

# ROHWER RELOCATOR

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## INFORMATION ON SPECIAL TRAIN

Concerning the 4th special train, Project Director Ray D. Johnston said:

"There is still a chance to have another special train the latter part of September. This is possible only if there is an increase in registrations because up to this time not enough people have signed up to justify a request to the Army and the ODI for the necessary railroad equipment. Our request must be made some time in advance and, if made available, the train cannot leave before the last week in September. The departure date would be in the last part of the week of September 23. Because of the required advance notice there must be a substantial increase in registrations by Monday, September 17."

A telegram has been received from Mr. E. B. Brewster, who accompanied the train of September 7, stating that the trip had been pleasant and that they reached Sacramento at 10:00 P.M. Monday September 10. This is 12 hours better time than the first train made and 6 hours ahead of the second.

## RELOCATION BOOMS

Last week broke all records for relocation from this center when 547 people left here to return to life on the outside. The special train of September 7 accounted for 497 of these. As of last Saturday the center population was down to 2715. At one time there were more than 8600 people here and 2500 came to this center when Jerome closed.

During August, 752 terminal leaves were issued as compared to 821 in July. September is expected to exceed these totals by a substantial number.

## Rohwer Second In Relocation

Shown below is the relocation record of all centers (except Tule Lake) since January 2, when the West Coast was opened.

| CENTER         | POPULATION<br>REMAINING | REDUCTION IN POPULATION<br>SINCE JANUARY 2, 1945 |         |      |
|----------------|-------------------------|--|---------|------|
|                |                         | NUMBER   | PERCENT | RANK |
| Minidoka       | 3,121                   | 4,552  | 58.8    | 1    |
| Rohwer         | 3,263                   | 3,441  | 50.8    | 2    |
| Granada        | 3,033                   | 3,148  | 50.3    | 3    |
| Heart Mountain | 4,537                   | 3,917  | 45.7    | 4    |
| Central Utah   | 3,259                   | 2,659  | 44.3    | 5    |
| Colorado River | 6,510                   | 4,915  | 42.1    | 6    |
| Gila River     | 5,433                   | 3,908  | 41.0    | 7    |
| Manzanar       | 3,318                   | 2,055  | 36.8    | 8    |

NOTE: Because of return of seasonal workers total of terminal leaves exceeds reduction in population.

## EXPLANATION OF EXCLUSION CANCELLATION

The proclamation of the Commanding General of the Western Defense Command rescinding individual exclusion orders had nothing to do with the regulations of the Department of Justice. Travel permit requirements for aliens, deportees, and parolees are still in effect, announced Mr. E. B. Moulton today.

HOUSING FOR VETERANS' AND SERVICE MEN'S FAMILIES

Any service man or family of service man who desires housing may obtain it now by coming to the Relocation Office and making application. The chief housing available at the present time is trailer units; more than one may be secured for a family at a small extra cost. A single trailer rents for \$24 a month, and each additional trailer needed by a family will cost \$8.00 a month. There are some FPHA (Federal Public Housing) houses available to veterans' and service men's families, but requests are filled in the order in which they are made, first come, first served. It is necessary for all veterans and service men to take this into consideration at the earliest possible moment because the authorities on the West Coast hope to make available this housing to others in the center who are not veterans, as soon as possible.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE IN CALIFORNIA

The newly organized Berkeley Japanese Church Service Committee is now in a position to solicit temporary housing in homes of friends, and to furnish services for individuals or families of Japanese ancestry. Their sponsors are the Japanese American Christian groups in Berkeley aided by their Caucasian friends.

At present the committee in charge consists of Rev. Jiryu Fujii and Rev. Masamoto Nishinura with Mr. Kichiro Nakajima as manager. Their plan is to arrange for temporary housing in private Japanese American homes at a maximum rate of 50¢ per night; special rates will be available for families. For those who plan to take advantage of this offer, it is requested that they furnish their own bed linens.

Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Kichiro Nakajima, 1539 Carleton St., Berkeley, California

CALIFORNIA FARMING OPPORTUNITIES

Cochello Valley - 700 acres equipped with wells and pipe line for irrigation. Grows 200 acres of citrus and Thompson Seedless Grapes. Owner will furnish all necessary farming equipment, tractors, and housing for families and single men. He is willing to go into share crop lease agreement.

Santa Fe Springs - 60 acres located 3½ miles from Whittier, California. Owner will furnish water, farming equipment, and finance growing of vegetables on a share crop lease agreement. Housing for one family.

Banning, California - 50 acres offered for sale. He has thirty acres in almonds and apricots, 10 acres in alfalfa, and 10 acres open land. He has a two-bedroom home, garage, almond huller, two horses and barn, one tractor, and miscellaneous tools. For sale at \$15,000, one-third down, balance on easy terms.

Niland, Imperial Valley - 1400 acres for cash lease with option to purchase at \$100 per acre. Land level with sufficient water for vegetables or other field crops. May be handled in small tracts or as a unit. Operator must finance his own operations and furnish his own equipment.

Oxnard District - Men wanted immediately for sugar beet harvest. Payment by the ton, varies according to yield per acre. Housing furnished for both single men and families. Following harvest, permanent farm work on this ranch where beans, walnuts, and sugar beets are grown on large acreage.

For more information come to the Relocation Office, Block 42.

No Hospital Clinics on Saturdays -

No clinics are now being held at the hospital on Saturdays. No medical attention will be given on this day unless there is serious illness or unless there is an emergency. This new policy is necessary since evacuee hospital employees will not work on Saturday under the new 40 hour week.

