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WEST COAST EXCLUSION ORDER TO BE LIFTED

THE MASS EXCLUSION ORDER PROHIBITING PEOPLE OF JAPANESE EXTRACTION FROM LIVING ON THE WEST COAST WILL BE LIFTED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT MIDNIGHT JANUARY 2, 1945. DILLON S. MYER, NATIONAL WRA DIRECTOR, NOTIFIED PROJECT DIRECTOR JAMES G. LINDLEY TODAY.

A revised program of the War Relocation Authority which includes an orderly return to the Coast of evacuees wishing to go back, a continuation of the present relocation program to all points in the United States, and the closing of all Relocation Centers within one year was also announced by Myer, Lindley states.

MYER'S STATEMENT

Myer's statement is as follows:

"The lifting of the blanket exclusion orders by the Western Defense Command is undoubtedly the most significant event since evacuation both in the lives of the evacuated people and in the program of the War Relocation Authority. To the great majority of the evacuees, it means full restoration of the freedom of movement which is enjoyed by all other loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens in the United States. To the war Relocation Authority, it signifies the beginning of the final phase of the relocation program.

"Our prime objective in WRA, as always, is to restore the people residing in relocation centers to private life in normal communities. The lifting of the exclusion orders makes it possible to broaden the scope of this program and put it for the first time on a completely nationwide basis. Within the next few weeks WRA will establish field relocation offices at key points in the evacuated area and will extend assistance to those who have good reason to return. At the same time, we shall also continue our relocation offices and assistance for those who wish to locate in other parts of the country.

"Although the WRA is now entering the final phase of its program, the relocation centers will not be closed immediately. All of them will remain in operation for several months so that all the residents will have reasonable and adequate time and opportunity for the development of sound relocation plans.

"During the period ahead, many of the facilities at the centers will have to be sharply curtailed as the population

declines. Schools, however, will be continued through the current school year. This will enable families with school-age children sufficient time to plan their relocation so that the pupils may reenter school in their new communities at the beginning of the fall term. All the really essential services at the centers, including mess operations, housing, and medical care, will of course be provided until the time each center actually closes.

"The re-opening of the evacuated area and the broadening of the relocation program come at a fortunate time for the evacuated people. Largely as a result of the splendid record which your sons, brothers, and husbands have achieved in the armed services, the American public has come increasingly to a recognition of the essential good faith and loyalty that characterize the great majority of people of Japanese descent. Today the evacuees as a group have more friends and supporters throughout the Nation than at any previous time. They are being accepted in hundreds of communities as fellow-workers, friends, and neighbors. The removal of the restrictions that formerly applied in the West Coast area underscores this growing public acceptance and should help to bring about even more widespread recognition of the fact that the great majority of the evacuees are loyal and law-abiding people.

"It is fortunate, too, that the WRA program enters its final phase at a time when there is a good demand for workers in war plants, in civilian goods production, in service occupations, and on the farms. Both from the standpoint of the

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national welfare and evacuees' long-range economic security, it is highly important that the people now residing at the relocation centers make the transition back to private life at a time when employment opportunities are still plentiful.

"Recognizing that there are a number of people in the relocation centers who have not been able to relocate previously because they are incapable of self-support, the War Relocation Authority is now making intensive efforts to meet this problem by mobilizing facilities and resources that are available for public assistance in normal communities throughout the Nation. Special funds have been provided by Congress through the Federal Security Agency for the assistance of needy people who have been displaced from their homes by restrictive governmental action. All evacuees -- both citizens and aliens -- who are in need of such assistance are eligible to apply for it under the terms of this Federal law. In addition, old age assistance and grants to certain other types of handicapped people are available to both citizen and alien evacuees as they are to all persons who can qualify under the regular programs of the Federal Security Agency.

Those relocated evacuees who have close family relatives still residing at the centers and who need to consult with these family members in the development of relocation plans may apply at the nearest WRA field office for permission to visit the center. However, in view of the War Manpower Commission regulations governing job transfers and the congested transportation facilities in the vicinity of the centers, it is exceedingly important that all relocated evacuees desiring to return to their centers at this time actually obtain such advance approval. Those who attempt to come back without it may be denied admission to the center and may become ineligible for all future relocation assistance.

"In conveying this message to you, I want to express my sincere appreciation of the fine, cooperative attitude which has been displayed by the overwhelming majority of the evacuated people over the past two and one-half years under the most trying of circumstances. All of you who have already left the relocation centers or who will be leaving in the next several months have my very best wishes for a successful and satisfying life in the communities where you choose to make your homes."

