

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

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412--6th. Street, S. E. Minneapolis 14, Minn. Nov. 2, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

This is the letter that I received from Helen Kinoshita some time ago. I am sending this to you through my brother-in-law, Theodore Matsuyama.

We are very grateful for your kind and thoughtful services to our group. If we can be any help to you, please call on us.

Yours very truly,

Francis M. Hayashe

28-14-E Heart Mt., Stys. Hav. 3, 19 x 2 (156) Dear Mrs. Steepel My daughter aske me continuously if I had previously answered your letter of had answered your letter in Quelale but though the mail such it must have been lost, delayed or something must have occurred to present your receiving it I was very lappy and contented to know that Many worked for such a nice family and such pleasant surraundings Mary always refere to you still and low she laved to work and mingle with your lovely family. Alroyd your careful instructions of know she had learned some valuable lauselald taske Many is still going to callege and you probably know. The

seems to like it fine and I am very happy to see her go to collège! He are living in Heart Mrt. Thyoming now as we were transferred form Julelale. He me also haping to relocate and regain and mormal lives again! Ite people here are nice and friendly but mobily is as! good as the friendly you once lived with Thith our friends in practically every relocation center of find this would Dlanking your for your splendid case sow my laughter, May, during the summer months That Linewy, The Tom Hayano

Nov. 6-+3 Den Mrs. Steefel, (216)
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gaing to knit a sweate, Give mr. Steefel & Thing of Pate my regardo. Sincerely, Weatle

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War Relocation Desk 407 S. 4th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota November 11, 1943

Miss Helen Kinoshita 31-11-8 Hunt, Idaho

Dear Miss Kinoshita:

I am sorry not to have had time to write you earlier. Reverend Francis Hayashi has told me that you have written him and are interested in relocation. As I understand it your long time plan is to go to St Olaf's College to study Music. Before doing this you would need to work for a while to accumulate funds.

I am sending you a United States Employment Service card which I shall appreciate your filling out. I am especially in need of knowing your work experience. I gather you graduated from High School in the Center last June, and that since then, until September, you worked in the off ce of the Assistant Project Director. What were your duties there? Did you do any work while attending school before entering the Center or while in the Center?

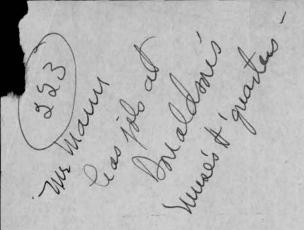
You are youngk and, I suppose your three months experience this summer will be about all you've had time for. If your skills are good we might well be able to place you either as a distaphone operator or stencil cutter. I would do my very best, however, to try for a hob where you could use your shorthand lest you lose your spead. Of one thing I am certain. We can find you an office job given warning enough shead when you are coming, provided you are accurate and speedy. Of course everything depends upon the interview. You are free to take the work if you like it, and the employer to take you if he finds he likes you. We will do our best to have a job open for you to apply for when you come provided you tell us ahead when you will reach here. As to housing. Write sheed and reserve a room for the date you arrive at the YWCA. Then you can try to locate something satisfactory through friends or in the city. We are setting up a housing service which should make that easier. But there is a housing shortage here and that makes it a problem for everyone even for people who have lived here a long time.

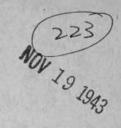
The salaries here are not as high as in some cities..85 to 90 a month for beginnners. But they are going up, and have advanced ten a month since last spring. They will probably do so again before next spring, for at present we are beginning to find there is a shortage of office workers here for the first time.

Let me hear from you as to your plans, and let me have the application blank properly filled out.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel Volunteer Placement Secretary





22-9-A Counselor's Office Hunt, Idaho Nov. 16, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel War Relocation Desk 407 S. 4th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 11.

My friend, Miss Suzuki, and I plan to leave Minidoka on December 1 and will arrive in Minneapolis on December 3. Yukiko worked in a glove factory in Seattle for five years but would like to get into stenography. if possible. At the present time, she is employed as a stenographer in the Leaves Section and is brushing up on her shorthand. I sincerely hope that you will be able to place her also.

For the past year, I have been employed as secretary to Mr. Carl Sandoz, head of the Welfare Section in the Project. I have found the work extremely interesting and would like very much to get into a social agency, if possible.