New Detroit Hostel -

The New Buddhist Family Hostel at 3915 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit 8, Michigan under the directorship of Mr. and Mrs. Shawshew Sakoi announces the following rates. 80 cents a day or \$5 per week per unemployed adult. \$1.20 a day or \$6 a week per employed adult. 50 cents a day or \$2 a week per child under 12. No meals included in the prices shown above. Cooking facilities are available if desired. All persons are expected to bring their own bedding (blankets, sheets and pillows).

Block Workers Reduced -

A recent memorandum from Ray D. Johnston, Project Director, to all Block Managers called for a reduction in the number of block workers. The memorandum reads in part:

"The reduction in population has caused serious shortages of workers in all departments but up until now no forced reduction has been made in the allotment of block workers, other than the combination of mess halls. It has become necessary now, however, to make some changes in order to furnish essential services to all residents and to operate the administrative functions of the center.

Effective immediately the quota of workers will be changed as follows for all blocks whose population is 125 or less:

Janitors and Boiler Tenders - Reduced from four to three workers per block.

Block Laborers - Reduced from one per block to one for two blocks.

Block Clerks - Reduced from one per block to one for two blocks.

Surplus workers in the above cases should not be terminated, however, until an effort can be made to transfer them to other essential services. Age and physical condition will be properly considered in arranging transfers."

Legal Advice in Los Angeles - - - Free -

WRA provides experienced legal service through John S. Meaney, Area Attorney in the Los Angeles office here. He is prepared to advise Nisei and Issei on any and all legal matters. Mr. Meaney formerly was in the San Francisco office, and for a while acted as project attorney at the Granada Center.

Also, the Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles has 11 attorneys who volunteer to act gratis for Japanese-Americans. Their address is 229 N. Broadway, Los Angeles, phone Michigan 2641. Morris Cohn is chairman.

The Legal Aid Foundation, 106 W. Third St., Los Angeles, phone Mutual 9126, offers its services without fee to people of all races, including of course those of Japanese descent.

WRA Employs Three Nisei at Santa Ana -

The Santa Ana office of the W.R.A. announced the addition to their staff of three Nisei; Mrs. Sally Tsujimoto, whose husband is in the Army stationed at Camp Ritchie, Mar land; Miss Kimiko Tanaka, whose family is now home at Santa Ana; and Sgt. Harry Tanouye, discharged recently from the famed 442nd Infantry, and wearer of the Purple Heart.

NEW RELOCATION INFORMATIONNorthern California Resettlement News -

More than a page and a half is devoted to the first special train from Rohwer. Gives information on employment, marketing, union acceptance, schools, and etc. in the Northern California Area. Lists addresses, sponsors, managers, rates and capacity of all hostels in this section.

Housing and Jobs in the Connecticut River Valley -

This booklet contains letters from community leaders welcoming resettlers to the Connecticut River Valley, and gives facts about jobs and public housing units open there to evacuees. Japanese and English editions of the pamphlet are now available in the Block Managers Offices and at the Relocation Office.

Spirit of St. Louis is the title of a booklet in Japanese that has been prepared by the Nisei Coordinating Council of St. Louis. Information on the following subjects is given; acceptance, housing, statements by Issai residents, employment and schools. A partial list of St. Louis relocatees, giving type of work and former Relocation Centers, is also included. Available at Block Managers' offices and at the Relocation Office.

NEWS OF ROHWER RELOCATEES

Detroit - Miss Mary Murata formerly of Gila and Guadalupe became Mrs. Ted Takeuchi in a wedding ceremony which took place Saturday evening, September 1 in Detroit. The groom, Mr. Takeuchi, is formerly of Rohwer and Santa Barbara, Calif.

Ann Arbor, Michigan - Mrs. Mary Tsuchiura, and sister Grace Tomita formerly of Rohwer were visiting their father who is ill at Rohwer. The Tomita family plan to return to Ann Arbor where two of the girls are already employed in the Lawyer's Club, University of Michigan. The Tomita's are former residents of Hanford, California.

Ann Arbor, Michigan - George Motamura, from Rohwer and Long Beach, California has been a cook at the Michigan Union for two years. He used to be in the produce business in California.

Stockton - Taking over the harvest of 120 acres of grapes owned by the American Fruit Company near Lodi, Michira Nakamura, formerly of Rohwer, has opened agricultural employment opportunities for 35 men. Following the harvest, Nakamura and his co-workers will prune the vines, thus providing employment for an estimated six months.

Stockton - By making good while engaged in war work here at the Army Ordnance Depot, Myrtle Fujitani, formerly of Rohwer, has not only made a reputation for herself but has paved the way to employment for at least two more returnees.

Myrtle, who lives with her parents at Route 1, Box 203, Acamp, California, secured a position as a typist-clerk to which she commutes daily.

The personnel officer at the huge depot was so pleased with her work, which he says was "one and half times as much as any other girl does" that he requested WRA district office to find two more girls for him.

Chicago - Mr. Hikitaro Sato, formerly of Los Angeles and Rohwer, bought a 60-room building at 159 Goethe St., Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Sato and their two children live at the same address. Mr. Sato operated an apartment house in Los Angeles prior to evacuation.

Detroit - Mr. and Mrs. Genji Tsutsui formerly of Rohwer and Stockton, California are now residing at 3915 Trumbull Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.