WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

In reply, please refer to:

August 11, 1943

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From: Mr. Dillon S. Myer, WRA Director
From: Temporary Council of Block Chairmen

Subject: A Supplement to our letter on "Relocation and Center Problems"

The following are supplementary problems on which your considera-

1. Home for AGed:

The advisability of erecting a home for aged in our center has been studied fully, and the administration has agreed, after exaustive analysis, to establish one as soon as possible. Over six months have elapsed since that provise, but no sign of any action on this matter is visible to this date. We would like to know if NRA has changed it mind or the matter is still pending. When one sees everyday the pathetic figures of two old men in a bachelor quarter, one blind and other deaf, try feebly and funblingly in comforting each other, the urgency of establishing a home to care for such persons becomes graphic and personal. We ask WRA to erect as speedily as possible the proposed home for aged.

2. What to do when a resettled evacues bedomen a destitute;

We wish to know if there is any provision in WRA to assist a resettled person and his family who becomes destitute thru sickness, unemployment or other causes beyond his control?

3. Farm implements left home:

We understand that the state of California passed a legislation to requisition farm implement left in storage by evacuees. Many farmers who are planning to relocate wish to held the implements intact until such time as they will have found suitable farms. Is there any way of preventing the compulsory requisition? Can those implements be shipped to the relocation center to escape it? If so will WRA pay for the transportation?

4. Leupp Center:

Regarding Leupp Center we wish to have the following points clarified:

a. What is the exact status of Loupp Genter?

Is it a penal institution, a concentration camp, or a segregation center?



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- b. May is a person sent to Loupp Genter without hearing? Is it not a violation of a civil liberty, at least in spirit, if not legally? We request for fair and unbiased hearing before any person is sent away.
- c. When a persons is found guilty after hearing, is he doesed to stay in the Leupp Center for the duration of the War? A confinement according to severity of offences similar to prison terms of three months, six months, one year, etc.? Is there any provision for release on good behavior?
- e. What are the health and semitation provisions in the Leupp Center? Are there any doctor, nurse, or dentist?
- f. A e the food, housing and other facilities similar to those of a relocation center?

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