

Ruth Tanbara Papers

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November 12, 1945

Dear Committee Member:

Because of the chaotic state of the Hostel, in the process of being cleaned and decorated, we had to skip one meeting of the Resettlement Committee, but we feel that we must not let another go by on that account. Therefore, the next meeting will be a luncheon at the Y.W.C.A. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, at NOON.

Owing to the fact that the following Wednesday is the day before Thanksgiving we shall cmit a meeting on that day. Thus it is very important that you be present this Wednesday 1) to set the date of our first Annual Meeting, 2) to appoint a nominating committee to propose next year's officers whom we shall elect at the Annual Meeting, 3) to hear about the progress the Hostel is making.

Miss Elizabeth Evans, Director of the Hostel, will be present to tell us of her plans for helping to make the resettlement program in St. Paul permanent and successful.

We are counting very much on you being with us Wednesday noon at the Y.W.C.A.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Elliott Magraw, President

Mrs. Woodard Colby, Vice Pres

To: Gloria A. Thompson

Minnesota Historical Society, Research
Center

from Ruth N. Tanbara

Enclose photo copy of permission granted to Earl and Ruth Tanbara to travel to St. Paul in 1942 during the Evacuation of Japanese Americans during World War II.

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on March 2, 1942 and moved voluntarily to Reedley, California which was 150 miles inland from San Francisco and resided there until we were required to move again by August 3, 1942.

Kuth N. Jambera

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MEMO OF ADJUSTMENT

Letter from Pastor March 26, 1945 Dear Brother Ed: I am writing you concerning a Japanese couple, Earl Tanbara and Ruth Tanbars, who joined our church a year ago and attended quite well .when they were in our community, but some six or seven months ago they moved to 218 S. Avon, and since then have attended church only once. They have not come out at all during Lent, and we can't go on this way. Either they will have to join some other church or I will have to take them off the rolls. Therefore, I am writing you to see if you will not interest yourself in their case. They live quite close to your church and really ought to attend there. They are lovely people and I am sending a copy of my letter to you to them, which I trust they will understand as being sent out of the highest religious consideration for them. If they want to transfer this Easter, just phone me and I shall so do. May you have a blessed Easter season. Fraternally yours, cc- E.& R. Tenbara PLG/M

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HOME OFFICE ADDRESS 605 MARKET STREET SAN FRANCISCO CABLE ADDRESS "WESTLIFE"

San Francisco, Calif. October 18, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Tokuko Tanbara 218 South Avon Street St. Paul, 5, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

Policy No. - 70903 Ruth Tokuko Tanbara

We observe that you have elected to have this policy paid in lump sum, and we have delivered to you the Company's check for \$517.98 in full payment of the total proceeds due. Your receipt in full has also been received. Thus payment of the contract has been fully completed.

May we express the wish that you have found our services satisfactory and extend the hope that, should opportunity permit, we may have your recommendation.

Sincerely,

I. Mathis

Superintendent Claims Department

IM:BD

Ruth Tanbara 218 South Avon Street St. Paul 5, Minnesota July 27, 1944

Mr. I. Mathis Superintendent Claim Department West Coast Life Insurance Company 605 Market Street San Francisco 5, California

Dear Mr. Mathis:

Re: Policy No. 70903
Ruth Tokuko Tanbara

As you requested in your letter of June 28, I am enclosing my policy # 70903 with notarized affidavit and my birth certificate. I would appreciate having my birth certificate returned when you mail my check.

I moved from 1725 James Street and my present address is 218 South Avon Street.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Earl K. Tanbara

Via Registered Mail
Enclose: Policy # 70903
Birth Certificate
Receipt and Release notarized M.E. # 6726
Affidavit, General Licensed National

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
1231 MARKET STREET
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
Telephone KLONDIKE 2-2611

July 24, 1942

TO ALL PEACE OFFICERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

1. The bearers, persons of Japanese ancestry, of this travel authority are;

Earl Tanabara Male 36 yrs. Citizen Ruth Tanabara Female 34 yrs. Citizen

who are now residing at Route 1, Box 319, Reedley, California.

- 2. The bearers will be permitted to travel to St. Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose residence.
- 3. Travel will commence on or before August 3, 1942. Travel within the Western Defense Command will be by public carrier and by the most direct route possible without stop-overs en route, except for those necessitated by carrier schedules.
- 4. This travel permit is granted upon condition that bearers will not, after leaving the Western Defense Command area, return thereto without written permission from Wartime Civil Control Administration or higher head-quarters.
- 5. It is requested that all persons concerned facilitate the travel of the above named persons.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, C.A.D.

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Chief of Regulatory Section

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St. Paul, Minnesota **NEW ADDRESS**

Alien Registration No.

The travel of the above-named person from the place of issue of this permit to the address given above has been approved by the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, Wartime Civil Control Administration (and, if an alien, has been approved in the name of the United States Attorney in the district from which he has moved). It is requested that all authorities permit this person to travel to the above address by direct route without molestation or hindrance.

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Per Chief of Regulatory Section

WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Presidio of San Francisco, California

Every Japanese, German or Italian alien, or person of Japanese ancestry, resident in the States of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah who changes his place of habitual residence is required to obtain and execute a "Change of Residence Notice" in advance of such change in residence. (Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.) All enemy aliens are required, by regulation of the Attorney General of the United States, to secure travel permits. Failure to comply with these requirements is subject to heavy penalty.

Upon arrival at the destination indicated on this form the bearer, if an alien, is required to report his change of address to the Alien Registration Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Post Office at the place of destination. A new travel permit is required for travel from the destination indicated on this form if this destination is within the above-named States. Travel from the place of issue of this permit to the destination indicated must be by direct route and completed within a reasonable time, after the date of issue.

A copy of this form is required for each member of a family.

Please make an ratra Copy by this Resettlement Commits letter for me Jurel give of to the Sey as Ist Bapuit, ttlement Committee, Inc. ogg Boulevard - Saint Paul 2, Minnesota Cedar 4928 Hostel Management So (12) MRS. WOODARD COLBY, Chairman MR. WARREN E. BURGER, Counsel MISS ELIZABETH M. EVANS, Director MRS. TOMIKO OGATA, 21, 1946 Dear Mrs. Tanbara: The government has closed the concentration camps where people of Japanese ancestry have been held. These American citizens are now scattered throughout the cities of the Union, and St. Paul has some of them. They are making a splendid contribution to our city. The housing shortage is difficult enough for white people, but doubly difficult for our Japanese-American friends. It was necessary, therefore, for us to make some temporary housing arrangements for these folks. The St. Paul Resettlement Committee, an inter-faith group, has leased a small hotel at 191 W. Kellogg Boulevard and completely renovated it. You will want to join us in the worthy effort to help these people in this temporary situation. Counting on your support, the committee has obligated itself for the furnishings and fixtures of the hotel. There is an immediate emergency need of \$1500, and a further need of \$3500 to insure successful operation of the hotel in the immediate future. We are appealing to you to be one of a number of people who will either contribute, or secure contributions, to the amount of at least \$25.00 to help us meet the emergency facing us on February 1st. Please mail your contribution in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for your gracious help.

