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UNITS II AND III CLOSE BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME

Two days before the scheduled closing for Units II and III, the last family of evacuees in Unit II left the Santa Fe Station in Parker for the outside after more than three years of center life. Unit III relocated its last family the following night, September 29, leaving both units empty with the exception of personnel and the sixteen families of Hopi Indians who arrived at Unit II the first of September.

More than 4,000 evacuees were originally housed in each unit. Six weeks before the time scheduled by Dillon S. Myer, director, for the closing of these units there were 3,393 residents in both camps. The successful completion of the relocation program was without incident. It is not expected that the process of resettling the 2,500 remaining residents at Unit I will present any difficulties.

Since August 18, evacuees have left Poston at the rate of 500 each week, 90 of whom went to California.

More than 14,000 evacuees have been relocated from Poston since its inception, each family being given individual attention by relocation advisers.

Monday, October 1st, the last boxes containing property of the residents of Units II and III were picked up by the Western Truck Lines. All property awaiting addresses of permanent places of residence has been taken to the warehouse in Parker.

PROCLAMATION -- FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

In accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, the week of October 7 - 13, 1945 is chosen as Fire Prevention Week.

Duncan Mills, Project Director, in his proclamation to the people of Poston solicits their assistance and co-operation in helping to remove the fire hazards during this and succeeding months.

Much of the ruin caused by fires could have been avoided by adherence to the standards developed over the years and by more attention to the real dangers of the common fire hazards. Preventing fires and saving of lives and property is the job of all.

CANAL CAMP CLOSES

Canal Camp, Rivers Arizona closed on Sept. 23, three days before the scheduled closing date of October 1st. There were 87 residents who had to be transferred temporarily to Butte Camp. The deadline for final departures from Butte is November 15th.

POSTON RANKS THIRD

Due to the acceleration in the recent rate of relocation, Poston now ranks third among the centers in the percent of the total population which has gone out. Although a large number of persons has relocated from Poston than from any other center, this number represents only 61.1 percent of the entire original center population.

BLOCK MANAGERS AND COUNCIL SELECT LEADERS

Gyosuke Iseda, former Community Council Chairman and Robert G. Wells, Assistant Relocation Program Officer were selected for top positions by block managers and local council members at a joint meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Mr. Iseda will be the supervisor of Unit I block managers and Mr. Wells is to succeed Mr. Sumida as Unit Administrator.

Hagamu Arita, member of the Unit I Executive Board, Nobuo Matsubara, acting chairman of the Executive Board, and Tsunoo Sumida, Unit I Administrator, resigned effective October 1.

RELIEF FUND GREATER

At the joint meeting it was decided that a Relief Committee should be organized to give assistance to needy evacuees and that a Relief Fund would be created. The amount of \$2000 is to be donated to this fund from the local council fund. A balance of \$125.12 donated by the P. T. A. is also to be turned over to the fund. To the Relief Com. the following members were appointed: K. Matsubara, chief of post #1 of T. Sumida, administrator; W. N. Matsubara, chairman of the Executive Board; K. Sakikawa; M. Goto; H. Yamauchi, block managers; and C. Kurahashi.

These figures were compiled from relocation records between January 2 and September 15, 1945 and do not include the last two weeks in September during which number of Poston evacuees was 1,800.

PHOTOGRAPHER RECORDS CLOSING

Recent photographs of the closing of Units II and III were taken by Hikaru Iwasaki, W. R. A. photographer on detail here from Denver. Baggage trucks piled high, deserted mess halls and barracks and lines of waiting evacuees both at the Leave Office in Unit I and in the Parker Railroad Station were the subjects of some of his pictures. These photos are to be used as an incentive to more rapid relocation in other projects.

Mr. Iwasaki commented upon the co-operation between the appointed staff and the evacuees and said that he felt it was a contributing factor in Poston's high rate of relocation.

In addition to the shots he took of the closing of the camps, Mr. Iwasaki also photographed some of the new Poston residents, the Hopi Indians now living in Block 208.

