

RELEASES BLOCK RELOCATION RATE

9K IN THE LEAD

During the first seven months of this year, the percentage of relocation by blocks shows 9K in the lead with 59.5 percentage, according to figures released by James G. Lindley, project director, last Thursday. Block 7K which was leading as of July 13 dropped to second place with 54.5.

Average block relocation is 39.4, a rise of 5 per cent during the last two weeks in July. There are 11 blocks equal to or above this figure and 18 blocks below average.

Blocks 10E and 8E have the lowest percentages--24.3 and 25.2 respectively.

The following chart shows block populations as of July 31 and the percentage of relocations, as calculated by reduction in --continued on page 3--

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19 AMACHEANS LEAVE FOR ARMY INDUCTION

Nineteen youthful Amache inductees left early Thursday morning for Ft. Logan, Colo., to report for Army induction from the Prowers County Selective Service board, according to the center internal security office.

Three selectees listed on the call have transferred to other boards, while one --Paul Mitsuru Okada, 7K-4B --has relocated to Chicago.

Following inductees reported from here:

Bill Motoo Hamakawa, 6F-11B; Minoru Hamatani, 10H-7C; Teruo Horibe, 6F-

11E; Takeo Itano, 8K-6E; David T. Kaneko, 11K-10D; Kensuke Kashiwabara, 12E-4B; Masuji Kimura, 8E-12B; Shigeru Komatsubara, 7F-4C; Shigeru Mayeda, 12H-9A; Tatsuo Morimoto, 9L-9B.

Reiji Nitta, 12G-11B; Toshihiko Okamura, 10E-6B; Tadashi Sasai, 10E-12C; George Shitara, 6F-4E; Ichiro Takahashi, 6F-8C; Torao Larry Tomita, 7E-5E; Evan Setsuo Toyama, XY ranch; Oscar N. Yamaoka, 8F-9F; and Masao Yasaki, 9K-8E.

Transferred to other boards:

Richard Tenuo Masato (12G-3B), Chicago; Mitsugu Sumada (12H-4E), St. Paul; and Toshiro Yamagata (8F-8A), Denver.

2 REPORT FOR PREINDUCTION

By far the smallest group of Amache selectees to report for Army preinduction physical examination departed early yesterday morning for the Denver preinduction station.

They were as follows: JOE TAKASHI ARII (member of the PIONEER staff), 7E-2A, and Jack Watanabe, 7H-6B.

COAST EVACUEE RETURN SOLE ARMY RESPONSIBILITY

SAN FRANCISCO--Early this week the Army reaffirmed its previous stand that its Western Defense Command has the sole responsibility of determining which persons of Japanese descent may or may not be permitted to return to the West Coast.

Because of an apparent "erroneous impression" some of the public has received,

64 PER CENT RELOCATE EAST

LOS ANGELES--Sixty-four per cent of the 15,907 Japanese Americans relocated from eight WRA centers during the first half of this year went east rather than return to the West Coast, disclosed Paul G. Robertson, regional WRA supervisor, recently.

Less than 11 per cent came to Southern California, he stated.

Maj. Gen. H. C. Pratt, head of the Western Defense Command, has issued a statement to clarify this jurisdiction. The general emphasized that the WRA has no authority in the matter.

"As Commanding General, Western Defense Command," he said, "I have the re-

sponsibility of determining which individuals of Japanese ancestry may or may not return to the designated exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command.

"In making this determination, I am governed solely by military considerations, and by none other, for there exists no legal authority for anyone to restrict the movements of an individual within the United States because of economic, social or other reasons."

General Pratt declared that "the WRA has no authority or responsibility, whatever, in determining which individuals will be --continued on page 3--

CANCELS MONDAY CALIFORNIA SPECIAL; EASTBOUND TO GO

The California special coach, which was scheduled to leave this Monday, has been cancelled and all passengers who had reservations will be transferred to the coach which is leaving definitely on Friday, Aug. 10, disclosed Mario Vecchio, assistant relocation program officer, yesterday.

However, the coach for Chicago and points east will leave this Monday as

previously scheduled, Vecchio added.

