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EVACUATION INSTRUCTIONS

REGARDING TRAIN DISCIPLINE

Instructions to Evacuees on Train Discipline:

It is of the utmost importance to the comfort of all concerned that sanitary conditions be maintained in each car on every train. Receptacles for trash will be provided and which should be used for all waste material instead of throwing such material on the floors of cars.

On trips into hot localities, the conservation of water is important. Drinking water is not available at each train stop. Due care should be exercised to not waste the available supply or a shortage of water will result.

The proper use of toilets should be exercised. Introduction into them of large bulky articles will result in clogged toilet bowls. Toilets should not be used
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CONCERNING GOV. SUPPLIES

In accordance with the Rules and Regulations governing the relocation of Evacuees, a Center resident is financially responsible for the Government property issued to him until it is returned to the Supply Depot. Also, absolutely no Government property will be permitted to be taken out of this Assembly Center.

As all baggage will be inspected prior to shipment, everyone is cautioned not to seal their boxes, etc., until completion of inspection. Lumber for crating purposes is to be provided by the Federal Government. However, lumber used for shelves, closets, and etc. will have to be utilized
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SPECIAL NOTICE

Except in cases of emergency nature, no more patients will be sent to outside hospitals

DEPARTURE REGULATIONS

Evacuees leaving for the War Relocation Authority Center will be given a similar instruction sheet 3 days prior to entrainment with specific detailed procedure of their embarkment. Place, date, time, car number, names of family members, identification numbers, family number, address and preliminary preparation direction, will be already filled on the sheet. It has been instructed that everyone adhere to given instructions, and in case of any question contact their section managers.

Due to the changing conditions, if names and ages, etc., of the family do not correspond with those on the sheet, the head of the family should contact Mr. Weimer of the upstairs office to make necessary adjustments.

Moving will be conducted on Section basis as a matter
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INFO. ON NEW HOMES

WYOMING

EDITOR'S NOTE:

In order to give those evacuees being transferred to the Heart Mountain Relocation, some pertinent information regarding the project, we herewith quote questions and answers from the Pomona Center News: who obtained the information given through Mr. C. E. Rochford, project director.

Ques. Exact location of Center
Ans. The Heart Mountain Relocation Center is in Park County, Wyoming, north west corner of the State, adjoining
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IDAHO

EDITOR'S NOTE

The following information regarding the Minidoka Relocation Area in Southern Idaho is herewith quoted from the War Relocation Authority circular and the Camp Harmony News Letter.

Minidoka in Southern Idaho, near Eden, consists of 17,000 acres owned by Federal Bureau of Reclamation.
A constructive public works project will be the lining of the main canal now
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Yellowstone Park on the west and the state of Montana on the north. The camp site itself being approximately 12 miles northeast of the town Cody.

Ques. Landscape

Ans. There is no landscaping at the present time. The center's area, however covers 46,205 acres of which 27,800 will be available for irrigation. This area consists of unimportant fertile bench land.

Ques. Altitude

Ans. The altitude is approximately 4600 feet.

Ques. Weather conditions

Ans. Weather reports place the average January temperature at 23.6 degrees and the average July temperature at 69.5 degrees. Neither the heat nor cold is as noticeable at this altitude as they are in lower climates. There are higher summer temperatures naturally and sub-zero temperatures in winter. No climatic reports are available for the area included directly in the Center, the above figures being from stations adjacent to the Center.

Ques. Population of Cody

Ans. Cody has a population of 2536 while Powell, a nearby town, has a population of 1,900.

Ques. Domestic water facilities

Ans. Domestic water for the Center will be supplied from the Shoshone River and is palatable, pure and pleasant.

Ques. Sewage system

Ans. A modern sanitary disposal plant is now under construction and will be completed within a short time. All modern facilities and conveniences have been installed including bath tubs, showers, toilets, lavatories and laundry tubs.

Ques. Farming conditions--soil, length of growing season, irrigation, crops.

Ans. Soil

The soil is composed of medium to light sandy loam which take readily to productivity through irrigation.

Length of growing season

The growing season is around 125 days.

Irrigation

There are 22 miles of lateral canal on the Relocation area, through which 1,200 cubic feet of water per second will be supplied for irrigation.