Yukiko and I would like to find a small apartment close to our work, where we can cook our own meals, have friends drop in, in other words, a cozy little place we can call our very own.

We are eagerly looking forward to resettling in Minneapolis and hope to make many new friends.

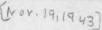
Thank you for your interest in us. I am hoping to be able to meet you in person very soon.

May I hear from you again?

Sincerely,

Toshiko Fukano





The moon is hid,
the night is still,
The Christmas bells
from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist.

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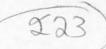
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minnespolie, minnesota (23) november 22, 1943 Dear mrs. Steefel, I hope you will accept my appologies for not writing to you somer, but since I have been working at my new job, I have been quite busy due to my overtime. However, at this time, I would like to extend my most sincerest appreciation for all you have done for me. I consider it a quat pleasure to know such a person as you, who is wilking to go out of their way to help us get settled in this time of emergency. may your generous services be well rewarded.

I remain ~ Sincerely yours, Jim Kawaminami





Dith best wishes for CHRISTMAS

and the NEW YEAR

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407 South 4th Street Winneapolis. Minnesota November 22, 1943

Viss Toshiko Tukano 22-9-A Counselor's Office Eunt. Idaho

Dear Miss Pukano:

I have checked with Mr Harold Mann and find that he, also has been planning employment for you. He tells no that there is an office Secretarial job open and also a job with an accounting firm. He try to avo to avoid duplication of effort so far as possible, and it seems, therefor as though since he is holding at least on of these jobs open for you I should wait until you come to see what success you have with this application.

As for Miss Suzuki: I shall need to have a fuller picture of her training and experience. From what you say, if she is "brushing up" her shorthand is probably not very speedy. There is a job open for a girl whose shorthand is rapid and accurate. It will be necessary to know, also how speedy and accurate her typing may be. I enclose a card which Miss Susuki should fill out and return to me.

Please call on me when you reach Rinneapo is for any help I can give you. As soon as I receive either a ERA 26, if you have one, or the card I am sending on hiss Suski I shall try to find or open something for her.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs Lawrence D. Steefel: Volunteer Placement Secretary

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9 years of experience as secretary. -

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Dear Mrs. Steepel, namps, Idals I'm sorry I dean't answer your letter some concerning employment for me in your city! D've heen thenking it over and decided that I should went tell the end of January before going to minneapolie. Dence evolena travel is to be January, I dan't suppose D'a he able to make recervations an a train. Fraula it make much difference of I wanted that long? Please arvive me so to ony plana, and let me knew of it would be satisfactory to your and your

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War Relocation Desk 407 S. 4th Street Minneapolis , Minnesota December 3, 1943

Mr. George Rundquist Committee for Resottlement of Japanese Americans New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Rundquist:

I think you would be heartened by the results of your trip here. They are growing. Bringing the most interested members of the committee together that day at luncheon, to talk over with you and with each other what they were thinking and doing has established a common denominator of policy.

The most important thing was to remove the obstacle to continuance. That seems to have been fear of the responsibility which the Committee feared would be placed upon it for the number of people coming in. Placing this responsibility with the WRA, but having Mr. Myor's assurabe that the Committee's voice will be heard when the commu ities welfare seems at stake has effectively stopped talk of dropping the work.

The clarification of our relations with the WRA was another need. The discussion with Mr. Myer at Mr. Mann's office has made it quite clear to the Committee that out regional supervisor has rules for his region contrary to the policy held nationally. While the committee regrets to have placed Mr. Mann in the uncomfortable position of knowing that we are aware that the orders he must follow as they are delivered by his immediate superior, are at variance with those of Washington... it also feels, now, that he will understand, if it governs itself by the Washington pattern of thought rather than by Mr. Sharrall's. He has gone his own way. We will go ours. If he needs us he can call on us. But this is our community. We can do things and establish things which he cannot do. We will work for the Nisei. If it happens to please him to do so, we shall be glad. Ifn not, they will probably come to us and, eventually, we can do the better without him.

