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FOREWORD

From time to time the Northern California Area will issue to the Relocation Centers the Northern California Resettlement News. This simple, plain, mimeographed publication will have for its prime purpose just exactly what its name implies: news of resettlements made and yet to come.

It will be no illustrated brochure, no pretentious color job, this Northern California Resettlement News. It will contain no "high pressure" sales talks or ingratiating commercial "plugs." It won't speak in glowing terms of the scenery, the fertile land, the climate or any of the other blessings with which Nature has endowed Northern California.

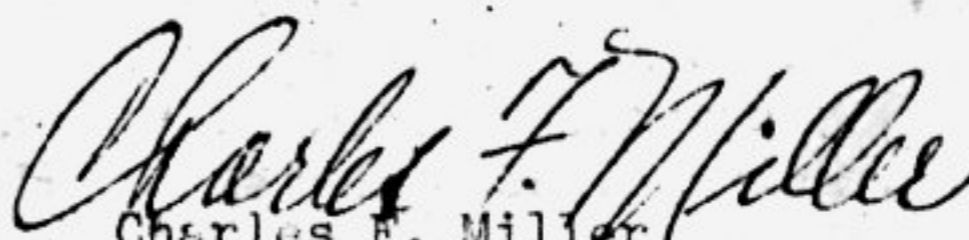
But it will contain facts about resettlement. It will tell facts about housing, job opportunities, school facilities, community acceptance and all the other things that comprise everyday life in the United States.

The Centers will be closing in a few short months. Center residents must relocate sometime between now and the closing date. We think they should do their relocation shopping now and avoid the rush.

The Northern California Area, comprising all of California with the exception of nine counties in the southern part of the state, consists of nine districts. Each District Office is well staffed by WRA personnel capable and willing to their utmost to aid returnees in getting back into the normal American way of living.

We invite your attention to the Northern California Resettlement News and the material it contains.

Sincerely,


Charles F. Miller
Relocation Supervisor

A MESSAGE FROM A CALIFORNIA SHERIFF:

Butte County is one of the important counties north of Sacramento, and is adjacent to the counties of Tehama, Plumas, Yuba, Colusa, Sutter and Glenn.

And so direct word from the sheriff of Butte County, W. H. Forward, with headquarters at Oroville, may be of interest to many residents of the centers who are contemplating relocating in that area.

It seems that Sheriff Forward is definitely on the "liberal side" concerning the return of Japanese American residents to Butte County. His son-in-law returned recently from the European theatre, with warm praise for efficient service rendered by Nisei servicemen in the United States Army on Italian fronts.

Sheriff Forward was on the police force of Chico for 10 years, prior to his election as Sheriff, 4 years ago, so is well informed on local sentiment in his county. He says that Japanese Americans gave his office no trouble before they left in 1942, that he anticipates none upon their return. He invites any evacuees who plan to settle in Butte County to communicate with him, for any advice desired. He is exceedingly friendly to WRA and may be depended upon for hearty cooperation.

FAITHFUL SERVICE

Recent press reports indicate heartening and substantial appreciation for long and faithful service, extending over a period of 22 years, by TACHIRO MIZUTANI, now a resident of the Heart Mountain Relocation Center, in the Hollenbeck family, San Jose, California.

Mizutani was the house servant to Charles Hanbly, a prominent attorney of San Jose who passed away some years ago. After his death, Mizutani remained on in the home of Mrs. Helen E. Hollenbeck, sister to Mr. Hanbly. Mrs. Hollenbeck died May 24. Her will, dated May 15, 1941 - considerably "in excess of \$10,000" - established a trust fund of \$8,000 for Mizutani. This calls for the

payment of \$25 monthly. A bequest of household furniture is also made to Mizutani. Upon his death, the residue of the trust fund is to be paid to two of his cousins, now residing in Canada.

PEOPLE ARE COMING BACK TO NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Since the Army order banning all persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific Coast was lifted, 2,795 evacuees have relocated in the Northern California Area.

In April 603 evacuees returned to Northern California country or city life. May saw an additional 734 returnees arrive.

WHERE ARE THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA DISTRICT OFFICES LOCATED?

