



RELOCATION HOSTEL



*TO ASSIST EVACUEES leaving War
Relocation Centers, the American Friends
Service Committee opened its first hostel
at 350 West Belden Avenue, Chicago, in
February of 1943.*

WHAT IS A HOSTEL?

THE HOSTEL is an enlarged home where one shares in the chores, the board and good fellowship of a dozen or more other evacuees until more permanent housing can be secured. It is a temporary home for evacuees getting a new start; and for the newcomer it is a friendly introduction to a strange city. Through a cooperative plan of living, expenses are reduced to a minimum.



HOSTEL AT BELDEN AVENUE

LIKE MOST large cities in which evacuees are being resettled, Chicago has a housing shortage. Finding suitable accommodations is a problem to a new arrival. The hostel at Belden Avenue was opened to assist small groups of evacuees, as well as individuals, from relocation centers. A comfortably furnished building, with six bedrooms, two bathrooms, a large parlor, two dining rooms, kitchen and laundry room, it is now serving a steady stream of hopeful men and women, young and old, coming out of all the centers. The hostel staff consists of Co-directors and a Dietitian.



HOW ARE ACCOMMODATIONS SECURED?

First, leave clearance must be obtained from the Project Director of the center. The War Relocation Authority has agreed to issue travel permits to go to the hostel before a job has been secured.

Second, applications for accommodations at the hostel must be secured through representatives of the American Friends Service Committee and acceptance obtained. If you have already filed an **application for employment**, you can then file an **application for reservation** at the hostel through the American Friends Service Committee Midwest Branch Office, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Note that **applications for employment** must precede application for reservations at the hostel. These applications for employment are made through the following offices:

For evacuees now at—

Poston, Arizona
Gila River, Arizona
Manzanar, California

contact the

So. Calif. Branch of the American
Friends Service Committee
544 East Orange Grove Avenue
Pasadena, California

For evacuees now at—

Tule Lake, California
Topaz, Utah

contact the

No. Calif. Branch of the American
Friends Service Committee
1830 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

For evacuees now at—

Heart Mountain, Wyoming
Minidoka (Hunt), Idaho

contact the

Seattle Office of the American
Friends Service Committee
3959 Fifteenth Avenue Northeast
Seattle, Washington

For evacuees now at—

Granada, Colorado
Jerome, Arkansas
Rohwer, Arkansas

contact the

Midwest Branch Office of the American
Friends Service Committee
189 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois.

TRAVEL SUGGESTIONS

YOUR MAIL and baggage should be addressed in care of the American Friends Hostel, 350 West Belden Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. (Telephone, DIVERsey 3168)

NOTIFICATION of time of departure from camp and arrival of train in Chicago should be made. Telegraph enroute to American Friends Service Committee, 189 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois. Indicate if you wish to be met at station. Many evacuees have chosen to telephone the office (CENTral 2623) or the hostel (DIVERsey 3168) of their arrival and then have proceeded directly to the hostel by taxi cab. Be sure to specify at which station you are arriving; there are several in Chicago.

SERVICES FOR EVACUEES

JOB PLACEMENT is part of the full-time program of the office staff of the Midwest Branch Office at 189 West Madison Street, Chicago. Evacuees are counseled, advised, and assisted in their search for employment.

Other agencies assisting evacuees are the War Relocation Authority, United States Employment Service, and Advisory Committee for Evacuees. The latter Committee is made up of representatives of over 20 religious, governmental, and private agencies interested in and offering service to evacuees in the Chicago area. Offices of the Advisory Committee are also at 189 West Madison Street.

HOUSING assistance: evacuees are aided in locating permanent residence; a staff member loaned to the Midwest Branch Office by the American Baptist Home Mission Society is engaged solely in finding suitable housing.

THROUGH INTRODUCTION to the educational, cultural, religious and social life of the neighborhood, the Hostel assists evacuees in making the necessary adjustments to the new community.

HOSPITALITY FEES

Before a job is secured: **Adults**—one dollar per day including three meals served at the Hostel; **children** (under 10 years)—fifty cents per day including three meals.

After a job has been secured: **Adults**—one dollar and a half per day; **Children** (under 10 years)—seventy-five cents per day.

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE

representing the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) was founded in 1917 to carry on relief and post-war reconstruction in Europe. It has since been engaged in many projects here and abroad to promote international and industrial understanding, and to offer opportunities for constructive, patriotic service to those who are interested. Its relief work in Germany, Spain, Poland, and more recently in unoccupied France, and its work in depressed industrial sections of the United States, has been participated in and supported by Americans of all denominations.

At the present time there are projects carried on throughout the year for those who want to volunteer their services for constructive work.

The Service Committee has maintained centers for study and international fellowship in Europe and Asia, and since May, 1940, has administered non-partisan relief for refugees and war victims. Since the evacuation from the West Coast of persons of Japanese ancestry, most of whom are American citizens, the Committee has been working on the employment and resettlement of these individuals outside the Relocation Centers.

"Our service lies in a world of men, every one of whom has the divine seed within him. . . . we seek here to show how, together with God, we can combat evil and reconstruct the world on the basis of love, and on the conviction that all are capable of good."