received by telephone the following applications:

- A. Mrs Alice Sato, Registered Nurse.  
12-3-C. Rohwer Relocation Center, McGehee, Ark.

Married-has two boys. Probably 25 years old.  
Wishes to take care of invalid-in situation where family could occupy small quarters.

- B. Nobus Sugikawa, Chef. 12-3-C Heart Mt. Wyoming.

Has nervous heart-can't get in army-is not disqualified for civilian work. Brother is cook at Camp Savage.

Worked for Country Club in San Fran. said to be excellent cook, good disposition.

The following people have expressed interest in having Nisei help:

Rev. D.C. Trapp--Ch. 5087. Farm couple for father's farm.  
I gave him the names of two families from the inventory--Roy Kishi--and Masami Sakai.

Mrs H.N. Fitch-Wayzata, Minn. Is desperate for help.  
9 cows-200 chickens. Milking machine. Do gardening and cleaning. Offers \$40. per month to start-plus board and

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roomm,private shower,toilet hot and cold water.  
Mr Choate reports that \$50.00 should be minimum.  
Inventory has several names which might be submitted to  
Mrs Fitch. Tom Shimizu,Granda,for example.

Mrs Clayton,of the Clayton Gardens--62 and Lyndale wants  
a farm couple. I gave her name to Pvt.Hatsumi Yamada  
of Camp Savage-who is seeking employment for his father  
and mother. They are in their sixties and may not be  
able to handle the work. Inventory contains names of  
several Nurserymen who might fill Mrs Clayton's needs  
better.

Miss Swenson of the Lincoln Employment Agency said that she  
would be glad to turn over to us any work offers which she  
could not fill.

6.I am enclosing copy of a letter to Mr.D.W.Onan offering two  
mechanical draftsmen. He has encountered some opposition  
from his present staff,however.

Mr.Frank Resse reported to me that the Rev.Mr.Croft of the  
Episcopal Church at Excelsior could probably place a number of  
yardmen,or agricultural workers among members of his parish.

I had an application yesterday afternoon for a couple at \$100.00  
per month-domestic service at Minnetonka,and referred it directly  
to Mr.Choate,since he felt the salary was perhaps low. Did not  
note down the name of the possible employer.

From this point on I shall refer to you all offers for non-  
domestic employment,as well as any applications which may come to  
me via Camp Savage. It may be after we get under way,necessary  
to have a volunteer worker at the Service Center on Sat.afternoons  
to take care of those who come in about relatives.

I do appreciate all you're planning to do and are now doing! It's  
certainly a load off my mind and shoulders to be able to turn all  
this over to you! From now on,I'm at your service'. Let me know  
if I can be of help!

"ith cordial regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

*Marvin Robinson*

P.S.My Secretary is busy with church finance on Monday morning-  
therefore please pardon the personal typing!



January 28 [1943<sub>1</sub>]

Dear Mrs. Steffel,

We found work at the  
Bowman Egg Company as  
egg breakers and we start work  
Monday. We decided against  
the Bakery job at The National  
Tea Co as we would have to work  
holidays.

Bowman's are paying us 54¢  
an hour + will be seasonal  
work - until September. And  
of course they will give us  
realism.

Thank you ever so much  
for your untiring efforts in  
helping us find work. We  
appreciate it very much.

Toy Yoshida  
Yoshio Dai

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Camp Savage  
Savage, Minn.  
January 27, 1943

War Relocation Commission  
15-11 W 28 St.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Rev. M. C. Robinson:

I heard from Lt. Dowd, Adjutant at Camp Savage, that you are helping technicians get positions here in Minneapolis. I have a brother in Poston Relocation Center, Arizona. Ever since 1931, he has studied to be an automobile mechanic and practiced in Sacramento, California, for the past ten years. He was known as one of the best mechanic there.

He is married since 1938 and now has a baby of nine month old. Age is 31 and and is very healthy. His height is about five feet eight inches. Speaks English well.

If you will give him a special consideration, I shall be much obliged.

Very truly yours

(Mr.) Jetsuo Inagawa

P.S. Enclosed is his present address.

Mrs Steefel

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Poston, Arizona

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Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen;

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MINNEAPOLIS CIVIC  
& COMMERCE ASSN.

I am an American-Japanese now in  
a relocation center in Arizona. I was  
evacuated from Salinas, California, to here  
during the summer of last year.

As you may know, there is now a move  
on in all relocation centers to have as many  
of us as possible permanently established on the  
outside.

I am writing to you to ask just what the  
chances are of myself obtaining employment in  
your city.

At the time of evacuation, I was in the photo-  
graphic business. Here in Poston, I am a sports  
writer on this center's daily paper.

Yours truly,

Isami Nakamura