CHANGE IN BUS SCHEDULE

Due to the change in train time, the morning bus from Poston to Parker will leave the departure station at 5:30 a.m. instead of 4:30 a.m. as originally. The evening bus from Poston will have no change in schedule, but the returning bus from Parker will leave there at 11:00 p.m.

EXPRESS SERVICE

All residents desiring to send or receive packages by express can do so through the Unit Administrator's office. This personal express service, however, is somewhat limited, and postal service should be utilized wherever possible.

PARENTS OF DECEASED SERVICEMEN SHOULD FILE CLAIMS

Evacuee parents of deceased servicemen should file claims for death pensions by addressing a request to the Manager, Veterans Administration, at Tucson, Arizona.

Those parents whose claims were previously rejected, and who are now planning relocation should file reclaims on the basis of change of circumstances. Closing of centers and death pension applicants' resettlement in outside communities may be considered a change of circumstances.

In a letter to W.R.A. General Omar M. Bradley, Veterans Administrator explained that death pension claims which have been denied to center residents up to this time were rejected because evacuees maintained at government expense on relocation projects were not considered dependents within the meaning of the pension law.

This advice was received from the Washington Welfare Section.

EQUIPMENT TO COAST

Supplies and equipment, no longer needed in Poston, are being sent to the WRA Offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles for redistribution in Hostels and Fed. Public Housing Units in those cities.

REOPENING UNDECIDED

According to the Community Enterprise leaders, Poston's main canteen may open again for business today or tomorrow. However, it may remain closed permanently if the entire stock of goods is sold to an outside firm.

PROJECT DIRECTOR URGES RESIDENTS TO PLAN

In his message to the people of Poston, Project Director Duncan Mills urges all remaining Camp I residents to make departure plans as soon as possible. He stressed that early relocation would greatly benefit each family because it would enable them to receive individual help and attention.

He described the difficulties encountered by the residents of Camps II and III who postponed their plans until the last minute. "Immediate applications on your part will avoid the necessity of arbitrary departure dates being established for you", Mr. Mills stated in his message which appeared in the Sept. 29, World Outside.

142 NEW PERSONNEL MEMBERS HERE

The appointed personnel staff here has been increased by 142 new staff members during the past month, making a total number of 388 appointed staff members employed here according to Philip J. Cassilly, personnel officer.

They have assumed a number of jobs and functions formerly done by evacuee residents. Among these functions are the operation of the personnel mess hall and portions of property control and warehousing. A large group of Navaho Indians have been recruited from the Flagstaff area.

32 MESS TO CLOSE

All evacuee employees in the administrative area will eat in the Block 46 mess hall, beginning Oct. 8. The mess hall in Block 32 is scheduled to close at that time.

YAMAMOTO RESUMES LAW PRACTICE IN L. A.

Elmer S. Yamamoto formerly of the Legal Department in Poston is the first American lawyer of Japanese ancestry to resume his practice of law in Los Angeles.

Mr. Yamamoto is to be associated in the practice of law with attorneys, A. L. Wirin & J. B. Tietz at their offices at 257 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.

During the time he was in Poston, Mr. Yamamoto was a member of the first Board of Trustees of the Community Enterprise. He also held the positions of City Attorney and Executive Secretary of the Relocation Planning Commission.

BACK IN HOLLISTER

Mr. and Mrs. Toraiichi Obata, daughter Dorothy and son Robert, have returned from Poston to their old home near Hollister, California. They are looking forward to the return of their three sons; Tom, Joe, and James from the Army.

POSTONITE ACCEPTS TEACHING POSITION

Azusa Tsuneyoshi, former teacher in the Poston I I I Schools, has accepted a position with the Elgin, Minnesota Sch. Board, teaching social science.

Azusa graduated this spring from the State Teachers College at St. Cloud Minn.

WITH SOCIAL AGENCY

Two former Postonians, Toshi Awaya and Nikki Sawada, are now working with the San Francisco Family and Children's Agency, a private social agency. Both girls have secretarial positions.