Another coach for California points has been definitely slated for Wednesday, Aug. 15, and if enough returnees sign up, a second coach will be added, according to Vecchio. Although only few reservations remaining on the Aug. 10 car, there are plenty of seats available on the Aug. 15 coach.

NIISEI POTPOURRI

by ROY YOSHIDA

TOO YOUNG

TOO YOUNG TO VOTE but not too young to fight. Seventeen such inductees were in attendance at the Blue Star Service club's farewell social in their honor at the USO last Tuesday night.

I was struck with the extremely youngish--perhaps boyish would be a better description--features of some of them. They must be 18 since Uncle Sam is calling them, but honestly, some didn't look much over 16.

Soon, at an age when they should have fishing poles on their shoulders, they will be shouldering rifles. When they should be preparing for a college career, they are preparing to learn the rudiments of warfare--the business of killing people.

They shall become men while still in their youths; they shall become hardened of mind and body before their time. It all seems incredible, but war is war. And until this grim business is over, they must first complete a big task before them. That is the law of "first things first."

TRYING CIRCUMSTANCES

ALL DOCTORS at the center hospital are working very hard these days, and under particularly trying circumstances.

Take the following case in point: The two dentists at the dental clinic have to get by with one dental assistant, when they need at least two more. It makes their work doubly difficult and they are unable to give the patients the service they wish to dispense.

If there are any girls who are not working, they would be doing the residents a good turn by offering their services at the dental clinic.

BORROWED TIME

MORE AND MORE, the tempo of relocation is increasing daily.

The idea of "go out, go out" is poured into the minds of the evacuees in

grand PIONEER

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WELFARE AGENCIES Will Aid

Aug. 4, 1945

To Center Residents:

The Welfare section is getting excellent cooperation from the California welfare agencies in regard to families who are expected to need help over a long period of time. In a majority of these cases presented to the West Coast agencies, we received replies that "residence is verified, the family is eligible for aid in this county if found to be in need after they return." This means that the county is officially acknowledging its responsibility for helping with the needs of the dependent family. Very often the agency will add in its reply "the references indicated that they have very high regard for this family and will be glad to have them return to the neighborhood."

Housing is, of course, a difficult problem everywhere, but satisfactory arrangements have been made for every family who has returned to date. However, we strongly urge that families, who expect to receive help after they return, decide to go back as soon as possible because as time goes on more and more people will be involved and services will be less adequate in the outside agencies as well as in the center.

As yet, we are still able to give fair consideration to requests for help. But to avoid the confusion of the last few weeks or days before closing the center and the inadequate, make-shift, temporary arrangements, which surely will have to be resorted to in many cases at any late date, we emphatically urge that families who fall in the above classification come to us immediately for consultation about definite departure date, if they have not already done so. Departure dates for special coaches are Aug. 6, 10 and 15. Come early and avoid the rush.

Sincerely yours,
JACOB GERRILD
Counselor

ON ALIEN CHANGE OF ADDRESS

All alien residents are requested, if they have not every way possible.

Living here on "borrowed time," the evacuees are harrassed with the problem of resettlement. Some are finding the solution to the problem, while others are hard pressed for the right answer. All will certainly be able to work out their own destiny--when the time comes.

already done so, to prepare and mail individually to the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Alien Registration Division, Philadelphia, Pa., an Alien Registration Change of Address Card, Form AR-11. This is the same card which aliens outside of relocation centers are required to use, and it is necessary that every change of address be recorded.

TO RECRUIT FARM FAMILIES

Lowell Ayres, Seabrook Farms representative, will be in Amache about Aug. 9 to recruit families for work on New Jersey farms.

Preference will be given to those having three workers. Adequate housing is assured 75 families. Further information will be supplied by Ayres on his arrival.

ARMY IN CHARGE

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allowed to return to the exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command, nor does this agency attempt to exercise this authority or assume this responsibility.

"It is repeated—this authority and this responsibility is that of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command."

POLICY

With the closing of the Granada Project but two months in the distance, all our efforts from now on must be spent on relocation. Hence, the policy of the center newspaper must of necessity be changed slightly in order to devote all possible space to this effort. Emphasis hereafter will be placed on information that will help to further the relocation program.