Kinds of crops

The crops to be grown on the irrigation land includes edible beans, small grains, alfalfa, hay, potatoes, peas and subsistence of foods.

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serving the region. The canal now loses nearly half of its water by seepage.

The land is suitable for intensive production of sugar beets, potatoes, beans and other crops. The full acreage can be irrigated once the leaky canal is repaired. Construction during the first year of the necessary laterals and leveling land should bring about 5000 acres into production by 1943.

Climatic conditions generally are favorable. There is a growing season of 138 days and annual rainfall is 8-10 inches.

Bulletins received by the Puyallup Center concerning the project itself contained the following information. More detailed data will be released as reported by the residents from Camp Harmony already there.

Then, as more residents arrive, a local governing body will be formed, a school board elected, and opportunity provided for the creation of various community services. Block manager will replace section leaders at Minidoka, the bulletin further asserted. One will be appointed for each block "to serve as a liaison between the resident and administration office." His duties will consist of serving the residents of his block. All appointments as block manager are on a temporary basis. This would imply that an election will be held later on to choose permanent block managers.

Apparently realizing the needs of the incoming evacuees a canteen was to have been opened Wednesday with a stock consisting of essential items. The bulletin pointed out that the canteen will be operated by resident of the community with any profits accruing to be used for community needs. It was added that stores owned and operated by the community will be established later.

An attempt will be made later to assign apartments most convenient to places of employment. Families will be assigned separate apartments or grouped together according to individual desires.

Describing the water and sanitation condition, the bulletin had the following to say: Water on the project comes from four deep wells all of which are not yet in operation. Hot water will be available in a few days when the necessary plumbing fixtures are received. Two women's and men's latrines have been constructed for each block.

THE EVACUAZETTE HAS SUSPENDED WITH ITS REGULAR SEMI-WEEKLY PUBLICATION; BUT HOWEVER, SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY ISSUES WILL BE PUBLISHED WHENEVER THE NEED ARISES.

APPEAL TO WORKERS

An appeal is made to all who are now employed to remain with your present occupations until evacuation occurs. Try to arrange your time so that packing and preparations can be accomplished after working hours.

Quitting your jobs now will inconvenience the whole Center. It is only a matter of a few weeks so stay with your jobs!

Government Supplies

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When crated, lumber will be provided by Gov. however all shelves and others will have to be used first. Room must be left in same shape as upon arrival.

TRAIN DISCIPLINE

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while trains are standing in or passing through stations.

Wet and dirty conditions of the floors of the cars will become dangerously slippery so food and liquids should not be thrown promiscuously about the coaches and diners.

Inasmuch as adequate meals enroute are provided by the Army, it is not essential that evacuees carry their own lunches. On recent movements of evacuees to Relocation projects train physicians reported of many instances of

Departure

Forms

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Triplicate copies of the sheets will be made, 2 for the local Center office, and 1 which will be retained by the family for necessary reference and passport.

intestinal upset while enroute. These conditions have resulted from the consumption of self-provided lunches, which have become unfit for human consumption. Spoiled sandwiches containing fried chicken and other meats seem to be the principal cause of these illnesses. Lunches containing meat products will not be allowed to be taken on the trains. However, fresh fruits and other foodstuffs which will not spoil enroute will be permitted.

INSTRUCTIONS ON EVACUATION TO

The people listed below are hereby directed to be prepared to leave this Center for Relocation Center at _____ 1942, and must report to the ARENA of the INDUCTION BUILDING at _____, prepared to check out and board train. CAR NO. _____

NAME	U.S.E.S. No.	I.D. no.	ADDRESS

PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS

On _____ commencing at _____, the interior guards will conduct an inspection of all property in your apartments. Immediately thereafter, you will pack all personal property EXCEPT BED ROLLS, TRUNKS, and HAND BAGGAGES for loading into freight cars. This freight must be placed OUTSIDE of your apartments ready for tagging and pick-up within two hours after inspection. All property such as sewing machines, large radios, and anything that may be damaged in transit must be crated.