Our relationship with the new hostel has also procecupied us. We are in process of reorganizing the Cormittee. With complete friendliness Mr. Reese is giving up the chairmanship. His greatest interest was in finding employment for individual Nisei. He is now too busy to give this the time it demands of him. He will remain on the Cormittee. The program of the Committee is to be centralized, but not in the new Fostel. The notivation for the purchase of the property, and the disregard for community need and interst in its establishment makes it hard to feel unqualified faith in the undertaking.

It is the decision of the Committee that the hostel should be considered as one more facility in the community to be used in the interest of the Nisel. They feel that it will probably be thought of as the lutheran House soon after its establishment, and that it would hurt the over-all community aspect of the work if it were to become branded as sectarian. Miss Akard will be invited to become a member of the Committee and to work out her plans with us. It is doubtful that she will be permitted by the War Manpower Commission here to do much employment work outside of the non-industrial field. Something will depend upon her planning.

The clear-cut consept of the Committee's function is as follows:

To make available to the Nisei all established facilities in the city.

To establish and safeguard stindards in employment, care of minor boys and girls, social welfare, health and housing.

To cooperate with the WRA wherever it requests help.

To make a progressive study of the community, keeping in the new office a block-by-block map with markers for individual and family residences so that Nisei coming in may know when they have Nisei neighbors, ministers may know where Nisei of their denomination reside so they may be visited and invited to attend the church in their neighborhood, and committee members may know when there are Nisei in their own neighborhoods toward whom they may be neighborly.

There is the plan to have a wider community committee representing all sects, labor, busineds, welfare educational and social groups. That of this committee there may be a strong and working executive Committee which shall discuss and propose policy after conference, shall establish patterns for reports to the over-all committee, and plan programs for the regular committee meetings which will bring to the Committee outstanding figures in the Relocation work. These speakers will educate the board in all aspects of the Movement, and from time to time, members of the Executive Committee will present abstracts and outlines of WRA releases, Committee for Resttlement of Japanese American material, and some high-lights from the Center publications which will indicate the temper and movement of public opinion and activities there.

This is the plan of reorganization drawn up yesterday by the small Committee appointed for the purpose. The new officers have not yet been selected, but we will try to find people who are interested in carrying out this plan.

I have just come away from a conference with Mr. Davidson of the USES.

Next week we are to make arrangements for access to anything save the
restricted firm jobs which the USES has on file. Mr. Davidson says that
Mr. Mann has made it very clear that he can do his own job finding, and
that he considers any attempt to break the ice for the Nisei "pampering".

"While we will not ignore the WRA," he says, "Me shall adhere to our own
community standards of humaneness and decency." So that is that! (He
had an early interview with Mr. Sherrill before Mr. White came here and
at that time was given a clear picture of the ability of the NNA to ignore
the USES in its employment work. He says, oddly enough, he still thinks
the USES is the government's agency for employment here. He says, also,
that our work in Minneapolis has meant that far more Nisei are here than

page 3. in St. Paul, where there is actually a need for them. He says Mann complains of too small a staff to do good job recruiting, but lets it go at that.)

Miss Porter, the original supporter of the whole plan here stated to me today that since your visit she has completely changed her mind about the future of the work here. She had not known that local and national policy in WRA were so at variance, and will be glad to go on working to support the national plan. That is of great importance to community support as a whole.

The Civilian Defense Council is entertaining a request for funds for office staff. The YWCA offers quarters. Some of us think a less femine background would make it easier for the men to seek counsel. The next job is to make sure that the paid clerical staff is not left with the job of meeting and advising the Nisei unless someone can be found qualified to do this. Housing, schools, etc are the first matters of consideration.

With the onset of winter, the numbers coming in are many fewer. I still have people coming to the desk to make long time plans for employment. The Cormittee and the USES feel that that work rust go on.

Thank you again for coming out when you did. I am sure the prospect wold be very different if you had not helped the committee to think things through. We have at least in embryo, a working arrangement.

Please give my greetings to Alice Rundquist. We have the pleasantest memories of you both.

Sincerely yours.

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

P.S. Thanks for the WRA outline of proposals. It is now in the hands of the Pesearch and Analysis Division of the Central Council of Social Agencies. Cur own plans are being formulated with this material in mind.