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Most cordially yours,

S. W. Powell, Treasurer

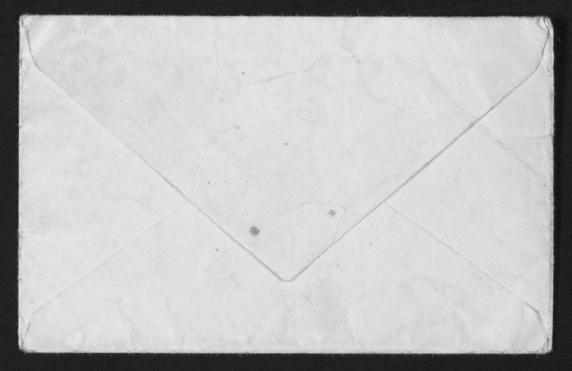
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The Saint Paul Resettlement Committee, Inc. The Resettlement Hostel - 191 West Kellogg Boulevard - Saint Paul 2, Minnesota Telephone Cedar 4928 Committee Officers Hostel Management · (2) MRS. ELLIOTT MAGRAW, MRS. WOODARD COLBY, President Chairman MRS. WARD L. BEEBE. MR. WARREN E. BURGER, First Vice-President Counsel MR. WILLIAM D. POWELL. MISS ELIZABETH M. EVANS, Second Vice-President Director MISS ELOISE M. TANNER, MRS. TOMIKO OGATA. Secretary January 21, 1946 Dietician DR. SIDNEY W. POWELL. Treasurer Dear Mrs. Tanbara: The government has closed the concentration camps where people of Japanese ancestry have been held. These American citizens are now scattered throughout the cities of the Union, and St. Paul has some of them. They are making a splendid contribution to our city. The housing shortage is difficult enough for white people, but doubly difficult for our Japanese-American friends. It was necessary, therefore, for us to make some temporary housing arrangements for these folks. The St. Paul Resettlement Committee, an inter-faith group, has leased a small hotel at 191 W. Kellogg Boulevard and completely renovated it. You will want to join us in the worthy effort to help these people in this temporary situation. Counting on your support, the committee has obligated itself for the furnishings and fixtures of the hotel. There is an immediate emergency need of \$1500, and a further need of \$3500 to insure successful operation of the hotel in the immediate future. We are appealing to you to be one of a number of people who will either contribute, or secure contributions, to the amount of at least \$25.00 to help us meet the emergency facing us on February 1st. Please meil your contribution in the enclosed envelope as soon as possible. Thank you for your gracious help. Most cordially yours, S. W. Powell, Treasurer P.S. Enclosed is a report of the work, the reading of which will be rewarding to you. Please feel free to visit our hostel at any time. Miss Elizabeth Evans, a Presbyterian missionary is in charge. Phone her at Cedar 4928. S.W.P.

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Dec. 10,1944 runera via a shorting surprise Den Ruth I Earl: alt most som is shanks a million for the wonderful gift I received this morning I passed the candy and frutcake among the boys, and the injoyment of with luxuries was unanimous. Here in the lines we all live like brothers. We all eat out of a common mess ket and share our things so that we all benefit together. Once again, thanks for your thoughtfulness and kindness. The sector which we are quarting is real quiet. Outside of a couple of hours of guard duty, we put putter around fixing our dugouts, washing, writing letters, cooking to all our rations are trought up by back mules and as long as the mules don't break

a leg or something of the sort, we eat regularly and pretty darn good. Our ketchen is set up in the shelter of a big rock enclosed by pine boughs, etc. In the open camp fire hearth we cook up our tasty meals. you'd be surprised at the abilities of some of our boys as cooks. With a few fresh ‡vegetables we get now and then and some pech a canned meat some of our meals are prepared pist like threat home, and you can't ask for more The weather at the present is pretty chilly. This morning there was a heavy fort, but we manage to keep comfortable nevertheless. Snow harn't fallen yet, but some of the surrounding mountains are suchexpeed. I suppose, back in St. taul you've had your taste of mour and

felt its effect. anyhow we've had a lot of sunshine and warm weather and hope this cold spell to be temperary. Recently I've visited nice on pass. Throughout the whole of southern France, nice and its omenty are the prettiest and niest. along the rivera are numerable stylich and modernistic hotels and apartments. He whole southern coast along here denotes a resortfashemable and expensive. This is the only spot in the whole of southern trance that appeals a impresses me. If you're still thinking of that world cruice, visit Nice. The setup here and the fine weather is ideal. Some of the other famous places nearby are Monte Carlo (off-limets to 905) and Canner. This whole

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THE NATIONAL BOARD OF THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS 600 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. RESETTLEMENT OF THE JAPANESE The resettlement order of the War Relocation Authority (copy Resettlement attached) was issued in September, but for many reasons actual reemployment of the Japanese has proceeded slowly. Although successful re-entry into normal community life cannot be a mass movement after the pattern of the evacuation from the West Coast, it is officially recognized as highly desirable that as many as possible of the evacuees have the opportunity to come out quickly to join their compatriots in the ranks of manpower and women power in the struggling months ahead. Regional To expedite the process and increase the volume of placement. Offices the WRA is now in process of setting up regional offices and substations. The five principal offices so far established are in Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City. Substations are opening in Minneapolis, Detroit, St. Louis. A temporary list of known address is attached for your use until an official list is issued. The headquarters address of the WRA is Barr Building. Washington, D.C. Address the Director of Employment. Source of Of the 104,000 Japanese in Relocation Centers about 70,000 are Manpower not only American born but are culturally Americans as well. However, resettlement is not restricted to citizens. They are all given "indefinite leave" only after investigation by the WRA and a check by the FBI. They then come out as free citizens and residents. In the relocation centers are persons who have engaged in or are trained for practically every type of work from unskilled labor to the professions. They should be paid the standard wage in any locality. The regional offices of the WRA will have files of all possible employees as they are progressively cleared. Community The success of resettlement will depend upon the willingness of Cooperation communities to receive the Japanese. Some communities are already working on the problem. If your community happens to be one of them, it would be advisable to get in touch with your nearest regional office to make sure that what you are doing is in line with the plans of the WRA. If you know of definite job openings, notify the WRA. If you are thinking of organized effort in your community, it would be well to consult the WRA before making plans because at any time they might have as large a work load as their limited staff could carry and the best results can be obtained if you work closely with and under the guidance of the WRA, thus assuring effective coordination of public and private endeavor. Interpre-Although every community may not participate in actual placement, tation every American has a stake in understanding and interpreting the meaning of evacuation and resettlement. Your attention is called again to the release on resettlement of the National Y.W.C.A. Public Affairs Committee on December 16, 1942, Also, the Pacific Citizen

(weekly newspaper published by the Japanese-American Citizens League, 25 Beason Building, Salt Lake City, subscription \$3.50) is an excellent source of current information. At the present time, however, it is still not advisable to hold large public meetings on this subject or to give newspaper publicity to it.

Followup

When Japanese actually arrive in a new community they may need assistance on such problems as housing and the opening of normal channels of social intercourse. The Y.W.C.A. will want to join other agencies in offering such assistance.

If you desire fuller information on any of these matters, address Annie Clo Watson, Secretary for Nationality Community Interests, National Board, Y.W.C.A., 600 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y.

