

INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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TRANSFER TO HEART MOUNTAIN SCHEDULED

The first mass movement of evacuees to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center is scheduled to begin on or about August 29 under Transfer Order No. 13. A total of 1125 Japanese will be moved from the Portland Assembly Center, with no more than 600 to be moved daily.

On September 6 transfer of 2400 evacuees from the Portland center to the Minidoka Relocation Center will begin. This number will include all the remaining residents of the assembly center. There will be no movements to Minidoka between August 31 and September 5 inclusive.

Under Transfer Order No. 12, the movement of 5000 evacuees who were to be transferred from the Tulare Assembly Center to the Gila Relocation Center beginning August 20, in groups of not more than 600 daily, will begin as scheduled. One group will leave on August 20 and one on August 21. But the movement will be interrupted on the 22, 23, and 24 and not resumed until August 25. It will then proceed until the evacuation of Tulare is completed.

With the arrival yesterday at Minidoka of 508 evacuees from Puyallup, the population at that center rose to 1740. Manzanar's remained at 9948. Colorado River reported 16,346, Tule Lake 15,096, and Gila River 6566, making a total population at the projects of 49,696.

At Gila River the failure of the main water line from the well to Camp 2 because of low pressure delayed moving some evacuees to Camp 2 to relieve the congestion in Camp 1. The present plan calls for moving 500 from Camp 1 on August 20 and August 23.

ATTORNEYS APPOINTED

Three attorneys have been appointed to the regional office staff. Anthony O'Brien has been transferred from the Solicitor's office in Washington to the San Francisco office. Reginald Watt, and Kent Silverthorne are the two other appointments. Mr. Watt has had a law practice in San Francisco and Mr. Silverthorne in Phoenix.

GUAYULE PROJECT  
TO BE EXPERIMENTAL

The guayule rubber project at Manzanar has been placed under the Education Department, since emphasis is to be upon scientific research through laboratory technique rather than upon nursery production. The primary purpose of the experiment station is to find or develop a species of guayule plant that will produce the largest quantity of rubber in the shortest time.

Concentration upon scientific study will require additional reports and regular review of the latest developments. For that reason it has been considered more appropriate to place the project under the Education Department.

There are now over 200,000 guayule seedlings growing at Manzanar. About 50,000 have been planted at the Colorado River project and a planting is contemplated at Gila River. At first it had appeared unlikely that any plantings could be established, because the U. S. Forest Service, charged with the responsibility of developing rubber production from guayule as rapidly as possible, felt that nothing could be spared from the very small supply of seed and nursery stock on hand at the beginning of the emergency.

Initial plantings at Manzanar were made from a quantity of culled nursery stock and the cut tops of a few nursery beds regarded as worthless. A few thousand of these culls and cut tops were delivered to the project on April 12. A small group of evacuees made every effort to salvage as much as possible. Careful hands picked out and planted the best of the cuttings and seedling culls. Before long reports reached the Forest Service in Salinas that a good percentage of the rejected material had started to grow. The Forest Service was quick to appreciate the work that had been done and provided more material, of better quality, as fast as it could be spared.

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ACTIVITIES AT TULE LAKE

Open fires have been discontinued because of the extreme low humidity and the high altitude of the center, conditions which add to the danger of fire outbreaks... The fire in Canteen 3 resulted in a marked rise in business at the other community stores. Opening of another is being contemplated. Damaged goods will probably be sold shortly at a fire sale. Gross sales at the community stores for July were \$74,000. Net profits have not yet been computed.

Registration of pupils for the fall term resulted in 2225 enrolled in the high school and 1569 in the elementary school. All barracks in Block 66 and two in 72 have been set aside as temporary schools.....41 nisei with college degrees have filed applications for teaching positions.....23 Caucasian teachers have so far been appointed to the teaching staff.....Teachers will report on September 1 to begin their two weeks' training period, and school is expected to start on September 14.....Eight nursery schools with an enrollment of 601 children are now in operation.

NET FACTORY  
FOR POSTON

Construction of buildings for the manufacture of camouflage nets will begin soon at the Colorado River Relocation Center. Approximately a month is the length of time expected for the completion of building construction. The new industry will probably employ about 900 people.

The work stoppage last week at the Manzanar factory lasted only a day, and practically all the 650 workers went back to the sheds last Thursday. A committee of workers aided in the formulation of new production methods. The results were scheduled to be announced last Monday. Meanwhile, the daily quota of nets was being produced.

A small outbreak of "heat rash" affected some of the Manzanar workers recently. Investigation indicated that the rash resulted from perspiration of the arms and legs, the condition aggravated by the chemically treated lint. All the cases requiring treatment were working on the "winter" net patterns, garnishing burlap with heavier chemical treatment than other nets. All were given one week's leave of absence with pay to recover from the rash.

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REPORTED IN "PRESS BULLETIN"

From the Poston Press Bulletin: More than 3500 persons are employed in Camp 1. Demand for male workers is great, but few jobs are open to women..... The Chief Steward requested representatives of all mess halls to decrease their man power and replace required labor in many instances with women. It was pointed out that women can replace men in table service and as stewards, but jobs such as those of cooks and dish washers cannot be filled by women.

Subjugation of the poultry farm area is now under way with more than 80 acres to be cleared. The first batch of approximately 5000 ten-week old chicks is due within a short time. A modern heating system of brooder will be constructed to protect the chicks during the winter, as well as numerous 20 x 20 coops to accommodate 250 chicks each. Experimental construction of "underground" or "basement" coops to shelter the hens from excess heat is also being planned.

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BEET WORKERS  
LEAVE TONIGHT

About 46 evacuees are scheduled to leave Portland tonight for the beet fields in Malheur County. The exact number will not be known until tomorrow.