(239) CHESTER SAKURA 2 All Bent MINIDOKA W. R. A. HUNT, IDAHO Dec. 6, 1943 Hear miss swanson, Hank you so much for your prompt reply and kind interest, even with the busy schedule I know you surely much have. He are graying that God will ofen up a way for us of it he His will. as for our problem, the children are the first consideration. I have talked this over with Rev. Undrews and Rev. Hompson and Rev. Fukuyama, all offices also min ME Cullough the Baptist musion ary here, Mr. Beeson of HRa leaves & fles. lough, Mr. Sanday a Juaker who is head if Social Service and the general con-Clusion is that a small institution namely nursery school or such , would be preferable to private employment in

a home since there would less aft to be personal repression there with the 3 Children, Unother reason Iwould like to get in this mursery school is that it. would elimenate expense and enaccess. ability of household furnishing which would be from scratch, also the upkerp af a separate house. So I do not ask any salary, just for our roomand board. That is the way things look to me here in a relocation camp but perhaps that is not the best solution and things will work out its natural course some other way. I do not have any special talent ar training unless handling Children for 8 years could be called first hand experience, plus an enterent interest in good child training and Childhood problems. I am also very Enpious to get my cheldren ento a

(229) MINIDOKA W. R. A. good Christian influence since I have some expecially difficult genoral problems here, aggravated by camp conditions, The other alternative is a job and placing the children in a day mersery, since I could have my mather at home during my absence. In that case Iwaned look for a job perhaps in an industrial plant, doing routine work with my hande suce I do have a natural numbleness of fungers. I do have the regular government allottment to wive & children to fall back on but I do not have much idea on the cost of living, etc, which of course differs with each locality, I'm presume, I have worked previously in the post office, having had full though

time keeping here in Hunt for 6 months, also head waithers in the dining half here for 6 months.

May Ikak that your forward this settles to Mrs. Street! Hanking you, again I am, Your sincestly,

Mrs. again Sam,

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, 407 South 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Steefel:

Thanks for your nice long letter and the information concerning the continuing work of the Relocation Committee.

Mr. White was in to see me yesterday. He is working now in Harrisburg and so far has not been able to attract many evacuees to his area for relocation.

The knowledge that there are friends like yourself throughout the country working on evacuee resettlement is an inspiration to us in New York, and you may be sure that we will do everything we possibly can to help you continue the good work.

I am leaving the city, to be gone for several weeks, so I have not time for a longer letter, but my greetings are sincere.

Cordially yours,

George E. Rundquist

Executive Secretary.

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407 S. 4th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota December 10, 1943

Mrs. Grace Mayberg Family Welfare Association Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Mayberg:

I have some further details for you regarding Mr. William Kato. Bloom Prothers Company, 25 North 2nd Street Minneapolis reports that he has been in their employ for a period of three months. He was given a leave for two wooks, when he went to Washington, but otherwise has been very regular in attendance until this week. Now, they report, he is ill, and has not been reporting for several days. They know nothing of his skills in office work, but think well of him as a Stock Clerk.

In a conversation with Professor Harold Quigley, coordinator of the University of Minnesota Language and Area Program for the Far East I learned something of his interview with Mr. Kato. He saw patient as a personal favor to Captain Paul Rush of Camp Savage. (Pl. 4471) He got the impression of a very disturbed individual at that time. Fearing that there might be some misunderstanding he made himself very clear as to the prospects of Mr. Kato's becoming a member of his Japanese Teaching staff. He told him that his English is so poor that there would be difficulty for Caucasian students in understanding him. Hesaid: "Iw will let you know if I can use you." There was never any promise of employment, and he never stated, as Hr Kato reports, that he would never find anyone as well trained for the work elsewhere.

Mr. Quigley says his memory is not too clear, but that he believes that Mr. Kato told him that he had been an informer, and that that relationship to the Japanese government was causing him trouble. He says he doubts the man ever worked in the Japanese embassy. That being something probably impossible to clear, cannot be corroborated. He advised worker to contact Captain Rush. (Capt. Rush is on leave until the first of the year.)

Worker called Mrs, Kato 12/10/45 to offer her a job for herself. She repeated that she will make no employment plans for herself until her husbands plans are made. Hers must be adapted to his. Discussed office work for him at the National Tea. She said she is

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going with him to see a doctor today. She believes he is not physically sick, but that his illness is due to his emotional condition. Worker told her she hoped they had found a good p physician. She was evasive. Said she would contact worker later about the work, when she "knows where we are."

