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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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PROJECTS RECEIVE
TULE VEGETABLES

Twenty carloads of vegetables have now been shipped from the Tule Lake farm to other projects in this region. In addition several carloads have gone to the open market. Shipments for the past week were: one carload of mixed vegetables to Colorado River on September 21; one carload of spinach and nappa to Gila River on the 22nd, and on the same day, a carload to Manzanar consisting of 119 crates of turnips, 17 crates of nappa, 108 crates of daikon, 13 crates of green onions, and 64 crates of beets.

A carload of 140 crates of lettuce, 191 of daikon, and 19 of spinach went to Gila River on the 23rd. Turnips, spinach, and nappa made up a carload for Colorado River on the 24th, and 179 crates of lettuce, 63 of turnips, and 27 of nappa were shipped to the same project on the following day. Also on the 25th, a carload of mixed vegetables was shipped to Minidoka.

WORK FURLOUGHS
INCREASING

Movements of evacuees from the projects to the sugar beet fields are increasing daily. As of September 25, the breakdown by center and state on the fall recruiting was as follows:

<u>Center</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>No.</u>
Tule Lake to	Idaho	283
	Montana	127
	Utah	50
		460
Minidoka	Idaho	501
	Montana	94
		595
Manzanar	Montana	292
	Idaho	143
		435
Colorado River	Idaho	115
	Utah	66
		181
Santa Anita	Montana	34
Fresno	Utah	101
	Montana	43
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The total as of that date of evacuees from relocation centers was 1671, and the total from all centers, 1920. On September 26, 202 Japanese left Colorado River for Nebraska, and 247 left Manzanar for Idaho.

The Employment Division reports that the Great Western Sugar Company has come to the western region for labor in Colorado and Nebraska. Utah-Idaho Sugar Company advises that only 150 more are wanted in Montana. American Crystal will need only 70 to 100 more for Montana. The indications are that both requests will be filled. Many contracts have been filled for Idaho and Utah and evacuees are waiting at the centers for work to start.

No figures are available here on recruiting in the Central Region, although daily census reports show that workers are leaving both Heart Mountain and Granada for the beet and potato fields.

ADMINISTRATIVE
INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED

The industrial policy has now been issued in Administrative Instruction No. 44. The objectives of the industrial program will be to reduce operating expenses of the relocation centers by the production of goods and materials for project use; to produce goods and materials for the war effort; and to establish a source of income for evacuees to enable them to become as self-supporting as possible.

The policy provides for enterprises to be operated by WRA, producer enterprises to be operated by evacuees, and private industries not operated by evacuees; compensation; and the disposition of funds.

Other Instructions issued are: No. 43, "Permits to Enter and Leave Relocation Centers"; No. 45, "Extension of Agent-Cashier Authorization to Include Payment of Grants to Evacuees"; Supplement 1 to No. 27, "Employment Standards for Persons 14 to 18 Years of Age"; Supplement 3 to No. 8, "Use of Free Mailing Privileges for Relocation Center Newspapers."

ARMY SOL YES
FREIGHT-HANDLING
PROBLEM

In a directive issued by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt, regulations are set up for the emergency employment of evacuees outside of the relocation projects within evacuated areas of the Western Defense Command, with particular reference to the handling of freight. The order was issued by the Army at the request of WRA to solve a critical problem of handling rail freight to Manzanar, although it will cover situations of a similar nature at any of the projects in evacuated military areas.

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Due to war conditions the Southern Pacific is unable to provide an adequate crew to unload freight at Lone Pine, rail head for the Manzanar project. By September 21, thirty-two cars were placing a severe burden on freight-yard facilities at that point. Since Army proclamations prohibited evacuees from entering Military Areas No. 1 and No. 2 in California, private employment of such persons was automatically prohibited in these areas, and the badly-needed freight could not be unloaded.

The new regulations provide that in cases of a "critical emergency" evacuee labor may be used under the following conditions: (1) exits to the unloading and transportation area will be controlled by the military police during loading or unloading operations; (2) at all times a WRA Caucasian guard must accompany each truck or convoy of trucks; (3) payment to evacuees will be made by WRA in accordance with WRA wage scale and not by private persons or organizations; (4) when freight is unloaded by evacuees and transported on Government-owned equipment, the "Consignee's Certificate of Delivery" on the Government bill of lading must be executed to indicate that delivery was so taken; and (5) when WRA signifies its intention to unload a certain carload, the responsibility of the carrier ceases and WRA assumes the responsibility for unloading and delivering the freight to the Center.

ADMINISTRATIVE BODIES
ORGANIZED AT CENTRAL UTAH

A cabinet of fourteen members has been established at the Central Utah project to deal with all important operating plans, policies, and administrative problems. It consists of the operating heads of all divisions with the Project Director as chairman.

A project planning board of seven members, selected chiefs of divisions having major planning responsibilities, and the Project Director as chairman will look ahead, seek ideas and suggestions, gather information, formulate plans, and clear them with the cabinet for operation.

The greatest problem facing all divisions is that of obtaining supplies and materials. Lack of skilled labor is being overcome as more skilled evacuees arrive at the center. The Agricultural Division is making a field study of all tracts in the project area to determine which land will be suitable for crops to be grown next year. Plans are being developed for the acreage of the various crops needed in order to provide food and feed requirements. A field and office study has been made of the existing irrigation and drainage system.

While plans are being made for community activities of all kinds, the operation of most of them will have to await facilities and completion of the evacuation to the project.

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NOTES FROM POSTON

Net profit of Community Enterprises for July was \$8871.69 or 13.64% of the total sales. The surplus at the end of the month was \$15,498.19.... Approximately 150 acres of agricultural planting, started a few months ago, will soon be completed. This includes areas in the blocks and firebreaks. The problem is to keep cows from entering the fields and damaging the crops. Proposal to begin planting on the now partially subjugated and irrigated 80-acre field 10 miles from the Center near the Indian School is being studied....Arrival of hospital supplies has made possible the opening of another ward. Hospital activities are assuming normal progress....Construction of an adobe building for an Agricultural Center in Unit 2 is now being planned. The nursery and maintenance buildings and other agricultural units will be located at the center....The Poston Community Fair is scheduled for October 10 and 11.

POPULATION: 65,792

Weekend census reports were as follows: Colorado River, 17,392; Manzanar, 9358; Gila River, 11,554; Tule Lake, 14,649; Minidoka, 8594; Central Utah, 4245. In the other regions: Granada, 6669; Heart Mountain, 10,194; and Rohwer, 1768. The total in all projects was 84,423.

