

Attention: Mr. Bigelow

INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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MOVEMENTS TO
JEROME ANNOUNCED

Transfer order No. 25 just issued by General DeWitt's headquarters, schedules the departure of the advance party of evacuees for the Jerome Relocation Center on October 2. This group of 220 Japanese will be recruited at Fresno Assembly Center. Movement of 4800 persons from the same center will begin on October 14 and continue on alternate days thereafter until completed. The number to be moved in one day will be approximately 500 and in no case more than 525.

On October 8 the first group of 2450 persons will leave Santa Anita for Jerome. The movement will continue on alternate days, no more than 525 being transferred on any one day. These evacuees will be made up of families originally evacuated from the San Pedro-Long Beach area. The covering order is No. 24. Under Transfer Order No. 23 Central Utah will receive from Santa Anita 640 persons, who will leave for the project on October 7. This group consists of families originally evacuated from San Francisco. This information will not be released to evacuees for another week.

EVACUEES LEAVE
FOR BEET FIELDS

As of midnight last night 2119 evacuees had either left the projects and assembly centers for work in the sugar beet fields or are already there. Of this total, 683 are in Idaho; 751 in Montana; 308 in Utah, and 377 in Oregon.

Under the new furlough regulations, 289 have left Tule Lake for the beet fields, 11 have gone from Colorado River, and 150 from Minidoka.

Population at projects will begin to show a marked decrease with the increase in employment furloughs. This has already occurred at Tule Lake, where the population has dropped from 15,178 last weekend to 14,854 this week-end. Minidoka dropped from 9342 to 9310; Colorado River from 17,786 to 17,711. The greater proportion of the decreases is due to the recent movements.

Central Utah increased from 213 to 2206 during the course of the week. Manzanar remained almost the same, reporting 10,044 this week-end as compared with 10,041 last. Gila River has 11,549 this week compared with 11,543.

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The total population for this region now stands at 65,063. Heart Mountain reports 10,703 and Granada, 4986, making the total now in relocation projects 81,063.

NASH LEAVES MANZANAR

Roy Nash, Project Director at Manzanar, has resigned to take a position as head of the Brazilian staff of the Western Hemisphere Division of the Board of Economic Warfare. He will be located in Washington, D. C. Harvey M. Coverley, Assistant Regional Director, will report to Manzanar tomorrow as Acting Project Director.

MORE VEGETABLES SHIPPED FROM TULE

Shipments of mixed vegetables from Tule Lake farms since last Monday's report have consisted of two carloads to Manzanar on September 15; one to Central Utah on the 16th, one to Colorado River on the 17th and 130 crates of turnips and 159 of beets to Gila River on the 19th. On September 17 also, Manzanar shipped a carload of watermelons to Colorado River.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS GO TO MANZANAR

Loading starts today of evacuee household goods now stored in warehouses in Los Angeles to be shipped to Manzanar. It is estimated that the goods will make up about ten carloads.

Major V. E. Maston, chief of the Transportation Section, reports today to the Washington office. He will be there until October 1, when he returns to active duty with the Transportation Corps.

SCHOOLS OPEN AT TULE LAKE

Schools opened at Tule Lake Relocation Center on September 14 with an enrollment of about 4000. Classes are meeting in barracks temporarily, but they have been well arranged considering the many handicaps. The teaching staff still lacks two commercial teachers, one history, one English, and one Spanish in the high school, three seventh-grade teachers, six eighth-grade, and five in the other elementary grades. As a result, the classes are greatly over-crowded, some having as high as 90 pupils.

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Twenty Japanese are accredited teachers, and 106 are assistant teachers, who do not have their state credentials. In the emergency, however, some of these have had to take charge of classes. Even wives of members of the Caucasian administrative staff who have had teaching experience are acting as substitutes.

In addition to the Caucasian and Japanese teaching staff for the high school and elementary schools, there are 56 evacuee nursery-school teachers, 50 adult education teachers, 30 janitors, 27 clerical assistants, and 4 warehousemen and drivers.

The school furniture situation, which has been acute, is improving somewhat. The Tule Lake furniture factory, now operating in a warehouse, has finished all the chairs for the schools, and today will begin on those for Manzanar, to have them completed by the end of this week. Next week chairs will be made for Minidoka and the following week for Central Utah. Tables for Manzanar will be secured from the NYA warehouses in Los Angeles. Any possible additional equipment which can be had from this source will be used. Until the Tule Lake factory can supply furniture for the schools in all the projects, much of it will have to be makeshift. At Gila River the building of furniture will be aided by the Indian School in Phoenix. The Education Division in the regional office has been able to find 70,000 board feet of lumber for the project to use for furniture.

Caucasian teachers are living temporarily in barracks. While on the whole they are making the best of uncomfortable quarters in good spirit, it is hoped that these conditions will be improved shortly.

PAPER PUBLISHED
AT GILA RIVER

The first issue of the "Gila News-Courier" appeared on September 12 with a 16-page mimeographed paper. Full news coverage is given activities at the project, and in addition, there are two full-page maps of Canal Camp and Butte Camp and a full-page drawing of a street scene in the uncompleted center. The paper will be published every Wednesday and Saturday. The second issue contains eight pages of news of the project.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION
TO MOVE TO DENVER

Instructions have been received from the Washington office placing the Photography Section on a national, rather than a regional basis, with headquarters in Denver. All negatives and equipment are to be shipped to the new location. Francis Stewart will be Acting Head of the Photographic Unit, and he will be in charge of 16mm. motion picture photography and still pictures for all the projects.