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COAST RE-OPENS

Camps To Remain Open 6 Months

All relocation centers will remain open at least six months, WRA Director Dillon S. Myer notified Project Director L.T. Hoffman by telephone from Washington.

"The tentative period for the closing of all centers is not sooner than six months and not later than 12," Myer said. "There is no definite date set for each center. All centers will operate for at least six months. They will receive three months notice before the date of closing."

Food, housing and medical care will be provided for residents until the centers are closed. Schools will continue at least until the end of the present school year next June.

ASSISTANCE

CALIF. RELOCATORS MAY GET WRA HELP

WRA assistance will be made available to eligible evacuees for relocation in the evacuated area on the same basis as elsewhere, Project Director L.T. Hoffman announced.

Relocation offices will be established in the immediate future at key points throughout the evacuated area. These offices, like those already functioning in other sections of the country will assist relocating evacuees in a wide variety of ways to become satisfactorily established in the communities where they decide to make their home.

Field offices of WRA will call on the resources (Continued on page 2)

EXCLUSION ORDERS TO BE RESCINDED JAN. 2, WDC SAYS

Proclamation Delivered Sunday

The mass exclusion order issued against persons of Japanese ancestry three months after Pearl Harbor will be lifted on January 2, the Western Defense Command announced yesterday.

News of the opening of the West Coast, so long hoped for by evacuees, was brought here Sunday afternoon by four army men from WDC headquarters in San Francisco.

Lt. Col. R. G. DeVecchio handed copies of the proclamation and a notice for all residents of the center to Project Director L. T. Hoffman at 3:15 PM. Hoffman read them to representatives of the community council and block managers.

The proclamation, signed by Major General H. C. Pratt, commanding general of the Western Defense Command, will permit the great majority of persons of Japanese descent to go anywhere in the United States.

FULL RIGHTS TO BE RESTORED

It restores to all persons of Japanese ancestry who were excluded and who have not been designated individually for exclusion or other control their full rights to enter and remain in the military areas of the Western Defense Command.

The only persons who will be excluded are those whose records indicate they are potentially dangerous to military security.

The proclamation assures people of the states within the Western Defense Command that the records of all persons of Japanese ancestry have been carefully examined and only those who have been cleared by military authority will be permitted to return.

"These persons should be accorded the same treatment and allowed to enjoy the same privileges accorded other law abiding American citizens or residents," the proclamation states.

It explains that the new policy towards persons of Japanese ancestry results from a "substantial improvement in the military situation."

Leave permits will be required until January 26 in order that the initial exodus from the center may be handled in an orderly manner and plans made to receive the relocatees at their destinations. After the time all persons not on the army stop list may leave without permits.

WHO MAY GO BACK

The project director will inform individually those evacuees who will be given complete freedom of movement.

Col. DeVecchio and his staff, Maj. E.B. Ellers, Sgt. R.J. Crane and Pvt. J.T. Dootson will notify those who are to be excluded. They also will notify those whose cases have not yet been determined and interview them.

WDC STATEMENT TO RESIDENTS CLARIFIES SYSTEM

The Western Defense Command statement to the residents is as follows:

"The Commanding General of the Western Defense Command has today issued the necessary orders to terminate mass exclusion of persons of Japanese ancestry from the Pacific coastal area. In the future only those individuals whose records indicate that they are potentially dangerous to the military security are to be excluded.

MAJORITY MAY RETURN

"The new system will permit the great majority of persons of Japanese ancestry to move freely anywhere in the United States that they may wish to go. The military authorities have now classified Japanese Americans in three groups:

1. A group of those persons who will be free to move about or reside in any part of the United States. The vast majority of persons of Japanese ancestry will be in this group.
2. A group of those who have definitely indicated

that they are not loyal to the United States or are considered as potentially dangerous to the military security. These individuals will continue to be excluded.

3. A very small group of individuals whose cases have not yet been determined.

"The project director of the center has been supplied with a list of those individuals who are to be permitted to move freely throughout the United States. He will take appropriate steps to inform those who are on that list. Those on this list who wish to have identification cards from the Western Defense Command in their possession may secure them by applying THRU the Project Director, to the Western Defense Command.

WDC MEN HERE

"Representatives of the Western Defense Command have arrived at the center and starting tomorrow will individually notify any individuals who are to be excluded. They will also no-

tify those individuals whose cases have not yet been determined and will interview such individuals in order to determine their final status.

"It is not contemplated that any list will be published to the general public of those whose exclusion is to be continued.

LEAVING CENTERS

"In order that the movement away from the center may be accomplished in an orderly and peaceful manner and in order that proper plans may be made to receive them at their destination, the restrictions now in effect concerning departure from the relocation center will be continued in effect until January 20, 1945. Between the present date and January 20, those individuals who have already received or may receive permits from the Western Defense Command may leave the center. After January 20 all restrictions will be lifted except in the cases of individuals who will be specifically and individually notified."

WARREN:

EVACUEES' RIGHTS MUST BE PROTECTED

Governor Warren of California called upon Californians yesterday to join in protecting the constitutional rights of Japanese Americans who will return to their homes now that the exclusion order has been revoked. Any incidents will hamper the war effort, he said.

Major General H. C. Pratt, commander of the Western Defense Command, notified governors of the western states that he does not expect any trouble that will require army intervention.

DON'T ASK STATUS

Residents should not ask the army men here from the WDC for the status to return to the Coast. They will be notified of their status individually as soon as lists are checked.

