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FIRST WITH THE LATEST NEWS

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FAREWELL

This has been the happiest season of the year for farmers in the Florin area. In the past, strawberries kept us busy from morning till night and there was the satisfaction of knowing we were able to reap the fruit of our labor. And too, there were the beautiful vineyards--that seemed to stand like rows of green lanterns for miles around. It seemed as though the young vines grew and reached skyward before our very eyes and each now day there were revealed promise of rich clusters of grapes.

This year, there is a damper in our enthusiasm as we count the blossoms on the vines. Until now, the great hope that thrills the patient farmer as he labors unendingly, with faith that all will be well when harvest time comes has kept him from tiring and from idleness. In spite of this emergency however, all of our vineyards are beautifully plowed. Just the other day, the grape vines were given their first dusting with sulphur. Practically all the vineyards are ready with ditches plowed for irrigation. And it is sad that we must leave, but there is no other choice. The years of living with our farmers have rooted our very souls deep into the earth of Florin. Wherever we go, whatever our fate, nothing can take away our love for Florin.

Probably before this bulletin reaches everyone, the order for us may come, but we are ready, even though our hearts may be reluctant, if this means victory for our beloved country, we will evacuate.

We say goodbye and silently pray for our blessing--a prompt return to Florin and the hearthstones of our friends.

In this time of parting--we are strengthened by the knowledge that many of our closest friends will look after our homes and our vineyards. We are aware of the tremendous responsibility that they have so gladly undertaken. We appreciate the significance and extent of their friendship evidenced by assumption of guardianship of our affairs until we come home again.

In behalf of the Japanese population of the Florin areas, we extend the handclasp of appreciation to the many friends we have in Florin. We count ourselves fortunate that we will have so many friends to write to--so that we will always hear from home while we are in exile. Courage where there almost seem no reason for courage and smiles, come only because we have warm friends to encourage us. Our hearts are heavy at this parting but our spirit will soar to the skies in gratitude for the sincere friends.

We have faith that to those who earnestly work and live to do the right thing, good is bound to come. We believe that America and the courageous American people deserve peace and happiness. We will always pray for your health and good luck. God Bless You-----.

Mary Tsukamoto

EDITORIAL

Ordinarily, this will be just another edition of our weekly bulletin, but as the old saying goes--"the end must come whether it be good or bad". The staff bids you farewell with this 9th edition of our widely distributed JAACL publication. It seems almost certain that the final orders from the Army for evacuation of Japanese from this region will come soon and it is our desire to express once again--our thanks and appreciations for your cooperation.

Let us hope that we may again be able to serve you when we are assembled in the center. May good health and good luck prevail always.

John S. Hirohata

IMPORTANT ADVICE TO THE EVACUEES

Personal effects must be limited to the amount the evacuees or family group can actually carry.

To aid in reducing the quantity of personal effects carried by the evacuees, all such persons should be informed that it is permissible for them to ship additional articles to the Assembly or Reception Center by parcel post or express, all charges prepaid, consigning such shipments to themselves at the Center to which they will be evacuated. It would be better if we could entrust friends to hold the package until we know for certain where our address would be. Such packages are to be marked "Hold - Will Call". After arrival at the center, and at the time of taking delivery, the consignee will be required to open the package for inspection in the presence of the Center manager or his representative, to insure that no article of contraband is taken in the Center.

Each package shipped by parcel post should be limited to a size of 75 inches length and girth combined, and must not exceed the maximum weight of 70 lbs., and the same restrictions should be imposed on express shipments.

Since living space assigned to evacuees in Assembly and Reception Centers is limited, shipment by parcel post and express should include only necessities, and only those items which can be used and stored within the apartments of the evacuee. These shipments will NOT include such articles as refrigerators, bicycles, motorcycles, tricycles, scooters, beds, sewing machines, tubs, chairs, (other than nursery) and other furniture of similar nature. The shipment may include such items as soap, small wash tubs, small bassinets, and cribs; and other facilities for babies such as bottles, nipples, bathwarmers, small high chairs, mosquito nets; mirrors, scissors, needles, thread, safety pins, toilet articles, books, portable type writers, musical instruments (other than bass drums, tubas, and other large horns) and games, athletic equipment; and a limited amount of carpenter tools, including rope and nails.

Additional bedding and clothing are necessities and the prospective should be encouraged to ship a substantial supply, in addition to that carried to the Center. However, the climatic conditions in the locality to which and evacuee will be sent is the determining factor as to what weight and type of clothing and bedding is to be taken or shipped. Evacuees going into a rainy country, should be encouraged to take rubbers, overshoes, raincoats, and umbrellas; while those going to the warmer and drier climates will not require rain repellent clothing and footwear, but will require lighter type of clothing, and to some degree a lighter quantity.