Cennie Clo Walson

Temporary List of Regional Offices

War Relocation Authority

Chicago, 226 West Jackson Boulevard
Mr. Elmer Shirrell

Cleveland, 944 Union Commerce Building
Mr. Harold S. Fistere

Kansas City, Meulebach Hotel (temporary)
Mr. Theodore Waller

Salt Lake City, War Relocation Authority
Mr. H. Rex Lee
318 Atlas Building

Denver, War Relocation Authority
Relocation Supervisor
Mr. J. H. Curtis, Acting in Charge
Midland Savings Building

Minneapolis, Metropolitan Insurance Building
Mr. Clement L. White

St. Louis, 1122 Paul Brown Building
Mr. Theodore Waller (or assistant)

REPORT OF THE SAINT PAUL RESETTLEMENT COMMITTEE, DECEMBER 12, 1945

With the beginning of war between the United States and Japan the day of December 7, 1941, Treasury officials in Saint Paul on the order of Secretary Morgenthau went to work and, before evening, two well-known citizens and their families were ordered to remain in their homes while their financial records were studied to determine whether or not they were serving Japanese interests. Dr. Ikeda, distinguished pathologist at Miller Hospital, and Mr. Akematsu, successful owner of an oriental gift shop, found their patriotism in question. The reason? Just being Japanese. Japanese-Americans had been promptly identified by officialdom as the Enemy in Saint Paul. December 8 the Pioneer Press and the Dispatch reported sympathetically the circumstances.

Shocked and certain that a wrong was being done, the medical profession rose to the occasion and 200 doctors petitioned the release of a medical scientist who was a trusted colleague. The doctor was freed from house detention a week later. An aroused citizenry took up the cause of the Japanese shopowner. The Methodist Church of which the Akamatsu family were such loyal and active members came to their defense. The Akamatsus were freed after three and a half days.

Bitter as the sudden and unjust detention had been for these two Americans of Japanese birth, it served to erouse the people of Saint Paul to the dangers of war hysteria. The fact that unjust restraint could come so swiftly to Japanese-Americans who had won the trust and esteem of their fellow townspeople won sympathy for the tragic plight of citizens whose birth placed them at the mercy of officialdom. On this sympathy, so dramatically aroused at the very beginning of the war, it was possible later to build a program of action which had city-wide support.

When it became clear that the Japanese on the west coast would have to move to escape forced evacuation, Chief of Police G. H. Berfuss sought to enact a city ordinance which would prohibit immigration of Japanese citizens into Saint Paul. Saint Paul had only fifteen Japanese-Americans four years ago, and as far as Mr. Barfuss was concerned, there would be no more. When his attempt to keep Japanese-Americans from coming to Saint Paul was blocked. Barfuss tried to create a precedent by which permits would be required from the Chief of Police for individuals to enter the city. But he had not reckoned with federal authorities who pointed out to him that this quasi-visa system had no legal authority and that Japanese-Americans released from camp areas could not be restricted from entering the unrestricted areas of the Middle West. Mr. Thomas V. Holland of the national War Relocation Authority pointed out to Mr. Barfuss that WRA did not require local authorities to grant permits to Japanese-Americans to take employment outside areas from which they were evacuated.

It was the fight against the enactment of this ordinance to prevent immigration of Japanese into Saint Paul that led to the formation of the Saint Paul Resettlement Committee under the auspices of the International Institute, of which Mrs. L. Sickels was the executive-secretary. Mrs. Sickels took a deep interest in the initial phase of the program. When the War Relocation Authority was established, Mr. Clement L. White, Director of the area office in Minneapolis, looked to the Saint Paul Resettlement Committee for full cooperation in its program. Under Mrs. Ward Beebe, chairman of the new committee, its activities developed so successfully that by October 1942, the committee was serving officially as local representative of the War Relocation Authority in answering inquiries in regard to both cmployment and housing of Japanese-Americans.

Page 2 The two families who had long been residents in Saint Paul, together with the Tanbara family who had come from Berkeley to escape forced evacuation, were families of which any city might be proud. This fact doubtlessly encouraged the Committee to chempion the cause of the uprooted Americans of Janapese background. Students The problem of arranging for Japanese-American students to continue their academic careers in Minnesota schools and colleges was one of the first with which the Resettlement Committee had to deal. In August and September 1942, applications , came in for entrance into the University of Minnesota. No Japanese-Americans were accepted as students in the University until the summer of 1944. This refusal to admit Nisei students was based simply on an arbitrary ruling of President Coffey on the grounds that admission would not be possible until a quota system was established by the government. This ruling held good for two years in spite of alumni opposition and a sympathetic student attitude. President Coffey's stand drove the Resettlement Committee to work harder for entrance of students into other colleges in the state. During the academic year of 1942-43, two Nisei students were enrolled in Hamline University, five in Macalester, three in St. Cloud Teachers College, two in St. Catherine's, one in St. Thomas, and one in Carleton. It is interesting to note here that at Macalester College, the student body voted nine to one in favor of admitting Nisei students. The Resettlement Committee worked closely with the National Student Relocation Council, Philadelphia, directed by Mrs. Helga Swan assisted by Elizabeth Emlen and recognized by the federal authorities. Government approval of the Council failed to convey to the University of Minnesota that their refusal to admit Japanese-Americans was not only short-sighted but bigoted. However, the leaven of tolerance was injected when Dorothy Punderson, Director of Employment of the University of Minnesota, employed in the clerical division of the University a Nisei girl whose efficiency and charm won for her in an office-contest six months later the title of "the most popular employee." Other Nisei were employed by the University long before the regulations were liberalized to admit them to matriculation. Housing With the fall of 1942, the Committee faced the problem of finding housing for 25 new arrivals who were on indefinite leave from relocation camps and had jobs other than domestic service awaiting them. A party for these new arrivals brought out 80 persons to celebrate the New Year in 1943. These were relatives and friends in the armed services stationed at Camp Savage and Fort Snelling. In November 1942, at a meeting of the Resettlement Committee, Mr. Thomas W. Holland of the national WRA and Mr. George Rundquist of the Federal Council of Churches of America were present. At this meeting Mr. Holland enunciated the employment policy of the WRA which was, in essence, "no down-grading." Speaking of the Japanese-Americans, he said, "The largest group are farmers and then second those in the wholesale, retail business, third, the personal and domestic services. From there they break down into smaller groups, clerical, office workers, dentists, doctors, lawyers, pharmacists, optometrists, chicken-sexers, etc. We want to be very careful in this relocation, so that those who have been trained and educated in certain fields need not make any great change, but can find occupations in fields for which they have been trained." In Saint Paul, a sincere attempt has been made to adhere rigidly to this policy.

