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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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HARVESTERS LEAVE

Including movements made yesterday, the total number of evacuees who have left the projects since fall recruiting began for the beet fields is 1240. Today 34 are scheduled to leave Tule Lake and 145 from Manzanar. The following table shows the number of beet workers recruited from both assembly and relocation centers who are now in the fields:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Left from summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	65	144	209
Tulare	6	-	6
Puyallup	49	-	49
Turlock	41	-	41
Pinedale	38	-	38
Tanforan	10	-	10
Sacramento	38	-	38
Marysville	8	-	8
Portland	377	-	377
Stockton	139	71	210
Santa Anita	160	34	194
Merced	42	-	42
Area No. 2	224	-	224
Manzanar	58	294	352
Minidoka	0	318	318
Tule Lake	0	447	447
Colorado River	0	181	181
	<u>1255</u>	<u>1489</u>	<u>2744</u>

The Employment Division has no estimate of the number who have signed contracts but have not yet gone.

FIRE HOSE
PURCHASED

Good news for the project fire departments is the announcement that 20,000 ft. of 2½-inch double-jacketed fire hose has been purchased and distribution will be made by the end of this week. Colorado River will receive 6000 ft.; Gila River, 4000 ft.; Central Utah, 2000 ft.; Minidoka, 2000 ft.; Tule Lake, 3000 ft.; and Manzanar, 3000 ft.

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WRA will participate in Fire Prevention Week from October 4 to October 10. A statement on fire prevention is now being prepared and will be distributed to each apartment in every relocation center.

IRRIGATION CANAL
OPENED AT MINIDOKA

On September 17 water was turned into a primary canal leading to the Minidoka Relocation Center. The five-mile ditch, dug in a month's time by evacuees in spite of lack of heavy equipment, taps the Milner-Gooding Canal, one of the two main canals supplying the North Side Twin Falls irrigation district.

The water will be used to convert as much as possible of the 68,000 acres of the project area into food-producing farms. It is hoped eventually to reclaim 17,000 acres by a series of canals, but only 3000 to 4000 acres are expected to be ready for planting next spring. This primary canal has sufficient flow to irrigate the center area and an adjacent area, a total of about 200 acres. A main lateral canal will be constructed in approximately the same location as the primary canal to serve the several thousand acres to be developed first.

The water now available will be diverted to the center to end the harsh dust condition, and quick-growing seed will be planted between the buildings and in nearly every place except the roads to tie down the soil stripped of sagebrush during construction. With water at hand for growing some kind of vegetation such as winter wheat, with construction and movement of heavy trucks nearly at an end, residents look forward to an early end of the dust menace.

JAPANESE HELD

Zazue Yabasake and Toscio Sonoda, charged with conspiracy to escape from Tule Lake, are both being held pending trial by the U. S. Attorney. The former, who took the latter's place on a work project train bound for Montana, was caught by the FBI before he could make his planned get-away and is now being held in Sacramento. Sonoda is being held at Tule Lake.

POST OFFICES NAMED

The post office for the Gila River Relocation Center was named "Rivers" in honor of the first Pima Indian killed in World War I. His name was Jim Rivers. At Minidoka, the branch post office from Twin Falls serving the project is "Hunt," named after Wilson Price Hunt, who explored the Snake River country in 1811. "Amache" has been selected as the name of the branch post office at the Granada Relocation Center. The name is in memory of the Cheyenne Indian Chief, Amache, whose daughter was the wife of John W. Prowers, early Colorado pioneer, and for whom the county in which the project is located was named.

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COTTON PICKING
RECRUITING DROPS

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Lack of skill in picking cotton has apparently discouraged evacuees, who on the first day in the fields near Gila River averaged only about 50 lbs. a person. The wages are based on three cents a pound, and the experienced pickers can pick up to 200 lbs. a day. The report received by the Employment Division was that 179 volunteered on September 21, out of which number 84 quit. The second day 150 volunteered. Each picker must buy his own bag, which costs \$1.75. Breakfast and dinner, served at the center, cost him 15 cents each, and lunch, packed by Community Enterprises, is 25 cents.