Northern California Area District Offices are located in San Francisco, Oakland, Santa Rosa, Sacramento, Stockton, Fresno, Visalia, Watsonville and San Jose.

SACRAMENTO ENTERTAINS RELOCATEES FROM ROHWER

Evacuees from Rohwer Relocation Center met and entertained at Sacramento:

On Sunday morning, June 3, 100 persons from Rohwer arrived in Sacramento, California, aboard a section of the San Francisco Challenger.

Members of the Sacramento staff of the WRA met the party at the station. Many were entertained, that day, at the No. 1 hostel, 327 N Street.

KAZUO SAITO was the car captain, and an efficient one he proved to be. With PETER OSUGA and the Relocation officers, he assisted the elderly people, the mothers and small children, all of whom were taken to the hostel in cars and entertained by the Resettler Group of Sacramento.

Other groups were taken to Capitol

Park and later to the Hong Kong restaurant for Chinese meals. Through the good offices of the Travelers' Aid 40 lunches were ordered and delivered to the car captain. The entire party left at 7:15 that evening, en route to their respective homes in the Northern California Area.

ISOSUKE KAWAI
TELLS ATTITUDE

What's the attitude toward Japanese-American students in the colleges of California?....Here's some first hand information on Fresno State Teachers College, Fresno:

ISOSUKI KAWAI, formerly of Gila River, now attends this college. He lives at 1238 Kern Street, Fresno. He says that both teachers and students are friendly, that he honestly believes there is no change in attitude toward him since his return. Conceding that a small minority is at the root of any antagonism in the district, he rates the general sentiment as good.

His present work in Fresno State Teachers College is in preparation for a degree in social service work. He is firm in the belief that other students should attend Fresno State, for which he is an excellent "rooster."

UNION ATTITUDES

What's the attitude of union labor in California?

That's a broad question and cannot be answered in a few words. However, the firm stand taken by the CIO Longshoremen's Union in the so-called "Stockton incident" in insisting on strict compliance with the no-discrimination-due-to-race-color-or-creed provision of the Union charter ties in rather well with the principles - and actions - of the Miscellaneous Employees Union # 110, AFL in San Francisco. Rated as one of the most progressive unions in the city, already many Issei and Nisei have secured

employment as dishwashers and bus-boys, through the aid of the latter.

The secretary of the union is of Chinese ancestry. Complete absence of racial prejudice is one of the cardinal principles of #110. Proof? HENRY T., a Nisei from Tokyo, was referred to Solaris's Grill, one of San Francisco's leading cafes, by #110. There he went to work, on a friendly basis, with nine Chinese dishwashers! This union is credited in achieving, in large part, a self respecting and decent wage and standard of living for a group formerly grossly underpaid.

The union recently announced they could absorb 40 to 50 evacuees within the next few weeks. Minimum pay is 90¢ per hour plus meals. All evacuees who apply are referred directly to the union hiring hall, and from there to the specific jobs.

RETURNEES MET BY
MRS. AMY HIGUCHI

In the immediate family of Mrs. AMY HIGUCHI, capable and amiable secretary and assistant to WRA Relocation Officer, James E. Edriston, San Jose, are three men: her husband and two husky brothers, each of the latter two being some six feet in height. As Mrs. Higuchi puts it: "We're all out, in our family, for active war service." Here's the record for the three men: her husband is a captain in the Medical Corps with the United States Army overseas. At present he is stationed in Germany. The two brothers are: PVT. DUNCAN IWAGAKI and PRIVATE KENNETH IWAGAKI. Your reporter saw one of them. He's a fine figure of a man, in a fine uniform and the prediction is made that he'll give a good account of himself for our Army in the event he sees direct action in contact with the enemy.

It is but fair to say that Mrs. Higuchi's services, in rooting, assisting and directing some 100 returnees on the "Heart Mountain Special" were of

decided value. She proved herself courteous, highly intelligent, cooperative and capable.