10/0/43 Phone call from Mr. Harold Mann, WRA office (Main 5244 ext 270) to whom the Saint Paul Committee, Mrs Earl Tanbarra, had reported that Mr. and Mrs. Kato had applied to them for domestic employment. He says he will advise them that this type of work is not advisable, and that the Minneapolis Committee is handling the case through an established agency, and that he recommends that the St. Paul Committee withdraw from the case.

Mr. Quigley daised the question as to whther both members of the Kato family would not be better off if Mr. Kato were hospitalized at Fort Snelling, where as an honrably discharged soldier he is entitled to care.

Worker will continue to contact patient's wife on employment as long as she can accept this. At present, Mrs. Kato seems to intend intend to continue contact with worker.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel Volunteer Placement Secretary, Minneapolis War Nelocation Committee 1738 manetic are

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my dear mis. Steafel Thanks for the Phone Call other day, Owing Paul leaving for Wenver Colo. I milit help the women folks for next few days, I'll ball you up or drape in to see you when he come, home from Conference Thanking again for the form. "I didn't chance to see mr. Whelok' Horye Nagano.

27-9-F Topag, titah Dec. 162443 Mrs. Steefel % U.S. Employment Service War Relocation Centhority Menneapolis, Minn. Dear Madam: -May I ask if There is a possible opening there in your city, of a job in the line of Stock clerk, shipping clerk, or assembling clerk. I am especially interested in the above mentioned type of work, as I have had considerable experence along those lines. My qualifications are, 2 years in each of the stock elech, shipping clerk and assembling department for a whole sale concern in San trancisco. Cet present Lam employed as a shipping, assembling and slock clerk, for the Topse Consumers Co-operative and have treen so employed for the past year. your name was referred to me Through Mrs. Pat Hirashima, who is residing at 1419 5th St. S. E. in your city, and with whom I have worked with prior to evacuation. She will be able to offer any recommendation or reference to my qualifications. Hoping that & may hear from you, and chanking you, Very Truly. Sam I. Watahara

Lean Bes. Stefell to let you know to law for Jad his seeking to her you am and play for and has received to free you am play for the perfect to perfect the formal has received to be freely my job at home; There for the past week his appearance was proi esteler at Josten for recurring a position of work purtable to this age x expension. Puchagens

Ker. Face Nagano THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

615 - 16th Ave. S. E. Minneapolis, Minnesota December 17, 1943

Mrs. Steefel United States Employment Service 407 South 4th Street Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for aiding me in obtaining my present position with the National Conference of Christians and Jews. I went for an interview Monday afternoon, and since the conditions seemed favorable, I started working right away.

Although this temporary work is supposed to last until March 1, 1944, I accepted this position with the agreement that the Council was free to dismiss me before that date, if they should finish the campaign, and I was free to quit, if I should find permanent employment in the meantime. Therefore, Mrs. Steefel, if any permanent position more in the bookkeeping line should turn up, will you please let me know by calling up the Council office?

Thanking you for your services, I remain,

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Yours very sincerely,

Mechiko Imato

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706- Latinol Bldg. minnegalis, 2 Dear mis Stufet lette which I am passing on & Jon. I am sorry he did not with Jon as I suggested. This is the yning without I whom I spoke some time ago. made for her and his children? It will not be lasy. I shall call for later & see if you kon any ideas. Shank jon. Condially Tuginis diaman Dec 15, 1943

COMMITTEE ON RESETTLEMENT OF JAPANESE AMERICANS

December 20, 1943.

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel, 407 South 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

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With best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

George E. Rundquist

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MINNEAPOLIS WAR RELOCATION COMMITTEE



December 30, 1943

Dear Friend:

I believe you will be interested in reading the enclosed cepy of a letter from Mr. George Rundquist to Mrs. Steefel, concerning the efforts of a certain group to strike at the War Relocation Authority through its Director, Mr. Dillon Myer.

The opposition to a thoughtful program for resettlement and decentralization of the Japanese-American group seems to stem from the same sort of thinking which produced a Ku Klux Klan in America and a Nazi Party in Germany. Since such movements feed on successes, it seems a good idea to starve this movement in infancy.

Will you please take whatever action you feel impelled to take after reading Mr. Rundquist's letter.