MORE ABOUT PROCEDURES FOR RELOCATION TO COAST

(Continued from page 1) and facilities of a great many public and private agencies which have indicated their willingness to co-operate in the relocation program.

Relocation offices, both in the evacuated area and elsewhere, will be maintained for a period of up to two months after all relocation centers have been closed.

After January 20, leave permits will no longer be required of evacuees wishing to leave the centers for purpose of relocation. However, those who leave without having their relocation plans approved by the WRA will not be eligible either for relocation assistance or for reentry to the center.

Seasonal leaves and trial indefinite leave

will no longer be available. Short-term leave will be retained in its present form. Travel for the purpose of investigating relocation opportunities in the evacuated area, however, will be at the evacuees own expense.

Transportation of household goods and personal effects, like travel assistance, will be available to all relocating evacuees whose relocation plans are approved by WRA.

4500 FORMER BAY AREA PEOPLE HERE

Of the 5481 persons in Topaz 4500 are former residents of the San Francisco Bay Area, statistics here revealed. Approximately 900 are from Sacramento while the others are from scattered areas of the evacuated zones.

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撤退令
一月二日限り
撤廢

中佐は午後三時宣堂
書及び当所居住民に
対する通告書の謄本
を以てハミ所長に
交した。ハフマン氏
は市参事会并に區
長會の代表者に該
文書を讀み聞かした
西部防衛司令官ハ
C・プラット少將によつ
て署名されたる宣言
書は日米人の大多數
を合衆國內何れの地
にでも趣くことを許
して居る。

と宣言書は告げて居る。

宣言書は日英人に對するこの新施政は「軍事的事態の實質的改善」に基くものなる事を説明してゐる。

轉任所よりの牛嶋めの退出及び退出者を行先地に迎へる手筈が秩序よく取扱はれ能ふ爲に一月廿日迄は出所許可と必し要とする。其の後は軍の禁止名簿に載せられざる人々は許可書なくして出所する事ができる。

轉任所々長は行動の全き自由を與へらるゝ人々にぞれく通牒を發する。

テウエケオ中佐及隨行員E. H. 中佐少佐R. J. クロリン軍曹及ノードートソン兵士が除外さるべき人々に通告を發する。彼らは又何れと決

定し居らざる人々に
 通牒を發し會見を
 求める。
 詳細は通報に接し
 次第タイムス紙上に
 掲げられる。

ワーレン知事
 日系米人容認

ワーレン加州知事は
 昨日家郷に帰り來る
 日系米人の撤退令に
 依つて一時阻止せら
 れたる、憲法上の擁
 護を擁護する事に決
 加するやう全州民に
 呼びかけた。如何なる
 紛争事にも戦ま
 努力を妨げないもので
 ある。と知事は告げ

轉佳所 鎖

全轉佳所は少な
 くとし六ヶ月は肉鎖
 されぬであらうとW
 RA局長デイロンマ

餘録
 トバ不現住五八四二人
 中四五。人は兼港地方
 九。人は櫻所地方。他
 は軍城に散在せる地
 方より撤退せる人々也
 加州民に
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 九。
 西部防衛司令官H
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 干渉を要するが如き
 如何なる騷擾にても
 起らざるべきことを
 期待する旨、西部諸
 州知事に通知した。

期日未定
 イヤー氏より転住所
 々長レナ・ハマン氏宛
 華府から電話があ
 った。

全轉住所閑鎖の條
定期日は六ヶ月より早
からず十二月より遅
からず。各轉住所とも
未だ定期日は確定して
居ない。全轉住所は
少なくとも六ヶ月は停
當せらる。閑鎖期日
は三ヶ月前に通告せ
らる。

食料住居医療は転
住所が閑ぢられるま
で居住者に供給せら
れる。

学校は今学期の終
末六月まで續けら
れるであらう。

餘 録

沿岸の邊に就て自
分の資格を知らんと
する人はWDCより
出張せる軍人に訊わ
らるべし。何れ個人
々々に身分通知が
ある筈である。

西部沿岸防衛司令官より

當所住民への告示

西部沿岸防衛司令官

日系人は此の部類に

属する者である。

官は太平洋沿岸の

日系人總撤退命令

を撤廃する必要な

る命令を本日発せ

られた。今後は國防

に對して重大なる危

険性ある疑ひある記

録を有する人々の

みか排斥される筈

である。

此の新軍令の下に

大多數の日系人は米

國中何處でも其の

好きな所に自由に移

することを許される

ことになる。軍部は

現在日系人を左記

の三組に分類して居

る。即ち

一、米國內何所にも自

由に移動し又は居

住しするを得る

日系人は此の部類に

属する者である。

二、米國に對して忠誠

でないことを自ら決

定的に明確に表示し

たる人々、又は國防上

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された人々、の部類

に属する人々は今後

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所長ハフマン氏の聲明

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に依れば、轉住局は

何れの場所にも於て

出来得る限りの援助

を轉住者に與へると

主なる轉住地方に

於て近き將來に轉住

事務所が設立される

而して是等の事務所

は既に活動しつゝ、

轉住事務所と同

く満足なる家庭

を作り得る様に援助

を致します。地方轉住

所は轉住に賛同した

る公私團體の財源や

方法につき問合せ又

轉住事務所は轉住

地の如何に拘らず全

轉住所が閉鎖された

る後二ヶ月間は事務

所を繼續する筈であ

ります。

一月廿日以後轉住

の爲め轉住所を出

る事を願ふ人々は