THE DOBASHIS:
THEY HAVE PLANS

HENRY DOBASHI, one of the DOBASHI Brothers, grocery market merchants of San Jose and Gilroy (224 Jackson St., San Jose) acted as spokesman for his three other brothers. Three of the four brothers were born in San Jose. Like so many other evacuees, the Dobashis leased their home when they left three years ago. However, they expect to get back in their house. They plan to live upstairs, over the store, until arrangements are completed for moving back in their own home.

116 RETURNEES RIDE
"HEART MOUNTAIN SPECIAL"

In the two special coaches of the "Heart Mountain Special" which brought returnees back to their California homes near San Jose recently were a total of 116 men, women and children. Sixteen disembarked at Sacramento.

Another car carried about 50 persons, en route to their homes in Southern California. This car was cut off at Ogden, and attached to a train bound for Los Angeles.

Still another important contingent was due to leave the Heart Mountain Center June 18.

S.F. SKYLINE THRILLS
RETURNEES ON FERRY

Crossing San Francisco Bay, on the Ferry boat which was returning some 100 Californians to their homes in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties June 7 from Heart Mountain Center, the talk

naturally drifted to events of the past three years.

The skyline of the city naturally was a thrill. Memories of their three years in the Center came crowding. One spoke up and his sentiment seemed to be that of others as he remarked: "Of course it wasn't any fun, but mighty few people have had much fun during the past few years. When we all think of the terrible sacrifices so many have had to make, both in Europe and in the Pacific theatre, we know that we have been mighty fortunate. We know that it has not been a matter of what has happened to just some persons but, rather, to the whole world!"

Which seemed to us a rather well put phrase.

A REPORTS OFFICER SEES
SOME AMERICANS COME HOME

When 100 returnees from the Heart Mountain Center reached Oakland on June 7 en route to their homes in the San Jose area, three members of the WRA staff who met their train wondered a bit about the reaction to the homecoming on the part of the returning Californians. They soon learned that there was more than a bit of wonder -- on both sides.

There were Issei and Nisei; old and young; teen age boys and girls; youngsters in arms. They had traveled some 1500 miles in day coaches, sitting up three nights and with only three hot meals en route, obtained at stations. However, none complained about either food or sleeping accommodations, though obviously they were looking forward to baths and good beds.

When we boarded the train and went through their two special coaches, we sensed an attitude of expectancy, hesitation and outright questioning. Nothing odd about that.

One of our party of three was an American citizen of Japanese extraction, secretary to the Relocation

Officer in the San Jose District Office of the WRA, Mrs. AMY HIGUCHI. Her presence in those cars proved just the touch that was needed to break some tension, bring some quick smiles, and start an excited flow of questions.

After all, when they reached Oakland, the returnees felt that they really were getting home. The fact they were met, greeted and assisted with several minor problems, baggage and the like, obviously helped a lot to boost morale and make the balance of the journey easy.

As the train pulled in, anxious and eager faces were pressed against the windows of the coaches. What was awaiting them? That was the all-important question. Could you have seen those tense and strained faces relaxed a few minutes later you might be able to understand better a situation with an appeal undeniably dramatic.

The rest? Rather casual! Individual contingents were dropped off at their respective stations, on the peninsula between San Francisco and San Jose. There were no untoward incidents; but there were some mighty hearty welcomes. And so, some more Americans came home.

CONVALESCENT HAS
PLEASANT TRIP HOME

The "Heart Mountain Special" which brought 100 happy returnees back to their Northern California homes recently, carried one convalescent.

Mrs. R. Kimura, recently discharged from the hospital at the Heart Mountain Center, occupied a separate room in the car with her husband.

Mrs. Kimura reported that she rested well. They are returning to their old employers in Palo Alto.

CHILDREN SEE BAY,
TAKE BOAT RIDE
FOR FIRST TIME

Old Doc Stork made two visits to families of the returnees who came back to California on the "Heart Mountain Special" during the three years they were at the Heart Mountain Center, near Cody, Wyoming. So, two of the many children with the 100 persons who occupied two special coaches on the 1500 mile trip back to their homes saw San Francisco Bay for the first time.

Their squeals of delight were real! The oldsters grinned broadly. Probably many would have liked to have joined the children in their gleeful parades up and down the deck of the ferry boat.