WRA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

SUMMARY OF WRA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE RELOCATION PROGRAM

Now that the blanket exclusion orders have been lifted, the War Relocation Authority has made a number of basic policy decisions covering the immediate future of its program. These decisions are:

- (1) WRA assistance will be made available after January 2, 1945, for relocation in the evacuated area on the same basis as elsewhere.
- (2) All relocation centers will be closed within a period of six months to one year after the revocation of the exclusion orders. No center, however, will be closed without three month's advance notice to the residents.
- (3) Essential services at the relocation centers -- food, housing, and medical care -- will be provided until the centers close. Schools will be maintained at the centers through the end of the present school year.
- (4) Relocation in areas outside the evacuated zone will continue.
- (5) WRA assistance will be extended, within certain proscribed limits, to evacuees who have previously relocated and who now wish to return to the evacuated area.
- (6) Arrangements will be made with appropriate state and local agencies to provide public assistance throughout the country for those evacuees who are incapable of self-support.

-----Dillon S. Myer
National WRA Director

WRAの方針及び順序 マイヤー轉任局長發表

一般的禁止令は解除された現在WRAが決定踏襲せんとする基礎的プログラムは左の如し。

一九四五年一月二日
より立退地に帰還

讀者聲明

西部沿岸撤退令の解除に依り、布告される政府の諸方針を最も完全迅速に報道し、事實に即してセンタール居住民が各自の方針を樹て得る機会後は紙面を割愛することに随つて時々刻々通報されるWRA転任プログラム並に其の進展に本紙の重点を置く譯で掲載する記事は正確公式なるもの

を欲する者には他の地域への転住と同様の條件にて補助を爲す。

二、今轉任所は解除布告日附より向ふ六ヶ月より一ヶ年以内

つてある尚事實に即すると雖も誤謬ある場合には可及的に訂正報道する。リドレー所長は所民に信頼を持ち聊かも風評に惑ふ事無き様注意を促してある。而して質疑ある事は本紙に照会され度。若し一般に釋益する回答と思惟する事項は逐次本紙に登載する。

十二月十八日

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に開鎖する。但し何れのセンタール所民に對し開鎖の通過は三ヶ月前に齎される。三、センタールの開鎖を見らばて食堂家屋醫院の施設は繼續する。學校の授業は今學期を以て終る。四、沿岸立退地域以外への転住補助は繼續

解除の理由發表さる

立退き区域の解放並に広範に亘る転任プログラムの撤退邦人に採つては向に其の時機を得たものと謂はざるを得ぬ。此は邦人諸氏の子弟及び夫が軍務に服し齊した赫たる記録の賜物であり而して米民一般民衆が日系人の忠誠に對して認識を深めたことに起因する。今日日系はケル

五、既に転住した者が沿岸立退地へ歸還を欲する場合に於て一定範囲内に於て所定の補助を在す。六、外部社会に於て自活し得ざる者には支れ、全國各地の公共團體の援助を仰ぐ準備はすめられて居る。

間に撞頭して来た事に因るは論ずる迄もない。
◎現在はお好時機而して軍需工場に民間消費産業に専ら業に將又日常の仕事に其の労力を痛切に要求してゐる現在転任プログラムの最後の段階に入った事は河に時機を得たことであり斯る機会に於てセンタール所民が外部の生活に立遣り經濟的恒久生活を講ずることには米國々業とし

各地域に於て労働者とし、友とし更に隣人として迎へらるる程である。使言すれば西部沿岸に於ける立退令は偏に多数日系市民は忠誠があり邦人は遵奉的國民であるとの理解認識が彰輝として一般米人に於て全米各所に散

在する既叙厚生機構と折衝し補助を爲す可く充分この問題は考慮されてゐる。米議會に於ては政府に依り立退きを餘儀なくされ扶助を要する者の爲に支出する基金はフエテラルセキユリテールエゼンシー局に支出され居り、一世二世市民を問はず合法的に申請を爲し得る。

謝辭

◎外郡よりこの際歸所する場合の規定既に外部転住者にして来た家族がセンタールに居住してゐる場合に其の家族と転住問題に就き相談を要する場合前以つてWRA

終りに臨みこの危急なる際過去二年有半に亘り多数所民より齎された協力に對し衷心より感謝の念を捧げると共に既に転住した者乃至はこゝ數ヶ月内に外部転住する者に對し各地域に於て其の成功と充分満足なる家庭生活を営むことが出来得る御余は祈願して止まない。歸還プログラムの進行中本紙は臨時登刊住民の便を計る。