## WAR RELQCATION AUTHORITY

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Trom: Temporary Coumail of Block Oheifmen Subject: Relocation and Center Problems

Topre welcome visit to our conter affords us opportunity to submit for your pateemed considestations some of the problems which are pusaling us at prosent. Before doing so, hovever, way we express our sincert appreaidition for your past, undiring effort in solving our meny complicated and difficult problems? Toyr deop insigat and sympathetie understanding. and yous tectfol and statesmanlike manner of handling our problems have resnited in achievement of meay "impossibles". He sre indeed fortunate to have a mart of your caltbar at our helii wo places our interest paramount in his heart and guides us wisely to our future destiny.

The problems that confront us riow ify be ix ided into two major hadings, namely, (1) those pertaining to for center 2 ife, and (2) others in combetion with reldcation. Nie antiospate that these probiems shall serit your imnediate attention lith ughal, syupathetic and vigorous approsth.


## 1. Bopd:

Food we are served in the center is not satisfacfory In ennlsty and cuantity. We uaderstand that the present food badcet of 9.45 per capifa per day was established about twenty months aco fith view of supplying niniman aietetic and calorific requirement fobtainable at prevailing food prices of that time. Since then fo prices edvanced greatly, in asse of some basie food over 100\%. This means the shrinkage of food supplied to evacuees. If we are to receive the minfmwa food requirnmont, the figure of $\$ .45$ must be advanced in direct proportion with the pried advances.

To the best of our knowledge during the past gear we were not suppiled with the bodgeted amount. We figured the actual amount of food consumed was about $\$ .30$ instead of ${ }^{\text {s. }}$. 45 . Io augnent the insufficieney of mess hall meals the evacuees dig deop into their pocket to buy supplementary food at their oanteen. The fact that the sale of foodstuf? in the canteens amount to about $\$ 30,000$ per month is an ap arent testimony of insuffioient food supplied by whi.

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Fhere suems to be som henic deficienay in procurement nystem, for we are Irequently toll that the $p$ recurement departiment is unable to wey the required anounts. To request yen to streaniline tho procuxament procedure so that wo would be supplied with 1 thl amount of maget.

## 2. Fnemplorment oompensation and alathing allavancent

Th pending polioy of redueing the projoct eaployment will mike a large number of our workers inveluntarily tave with subeequent toprivil of whees and alothing allowances. As thi idleaoss will be aameoll not by tholir fmit, thowe voritert should to paid unemplaymant compongation. Infact, shi should provide unemployment compensation in all othor sixdlar inetinces.

Is to the olothing allowances, wh hold a IL w convietion that the elothing is one of basic nescestiteg of $14 \%$, and as such our govemnont is olligetel to fumith it to all oveouses. We are toll that Wh considers elothing allowemces as a part of wage and not an a payment for mubule tence. We cannot see any logic in this. Io one needs to be maindel that clothing is juat as encontial as sood and sheltor for one's oxistence. Wmploynont or any other condition showld not bl imposed as prorequialtos for cranting clothige or olothing nllovecent. Wo at, therefore, Wh to furnich olothing to all reaidente whout eny exoption.
the elothing allovance of $\$ 3.75$ per permon was 1 gurel mare thata a yous apo on the basis of prevalling pxicen of that tim. Tom are undoubtediy avare of the ingroage in prices, cortein ftom of slothing doubling or trippling their prices whthe gast year. Wo request imi to ingrease the amount of elothing allownees commencurate ath the advanced pricen.

## 3. Phartage of Poctora:

Is have ohly sore evacuec inetori to the to tal population of 9,200 xesidents. The standixd establiched by Y7s, wo understand, is one doctoz to every 1.400 poz sons. ". beliove the maintenance of this atandand is fifsolutaly, mecossary if wo ase to recelve adequate modieal care. 50 mot thit requirement our center mat securs the servies of at least tw mose dootert.

Dee to the shortage; jour doctors axe obligated to talse a turaty Iour shift overy three days. this is te0 heary a marion for our doctore to bear, and per
 shift it is hamy impossible to give proper individual diagnosis and carb. Thore is a infit to human midurance. At the present rato of overvorik our dootors may soon meod a doctor themgelves.

Our elficic aiso suffers the consequances of insuffioiont manber of phyioians. Ouite frequently a large dumber of clinde pationts is sut hom ditnout seelng a doctor, because whenever the ro is an emergeney operation, at loast three doetora aro
 of patients.

Tho ohiof medien officer, D. Inwla, in toe buy rith adninistrat ivo duthoy and has mo time to give direct service to evacuee pationts. 4 saggention in mio
that if his administrative duties are shared by some other peraons, Ds. Indin may devote at least a part of his time to see some of our patimits. Nais will pastly IIghten the burden of ther evemroriced doctosm.