Page 3 Except for those employed in domestic service where it was possible to live in the house, there was a need to provide housing and to adjust the Japanese-American to the new community in which he found himself. A sub-committee on housing was appointed, and in May 1943, a resettlement hostel was first discussed by the Resettlement Committee. At this time the Y.M.C.A. and the Y.W.C.A. announced officially that their organizations would provide temporary lodging for incoming evacuees on a few days notice. This service was relied upon, and the two organizations fulfilled their promises to such an extent that they actually served as hostels for the young Nisei. Additional housing was provided by the Catholic Guild Hall and the Methodist Girls Home. In addition, several friendly realtors began volunterring to hold epartments for Japanese-Americans. At this period, there was no immediate, desperate need for a hostel in Saint Paul. However, discussion of a hostel did lead directly to the opening by the Lutherans of the Twin City Resettlement Hostel in Minneapolis in November 1943. This hostel, directed by Martha B. Akard, a missionary to Japan for twenty-nine years, was established in a fine old home in an excellent neighborhood and equipped with furnishings purchased from the owner. Mrs. Colby assisted Miss Akard in planning an open-house program. Mrs. Colby and Mr. Harold Mann (Director of the Area WRA office who had succeeded Mr. White) were speakers. Christmas 1943, boxes of gifts were sent to the relocation camps at Granada and Rohwer by the Resettlement Committee and the local American Friends Service group. Nisei Minors One problem that required the attention of the Committee was that of Nisei minors who had been released from camps for seasonal work. Reluctant to return to the relocation camps because the camp schools were not highly standardized and their educational training was being jeopardized, they sought to enter high schools in Saint Paul and support themselves with school-boy jobs. Mr. Elmer Sherrill of the Regional WRA in Chicago urged that the problem be met without publicity. When the National Youth Administration came to an end in 1943, the problem of Nisei minors became acute. There were 75 young people stranded in the Twin Cities by the closing of that governmental agency. To meet this emergency, the Union City Mission Farm at Medicine Lake housed them. Favorable publicity by the Twin City papers to this crisis resulted in opportunities to the Nisei for training at Dunwoody Vocational School, and Wesley Foundation at the University of Minnesota was practically turned into a hostel for them. So successful was this cooperation that Mr. Rundquist who returned in July 1943 discouraged the idea of a hostel in Saint Paul if the Methodists would continue hospitality at the Wesley Foundation. He questioned the need of a hostal because most evacuees were attracted to localities where salaries were higher and. therefore, the number to be expected in the Twin Cities would probably not exceed the facilities open to them. However, the influx of resettlers continued to mount steadily and a special meeting was called in October 1943 to reconsider the establishment of a hostel. Employment In January 1944, the United States Employment Service requested of the WRA that a trained employment worker be made available to USES in Saint Paul to deal entirely with Japanese-American applicants and perform the special placement service

that Mrs. Lawrence Steefel was doing at the USES in Minneapolis. Mr. Elmer Isaksen, an agricultural expert, was added to the staff in the Minneapolis WRA area office at this time to try to bring Japanese-American families to rural Minnesota. Mrs. Colby, who was interested in both rural and urban placement, volunteered to be an employment official for the USES and took the regular staff training during March. On April 1, she began full time work Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays placing Japanese-American workers and served by appointment the remaining days of each week. Working closely with Mr. Isaksen, Mrs. Colby placed four families in rural relocation. She made a number of out-of-town trips to Duluth, Alexandria, Brainerd, Mankato, St. Peter and Rochester to speak - usually using the film, "A Challenge to Democracy," as the basis of her talks.

When the volunteer desk opened, the United States was entering upon a renewed effort in the Pacific and the attendant anti-Japanese progaganda was having noticeable effects upon the attitude of the employer group toward hiring Americans of Japanese background. The technique employed by the volunteer placement officer was to make the reasonable request that the employer give the applicant the same opportunity he would grant any other employee and if, when employed, the Japanese-American workers was not satisfactory either in his work or personnel relationships that the employer feel just as free to remove him from his position as he would any other worker who did not qualify. In most cases, the employer responded favorably to this proposal, and it was discovered that when the hurdle of actual employment was cleared, the Japanese-American was able to sell himself completely to his employer and his fellow workers.

Having complete access to the files of Job offers of the USES, the placement officer was able to submit a wide range of choices and to place the applicant in work closely matching his skills and qualifications. With the exception of those whose draft classification was 1-A, there was no record of down-grading in employment in Saint Paul. This latter group of young men, regardless of their training, were unhappily obliged to accept packing plant and warehouse jobs. Out of nearly 400 placements, there were eighteen young women placed in domestic service and six couples in shared domestic positions, all of whom expressed a desire to enter this field of work because of past experience as domestic workers. (A list of principal placements is attached.)

The St. Faul placement work was credited by the Federal Council of Churches' pamphlet, "Relocating the Dislocated," as being the only city where such a degree of responsibility was assumed and such matching of skills to jobs. This could never have been accomplished without the enthusiastic cooperation of Mr. Roy Heleen, Director of the Saint Paul office of the USES, who granted the Resettlement Committee a private office with unlimited switchboard service.

By October 1944, the work of the Resettlement Committee had increased to the point where the Committee felt the need of an enlarged staff to meet the needs of the Nisei, particularly the young people who were anxious to stay in Saint Paul to go on with their education. At all times, the Committee worked with the Social Security Board, the State Department of Child Welfare and the Saint Paul Council of Social Agencies. In order to plan a more effective program, the Committee sought to become a member of the St. Paul Community Chest in order that other social agencies could be enlisted in the work for the Japanese-Americans. For months, the Committee involved itself in an obstacle race of postponements of action but finally became a member of the Council of Social Agencies. What had seemed so glamorous in prospect resulted in nothing, for other social agencies indicated their reluctance to increase their case loads, and it was impossible to make a "capital fund" drive

Institute. Miss Elizabeth Evans a missionary in Japan for 30 years and a director on the W. R. A. Staff at Amache Relocation Camp, is the director of the hostel and Mrs. Tomiko Ogata is the dietician.

In Conclusion

In a recent article, Norman Thomas writes: "Although Japanese cruelties to prisoners were less terrible than Nazi destruction of whole peoples, American racial feeling makes us more bitter toward the Japanese. Earlier that feeling had made us sanction the greatest single blow ever dealt our own civil liberties: the evacuation of American citizens of Japanese blood from their homes into concentration camps, without hearing or trial." It has been the purpose of the Saint Paul Resettlement Committee to combat this un-American treatment of a blameless minority and to create a program to further the working of democracy in order that these Americans with Japanese faces may fully participate in American life.

Archdiocese of Saint Paul Chancery Office 244 Dayton Avenue Saint Paul 2, Minnesota August 13. 1945. Dear Reverend Father: The War Relocation Administration with headquarters for Minnesota and North Dakota in room 548 in the Midland Bank Building in Minneapolis has called on me to seek the help of the clergy and people under my jurisdiction to find homes in this area for some of the 100,000 people of Japanese descent who were dispossessed of their habitation on the Pacific coast.

Most of these people have pursued a program of successful farming and fruitgrowing in California, others are experienced in industry and commerce. Victims of prejudice they have been deprived of the fundamental and elementary rights of their American citizenship. They have been entrusted by the national federal government to the care of the War Relocation Administration which has the respon-

sibility within the next four months of finding homes for them emong well-disposed residents of Minnesota who can make use of their services in any form of employment.

Their employers and neighbors in California look upon their departure as a distinct loss to the economic life of the state in which they had citizenship in as much as they proved competent, trustworthy and conscientious in every field in which they were employed.

Please announce this sad predicament at all the Masses in your church on Sunday. August nineteenth, and invite any of your people who could make use of the services of these victims of discrimination to apply to the Federal Director in the Midland Bank Building in Minneapolis.

Thanking you for heeding the voice of Him who said: "I was a stranger and you took Me in, I remain

Very faithfully yours,

JOHN G. MURRAY (signed) Archbishop of Saint Paul

PRINCIPAL PLACEMENTS OF JAPANESE-AMERICANS IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, APRIL 1944-AUGUST 1945, BY VOLUNTEER OFFICER IN THE U.S.E.S.

