

Poston, Arizona
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To the Residents of Poston:

In planning the closure of the centers and the reestablishment of the people in normal communities, the War Relocation Authority has provided two forms of assistance: advisory and financial. Financial assistance, however, will be provided only to those whose relocation plans have been approved by the Relocation Division. This provision is made to insure an orderly departure of people from the center and to establish a background for satisfactory adjustment in the new community.

It is necessary, then, that all families discuss their plans with representatives of the Relocation Division or the Welfare Section at the earliest possible date.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

The following financial assistance is available to those whose relocation plans are approved:

1. Transportation for all family members to the place of resettlement.
2. In case of need, \$3 per day per family member to cover cost of meals on the journey.
3. In case of need, \$25 per family member to assist in establishing themselves.
4. Transportation of household goods and personal effects at government expense. Commercial property within certain limitations will be transported in the same way.

ADVISORY ASSISTANCE:

1. Accurate and expert advice as to the use of the resources of the community in which the family is to reside.
2. Information concerning travel.
3. Assistance in getting together members of the family who have been separated by the evacuation and prior relocation.
4. Information as to the availability of housing, jobs, farm opportunities, and business opportunities.
5. Information about various agencies of the government in the area which can be of assistance to people resettling.

APPOINTMENTS FOR INTERVIEWS:

In order to give every family in Poston an opportunity to discuss their problems and plans, appointments are being made for discussions with Welfare and Relocation workers on a day to day basis. The plan is the same as that which has been in operation during the past several months.

It is not necessary, however, that families wait for an appointment. They may go to the Unit Relocation offices at any time and discuss their plans or obtain information.

Families or individuals who because of age, illness, lack of wage earner, or handicaps of various sorts, cannot support themselves, should discuss their problems with the Welfare counselors who are available in each camp at the earliest possible moment. Each individual or family facing this situation can rest assured that arrangements can be made for their resettlement with complete security.

LEAVE REGULATIONS:

It is no longer necessary to apply for indefinite leave.

Persons desiring WRA assistance in relocating should go to the relocation office in their unit. Assistance will be given, arrangements for the departure made and a gate pass prepared. They will pick up the gate pass at the Project Departure Station as they leave.

Persons who do not want WRA assistance but merely want to leave the center should make their request at the Project Leave Office where a gate pass will be issued. These persons should realize, however, that in deciding to leave without WRA assistance, they are forfeiting their right to transportation and assistance grants, to help in transportation of property and all other forms of WRA assistance.

Persons wishing to leave the center for a short period of time for adequate reasons may do so. Arrangements for such short term passes should be made at the Unit Relocation Office.

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