One little girl was born at Santa Anita, in Southern California, just two weeks before the trip to Heart Mountain was made. Her father, SACHIYE T. TERADA, a salesman by vocation, exhibited her proudly. The family was en route to San Jose, where they planned to stay with friends and where Mr. Terada hopes to reengage in salesmanship work soon.

"LOOK AT ALL THE PEOPLE!"

After you've been away from home for three years, just how does it feel to get back again? Here's a typical comment from GRACE and JANE ASAOKA, who returned to San Francisco on the "Heart Mountain Special" recently.

When the girls disembarked from the ferry, and looked up Market Street they gave a real gasp and exclaimed: "My, look at all the people!"

THE GEORGE T. YAMASAKI RETURN HOME

On the "Heart Mountain Special" which safely transported 100 men, women and children from the Center to their homes in California this week, arriving June 7 were several family groups that attracted favorable attention. One of these was the family of GEORGE T. YAMASAKI. With an attractive and personable wife, a daughter and three husky and mischievous sons, George left the train at Sunnyvale. Formerly a tractor operator, he expects to be "hard at it" again soon.

He is a graduate of the Heald Business College and was born at Alviso, Santa Clara County.

His wife was born in Santa Clara, attending Jefferson Union School and Santa Clara High School. Her comments on their life in the Heart Mountain Center were fair, informative and to the point. She spoke of the elevation, around 5,000 feet, as a bit high, particularly to one from the sea-level of California. She told of their joy in getting away from the cold winters (the thermometer dropped to 30 degrees below one winter!) and how fortunate they now are to be rid of the dust storms. It seems that the wind really blows up there in Northern Wyoming and that the dust really travels! "Through everything but a tin can, and sometimes we suspicioned that maybe it penetrated even metal!" she said.

A great feeling of relief, in being back home, characterized the entire Yamasaki family, as the train rolled along through their native California, and -- back to Sunnyvale.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES FRIENDLY TO RETURNEES

JACK and AMY KUROSAKI, with their six children, made up an important unit on the "Heart Mountain Special" which arrived safely in the San Francisco Bay Area June 7.

Mrs. Kurosaki reported the reception accorded them en route from Cody to Oakland - via Billings and Ogden - as "very good." She was particularly grateful for the "friendly service given by public employees."

Mr. Kurosaki rendered excellent services as a "guide" for some of the group.

MAY FIGURES ON RETURNEES SHOW INCREASE OVER APRIL IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AREA

SAN FRANCISCO.- Reports from nine District Offices of the Northern California Area of the WRA for the month of May show increases in the evacuee population over the April figures, in five districts. One was even. Two showed a decrease. The two top districts showing the greatest percentage of gain, were Fresno, from 149 to 214, and San Jose, from 92 to 169. The Visalia District Office was established in May, which accounts for the fact that but eight offices are quoted.

MORE SPECIAL CARS REQUIRED FOR TOPAZ RETURNEES

TOPAZ, Utah.- More and more train cars are being reserved to handle the flood of terminal leave applications from this Center. Special cars were scheduled to leave Delta as follows: June 19 and 20 early morning trains to the West Coast; June 25 to Chicago.

A FATAL RESEMBLANCE

Report has it that Pacific whales have been constant targets by destroyers

and blimps! Reason why? Gunners figure
might be a submarine!

SIDNEY SAKANE MEETS
RETURNEES AT OAKLAND

RETURNEES GLAD TO GET HOME

Two little groups who were contacted in one of the special cars carrying some 100 Japanese Americans back to their homes in the San Jose Area from Heart Mountain Center were MR. AND MRS. TERADA with their three children. They remarked that "we liked the special train arrangement a lot. The children were at ease."

A few seats further down the aisle we found MR. AND MRS. TEMARI, who are joining their son at Coyote, in Santa Clara County, midway between San Jose and Morgan Hill. They smiled and said simply: "We are so glad to get home! And we're so anxious to see our grandchildren."

At the 16th Street Southern Pacific station in Oakland, Thursday, June 7, SIDNEY SAKANE was awaiting the arrival of the Challenger, bringing two carloads of returnees from the Heart Mountain Center. Sidney planned to drive several of the group directly to San Jose, a distance of some 50 miles. Included in his list of grateful passengers were FRED INOUE, his wife and three children.