Accountants	5
Arc Welders	6
Architectural draftsman	1
Beauty Operators	15
Book Binder	1
Book Keepers	6
Candy Makers	2
Carpenters	2
Chick Sexers	7
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Custodians	
Clerk Typists	21
Copy Reader	1
Chemists	7
Dental Technician	2
Dietician	2 5
Domestic Service	18
Dry Cleaners	4
Dress Makers	9
Dress Designers	
Duplicating Machine Operator	3 1 1
Editor (Assistant)	1
Engineer	S
Electricians	2
Florists	3
Food Processors	10
Gardeners	
	9
Inspector	1
Laboratory Assistants	8
Language Coachers	15
Laundry Men	3
Majonier Testers (Milk)	1
Mathematics Instructors (col)	1
Meat Cutter	1
Mechanies	19
Medical Technicians	2
Motor Mechanics	7
Optometrists	2 5
Nurses	5
Nursemaids	2
Payroll Clerks	3
Packing Plant Laborers	30
Painter	1
Power Machine	12
Photographers	3
Punch Press Operators	8
Primary Teacher	1
Printers	11

Restaurant Operator
Room Clerk
School-boy Jobs
Soda Fountain Girls
Social Service Workers
Stenographers
Stock boys
Surveyors
Switchboard girls
Telegraph Operator
Translators
Tire Repairmen
Waitresses
Warehousemen
Wood Workers
1
Room Clerk
1
School-boy Jobs
6
Surveyors
18
Stenographers
19
Switchboard girls
20
Telegraph Operator
10
Translators
21
Translators
22
Tire Repairmen
23
Wood Workers
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(Signed)

Ruth Gage Colby Volunteer Placement Officer U. S. E. S.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY Washington, D.C. REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY ARE PERMITTED TO LEAVE RELOCATION CENTERS --000--Any person of Japanese ancestry evacuated from a military area in the West and now living at a relocation center may receive permission to leave such a center and take up residence elsewhere upon meeting requirements prescribed by the War Relocation Authority, the federal agency in charge of the relocation program. Such leaves for indefinite residence outside a relocation center are granted after review and approval by the director of WRA in Washington. These are the requirements the applicant must meet to be eligible: 1. There must be no evidence of disloyalty to the United States. 2. He must have an offer of employment or some other means of support. 3. There must be reasonable assurance that the attitude of the community to which he is going will not endanger the individual. cause a public disturbance or jeopardize the relocation program. 4. The applicant must agree to advise the War Relocation Authority of any change of employer or place of residence. The person requesting leave makes application to the director of the center in which he lives. After interviewing the applicant, the center director or leave officer may make such further investigation as may be necessary, and the application form and any other information is then submitted to the director in Washington, with the recommendation of these project officials. Officials of the WRA in Washington review the application, the project director's findings, letters from persons given as references, and check the applicant's name against the records of FBI and other federal intelligence agencies. If satisfied from this investigation that the applicant meets the requirements, the director authorizes the granting of indefinite leave. If the application is denied, specific reasons must be given, and the applicant has the right to ask for a rehearing of the case if he has additional information to present. Where the wife, or children over the age of 17 years, expects to accompany the applicant outside a center if indefinite leave is granted, separate applications must be filed for each member of such family. Indefinite leaves will not be granted to go back into an evacuated area. Applications from persons wishing to take jobs or reside in places within the Eastern Defense Command or the Gulf States will be submitted for the time being to the War Department for review.

have been approved for attendance by evacuees of Japanese ancestry.

In addition to indefinite leave, there are two other types of leave. both granted by the director of the relocation center: The temporary leave (30 days) to attend to business or personal matters away from the project but not in the evacuated area; and the group-work leave which permits the applicants to be recruited in groups to work outside the center in approved areas for a stated period of time.

December 3, 1942.

Talks given to give community acceptance of group. Print + some Letters of arknowledgmens.

February 28, 1943 Z my dear vers. Tambara:. AUL settemmos quitus x3 alt of the women's city cheb want, you to know how much we appreciate your bindular in giving the club such are 8 puitaretui buo puimetopilue Persons elet C turisoss U Japanese grove California, when you spoke to the weulers de February vius teenthe. Please accept our succese gratitude. nost succeely yours, narie a. Seott (Mes. clifford E.) Secretary

Date	Name	Agency or Event or Group	Type of Activity R	emarks
12-6-42 8 p.m.	Ruth Tanbara & Earl Tanbara	Young People's Study Group Holman Methodist Church Rev. Tuck.	Talk on Evacuation & Resettlement	15 present
12-8-42 12 noon	Ruth Tanbara	Zonta Club (Women's City Club)	Talk on Handcrafts of Japanese American	s 30 "
12-8-42 2:45 p.n	a. Ruth Tanbara	St. Anthony Park Methodist Church	Talk on Evacuation & Resettlement	100 "
12-14-42 3 p.m.	Ruth Tanbara	Girl Reserve Group Harding Hig School	gh Talk on Evacuation	45 "
12-17-42	Ruth Tanbara	Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church Women's Society of Christian Service	Talk on Evacuation	30
	0	W.T.C.U. (Hamline Library) Branch	Talk on Evacuation	100 "
	n	Women's Society Christian Ser. Hamline M.E. Church	Talk on Evacuation	50 "
		Girl Reserves of Wilson High School	Talk on Evacuation	60 "
	Earl Tanbara & Ruth T.	International Institute Membership Council	Talk on Evacuation	50
1-13-43 3: p.m.	Ruth Tanbara	Women's Society Christian Service Holman Methodist Chur in Goodwill Industries Bldg.	ch "	25
1-24-43 9:45 a.m	Earl Tanbara	Sunday School Adult Class Fairmount Church		25
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Ruth Tanbara

Talks on Evacuation and Resettlement
Month of February

1943

6:30 Banquet February 5, 1943	Agricultural Adjustment Administration Farmer Field Women's Banquet, representatives from every county in Minnesota.	70	present
	(Mrs. W.A. Benitt) 210 Main Post Office. St. Paul.		
February 8, 1943 6:30 dinner meeting	Wesleyan Service Guild of St. Anthony Park Methodist church (Business and Professional Womens Club of church)	20	present
February 9, 1943 3 p.m.	Women's Society of Christian Service of Fairmount Methodist Church	65	present
February 11, 1943 2: p.m.	Cypress Street Baptist Church Women's club.	25	present
February 14, 1943 4 p.m.	Race Relations Sunday Observance, panel discussion presented Evacuation of Japanese on Pacific Coast Y.W.C.A.	135	present
February 16, 1943 6:30 p.m. dinner	Friendship Club of Holman Methodist Church Business and Professional women of church	15	present
February 19, 1943 3:30 p.m.	Membership Tea Program of Women's City Club of St. Paul.	100	present
February 23, 1943 2:45 p.m.	St. Anthony Park Congregational Women's Union	40	present

Feb. 28, 1943 6:45 p.m.

Feb. 27, 1943 2:30 p.m. Girl Reserve Ceremonial YWCA

St. Anthony Park M.E. Church College group

WAR DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY

Presidio of San Francisco, California

Every Japanese, German or Italian alien, or person of Japanese ancestry, resident in the States of Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Utah who changes his place of habitual residence is required to obtain and execute a "Change of Residence Notice" in advance of such change in residence. (Proclamations Nos. I and 2, Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.) All enemy aliens are required, by regulation of the Attorney General of the United States, to secure travel permits. Failure to comply with these requirements is subject to heavy penalty.

Upon arrival at the destination indicated on this form the bearer, if an alien, is required to report his change of address to the Alien Registration Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Forms for this purpose may be obtained from the Post Office at the place of destination. A new travel permit is required for travel from the destination indicated on this form if this destination is within the above-named States. Travel from the place of issue of this permit to the destination indicated must be by direct route and completed within a reasonable time after the date of issue.

A copy of this form is required for each member of a family.