In conforming with this policy, center news may be somewhat curtailed, but all information concerning relocation possibilities, special coaches and other transportation facilities, business chances, and employment opportunities will be listed.

Watch the PIONEER closely for all possible aid in your relocation plans.

MELVIN P. MCGOVERN
Acting Reports Officer

VISITING SOLDIERS

Cpl. H. Yoshimura, Pfc. S. Sakamoto, Pfc. M. Terao, Pfc. Y. Watanabe, and Pvt. Y. Orolu, Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colo., Pfc. M. L. Tanaka, McClosky General Hospital, Texas.

NISEI BATTALION CITED FOR "SUPERB COMBAT ACTIONS"

LEAVE, OVERTIME PAY AUTHORIZED

Authority has been received to make lump sum payments for earned vacation leave and unliquidated compensatory time when services are terminated because of relocation, according to Jack G. Bohon, finance officer. These payments will be made by check.

If the lump sum payments amounts to more than \$44, the worker requesting payment must declare his dependency status on Form W-4 so that the proper tax amount can be deducted in accordance with present withholding schedules.

All leave and compensatory time will be paid for in the same manner as in the past, with the exception of relocation terminations, added Bohon.

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population since Jan. 1, 1945:

Block	Population	Percent
9K	75	59.5
7K	91	54.5
12E	95	52.9
12G	101	51.4
6E	91	50.6
10H	122	43.5
11F	137	43.3
9L	119	42.8
12F	122	42.5
9H	118	41.4
12H	128	39.4
11E	130	39.3
6G	121	39.2
6F	118	38.5
11H	132	37.4
12K	141	37.4
6H	127	36.8
8F	154	36.3
8G	136	34.6
7E	156	33.3
11K	140	33.3
7F	149	31.8
7G	159	31.5
9E	152	30.6
7H	153	30.1
8K	132	29.8
11G	133	27.7
8E	163	25.2
10E	181	24.3

If the other blocks could show the progress displayed in 9K, 60 per cent of our job would be behind us, instead of a little less than 40 per cent, added Lindley.

ROME—The famous 442nd Regimental Combat Team's Second Battalion was awarded its third unit citation last Sunday for "superb combat actions in France and Italy."

The Japanese American battalion, led in France by Lieut. Col. James M. Hanley, and in Italy by Maj. Robert A. Gopel, Little Rock, Ark., was credited with "striking the enemy paralyzing blows from all directions while storming a hill near Bruyeres, France, Oct. 19, 1944." It also was credited with eliminating nearly an entire German company near Diffontaine, France, Oct. 28 and 29 and thus checking an enemy threat to the flanks of the United States Third and 45th Divisions.

URGES USE OF ACTIVITY CENTER

The young people of Amache are again urged to use the facilities available at the recreation center located in the high school auditorium.

Unless a more favorable response is received to the numerous activities offered at the center, plans to continue this organized activity will be dropped, warned Y. Yoshizawa, chairman of the Amache Recreation association, yesterday.

The present schedule is as follows:

Girls: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Tuesday nights.

Boys: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings and Thursday nights.

Hours are 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock in the morning and 6:00 to 10:00 o'clock at night.

POSTPONES MESS HALLS CLOSING

Mess halls at blocks 9E and 8F which were slated for closing this Monday will remain open until further notice, yesterday announced James G. Lindley, project director.

Overcrowding of mess halls to which the residents of those blocks had been assigned was given as reason for the postponement.

MAY WRITE TO SWISS LEGATION

The recent agreement between Switzerland and the United States whereby the Swiss government would represent Japanese interests in this country makes it possible for Japanese evacuees and internees to communicate with the Swiss Legation in Washington, DC., on any matter which they would normally take up with the protecting power.

Japan had been without a representative in the United States since Spain broke off relations with Japan last April.