RELOCATION ADVICE

SHORT TERM PASSES

No more short term passes will be issued for Poston residents after October 5. Only in cases of emergency will passes be issued from that time on. Short term passes issued this week should expire not later than October 31, and a notation will be placed on each pass to the effect that it cannot be extended in the field unless there is a medical emergency.

PULLMAN RESERVATIONS

According to Martin Morocco of the Project Relocation Office, now all pullman reservations must be made at least 15 days in advance.

TERMINAL LEAVES

For the benefit of those persons who have not yet consulted their relocation advisers, we are printing here a statement from the Relocation Division Bulletin No. 16, regarding persons who want to go on Terminal Leave in less than seven days.

The individual is to buy his own ticket with the understanding that no reimbursement will be received for transportation, but that grant and subsistence will be mailed to him later.

ARRIVING IN L.A.

A WRA representative will be stationed at a special desk near the Travelers Aid Section in the Union Station to handle the station problems of persons returning from the centers. The representative will be in close touch during train hours, with the WRA Office, and will advise all persons who apply. Volunteer hospitality committees in L. A. are anxious to serve returnees.

RETURNED FAMILIES SHOULD FILE CARDS

Several postmasters of cities and towns on the West Coast have advised the WRA that the proper delivery of mail to returning evacuees is difficult. They ask that newly returned families file an address card giving the names of all family members with the correct street or rural box number with the post office.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED

A new ruling by the CAA now permits Nisei pilots and mechanics to obtain licenses on the same basis as all other qualified applicants. The wartime ban was lifted as of September 5th.

HOUSING NOTES

All federal restrictions and curbs on new construction will be lifted as of Oct. 15.

Now -- six months is required to evict a tenant in California.

Sixteen hostels are now operating in Los Angeles, more are opening up, and in addition there are many returnee-operated hotels, the W.R.A. reports.

Mountain View Cal. is to have a new hostel according to the JACL which is co-operating with the Council for Civic Unity in making plans.

FOR SALE

For Sale: Two coolers See Red Cross, Unit I.

FOR FREE

A wheel chair to be given away - see Junji Shioya, 11-4-C or the Block Manager.

ポストン新報

戦死者家族は直ぐに

扶助料の申請をせよ

戦死者家族で扶助料(デス・ペンション)の申請をする者は直ぐに左記へ申込み様指令が発表された。

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従来迄センター内にある戦死者家族からの扶助料申請は却下されてゐたが之に關しベテラン・アドミニストレーターよりセンター居住者は政府費用にて生活が保証されてゐる爲恩給法の規定に基き扶助料の必要なしとの解釈の下に却下されつ

つあつた旨発表が行はれた。

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再住注意事項

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短期出所禁止

来る五日より

来る五日(金)を終日に短期出所は特急用事以外の病院に赴かねばならぬ人を除き禁止される事になつた。五日までに短期出所する人も三十一日(水)までに歸つて来るべし。此はならない。

個人Xプレス

近く中止

當地エキスプレス個人扱いが今度事務を

閉も事なきのた。但しがバメン中のエキスプレスは従前通り。

郵便アドレスに就て再住者に注意

再住者の住所が不明瞭な爲め歸還各地の郵便局では配達不能メール多く當惑して居る由。斯かる事情なりのW. R. A.を通し歸還者自身郵便局に出頭して明瞭に住所番号を書入れるやう要請して来た。

火災豫防週

七日より十三日

米國大統領は来る七日より十三日に及ぶ七日間を大災豫防週と指定した旨を告示全國に亘り認識を深めるやう強調した。去一ヶ年の火害は際

二世界大戦突発により英國が最初二ヶ年に救つた獨機空爆の災害よりも大であつたとの由である。

△バス時間|| パーカ

一行午前四時半出発は午前五時半に変更。夕刻バス時間は従前通り。但しパーカー発ホストン行バスは午後十一時同発。

△キヤンテン|| 二日より開店されてゐる。

△フギルチェヤ|| 無料で豫度し。希望者は左記へ。

益谷潤二(十一四〇) 又は郵務事務所まで

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