Fred was a farmer in the San Jose area before their evacuation in 1942. He has equipment on his farm and hopes to be producing food again soon.

Sidney Sakane, by the way, is awaiting his call for induction into the armed forces. A brother, YOSHIO Sakane, is now in uniform. They both reported no trouble of any nature since their return.

HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVED BY RETURNEES

Naturally, adequate quarters ready for immediate occupancy, were something of a problem to some of the returnees, at their arrival, June 7, on the Heart Mountain Special, and safe delivery at their respective towns on the Peninsula, between San Francisco and San Jose. Some has leased their homes but hope soon to be in possession again. Others went to hostels for the night. MR. and MRS. NAKATA were especially fortunate. They were met at the Palo Alto station by Mrs. R.A. Isenborg, with whom they will make their home.

For 20 years Mr. Nakata was with the company that operates the ferries across San Francisco Bay. On the boat transporting the party from the Oakland mole to the Embarcadero he met many old friends, all of whom shook his hand warmly.

JACK KURASAKI FAMILY
GLAD TO GET HOME

Among some 100 returnees who are relocating in the San Jose area now are JACK KURASAKI, his wife and six children. Prior to his evacuation in 1942, Jack operated a large orchard near Cupertino. They have a house, leased when they left three years ago, which they expect to reoccupy soon.

On their arrival, June 7, they went to the hostel in San Jose.

Jack says that he plans to "work out" for 3 or 4 months probably, to get his "hand in" again. They all had one emphatic comment: "We are glad to get home!"

"STOCKTON INCIDENT" BRINGS COMMENT FROM WORKERS

SAN FRANCISCO.- Marion Freeman, a Wilmington (California) member of Local 26-A, ILWU, recently wrote to the editor of a local paper: "I am very much grieved at the refusal of some members of Local 6 Stockton unit to work with another American because of his creed, color or nationality.....It leaves the impression that the constitution was written for certain individuals only.....I have been informed that Japanese Americans have fought and died for the privilege of being Americans."

PAIA, MAUI, H.I.- ILWU Local 144 member MANAHU TANAKU wrote: "As a citizen of the United States of the same racial extraction and loyalty as those upon whom our supposedly 'fellow brothers' have directed racial attacks, and particularly as a human being just trying to live a normal life, with equality and justice to all, I rise to denounce the action of the Local 6 members in Stockton as irrational, irresponsible..... Americanism is measured not by the color of the skin, but by the spirit within the man."

TEAMWORK WINS FOR AIKO

sightless..... so is Aiko.

The Federal Government, the State of California and the County of Alameda all decided they had a job to do for an American citizen recently. The job was done, well and promptly. The citizen is highly pleased. Cooperation has scored again.

3,500 MORE LONGSHOREMEN NEEDED IN SAN FRANCISCO

AIKO KUROIKI is 21 years of age. She was born in Idaho. Because she is of Japanese descent, in 1942 she was located in the Granada Center with many others of Japanese extraction.

SAN FRANCISCO.- The urgent need for 3,500 more longshoremen to handle the peak load of war materials shuttling through this port to the war in the East is being satisfied at the rate of some 60 new recruits a day.

Not long ago, the War Relocation Authority learned that Aiko would like to relocate in Alameda County. She planned to do telephone solicitation work. A State School in Oakland, the Department of Social Welfare of the State at Sacramento, the Welfare Commission of Alameda County were all consulted by the WRA. Robert Campbell, who is on the staff of the State school mentioned, was most helpful. A comfortable room was found for Aiko. She will soon be doing her telephone solicitation work, probably for blood donors.

Union representatives are interviewing applicants at the United States Employment Services Offices in San Francisco, 1630 Mission Street, and in Oakland at 115 12th Street, 9 to 5 daily.

In order to qualify, the men must weigh at least 150 pounds. Unless they are veterans, men under 30 are barred.

Robert Campbell is on the staff of the California School for the Blind. He is

SEVEN IS A LUCKY NUMBER. LET'S ALL BUY MORE SEVENTH WAR LOAN BONDS - AND GET OUR BOYS HOME SOON!

