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ATTENTION!

This is absolutely our final warning that all Japanese farmers in Military Area No. 1 should make all immediate plans for the settlement of their farm affairs. It is therefore imperative that every Japanese, alien or non-alien, report at once to the Farm Security field agent at his local WCCA service center to clear all matters relative to agricultural property and crops.

Japanese farmers have already been evacuated from Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound, from Los Angeles County, San Diego, San Francisco County and many other places. Yesterday, thirteen additional new exclusion orders affecting approximately 13,000 Japanese along the Pacific Coast were issued by Lt. General J. L. Dewitt. These new orders should serve as an additional warning to the Japanese farmers that the time is very short in which farmers may dispose of their property. The Army has already indicated that it will increase the tempo of the evacuation as fast as possible.

Colonel Karl R. Bendetsen, of the Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, gave today another emphatic warning to the Japanese farmers.

"Loss of property and great personal disappointment will be the harvest of Japanese and Japanese-American farmers who ignore repeated evacuation warnings from the Army. These farmers throw themselves at the mercy of unscrupulous persons if they believe rumors that evacuation will be delayed, or that they will be allowed to wait until after the harvest season to dispose of their farms. The evacuation program will not stop for anyone."

"Reports have reached my office that certain of the Japanese in farming districts, particularly in the inland areas, have been counting on two or three months elapsing before they are evacuated," the Colonel said. "The Army has indicated several times that the evacuation will be completed on schedule."

Colonel Bendetsen explained that a number of unauthorized individuals in positions not connected with the evacuation program have been telling the evacuees that the Army does not plan to move them for two or three months or until certain crops are harvested.

"The Army does not contemplate spending three months evacuating the Japanese, nor does the Army intend to let the harvesting dates for certain crops determine the date of evacuation. Military necessity will not compromise. It is a stern matter," Colonel Bendetsen declared.

OFFICE OF AGRICULTURAL COORDINATOR.....

CAR STORAGE

Through the interest of Mr. Fairbairn of WCCA, the Nash de Camp Co. has rented a warehouse in Perkins to store automobiles. The rent is \$2.50 per month and is to be paid when we return. There has been many requesting for storage space, but there is room for about 15 more cars.

Those who are interested, please drop in at the office. There is an agreement that must be signed and we must have the engine number and the serial number too.

Mr. Bronson of the Occidental Life Insurance Co. is offering to insure cars for fire and theft, but cannot promise how long he will be able to keep this offer. If you are interested, please, do not delay.

Mr. Bronson has consented to be available on Saturday, April 25th at the YBA hall. It may be too late to get your car insured if you wait. Please try to see us within the next week concerning this!

The storage plan that was proposed by Ford & Henry Storage and Transfer Co. was dropped because only a few were interested in storing at Sacramento. The reports brought in by the district chairman totaled not more than 50. We had to have about 250 cars signed up to make this plan good.

There may be one or two other possibilities in Florin for Car Storage. We will inform you later when more concrete information can be released.

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WARNING FROM WCCA AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Mr. Phelps received a complaint from the sheriff's office that many people are in Sacramento without permits. He wanted to clearly state that only boys who are working for the strawberry company have permission to go to Sacramento. Others must see Mr. Phelps and Mr. Stevens about permits before they can go into Sacramento with their vegetables, but strawberries must be sold in Florin, because they are buying them in Florin.

APPRECIATION

The district representatives are commended for their unfailing effort in helping the community in this emergency. They are no longer just "doing nothing." Strawberry season is getting underway, but their work still goes on with the JACL. Have you stopped to realize how many times they have driven to your house? Patiently repeating every information. Driving their car, giving their eyes to serve everyone of you. Have you ever stopped to think how much you have done to share your duty as an individual towards the community? These boys and girls have proven worthy of a great trust as citizens, as sincere JACL members and have certainly born their responsibilities as no others have.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTION ACCEPTED

The Red Cross will accept all your old magazines and papers (must be bundled) and your old clothes and rags, and card board boxes, books, furniture and anything that we don't want, that can be used. Please drive your truck up to Mrs. C. Frasinetti's and she will tell you where to unload them. Let us not burn these things. The government will need them. Let us try to seek every opportunity, no matter how small, to do our share for victory.

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

A record breaking crowd is expected this Saturday and Sunday to just about complete the diphtheria treatments. We are expecting 641 Saturday and about that many on Sunday. Then there remain, one more Sunday on May 3rd. I would like to make a correction on last week's Bulletin. Diphtheria injection will be given at the camp. Typhoid and vaccination too. So we are advising all those who have missed their treatments to get them at the camp. Miss Thayer has suggested that every family be given a certification of their diphtheria and vaccination treatments. Those whose treatments are finished, please call at the office and we will give you a certificated signed by Dr. Ito.

TO EVERY FAMILY

We are trying our best to complete our family survey so that every family in our JACL jurisdiction will be reported to the WCCA and we will know exactly how many people we are taking care of. In spite of all the cooperation of our district chairmen, many families have not yet checked up with our office, and there are still many new families coming in to our communities. I am requesting every one who reads this bulletin to do his part and inform anyone who might be new in the community to, please, report to the office and if there should be any isolated Japanese families somewhere back in Sheldon, Franklin, Sloughouse, Hills, Oak Park, or farther up North into Fair Oaks and Rio Linda--that is not being cared for by any other JACL. It is the wish of the WCCA that we at least try to help them get some information regarding evacuation preparation. Let us realize what a disastrous thing it would be if any one is left out when the evacuation day comes. Please tell us about them or send us a card concerning them.

TO THE BOYS IN THE U.S. ARMY

If you have your son or friends in the U.S. Army, why not send them a copy of our JACL bulletin? It's a nice way to keep them informed of your home town happenings. It cost only 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> postage. The boys in the Armed forces are deeply concerned over the matter of evacuation and, in order to inform and comfort them that everything is progressing in orderly condition here, we feel that this little service of mailing them our bulletin will be highly acknowledged.

by John Harshata