

It has been approximately one month since the revocation of the exclusion order. Since both the announcement on Dec. 17, 1944 and the revocation on Jan. 2, 1945, there have been some changes in policies and regulations which have been publicized through the Coordinator's Bulletin numbers 1 through 11. It is intended that this bulletin give a brief summary of the changes.

1. The lifting of the exclusion order provides that a citizen of Japanese ancestry has entrance and freedom of movement in the evacuated area unless designated by the army as an excludee or a segregee.

Aliens not designated by the army as excludees or segregees will have the same freedom of movement in the evacuated area as they have in any other part of the United States under the Department of Justice regulations (U. S. Attorney's permit). Parolees and deportees will be under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization regulations the same as in the past. Indefinite leave, trial indefinite and seasonal leaves are no longer required and will not be issued.

2. There will be no more inductions or re-inductions in the center except in the cases of persons who were on short-term, seasonal or trial indefinite at the time of the public announcement of the revocation of the exclusion orders and who return to the center on or before the expiration date of their leave.

3. There will be no more social visits permitted. The only visits permitted will be:

a. Soldiers on furlough for such period of furlough. Reservists awaiting call to active duty and evacuees who have passed their pre-induction physical and are awaiting induction.

b. Emergency visits because of serious illness or death of family members residing in the centers.

c. Students at the end of a term for a period not to exceed 90 days.

d. Visits for purposes of relocation planning with family members or former or potential business associates.

The only time there will be no visiting charges made is when the visit is for the purpose of relocation planning ("d" above) and advance approval of the appropriate relocation officer has been secured except in the cases of soldiers and reservists who will not need the relocation officer's approval to visit for relocation planning purposes.

4. All relocation centers will be closed between June 30, 1945 and Dec. 31, 1945. However, each center will be notified at least three months in advance of the actual closing date of the center.

The operations throughout the project will gradually be tapered off. Food, housing and medical care will be provided until the center closes. School will be maintained through the end of the present school term (June, 1945). Community enterprises will continue as long as possible taking into consideration the time required for an orderly liquidation. Vegetable and food crops planted during 1944 will be harvested but there will be no crops planted during 1945. The hog program will be curtailed and no more chickens will be purchased. There will be no new construction and maintenance and repair will be restricted to a minimum. Other activities will be reduced accordingly and finally closed out.

5. Field relocation offices will close between 8 and 14 months from Jan. 2, 1945 and evacuee property services will be available for a period of not longer than 15 months from Jan. 2, 1945.

6. Transportation grants, travel grants and costs of transportation for property are available when the evacuee relocation plans are approved. This applies also in the case of approved relocation plans for Hawaii and Alaska. Travel grants (\$25 and \$3 per day per person enroute) will be made on the basis of need.

7. Assistance through the relocation division, welfare section, legal division, and the evacuee property office is available for evacuees and their families in formulating their relocation plans.

a. The relocation division have advisers who will assist in planning and the solving of normal resettlement problems. The requirements for an approved relocation plan outside the evacuated area remain the same as in the past in order to qualify for the relocation assistance grants. The requirements for an approved relocation plan in the evacuated area in order to secure the relocation grants are:

1. Sufficient independent means or a hospitality offer.
2. An offer of employment and also evidence of available housing.
3. Self employment in business or agriculture.

b. The welfare section of the community management division have counselors who will assist individuals and families who have welfare problems. In cases where dependent or handicapped persons will need governmental assistance after relocation arrangements will be made with the appropriate agency.

c. The evacuee property office will assist evacuees in their matters of property. Crating, packing, and shipping of property, both, in the center and on the west coast, will be handled by this section. In the cases of approved relocation plans the costs of the transportation of such property will be paid by WRA. Other property matters such as the leasing, releasing, selling or purchasing of property will be handled by this section except in cases that will require legal aid which is provided in "d" below.

d. The legal division will handle all matters for evacuees that require legal aid or advice.

8. There has been established a western relocation division field office with district offices throughout the area. These offices will be primarily concerned with:

- a. Working with local committees.
- b. Investigating problem cases which may arise as evacuees return to the evacuated area.
- c. Securing effective cooperation of federal and state agencies.

Actual job placements, financial assistance for business and agricultural enterprises, and location of housing facilities will not be a responsibility of the western relocation division. These functions will be handled through the United States Employment service, the War Food administration, the Reconstruction Finance corporation, the Farm Security administration, the Farm Credit administration and state and local agencies for housing.

As part of the western relocation program the western field office will develop and release information for an orderly re-absorption of evacuees who return to the evacuated areas. In like manner they will also furnish information to this center for dissemination. The next Coordinator's Bulletin will carry informational releases from the west coast offices.

9. For detailed information on regulations, clarification of policies or for assistance of any kind, contact the Coordinator's information desk in the relocation division office.