

WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
Office of Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

NOTICE AND GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO JAPANESE SEEKING REPATRIATION

1. The acceptance of a formal request for repatriation by the Wartime Civil Control Administration does not bind the government of the United States to grant repatriation.

2. Any person who submits a request form may telegraph at government expense, through the Center Manager, to members of his immediate family (*see definition below*) who are living in other Centers, Detention Camps, or are at known addresses in other States, for the purpose of determining their desires as to repatriation.

3. The filing of a repatriation request form does not bind the individual or family concerned to accept repatriation at a later date if changed circumstances make it inadvisable at that time. However, persons applying for repatriation who are American citizens must understand that by so applying they indicate their willingness to forfeit such citizenship.

4. A request for repatriation will be accepted from any person 18 years of age or older, who was born in Japan, or who was born in the United States and has dual citizenship.

5. Each individual who is 18 years of age or older and is eligible to request repatriation, must fill in and sign an individual form. A child under 18 years of age must conform to the decision of its parent or guardian. Thus a family consisting of a father, mother, two children 18 years of age or older, and two children under 18 years of age must submit four individual requests (the father, mother, and two older children) if the entire family wishes to be repatriated. The two younger children will be listed on the father's form as minor dependents.

6. When an individual becomes eligible for repatriation, the members of his immediate family also are eligible. The immediate family includes the spouse (husband or wife), a dependent mother, a dependent father, an unmarried child who may be a foster child, stepchild, adopted child, or ward.

7. Where two or more persons in a family wish to be repatriated together a "Family Summary Form" must be submitted with the individual request form.

8. Since individual request forms prepared for submission to the WCCA will be available in Assembly Centers, they cannot be filled in personally by members of the family in other places. A responsible member of the family in the Center may make out the form for such a person after communicating with him (or her). The signature on such a form should clearly show the name of the person who is responsible for it as well as the name and other facts about the person for whom repatriation is being requested.

9. Each individual 18 years of age and over will be permitted to execute his (or her) form in private and to sign it in the presence only of the Center Manager or a non-Japanese employee designated by him.

10. All forms must be filled in and signed in triplicate (three copies). All of the information except the signature may be typewritten. Clearly printed entries are preferred to ordinary handwriting. Japanese characters may not be used except in the signature of persons who write only in Japanese. Persons unable to write in either English or Japanese will make an X mark for the signature on the signature line, after which X mark will be written his name in full, by the Center Manager or other witness; this mark to be witnessed by a near relative or friend.

11. The Manager of the Assembly Center, or a non-Japanese employee designated by him, will receive, examine, and forward the completed forms to the Repatriation Section, Wartime Civil Control Administration, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California. The forms should be signed and given to the Manager not later than Friday night, July 24, 1942.