Aiko Search Number

EDITORS RETURN TO SAN JOSE

To many of the former readers of the San Jose New World Sun, the names of the editors: K. OKAGAKI and T. KIMURA are well known.

Both, with their families, were among the 100 former residents of the San Jose area who returned to their homes Thursday, June 7, from the Heart Mountain Center.

Two of the Kimura boys, CAPTAIN HENRY KIMURA and Private First Class WARREN KIMURA are with the Army. Captain Henry Kimura is stationed at Camp Selby, while Warren is in Italy, with the 422nd regiment.

There are nine persons in the Kimura family: father, mother and seven children.

Incidentally, the relationship between T. Kimura and K. Okagaki is that of uncle and nephew. They have their little joke: the nephew is older than the uncle!

CAN A RELOCATING EVACUEE GET INSURANCE COVERAGE?

The National Farmers' Union Insurance Company agrees to write insurance for evacuees the same as for any other individual, i.e., (1) live stock, protection against lightning, only; (2) fire insurance on all types of buildings, if you're a member of the local Farmer's Union. (Annual initiation fee: \$2.75 for each person.)

Rates on fire insurance are about 50% lower than other type stock insurance companies' rates. Payments have been promptly adjusted and paid in cash, for many years; (3) Auto insurance; fire and theft; liability insurance department being organized, not ready yet but hopes to be able to cover soon, and believe evacuees will be given the same consideration as others. (4) Life, accident, health insurance. (5) All types written on competitive basis, save fire, as above indicated.

----- HOMECOMING AND REUNION!

The homecoming of one family on the "Heart Mountain Special", two cars attached to a regular section of the San Francisco Challenger arriving in the San Francisco Bay Area Thursday June 7, was particularly noteworthy in that a son of the family, Private LINCOLN KIMURA, an overseas veteran, made arrangements for their reception back home, near San Jose.

MR. and MRS. KIMURA, and three children were looking forward with great anticipation to the return - and the reunion with their soldier son and brother.

A "PRESS REPORT" ON WRA IN SAN JOSE

Recently returning from the Heart Mountain Center to their homes in Santa Clara County, K. OKAGAKI and T. KIMURA, former editors of a Japanese paper published in the pre-Pearl Harbor days, have the following comment on WRA activities in their home county: "Every Santa Clara County Japanese is well pleased to have Mr. Edniston in charge of the San Jose WRA office."

MORE "NO DISCRIMINATION" ACTION BY LABOR UNION

WATSONVILLE, Calif.- At a recent meeting of Local 73, United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, CIO, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"Brothers and Sisters: Knowing full well that the interests of the working class are best served by presenting a united front against Fascism and that the foremost weapon of Fascists is racial discrimination, I offer this resolution:

"We resolve that we will always abide by our pledge to not discriminate against 'anyone' because of race, creed, color, religious or political belief; and we especially pledge ourselves to uphold the United States Government in its decision to return loyal American citizens of Japanese ancestry to their rightful homes and further uphold the rights of said citizens to engage in any lawful or useful occupation and we further pledge that we will assist any American of proven loyalty to enjoy the rights and privileges granted to them by our democratic constitution. Resolved and passed by the entire body of Local 73."

MONTEREY FISH CANNERY JOBS OPEN

MONTEREY.- Louis Martin, head of the Fish Cannery Workers at Monterey, says that 500 persons of Japanese ancestry are in good standing with the union. He is of the opinion that all evacuees formerly employed in that industry will be welcomed back by the fishing industry and the union. The canneries expect to start on August 1, and as a rule run continuously for 6½ months. During the peak of the season there is much overtime work. There are jobs of both salary and piece work for women as well as for men.

The shortage of housing in the Monterey Bay area is quite as acute as in other West Coast industrial districts. However, there are several places owned by evacuees, in and around Monterey, that could be used if they are made available. Common sense counsels an early return by former workers in the fishing industry who plan to work at their trade again this year. While sufficient interest on the part of evacuees in these jobs may secure some housing listings, yet considerable searching for quarters may be necessary. So, if you plan to return to Monterey, better do it soon!