Sincerely yours,

Frank Reese

Chairman

Minneapolis War Relocation Committee

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P.S. Miss Martha Akard, Director, and the staff of the Twin City Lutheran Hostel, 127 Clifton Avenue, extend a cordial invitation to members of the Committee to the Open House on January 3rd, one to five in the afternoon.

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA December 21, 1943

Dear Christian Friend:

Announcement may now be made of something new that is a big addition to the life of our Church here in Minneapolis and in this country.

The Board of American Missions, aided by the W.M.S., has set up a hostel for Japanese-Americans at 127 Clifton Avenue, Minneapolis. This is a temporary stopping place for people released from the relocation centers by the War Relocation Authority to find jobs and homes in this section. It will be opened for its task December 23rd.

It is the first definite expression our Church has made of Christian kindness toward Americans of Japanese blood. It grows out of our Christian fellowship with the brethren of our Faith in our Japan Church, and looks forward to definite mission work among the people of their race here.

It is also a measure of loyal cooperation with a government agency created to ameliorate a great injustice done a vast number of loyal American citizens. It should be borne in mind that there is no suspicion attached to any of the Nisei in the nine relocation centers where most of these people now are. All who are even suspected of disloyalty are in the Tule Lake camp, of recent notoriety. That is the only "bad" one.

The property that houses this enterprise and its present meagre furnishings were purchased by the Board of American Missions.

The Lutheran Welfare society has shown its broad Christian sympathy by taking title to the home, thus facilitating the real estate transaction, and voting its whole-hearted cooperation in making it a real Christian force.

The director is Miss Martha Akard, long-time head of the Janice James school for girls in Kumamoto, Japan. She is salaried by the W.M.S. of the U.L.C.A. She is already in the Hostel building. Her telephone number is Atlantic 9786.

It has been a real privilege to me to cooperate in setting up this enterprise. I am counting on the help of all our churches to make it a real expression of our zeal for the Kingdom of our Lord,

Cordially yours,
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RHG/MB

VICE-PRESIDENTS

Dear Mrs. Steeple,

I should have written this letter long before and I am very sorry that I have not done so. I wish to thank you for all you have done in helping me and many other people like myself in securing a position. Without your hind help, we would have been lost.

many thanks to you mrs. Steefle.

Sincerely, Emils Waterabe

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Dec. 24rd 1943. my dear mrs. stefel Just a 1 Just a line to let you know, I am working at Horrs market. Dence Thursday Dec. 23rd Will let you know, time to time how I am getting along. as you know mr. Be hert very nice gentle man, and hope every thing works out alright. Thanks Very much for your ford. Hape you have very Happy Christmas, and pray for Peace on Earth. Sincertly yours. George Jayano.

Rochester, Minn. December 27, 1943.

Dear Mrs. Steefel,

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I am very much ashamed of my not writing to you sooner. In fact, I have meant to get in touch with you before we left Minneapolis but since we were so busy packing until the last minute that I just had to leave without having time even to call on no-one. I hope you will forgive me.

We have been here at Dr. Wilder's for whole week now and am glad to be able to say that we both like being here very much. Both Dr. and Mrs. Wilder has been more than kind to us and helped us very much in making ourselves at home.

Kindly extend my thanks to both Miss Mayberg and Miss Eaton for their kindness shown shown toward us when you see them next, thanks.

Thanks again for everything, best of health and wishes,

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Sincerely, Sue Kato

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

December 28, 1943

Mrs. Lawrence Steefel 407 South Fourth Street Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Steefel:

There was an item in the New York Times of Sunday, December 19, reporting that a petition to President Roosevelt was being circulated among West Coast members of Congress demanding the resignation of Dillon Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority. This is an attempt to get rid of a fearless and able administrator who has courageously and effectively carried out a task defined and assigned to him by the Government of the United States.

As you know, a number of the West Coast Congressmen have been trying to prevent the resettlement of the evacuees and would like to ship every person of Japanese ancestry, regardless of citizenship, to Japan. Our laws do not permit the deportation of citizens because of the accident of ancestry, neither do they permit us to detain citizens without trial; and neither the Army nor the Department of Justice want to be responsible for the detention of the evacuees.

