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## STATEMENT ON ARMY TEAM

The following statement has been issued by the Western Defense Command concerning the Army team now at the Center.

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND  
Office of the Commanding General  
Presidio of San Francisco, California

### NOTICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CENTER

The Commanding General of the Western Defense Command has 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.

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.

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.

Representatives of the Western Defense Command have arrived at the center and starting immediately will individually notify any individuals who are to be excluded. They will also notify 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.

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.

## MAJOR ENGLISH HEADS GROUP

An army interviewing team arrived here Monday night and will start interviewing a designated group of center residents today.

Major T. L. English, who heads the team, made the following statement:

"There is to be no general interviewing of evacuees. The vast majority are already cleared to return to the West Coast if they wish. The fact that a person is called for an interview does not mean that he will be excluded. Many of these will be cleared."

陸軍代表係官の委任に關して

西部防衛司令官の聲明

並に係官の言葉

西部防衛司令官は太平洋沿岸よりの日英の總兵退令の應に命令を發した。將來は軍事的安全性に危険性ありと過去の記録より断定されたる者又は除外される此の新方法に従ふと日系人の穴窟分は米國內何れの地でも自分の欲する所へ自由に行く事が許される。軍評では日系市民を次のエグループに分類してゐる。

(一) 米國內何れの地にも自由に移動又は住み出る人々、日系人の大多數は此のグループに属するものである。

(二) 米國內に忠誠をなさざる事を明確に表せる者又は軍事的安全性に危険

ありと推考されたる者のグループ。之等の人は除外を継続される。以前記何れとも決定してゐない少數の人々のグループ。

戦後所長は米國內何処へも自由に行く事を許さぬ人々のリストを併録されてゐる。所長は之等の人々に適當の方法で是を知らせる。此のリストに含まれてゐる人が西部防衛司令官から身分証明書の下附を望む場合は所長を通じて同司令官に申込むるを得る事が出来る。

西部防衛司令官の代表係官は所在所に到着し直ちに除外される人々に個人的に之を通知

する。彼等は又何れも決定してゐない。インタービュールに於てかには最後の判決を下す。除外を續けられる人々のリストを一親に發表する計畫はない。

戦後所長からの移動を扶序正しく且つ平穩に行ひ又同地に於て日系人を迎へる計畫を作る。痛現在實施せられてゐる戦後所長よりの出席に對する制限は一九四五

西部防衛司令官より既に許可証を下附されたる人又は現在より一月廿日の間に之を貰つた人は此の期間に於ても戦後所長より出席出来る。一月廿日以後は特別に又個人的に通告されたる人々の場合以外は全制限を取拂ふこととなる。

陸軍代表係官

イ少佐の聲明

陸軍インタービュール係官一行は月曜日夜未訪し今日當センターの指令されたるグループのインタバビュールを開始した。

次は一行の指揮官としてイングリッソ少佐の聲明書である。

今回のインタバビュールはセンター全部の人々に爲されるものではない。大多數の人々は既に西部沿岸帰還の許可を有するものである。インタバビュールと呼ばれた人々も多數は許可証を與へらる可くインタバビュールと呼ばれる事が辯護拒否を意味するものでは決してない。

以上