DEFINITIONS

Any confusion which may exist in the understanding of the terms "community services," "community activities," "community organizations," and "community enterprises" will be clarified with the following definitions:

SERVICES: A broad, generic term which includes health, education, activities, and organizations.

ACTIVITIES: Our own term for the leisure-time program, recreation.

ORGANIZATIONS: Includes social and political institutions around which the community functions, such as government.

ENTERPRISES: Covers stores and consumer services, but its use is being discouraged in favor of "consumer cooperatives." This is to avoid the confusion which has resulted in the use of the term "enterprise" to mean projects for producing, such as factories.

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POPULATION: 66,589

Yesterday's census reports for this region showed a total population of 66,589: Manzanar, 9890; Central Utah, 3731; Tule Lake, 14,726; Colorado River, 17,708; Minidoka, 8983; and Gila River, 11,551. Heart Mountain reported 10,363-- evacuees and Granada, 5504, making a total for the two regions of 82,456.

NEWS FROM THE PROJECTS

Minidoka:

Heating and water deficiencies are soon to be taken care of. Because of variations in construction, each stove pipe in every apartment had to be cut and fitted on the job, delaying far beyond schedule the placing in operation of a majority of barracks' stoves. The contractor was behind schedule on installing hot water facilities in laundry, shower, and lavatory rooms because of the lack of materials and metal fittings, but he hoped to have at least half of these combination buildings completed this week.

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Organization of the consumer's cooperative association is well under way... When the coaling system is installed at the rail siding now under construction, five carloads of coal a day will be unloaded... Census survey began September 21 and will probably take a month and a half to complete... Two new Army ambulances have replaced the delivery truck which had been serving the community as an ambulance... Plans are now being made for classes in engineering.

Tule Lake:

Departures of workers for the beet fields are always accompanied by friendly and demonstrative crowds gathered to bid them goodbye. The majority of those leaving are young, unmarried men whose main idea is to get out of the project, although many leave for monetary considerations. Most of the young men hope that they will be able to get jobs after their contract in the beet fields expires.

Ground is being cleared for a hog ranch which will provide 5000 fattened porkers annually. Hogs will be fed on grain and vegetable scraps from the farm. Construction of pens will begin as soon as lumber arrives... Opening of the schools and recruiting of beet workers has disrupted many departments... 825 girls and 750 boys registered in the high school. Largest single course outside of physical education was World History with 606 signed up... Plan to build Japanese baths has been halted because of the lumber shortage and the danger of depleting the hot water supply needed by the colonists. Hiking privileges were suspended for two weeks because four persons violated the hiking regulations and went on a hike without proper clearance.

Colorado River:

A lath house, 60x100 ft. has been completed for flowers and vegetables. Celery planting is the biggest undertaking. In spite of difficult climatic conditions, planting has been nearly 90% successful. About 2000 flats, 100 seedlings to a flat, will be transplanted before the middle of October.

Choosing of Issei advisory members to the temporary community council of Unit 2 will be left to the discretion of the individual block councilman. Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee of the Community Enterprises decided to make available to the Welfare and Recreation Department the sum of \$1700, surplus derived from operation of the Enterprises. It will be shared by the three units... Mustard green, radish, spinach, turnip, and table beet seed will be available for winter planting in the blocks. About one acre in each block can be given over to the planting of vegetables... A chapter of the Red Cross has been formed... O-Bon festival is planned for September 25.

Gila River:

Construction of a camouflage net factory is now under way in Butte Camp... General Hospital is expected to be in operation by the middle of October... Nursery and kindergarten classes have opened. School is scheduled to begin on October 5... Fire Prevention Bureau has been established and daily inspection tours are under way... O-Bon festival is scheduled for September 27... The Property Section has moved to the project from Sacaton... Lack of building materials and tools are holding up progress of the recreation program.

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Manzanar:

To further scientific studies through developing new methods of analysis for rubber guayule, the Manzanar Experiment Station has established a Chemical Research Division. Experimentation in the possibility of hybridizing guayule plants to produce a high rubber content is being carried on. Findings are being recorded with the Education Department.

As of September 15, the 120-acre farm had produced \$16,298.55 worth of truck crops for center consumption...Postal clerks estimate that 75% of the mail volume is from other centers - accounting for the ease with which rumors spread.