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Per Chief of Regulatory Section

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MRS. WILLIAM A. BENITT
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HASTINGS, MINNESOTA

Feb. 8,19 43

Dear Mrs. Tanbara: -I am enclosing a little token of appreciation from the form aromen of Minnesola for the talk you gave the last Fuday night. It is talk like yours, and opportunities to next these of differing rocal ancestres, that will eventually make for a true brotherhood and sisten hood the world over. I speak for all the form women who were present when I thank you for the contribution you made on Friday towards in america. I tolerance of racial problems Linda James Benitt

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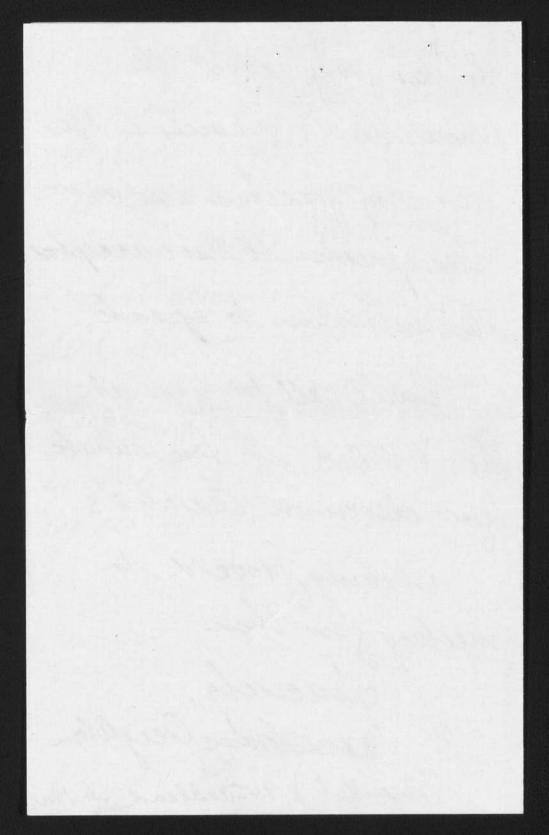
996 W. Loon St. Paul, Minu Feb. 14, 1943. Dear Suth; _ In behalf of the Internacial Education Committee of the y. W. I wish to thank you for your part on the panel. We were boy proud that you he long to us. I to believe that every effort in make along these lines is found to bring better understanding. Very sincerely yours, (Mrs. 9. E.) Mystella Such See

THE WOMAN'S UNION ST. ANTHONY PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA St. Paul Min, Feb. 23/43. Mrs. Earl Janbara, City, Dear Friend: In behalf of The Woman's Union, I wish to expaiss our thanks, and appreciation of you talk to ou group. I assure you we all feel better informed sum hearing you. Respectfully July E. Kisso Seig.

march 2, 1943. Dear Mrz. lanbara, This well confirm our conversation of a few weeks ago regarding a Lewben Shudy group of women which will meet at St. Clemente Church, 901 Portland, on Tuesday morning, March 23 at 110'clock. We are so delighted that you will be able to speak

P.S. Our meeting will start a few minutes after eleven and our splaker has an hour at his disposal. If you are willing to answer questions a short discussion may be held ufter you speak. Please use the time just as you wish making it as long or er short ar you desire. The are all interested. M.L.

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Mrs. Earl Tanbara will speak on "The Evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast" at a meeting of the Linwood PTA at 8 p. m. today at the school.

Linwood P.J.a.

TUESDAY EVENING MARCH 16th, at 8 o'clock

The regular meeting of the Linwood P. T. A. will be held Tuesday, March 16th. at 8 P. M. Mrs. Walter P Kueffner, president, will preside.

Short Business Session

Mrs. Earl Tanbara will speak on "The Evacuation of the Japanese from the West Coast."

Refreshments.

Hostesses will be Mrs. J. M. Lawler and Mrs. Harold Henderson.

Room Attendance Prizes

There will be no April meeting owing to the fact that the regular meeting date falls during Easter vacation.

St. Paul Sunshine Federation, Inc.



St. Paul, Minn.

April 15, 1943.

Mrs. Ruth Taubara, Saint Paul, Minnesota.

annual meeting on Monday.

Dear Mrs. Taubara:-

The members of the Sunshine Federation wish to thank you for your very interesting and informative talk during our

Many thanks,

Very sincerely,

Saint Paul Sunshine Federation.

R. Meeran (Wm CT.)
Corresponding Secretary.

1355 Sargent Ave. St. Paul, Minn. Mon. June 6, 1943

Dear Mrs. Sambara:

In behalf of the Mary Milrae leircle of Macalester Church I wish to express our appreciation for the interesting and informative talk you gave to us on May 25th. There were few of us, if any who had any idea of the conditions under which the Japanese people were obleged to move, and after bearing your clear and unbeased account of the facts of The loacuation, 9 think we have a deeper sympathy for and a desire to help these people whenever the occasion presents itself and effort you gave us and we want you to know that we appreciate it. Sincerely yours, Audrey Murray

Eng ! Feb. 14, 1944

FRIENDSHIP SERVICE LEAGUE

PROGRAM

Devotional Talk: "A Message of Love for 1944" -Mrs. Ernest Norquist

"Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant (steadfastly) in prayer."

Romans 12:12

"How it feels to be a Japanese in the U.S.A. at War." Mrs. Ruth Tambarra

Mrs. Tambarra, an American Citizen of Japanese parentage, educated at the University of California. At present, while her husband directs the relocation of Japanese in the Northwest, she is secretary to Miss Margaret White, General Secretary of the Y.W.C.A.

A visitor tonight is Lt. Ethel Christine Stenstrom, former school teacher and social worker in Florida, now in the Service of the WAC since September 1942.

MUSIC:

71/14/44

Musical selections will be rendered by a girls' octette.

Ruth Anderson Agnes Bjorklund Janet Carlson Arloene Forsberg Helen Nelson Jeanette Nelson Phyllis Olson Ruth Peterson

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"Boloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another." I John 4:11

Salute To The American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

"AMERICA"

My Country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing: Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrim's pride, From every mountain side, Let freedom ring.

Our Fathers' God to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing: Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light; Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King.

Salute To The Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Saviour for whose Kingdom it stands, one brotherhood, uniting all mankind in service and love.

"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL"

Lead on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come; Henceforth in fields of conquest, Thy tents shall be our Home.

Thro' days of preparation, Thy grace has made us strong, And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper, The sweet Amen of peace; For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;

With deeds of love and mercy, The heav'nly kingdom comes.

HATS OFF to the COMMITTEES for 1944!!

PROGRAM

Violet Johanson, Chm. Alice Boreen Ethel Haglund Marjorie Holmberg Dorothy Nelson

SERVICE

Mabel Olson, Chm. Gerda Kryger Minnie Swanson Edith Turnquist Ethel Widell

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Astrid Turnquist

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Elsie Stark, Chm. Hildur Anderson Ruth Bjork Esther Larson Ruth Sandquist Mabel Swanson

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Elsie Pihl, Chm. Alice Johnson Helen Nelson Edith Peterson Martha Stoll

PIANISTS

Mabel Freedlund Hilda Nordstrom

Wedding Bells rang for Harriet Ann Hedman and Lt.Robert V. Thonander Saturday evening. Best wishes for your future happiness.

University of Minnesota University Extension Service MINNEAPOLIS 14 April 6, 1944 GENERAL EXTENSION DIVISION OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR Miss Ruth Tanbara Y.W.C.A. St. Paul, Minn. My dear Miss Tanbara: In behalf of the General Extension Division, I should like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of your contribution to the course in Racial and Cultural Democracy. We are too well aware that the enclosed honorarium is little commensurate with the value of your help and cooperation. Will you, however, accept it as a "token payment" of our debt. Sincerely yours, Mellie R. Phillips. Mellie R. Phillips EIE Secretary Enc.