INNOCULATION CERTIFICATES

Last call!: Please call for your Diphtheria and Vaccination certificates by Wednesday, if you have not done so. JACL will not be responsible for those who fail to come.

WANT ADS

JACL still gets request for bicycles, refrigerators, and bedroom sets. If you have any that you wish to sell, please let us know by Monday evening.

SOCIAL WELFARE

Mrs. Higgenson will come Wednesday afternoon to the JACL office. Those who are receiving aid from her, please remember to come by 2:30 P.M.

R I C E

All those who have extra sacks of rice, please bring them to the JACL office. We will give you a receipt for the number of sacks. Later, the Army will pay the JACL for the sacks and the individuals will be paid by the JACL.

The sacks of rice must not be opened. They must be unopened sacks of rice.

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK

During the last week, Florin for the first time in its history, was given Banking service. Thanks to the cooperation of the Capitol National Bank, we were able to continue our business. We deeply appreciate the extent of this help that came especially at this time of the year, when Florin was in the height of the season.

The Bank of America has consented to come to Florin to take care of its many customers on Saturday and Monday from 10 to 11 A.M., and we are certainly grateful for the favors we were able to enjoy.

To those who received the services of the Bank probably never thought that this convenience was possible only because the Federal Reserve Bank took it in their hands to make arrangements for the community. We are deeply indebted to the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for the splendid way they have taken over the responsibility. From the day the WCCA Office opened, we have indeed been fortunate. Every possible help was extended and now as the evacuation order is at hand, we are entrusting our household property into the secure hands of the Federal Reserve Bank.

It would be safest there. For we have been amazed to learn the great care and effort made by the Federal Reserve Bank in their storage plans. Guards will be stationed 24 hours a day with fire extinguishers packed on their backs. Although it would not be like storing at professional storage houses such as Bekins and Boones, we can be assured that our things will be guarded and protected.

We are advising everyone to be certain that if we entrust our belongings to our friends, proper procedure will be taken to insure their safety. No one can be certain of what may happen in the future.

There will be excess sacks of rice that Federal Reserve Bank will handle for us. This is being planned so that we might be able to have the brand of rice the Japanese prefer. Although most of the sacks have been sold back to the stores, there will still be sacks that must be cared for. And we again owe our gratitude to Mr. Reid and his wonderful assistants. We were lucky to have Mr. McFarland at Florin. This last week has passed swiftly but a great deal was accomplished and many were given kindly help and advice through the Federal Reserve Bank at Florin.

VOLUNTEERS

JACL would not have had been able to serve the public if it had not been for the sacrificing volunteer helpers of this community. We are not able to repay them for their efforts and sacrifices, but it is our sincere hope and prayer to each and everyone, good health, and Good Luck!

The self-sacrificing volunteers who helped through the busy season, frequently without their lunch hours and long hard hours to keep the bulletin going are greatly appreciated by the JACL. We wish to acknowledge at this time our gratitude to the following:

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Shiizaki-----	\$2.50
Y. Haruta-----	5.00
F. Shinke-----	5.00
K. Kurima-----	5.00
Osumi-----	5.00
Hirai-----	10.00
T. Ishida-----	3.00

OUR BULLETIN

When the Florin JACL decided to put out a bulletin at the general meeting held at the YBA Hall on March 15th, little did we realize what we were undertaking. This is the 9th edition and we are glad that we had attempted this weekly, and we were lucky to be in a position to carry on through the busiest season when it was most needed. With John Hirohata was our able editor-in-chief, his loyal staff composed of; acting editor, Mary Tsukamoto; Joyce Kawanoto, Lois Yoshinaga, Sumiye Uchida, Tommy Kushi have worked tiring hours to serve the public.

Through the bulletin we were able to keep in touch with the people in our districts, and WCCA's help and advice were brought to our very doors. We hope that our sincere efforts had in some way helped you.

Amazingly the bulletin reached to others outside of our jurisdiction. Our mailing list has grown since we first began. This 9th issue will have a circulation of nearly 500 bulletins. It has helped to create better understanding of our problems to our friends and it has served to reveal the cooperation of our splendid JACL community.

This Florin JACL can rightly boast of the fortunate circumstances that enabled us to work as we did in this emergency. We are grateful to the Methodist Church for their machine. The Bulletin could not have been successful otherwise. Many friends are urging us to take the mimeographing machine to Camp. With the consent of the Methodist Church, the JACL will borrow the use of the machine for the duration and we'll make plans to have it sent to us at Camp.

JACL MEETING

If the Order comes today, Sunday morning 6:00 A.M. will be the time for an emergency Cabinet meeting at the YBA Hall to wind up all the business and make some plans to try to continue our JACL activities after we are at the Camp. If there should be any division of our group, temporarily, we will try to work toward an eventual union and attempt to serve our people till our return to Florin.