When $\operatorname{Hir} J_{0}$ hn $P_{\text {rovinge }}$ Flatiel this center some the ago we made a auggestion that soif of the physiaian in the intermment aamp may te available for service in the zelecation centers. Shoh traaner min fropive may complice tions, but under the present eritical situations no stone should be left unturned to find needed doctors. We request you to look into this posisibility personaily. at your earliest convenience.

There are indication. that the present shortage of doctors my futther be aggravated by relocation of som of the docto 5y now in cesvice at ear hospltas. tom measures should be adopted invediately so that our dootors will be induced to stay in the conter. As the shortage of doctors is constent source for mentel anguish to all residents, anything that you could do to allegiate this situation would be greatly appreciated.

## 4. Pswchopathic lifad:

A number of psyehopathie patients is placed in our hospital with no ppocial equipment of facilitios and without a specialist's eare. To ack mitathos to Inctill proper facilities and hire a specialist ofr to send the patients out to an outside institution vich is equipped to handle mental oases.

## 5. Bental Serxice:

4. present we ase receiving Iinited dontal service free of charge. Didee and plate works are done at the pptientts expenge. Mis is contrary to our mador stonding, for wo are told that our gevermant, by virtue of forced evacuation, took upon its ghouldar the responsibility of fumishing all oasenstal havith requi rements of its waris. We believe that ve are ontitied to secure fyee of charge ais standurd ceatal cervices which are conulderel as part of modem hoal th requirementa.

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## 1. Bustiness and Profegaioy2 Theenses:

Reports aye eirculeted thet the local authorities in meny seotions of the country refuse the issuance of business or professional licenses to resettied evacuees or, at best, are very reluctant about doIng so, Rocently, in Denver, a nisei barber obtained his 1iomse whioh was sefuged at firsi by state Authozity but finally granted aftor: special plea of the WRA reattioment officer. In case of non citigens, it is reported that licenses are next to fmpossible to obtain. We believe that aimilar difficultios prevail at many other places. We ask ligh to exert every effort to combat this discriminative attitude of locel suthorities.

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## 2. Fenetillement by $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{y}} \mathrm{mily}$ Groups:

I successful resettlement program cannot to worced out without due considoretions to family groups whose means of sustenance wore previous to evaveciation Andependent reming or business enterprices. Phiogroup consititntes abont twothini of conter population.

Thgarding a group reset tlenent program we wrote you previoualy expreaning our deelses and plans, tat at that tim sour reply indicated that wiel yan not interested in auch prograil. Hovevor, sceording to the recent publication of "S ntinel" wra is seriousiy considering, in complete reversal of its former politions, a relocation progran for family groups. 倍 hail this as a step in the right direation.

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The reom t announcement of \#onoreble Jamen 7. Frmen, Mar Movilisation Mrector, which bolstered the position of evecuees to Lrerican public states in part, "It is the policy of the lar deparinent and the live, in all respects. to accord Amerlesn moldiere of Japenese sancestry, the rights and privileges of $a 11$ other American soldieri". It states lastiy, "heo present restrictions againat persons of Japanese ancestry, will remain in foroe as long as the millitary nituation so requiros". In view of this statement, we could expeot that the fanilies of soldiere would be the first to return to their fomer homes. Fhen, after the completion of the present segregation procran, the militany masone wich mentricted the loyal evacuees shall no longer axdest, sad consequentiy, the evacupes should be periitted to retum to the west cosst.

Fie believe if the WRA combined with other govemment agencies, ondaavor td exadieate prajudices againgt persons of Japanese and Japanese ancestry, by channeling the afforte of churoh, wolfare organiantions, and other aommunits groups, using all other machinery at thotr command and sonvince the publie on the vent coast that the source or uncertainty which existed fim their minds has been cleared, and with true harican fustice and fair pidy, should paw woy for evacuees to return to their former homes on the west coset. Hecorifing to the infomations moahing us from our west coest friends there is a gtrong and persiatent movement among dmerican people demanding the roturn of oracuees to their fosmer fames in orter to anse the deplerable food siortage.

The rehabilitation via this svenue would produce th greatest somalt with a miniurum effot and expenditure, for the evacuces in former maroundings and ocoupations would requixe least anount of readjustment to be independently established. Mithout questions, they would add substantially to the Aneriem productivity in shortest possible period of sime

We have preaent foregoing problems merely in outline. If yens to desire, we shail be pleased to di scuss more fully any one of the above problema.
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