535 San Luis Road Berkeley, California March 6, 1943

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara 1725 James Avenue Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Ruth,

After all this time I am finally getting off a letter to you. I am terribly ashamed not to have done it sooner but I have been spending almost all of my time on things having to do with the people in the Centers. I am delighted that you and Earl got out in time. I see the Pacific Citizen regularly and notice from time to time the fine work which you are doing in the U.S.O. there in Saint Paul. What a break it is for the boys back there to have someone of your experience to do that sort of thing for them.

I have just been made Executive Secretary of the newly reinstated Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. We
are organizing a much stronger group than formerly and are extending it into Oregon, Washington and even down into Southern
California, believe it or not. One of the things which we expect to do is to publicize much more widely by newspaper releases
which we know we can get in and through the radio to which we
know we have access such articles as those by Paul Taylor, Cary
MacWilliams, J. P. McEvoy (see this month's Readers Digest), et
al.

I wish that a better public relations policy had been pursued within the Centers before Stimson's new move was made. If such a policy had been in existence I am confident that the confusion and ill-will present at this time in so many cases would not be making things so difficult. It seems a pity that when the government at last seems to be trying to give the Nisei a break that the ground had not been prepared for a fuller response. I hope before too long to be able to get back maybe as far as Minnesota and of course I would look you and Earl up should I get there. Give him my best regards and know that we are still putting our best efforts into an interpretation of what we feel to be the truth about our Californians who have left us for the time being.

Most sincerely,

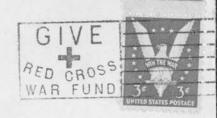
Ruth Kingman

P.S. I have just read the article in the new Pacific Citizen telling of the splendid work you and your husband are doing.

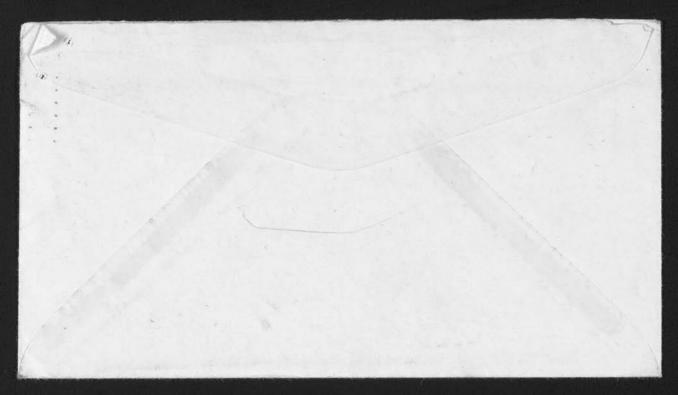
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Committee on American Principles and Fair Play

Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

March 18, 1944

Mrs. Ruth Tanbara 218 South Avon St. St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Tanbara:

I am writing for Mrs. Kingman, who is, at present in the South, in regard to your letter of March 5th. I have sent under separate cover, a good deal of material which you may find of some help. The only material which we would like returned when you have finished using it are the 1) Topaz High School Annual, and 2) the COMMONWEAL.

I hope this will be the sort of thing that will aid you.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

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218 South Avon Street St. Paul 5, Minnesota March 5, 1944

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman Executive secretary Committee on American Principles and Fair Play 2234 Telegraph Avenue Berkeley, California

Dear Ruth Kingman:

It was wonderful to hear from you in January and I appreciate learning about the moving of our goods and property. I filled the papers which you kindly enclosed for us and sent them on to San Francisco on February 4. I have not heard from them as yet, but no doubt it does take time to check over matters and make arrangements. I am surely looking forward to receiving the goods since our parents will re-locate as soon as we can get settled.

I have been invited to give a lecture at the University of Minnesota in the course on "Racial and Cultural Democracy," and I am trying to organize the material to present. Iswould appreciate if your office will send me any material which I might study. I will be glad to mail it back to you when I have finished. I have copies of the Tolan Report, the book by Carey McWilliams on Brothers Under the Skin" and I have just mailed an order to the J.A.C.L. office for a number of copies of "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation," by Galen M. Fisher which I will distribute to the class. There are over a hundred students in the class, the majority are school teachers of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The local W.R.A. office has mailed me a number of leaflets which I find very helpful. Any suggestions you have will be deeply appreciated.

Do hope you enjoyed a good vacation in January. With our best wishes to you and cordial greetings.

Yone and William Minami's address is: 349 So. St. Louis Avenue Chicago 24, Illinois.

Most sincerely,

Enclose stamps and news-item.

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Headquarters: Room 203, 465 California Street, San Francisco

January 15, 1944

Mr. and Mrs. Tanbara 218 So. Avon St. St. Paul 5, Minnesota

Dear Ruth and Earl:

And greetings to you! We loved your beautiful Christmas card. It was a perfect expression of what Christmas greetings should mean to all persons of Good Will, wherever they may be found. Thank you very much.

If you have not already found the answer to your question re the possibility of WRA carrying the expense of moving the belongings of you people who did not go to Camp. I'm glad to say that I've been able to get a completely favorable report. Just a few days before I went to WRA with your problem, a new directive had gone out from Washington interpreting the enabling order as applicable not only to persons moved by the army, but to all persons who moved as a result of the President's Order.

Mr. Furth, of the Evacuee property division gave me the enclosed papers which you are to fill out, returning three sets, I believe, and retaining one. I suggest that for complete directions, your local WRA office can help. stupid about papers.

It was good to hear of Yone's baby. I'd like their address, if you can send it to me.

California goes on about the same except there is a continual growth of sanity among our responsible people.

Do let me know how your property moving goes.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Ruth W. Kingman

p.s. Next week I am starting on my first vacation since the day you came to tea at my house to help us think thru some of the most immediate problems arising from the Evacuation order. I hope that when I come back to my office, I shall be ready to "hit on all six" again.

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218 South Avon Street St. Paul 5, Minnesota December 30, 1943 Dear Ruth Kingman: holiday Greetings to you! I am sure this will find you at your busiest season but I am writing to ask if you can ealighten me. You will note that we have moved again this time we purchased the house since wherever we lived before we usually let another resettled family either rent or buy and now that we have moved into a house without any furniture, well we just about rattle in it. However, we can get by for awhile. We want to send for our things, but you know it will cost a small fortune to have all our things moved out here and I am wondering if there is any provision set up by the W.R.A. to have things sent out here for those of us who did not go to Camp? If there is some help from them, I would appreciate learning about it and then I can write to the Custodian in San Francisco. However, if we must meet our own expense because of coming directly from zone 2, I hope there is some rate because it will surely take us a long time to resettle I am afraid. Any suggestions from you will be appreciated. Do hope you will stop in St.Paul sometime when you are coming through the mid-west. The hostel in the Twin Cities is opening formally on January first. The Institute's have planned a party for the young folk for New Year's Day. With best wishes. I guess you heard of Yone and Will's baby son born last month. I've been down with the flu, but promised to write a few letters for the Resettlement Committee here opposing the removal of Mr. Dillon Myer. I guess you heard from Mr. Rundquist in regard to same. Sincerely yours,