SPECIAL CARS FROM CENTERS TO WEST COAST PROVE SUCCESSFUL:

From the Heart Mountain Center comes the word that the "special cars" arrangement for returning evacuees to their West Coast homes is working out well. So well, in fact, that two specials each month are now planned from that center.

These special cars are made up for Northern California, Southern California, a car for Chicago and points east. There are many advantages: the younger people may accompany the aged and ill, rendering important assistance. This is particularly helpful to Issei who may not have a good command of the English language.

Also, transportation of baggage is expedited.

When the "five car special" left on June 4, carrying 225 people and made up of four coaches and a baggage car, it is estimated that 4,000 persons gathered at the station to see the group off. That was quite a "going away" party. Most community enterprises are far more successful than individual ones. And so this "special car plan" will be continued.

HENRY UKAI, LOCAL 6 NISEI RETURNS: FINDS ENCINAL
JOB

OAKLAND.- Back in Local 6, after three years of evacuation, HENRY UKAI returned to work at Encinal Terminals last week.

Ukai was a Local 6 permit member in 1942 after outbreak of the war, until he went to a Relocation Center. He remained in the Center only one month. Cleared by the Army, he left for the Midwest where he did warehouse work for three years.

Born in Oakland, a graduate of St. Mary's high school and a former student at the University of San Francisco, he majored in economics, was enrolled on a four-year scholarship. Henry played end on the freshman football team of the San Francisco Dons in 1940.

He plans to return to Oakland with his wife and two-year-old son. Others of his family are in service or in New York. His older brother, Lincoln, is a private with the Seventh Army, now in Germany. A brother-in-law is serving with Army Intelligence, somewhere in Europe.

SMART SAN FRANCISCO WOMEN'S SHOP EMPLOYS TWO GIRLS FROM GILA:

What is relocation like for the "lone, unprotected" working girl? ELEANOR UKAI and SUMI HONNAMI from Gila who are in San Francisco working for a large department store say it's wonderful.

Both girls have been on the job for over a month. The work is congenial and so are their fellow employees, they say.

Eleanor works in the marking room and Sumi in the office upstairs. They go out to lunch together and sometimes Eleanor's boss, Miss Pollock, goes with them.

The girls like the atmosphere of the store and they feel like privileged characters to be working where they can have first crack at rare articles of merchandise.

The Reports Officer at San Francisco expressed her envy to the girls at lunch one day, when the store was having a sale of sheer stockings.

"Come on back to the store with us", they said, "and we'll see what we can do for you."

We got into a long line of women waiting for stockings but we didn't stay there long. A very smart looking buyer came up to Eleanor.

"You don't have to wait in line, you know," she said, "your stockings are in the personnel office."

We went upstairs and knocked at the personnel office door. Another smart looking woman greeted us. "Hello Eleanor", she greeted Miss Ukai warmly, "What can I do for you?"

Eleanor introduced the Reports Officer as her friend from the WRA and from the response you could tell that any friend of Eleanor's had an "in" with the store.

Eleanor was too late for the "special" consignment of employee's stockings but they were promised to her for next time.

Both girls came to San Francisco without their families. Eleanor has been living alone in the large family home in Oakland and she confesses that at times she has been scared. The Oakland Chief of Police has ordered patrol cars to drive past her home more frequently than the regular schedule calls for. The first night she stayed there, two special police officers called to see if she was all right.

Eleanor thinks that if she can face this experience by herself, families should have no qualms about returning.

Sumi has a room with a Caucasian family in San Francisco and is well satisfied with her home and office life.

FORMER OAKLAND (CALIF.) BOY VOTED MOST POPULAR
SENIOR CLASS STUDENT IN WASHINGTON, D.C. HIGH SCHOOL

SAN FRANCISCO.- From our nation's capital comes word that a former resident of Oakland, JOHNNY KATSU, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. KIYAHEI KATSU, Issei, was recently voted the most popular boy in the senior class of nearly 300 students at Coolidge High School, where he is the only Nisei student.

Johnny and his parents reside in Washington with his aunt and uncle, MR. and MRS. ROBERT IKI. Prior to evacuation to Topaz, Johnny's father was a florist in Oakland.