MOVIES

TONIGHT

7:15 p.m.--10E Mess hall
8:00 p.m.--8E Mess hall
(Miracle of Morgan's Creek)

TOMORROW

No movies
MONDAY

7:15 p.m.--10H Mess hall
8:00 p.m.--12K Mess hall
(The Housekeeper's Daughter)

TUESDAY

7:15 p.m.--8K Mess hall
8:00 p.m.--6H Mess hall

WEDNESDAY

7:15 p.m.--10E Mess hall
8:00 p.m.--7F Mess hall

THURSDAY

No movies

A scion of a wealthy family falls in love with a housekeeper's daughter and becomes involved in a mysterious murder in "The Housekeeper's Daughter," which starts on its three-night run Monday.

Joan Bennett and Adolphe Menjou head a capable cast in this entertaining, light comedy romance.

"The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" concludes its run tonight.

church briefs

Rev. R. Kashiwa will deliver a farewell sermon to the Bussei at the YBA service tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock, at 7G Buddhist church. The reverend is expected to return to his home in Hawaii in the near future.

Unosuke Karatsu will speak on "The Truth of Infinite Life" at the Seicho-No-Iye meeting tomorrow night, 7 o'clock, at 9H recreation hall.

RELOCATION

Osamu and Helen Kayokata, New York, NY., Aug. 1.
Thomas Ikasaki, Keenesburg, Colo., Aug. 2.
Taki Marumoto, Denver, Colo., Aug. 4.
Misao Joe, Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 4.
Mitsuye Togashi, Denver, Colo., Aug. 4.
Shintaro Wakamura, Denver, Colo., Aug. 4.
Masayo Nagahisa, Keenesburg, Colo., Aug. 4.
Haruichi, Moto, Kazue, Masako and Yoshio Yoshida, Rocky Ford, Colo., Aug. 5.
Thomas Mayahara, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Shizue and Ernest Ikuta, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6.

Fumi and Chris Sezawa, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Sally, Hiroshi and Chieko Sasachika, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Tair and Victoria Fujita, Omaha, Nebr., Aug. 6.
Hide, Dennis and Elaine Katayama, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Masayoshi, Iseko, Haruko and Ginko Murakami, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Marion and Rose Hoshizu,

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Hanako, Asakichi, Toki and Nobuko Yoshinaga, Brigham, Utah, Aug. 6.
Shuichi Sasaki, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6.
Hana Kawasaki, Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 6.
Haruko, Frances and Raymond Itow, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Rmi Nagai, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Ichiyo, Mitoshi, Takoshi and Mamoru Nakaya, Rupert, Idaho, Aug. 6.
Kimiyo, Terry and Edward Matsumoto, Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 6.
Michiye, Victor and Doris Kawasaki, Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 6.

Chiyo, Justine, Tadashi and Joyce Sekiyama, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Shigeshi Nakawatase, Sanger, Calif., Aug. 6.
Hideichi and Ishiko Tanaka, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
June Wakayama, Pasadena, Calif., Aug. 6.
Toyoko and Masako Kono, Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 6.

Noreen Kawasaki, Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 6.
Mary and Sachiko Tanaka, Chicago, Ill., Aug. 6.
Joseph Toshiji and Paula Yoshino, Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 6.
Nan Yamamoto, New York, NY., Aug. 7.
Hisaye Nakatsumi, New York, NY., Aug. 7.
Thomas, Toyoko and Koichi Dairiki, Roggen, Colo., Aug. 8.
Rev. Iwakichi Haratani, Boston, Mass., Aug. 8.

DENTAL AIDES

Two dental assistants are urgently needed at the dental clinic at the center hospital.

Apply at the clinic immediately.

No woman actually ever reforms a man. She just nags his spirit down to a nub.

CHURCH SERVICES SUNDAY

Event	Time	Place
SEICHO-NO-IYE		
Service	7:00 p.m.	9H
PROTESTANT		
Sunday school	8:45 a.m.	8H, 9H
English service	10:15 a.m.	8H
CATHOLIC		
Mass	9:00 a.m.	7F
Benediction and Prayers	10:00 a.m.	7F
Catechism for children	10:00 a.m.	7F
Confessions	4:00 p.m. (Saturday)	7F
NICHIREN		
Service	9:00 a.m.	11H
BUDDHIST		
Sunday school	8:30 a.m.	7G, 12G
YBA service	10:00 a.m.	7G
Adult service	2:00 p.m.	7G, 12G
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST		
Young People's Bible class	7:00 p.m.	9H