

MEMORANDUM TO: Center Residents and WRA Staff

Social agencies throughout the Midwest have been fully informed on the war's dislocation of our Japanese-American population and have already assisted a number of Center residents in resuming normal lives again, according to Miss Prudence Ros: Acting Supervisor of the North Central Area. Services of both private and public agencies will be available to Japanese-Americans long after WRA has been liquidated.

Grants from the Resettlement Assistance Fund are not limited to emergency situations nor are they strictly "relief". Grants are made on the basis of need, and a need may be defined as any obstacle to resettlement. A number of employed resettlers have requested grants for their travel expenses to a Relocation Center for the purpose of helping their family or parents leave the Center. Others have requested grants to purchase furniture or to rent larger apartments or houses on having their families join them in a Midwest community. Such financial assistance is not a loan but an outright grant to minimize for the evacuee undue stress and worry over finances in trying to begin life over again in the world outside the Centers.

A young married woman who is expecting her first baby and whose husband is in military service will receive \$500 from the Resettlement Assistance Fund for household furnishings shortly. She will set up housekeeping for her mother, now in a Relocation Center, and a married friend, also expecting a baby, who will join her soon from another Midwest city. The welfare workers were glad to assist this young woman in making a budget of her household needs.

Until recently most of the Assistance grants to resettlers in the Midwest have paid for medical services--dental, eye and internal surgery--and hospital bills and daily living expenses for persons having long-term illnesses such as tuberculosis or infantile paralysis. In the case of several older Issei who suddenly had a stroke and died, Assistance grants paid for their hospitalization and funerals.

An evacuee arrived in Chicago with his wife and three children during a cold winter spell. As the family had been living in a Relocation Center on the hot Arizona desert, the wife and children needed warm clothing. A family service bureau gave them money to purchase warmer clothes, fuel for their dwelling, and additional funds for incidental living expenses until the evacuee received his first salary check.

Future issues of the Field Bulletin from the North Central Area will include the names and addresses of social agencies which have assisted resettlers either financially or in family planning. The names of the resettlers will be withheld.