The relocation program has the endorsement of the Department of Justice, the War Department and the War Manpower Commission; and because it is sound, it so far has been able to withstand the attacks of its opponents, who are largely the same West Coast groups who were so insistent on getting rid of all people of Japanese ancestry. Having failed to block the program, these pressure groups are now endeavoring to get rid of the Director.

This is a matter of national interest and is not the exclusive concern of a few West Coast states.

Japan has very effectively used in its propaganda the fact that not only aliens of Oriental ancestry but citizens of Oriental ancestry are the only people in America who have been placed in concentration camps, and that aliens and citizens of European ancestry (those with white faces) have not been evacuated from their homes or placed in detention without hearings.

If you believe, as I do, that relocation is the best possible solution to the problems created by the evacuation, I should like you to make some expression of your opinions to the President of the United States and to your local Congressmen

-2-Mrs. Lawrence Steefel December 28, 1943 and United States Senators in defense of the relocation program and in support of the man charged with its direction. He has honestly and ably performed the job assigned to him, and I have great admiration and respect for him. Will you enlist the cooperation of other members of your committee and other friendly people in the community to make some expression of their opinions where they will be noticed, that is, to their local Congressmen? Since I have made the suggestion that you get in touch with your local Representatives in Congress, I would like to follow up with the thought that it would be a good idea to assign to the members of your committee and to friends the task of keeping your Congressmen informed of your interest in the resettled evacuees and how they are adjusting themselves to the community; that, as individuals, you are concerned that democracy be practised at home, in the United States, and that you believe that it is not based upon the color of a man's skin. Sincerely yours, George E. Rundquist George E. Rundquist Executive Secretary P.S. Enclosed is a copy of a letter sent by the Home Missions Council to the President. GER:cl Enc.

The President Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As the executive secretary of the Home Missions Council, which represents twenty-three of the major denominations in the work of national missions, I have been requested by the special Committee on Administration of Japanese Christian Work to write you protesting the attempts that are being made by various agencies to dismiss Mr. Dillon S. Myer from the directorship of the War Relocation Authority.

We represent a group of people who have been very close to the relocation problem since its beginning. We have probably had more opportunity than any other group in the United States to judge the value of the services rendered by WRA. While we recognize that mistakes have been made—by the very nature of the case this would be inevitable—we are convinced that these are mistakes that arise out of a rapidly changing situation and are not the result of inefficiency. We give our unqualified endorsement to the leadership and program of WRA and request your very careful consideration of this statement of confidence as you take under advisement the question of the future leader—ship of this important agency.

Yours very truly

(signed) Mark Dawber

For the Committee on Administration of Japanese Christian Work

cc - George E. Rundquist
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Religious News Service - Mr. Duggan
John W. Thomas

Minneapolis, Minnesota December 28, 1943

Doctor Harry B. Zimmerman; 1369 Lowry Medical Arts Building St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Zimmerman:

I enclose the copy of some material concerning a surgeon who is an American of Japanese descent. This man is still in one of the Relocation Centers, or concentration camps to which all Japanese Americans in the West Coast Area Command were relocated in the srping of 1942. He is interested in any reasonable opportunity which might be offered him to reestablish himself normally again.

Mr. Reese, Chairman of the Minneapolis Committee has already sent copies of this material to Dr. Wangensteen. Although three weeks have passed there has been no answer as yet.

If you have any suggestions which we might offer Dr. Iki, I should be grateful for them. If opportunities could be made for him he would plan to come on for interviews if that seemed desirable.

This you friednly greetings from the Steefels, and best wishes for a Good New Year.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Lawrence D. Steefel Volunteer Placement Secretary, Minneapolis, War Relocation Committee. my dear Mrs. Stafel:

Just yesterday received Call from mv. whuloch (national tea Co) arrange to meet the gentleman at the University and Laxing ton are in St Paul, on morday. 17. W. hope I can find way out that way. I will report on the outcome of the meeting, Dince Paul is away Sampretty bury look after things.

Sincertly Yours

Leage Nagano.



Day fodes across the winter world The snow is cold and deep; Beside the window Christmas Eve Our twilight watch we keep! mw. Stafel (Bec. 311943)

The latch hangs free
The door swings wide
To greet our friends

Of Christmastide!

mv. mrs. A. Uagano.