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION OF PROPERTY

THE RESERVE	Name of	Evacuee:	Family Numbe	r:				
	1. I hereby request the War Relocation Authority to transport the							
	personal property listed on the reverse side hereof from the present							
	location	, shown below, to de	estination, shown below, wit	hout charge				
	to me ex	cept as set forth h	erein.					
	2. All agreements made by me herein are made in consideration of							
	traffic services provided in connection with the transportation of							
	my prope	rty by the War Reloc	cation Authority, and I here	by acknowledge				
	the valu	the value and sufficiency of that consideration.						
	3. I represent and warrant that I have full right to cause said property to be transported; that I am the sole owner of said property, or that I have obtained written consent to its being transported, from all other parties who have any interest in said property.							
	4. Th	4. The property is now at:						
	(Name of warehouse or place of storage							
		(Address)	(City)	(State)				
	To	be shipped to:						
			(Consignee)					
		(Address)	(City)	(State)				
(Check	5. A. I agree that the Authority may designate the means and							
A or B. If B. designate	route by which the property is to be transported.							
route and	B. I choose to have the property transported via							
dmount deposited	.)		I shall pay all expen	ise connected				
	with tran	asporting the proper	ty. To cover this expense]	am depositing				
	with the	Authority \$	under the provisions set	forth in				
	Paragraph	7.						

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and good intentions of the Authority

I hereby agree to accept as correct

and good intentions of the Authority and its representatives, and I hereby agree to accept as correct subject to any claims I may make in writing within ten days of my receipt of such list, the list which will be delivered to me by the Authority to inform me what goods are being or have been transported for me.

9. I hereby release and discharge the War Relocation Authority and its employees and representatives of and from all liability whatsoever arising out of or resulting from packing, storing, transporting or otherwise handling my household and personal effects and any and all other property belonging to me or in which I have an interest.

Witness:	Signature of Owner (Seal)			
	Owner's Family Number			
	Address			
	(If owner is not residing at a Project,) (present mailing address must be given			

NOTICE TO PROJECT DIRECTOR: This form is to be executed in quadruplicate and distributed as follows: two copies to Transportation Section, Evacuee Property Office, San Francisco, California; one copy to project files; one copy to evacuee. (Form WRA-156, Reverse)

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

No. of Pieces	Articles	No. of Pieces	Articles

TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL PIECES OF PROPERTY_____

218 South Avon Street St. Paul 5, Minnesota February 4, 1944

Mrs. A. Rivers
Executive Secretary
Women's City Club
San Francisco, California

Dear Mrs. Rivers:

I have just written to the Custodian of Evacuee Property in

San Francisco giving them permission to transport to St. Paul

the four items I stored at the club for your use in March of 1942.

They will no doubt get in touch with you regarding same.

Thank you for your kindness in taking care of the things.

With cordial greetings to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Tanbara

DISTRIBUTION BY RACES IN T	THE UNITED S	TATES-1940	CENSUS			
Total White 131,669,275 118,214,870	Negro 12,865,518	Others 588,887		ъ.	Indian Japanese Chinese	126,947
DISTRIBUTION BY RACES OF C	CITIZEN POPU	LATION IN	UNITED STATES	*		
Total White 127,254,554 113,945,984 * This is not to be confus	12,811,500	497,070	htsunfortung	b. c. d. e. f.	Indian Japanese Chinese Filipino Hindu Others	40,262
DISTRIBUTION BY RACES IN M	AIMTESOTA-19	40 CENSUS				
Total White 2,792,300 2,768,982	Negro 9,928	Others 13,390		ъ.	Indian Chinese Japanese	550
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Total White 2,727,274 2,701,359	Negro 9,902	0thers 1,342		ъ.	Indian Chinese	861 245

VOTING RECORDS IN 1940 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN-1940 CENSUS AND STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

Place	Eligible b	y Age & Cit	izenship	Vote Cast	% Voting
U. S.	79,863,451	a. White: b. Negro:	72,249,744 7,375,609	49,808,211	62
Minn.	1,537,983	a. White: b. Negro:	1,523,943	1,241,470	80
Texas	3,220,800	a. White: b. Wegro:	2,430,433	1,039,303	32
Miss.	1,031,547	a. White: b. Negro:	520,262 509,658	175,631	17

c. Filipino d. Japanese e. Hindu f. Others

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m N.B.}$ The figures for the United States include votes cast for all the presidential candidates; figures for states are for Roosevelt and Wilkie.

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a.,	White	553,496 a. White	30	05,549
	1. Mative 2. Foreign Born		Native Foreign Born	
	Country of Birth (Latvia 87		Country of Birth (Cont'a. Belgium 57	.)
	Luxemburg 85		Latvia 47	
	Central & So.Am. 62		Turkey in Asia 32	
	Turkey in Europe 40		Central & So.Am. 20	
	Cuba & W.Indies 20		Bulgaria 9	
	Spain 13		Spain 6	
	Turkey in Asia 3		Cuba & W.Indies 5	
	Portugal 1		Turkey in Europe 3	
	Other Europe 73 Other Asia 67 Not reported 74		Other Europe 28 Other Asia 59 Not reported 25	
ъ.	Negro	4,734 b. Negro		4,182
c.	Other Races	669 c. Other	Races	204
*	1. Chinese 313 2. Indian 173 3. Japanese 24 4. Other 159	2. In	panese 13	

N.B.

Of the "minority" groups with which we are to concern ourselves in this class, one group (the Jews) is completely lost in the above table. That fact should furnish considerable material for reflection.

And, another group (the Mexicans) have disappeared save for those who were actually born in Mexico. Note well that the 1940 Census for the first time included Mexicans with other white peoples. This too furnishes material for reflection.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM MARTIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION ASSOCIATION FAIRMONT, MINN. Monterey, Minn. Mrs. Earl Tanbara. St. Paul, Minn! Dear Mrs. Tanbara I am one of the Farmer Fieldwarnen for the AAA who met you at a dinner meeting Friday Jeneming, Jeb. 5th at the 4. 126. a. I was so impressed by your and your talk that I am writing you to ask if you would consider Imaking a series of talks in Martin County Churing March or April similian to the Talk you gave that night. I would like to have Gowlas my personal quest and could you arrange about four meetings on conselutive afternoons ar enchings. I will gladly make arrangemente but I must know favenough in advance to get newspafer notices published. It hat will be your charge? your fersonal talks will do much to white the (over) peace we so carnestly desire.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM may I hear promotion you soon. Mrs. Elaye M. Drewes monterey minn and the second second Some and the Manager's

123 W. Fifth Street Y.W.C.A. St. Paul, Minnesota March 9, 1943 Mrs. Elsye M. Drewes Monterey, Minnesota Donr Ers. Drewes: Thank you for your good letter of February 11th and your kind invitation to visit in Martin County. I should like to accept very much for I deeply appreciate this wonderful opportunity to help in promoting goodwill. However, after conferring with various executives of the Y.W.C.A. they do not feel I can devote the time to make the trip just now. I have talked with Mr. Clement L. White who is the representative of the War Relocation Authority in the Twin cities and is devoting his time in the resettlement pro ram of the Japanese Americans who have their poverament clearances. Mr. White is available sometimes for talks so I would recommend that you write him. His nddress is, war melocation Authority Regional Office, Metropolitan Insurance Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mr. Tanbara also rives talks and would be happy to help you. he has talked with Mrs. Benitt about farm labor here. Thank you again for your graciousness. It was a real pleasure to be at the Farmer Fieldwomen's dinner in February. Most sincerely. Ruth Tenbera (Mrs. b.)