WE ARE GRATEFUL

Because there are no restaurants in Florin, the WCCA Staff at the Florin YBA Hall have been able to enjoy the grandest lunch through the kindness of Mrs. Speck, head cook, Mrs. Kriczenbeck, and Mr. Butler of the Florin Grammar School. There were eight of us some of the days, but we were welcomed with gracious hospitality. The JACL wishes to thank the school and the cooks for their generous cooperation.

DON'T FORGET YOUR PETS

Bring your dogs to the Gerrard shed, and tie them to the platform with a strong cord, the 3rd day after the Order is issued. Fill the identification card which you may secure from the JACL office. The Humane Society will do the best they can to relieve you many worries and troubles. Bring your cats in sacks and leave on the platform. EXTRA!!! Bring your pets Monday May 25th, 8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sam Tsukamoto, our treasurer, reveals the following data for April and including May 23rd.

EXPENSES

Public welfare-----	\$ 13.50
Office supplies-----	63.18
Welfare work-----	13.46
Innoculation-----	422.31
Bulletin-----	42.02
Office helpers-----	53.95
Salary-----	100.00

INCOME

Diphtheria inoculation-----	\$409.59
Donations to fund-----	132.61
Special donations-----	59.25

Balance on hand to date is \$675.51

THREE CONTROL CENTERS HAVE BEEN SET UP

We did not plan for this separation, but it seems there is evidence that we may be separated. Control stations have been set up in Perkins, Elk Grove, and Florin. Those living on the east side of the railroad clear to the boundary of the Sacramento County line, north to the Jackson Highway will register at Elk Grove. Their physical check-up will be handled at the Elk Grove Control Station. Those who are living on the west side of the railroad clear up to the River and down south to the old Elk Grove-Franklin road, and north to the Sacramento city limits will register in Florin. Those who are living north of the Jackson Highway clear up to Placer County will register at the Perkins Control Center.

We may need transportation to go to this distant control station but let us try to cooperate and plan to get rides from friends who still have cars; but if that is impossible, let us get in touch with someone at the Control Station to get information about transportation. From tomorrow morning, registration will begin. Registration will continue to Monday evening; then, probably at that time, they will give you instructions as to when the family should come for their medical check-up.

The latest report is that no personal cars will be permitted in a caravan to the Assembly centers.

THE WORK OF THE JACL

The office at the JACL has been like a mad-house these last few months. In a vain effort to inform everyone, to help the public, and to keep up everyone's morale, the personnel in the office exerted more than their share of energy. Now that the order has come while we were working on this bulletin today, we are certain that this hectic few weeks must come to an end and there awaits, rests, time, and new experiences ahead. We are rather glad that the day has come--we knew it count not be avoided. The waiting and uncertainty was uncomfortable. It is a great relief to know finally how many days we can count to finish up our affairs.

The JACL was able to serve you through the weekly Bulletin; the Welfare Committee undertook to inoculate over 2000 diphtheria and vaccination cases. The storage committee worked so that plans have been made for storage of our properties. The Public Relations Committee made every contact that helped to cement understanding with all of our friends. Then there were hundreds of interviews and problems that were met and ironed out. Finally, we cannot omit the fact that the want ads department extended help those who wished to sell their belongings.

The unending stream of visitors and buyers and people were ably handled by the office assistant, Joyce Kawamoto. We were fortunate to have Joyce available at the office.

The WCCA moving into Florin, the Banking Services, and the growing excitement of the people as they sensed the approach of the significant day, has added to the busy atmosphere that prevailed in our YBA Hall.

The JACL office has had splendid cooperation, and as we are about to close our activity here, we would like to thank the community for the wonderful support we have enjoyed through this emergency and if we must be separated, it would be for awhile. Let us keep up our courage. LETTERS: In this hour of final evacuation, our minds are filled with words that cannot be said. We have had magnificent support from Mr. Donnelly of the U.S. Employment Department, Mr. Reid and his assistants of the Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Phelps of the Farm Security and Miss Thayer of the Social Security office. The County Welfare and Miss Mary Judge has been splendid to our people. We cannot forget the multitude of kindness extended by our many friends and the teachers of all schools in our districts. The JACL have written letters in behalf of the people to all of our friends. Our soldier boys are hearing from our JACL, and we will do everything in our power to mail it to everyone we have addresses for.

A letter of appreciation to our President of the United States was mailed yesterday.

We know that Lt. General De Witt was sincerely thanked by the people of Florin.

We are fortunate that we had the time to thank and to remember our friends before we evacuate.

JACL OFFICE WILL BE OPEN

Mrs. Mary Tsukanoto will be in the JACL office till Wednesday. If you need her assistance, please do not hesitate to drop in.