On _____ between _____, ALL FEDERAL BLANKETS must be returned to the warehouse in order to clear charges against your account. By _____ all BED ROLLS, TRUNKS, and HAND BAGGAGES must be packed and placed OUTSIDE your apartment ready for tagging and pick-up. It will be permissible to carry small bundles and overnight hand baggage into the train.

On the day of movement, meals will be served _____ at _____
For additional information, consult your Section Manager.

N. L. Bican, Manager
North Portland Assembly Center
W.C.C.A.

an editorial —
TASK AHEAD

The final movement of our evacuation has now been announced. And though, for many of us, indignation runs high and disappointment dampens our anticipation of future activities, we must realize that a cooperative spirit must be maintained. It is imperative that we adhere to the regulations relative to us as charges of the government.

The spirit of Jimmy Sakamoto, former National JACL president, serves as a model.

The following excerpt was taken from a letter from Jimmy Sakamoto to Mr. George Sumida. And through the courtesy and kindly consent of Mr. Sumida, we are using this in our paper.

"There is much work to be done by all of us. It is pioneering work and it must be done with courage, sincerity and hard work. To you and I and others like us, this is a challenge to our initiative, foresight and strength to prove that we have the mettle as being Americans to the core. Once we get to Minidoka we have a responsibility to fulfill to our people and to the country of our birth by demonstrating our loyalty to America by founding a community based on the ideals and principles indelibly written into the pages of our constitution by the blood and tears of the men and women and the founding fathers of their nation."

Jimmy Sakamoto

ARTICLES

MAY BE SENT

LATER

The W.R.A. will make arrangements to have shipped to evacuees, any supplies or equipment left behind in storage; therefore, it is not necessary nor wise to have such articles brought out to this Center to be freighted at the time of evacuation to WRA.

However, in such cases where it is absolutely necessary to have personal belongings brought to this Center from Portland by friends, you may apply at the canteen for a permit. Nothing can be accepted at the receiving gate without this permit.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Two copies of the order of change of address (form 22) will be distributed soon to each family on which the local address prior to first evacuation, and the present Center address will be listed. These forms are to be signed by the head of the family at the designated place and returned to the office. The change of address forms will be distributed by the fire department monitors and will be picked up by the same the following evening.

3RD PAY CHECKS
DUE SOON.

\$13,059.86, 266,507 working hours, 1,450 employed! Statistics for the paychecks for the period of July 14 to August 13, have been sent to San Francisco. It is hoped that the checks will arrive in time for local distribution. If they do not arrive before the departure of the Washington contingent, workers are assured that the checks will be mailed to them at the WRA Centers.

Subsequent pay checks for the period from August 13, will be made into a separate payroll and mailed directly from San Francisco to both groups in their respective Relocation Centers.

SUGAR RATION BOOKS
must be turned in

All evacuees must immediately turn in any sugar ration books in their possession to the manager. This is by the authority of the following extracts from Sugar Rationing Order #3, Section 1407.70 (6) and Section 1407.76.

"When a consumer to whom a War Ration Book has been issued becomes confined to an institution for a period likely to exceed 19 days, he shall surrender his War Ration Book to the administrative head of the institution. On his discharge from the institution the War Ration Book shall be returned to him".

The term "confine" as us

ed in above carries no connection of involuntary confinement, but includes hospital patients and other persons residing in public institution of any kind.

Section 1407.76 includes the following:

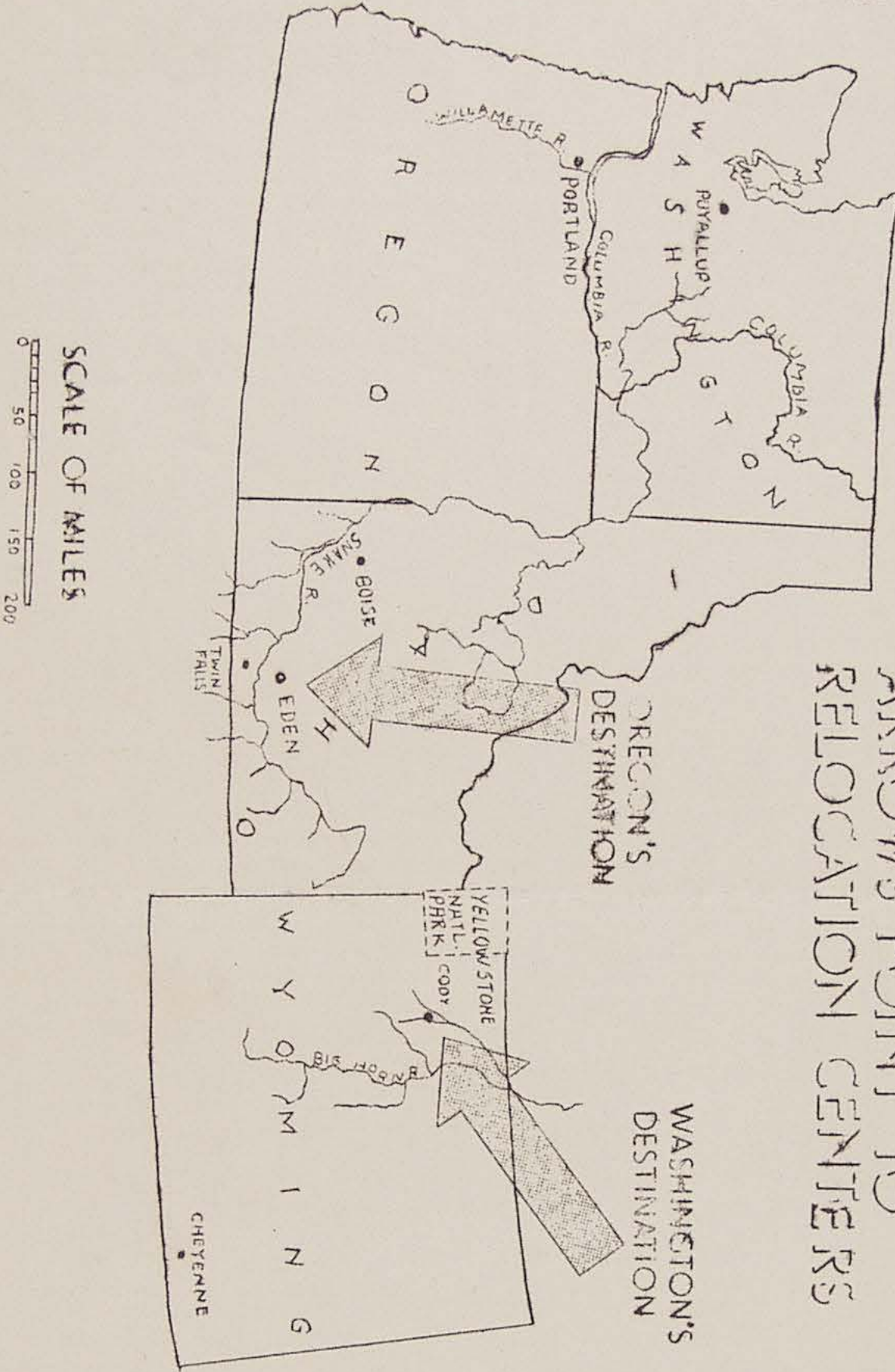
"A consumer who arranges to eat 12 or more meals per week in an establishment registered as an institutional user must surrender his War Ration Book to the owner or manager of the establishment.

NOTICE

Coupon books will have no purchasing value in the Relocation Authorities; therefore it is to your advantage to expend your coupons.

WHERE WE'RE GOING
OREGON GOES TO MINIDOKA
WASHINGTON GOES TO HEARTMOUNTAIN

ARROWS POINT TO
RELOCATION CENTERS



The heart Mountain Project is situated 12 miles north of Cody. The quota for this center is 10,000. This center has 456 apartment buildings of the "Army theater operation" type barracks and each apartment is, on the average twenty feet square. Each barrack is built to accommodate six families.

Minidoka Relocation Project is situated approximately 14 miles from Eden. The quota for this center is also 10,000. Each building is made of lumber and is lined with wall board. Each room has a small heating stove and an electric light fixture hanging from the center of the ceiling.

A family or group of three will have a room 16 by 20; a family of four will have a space 16 by 20 feet; and a group of six an area 24 by 20.