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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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MYER ON WAY HERE

Director Dillon S. Myer is expected to arrive in San Francisco on Thursday, October 8 to spend several days in the regional office. Mr. Myer is making a general inspection tour of the relocation projects which he has not already seen. He is accompanied by Colonel Erle M. Wilson, recently appointed Assistant to the Director.

The first project to be visited was Granada, on September 28-29, and Heart Mountain during the next three days. Mr. Myer is at Central Utah today and goes to Manzanar tomorrow for two days. Minidoka and Tule Lake are on his itinerary after leaving San Francisco.

STUDENTS RELOCATED

Out of a total of 542 students who have been accepted by colleges, 110 are known to be in residence now. Permits are being provided for 165 more, 20 are pending clearance by intelligence authorities, and 8 applications have been denied. Thirty-nine evacuees want to go to colleges not approved by the Army and Navy. Columbia University and the universities of Wisconsin and Colorado are the most frequently named. In all, 2314 students have applied for education furloughs.

3500 LEAVE CENTERS FOR BEET FIELDS

More than 3500 evacuees have left relocation and assembly centers for the sugar beet fields during September. While the end of the harvest season will see most of these returning to the projects, it is expected that a considerable number will remain for winter work.

Recruiting is practically over at both Manzanar and Minidoka. The former project sent out 996 during September, and the latter, 1076. Five hundred and twenty-three left Colorado River during the month and 622 left Tule Lake. Recruiting continues at Colorado River. Recruiting for the cotton picking is beginning there now.

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Seventy-one evacuees have gone out from Stockton Assembly Center, 50 from Santa Anita, and 144 from Fresno. The total from all centers is 3558 for September. About 6000 orders for harvest hands remained unfilled.

State totals are as follows: Idaho, 1939; Montana, 959; Nebraska, 342; Oregon, 41; and Utah, 277. The number of evacuees employed by each sugar company is: Amalgamated, 911; American Crystal, 282; Franklin County, 151; Great Western, 342; Jaekel & Rogers, 43; Layton, 66; and Utah-Idaho, 1638.

SANTA ANITA
TO BE CLEARED

The last group of evacuees in Santa Anita Assembly Center will begin moving to Gila River on October 17 under Transfer Order No. 26. There are approximately 2200 in this group and they will be moved at the rate of about 525 to 550 persons daily. Five hundred and sixty are to leave Santa Anita on October 8 for Central Utah.

A group of 279 evacuees, who were left at Tanforan to close up the center, will arrive at Central Utah on October 11. This will complete mass movements to that project.

Fresno will be the last assembly center to be vacated. Under Transfer Order No. 25, the major portion of this population, approximately 4800, was to begin moving to the Jerome Relocation Center on October 14. A revised order pushes the date up to October 12.

PARCEL INSPECTION
REGULATIONS SET

Regulations for contraband inspection of all packages destined for evacuees at relocation centers in Military Areas evacuated of persons of Japanese ancestry have been announced by Lieutenant General J. L. DeWitt. The projects affected are Tule Lake, Manzanar, Gila River, and Colorado River.

Inspection will be made by the military police and will apply to all packages irrespective of the method of delivery and will include parcel post and express. Packages will be opened in the presence of the addressee and any item of contraband discovered will be labeled and plainly marked. The addressee will be given a receipt, and a contraband register will be maintained. Periodically, seized contraband will be delivered to the project director for safe keeping.

First-class mail will not be inspected or magazines, periodicals, newspapers and books printed in the English language by publishers in the United States and mailed second-class by the original publisher. If, however, such magazines, periodicals, newspapers, and books have been mailed by a person other than the original publisher, they will be searched.

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Tools needed for the development of skills or trades within the centers will not be confiscated.

POPULATION: 67,984

Weekend census figures: Gila River, 11,555; Colorado River, 17,255; Tule Lake, 14,628; Manzanar, 9055; Central Utah, 7307; Minidoka, 8184. The total for the projects in this region is 67,984. Heart Mountain reported 9858 and Rohwer, 3209. No report came in over the weekend for Granada.

CENTRAL UTAH REPORT

A digest of a progress report as of September 25 at the Central Utah Relocation Center shows that at that time 1400 were employed at the project site:....Field trip had been made to select a compact area of about 3600 acres for immediate agricultural, irrigation, and drainage development....Plans and estimates for proposed buildings and for extension of utilities were being prepared. Also preliminary step to preparation of PD-200's - plan of proposed construction together with material lists for garage repair shop; carpenter, plumbing, and electrical shop; three machinery sheds; coal storage bunkers for each block; root cellars; bake shop; administrative garage; service station; packing shed; and ice storage house.....

Fire Department expected to be able to occupy fire department building by October 1 and to take over full control of fire protection from the U. S. Engineers.....35 out of a recruiting goal of 200 had been employed by Internal Security.....Community government was in progress, and other community activities had been organized and started.....

Newspaper staff had been selected on temporary assignments, weekly reporting plan was in operation, reception center organized with scrap books, guest books, and information on the history of the project.....Lack of mimeograph machine and other equipment was a serious handicap to satisfactory functioning of all office services.....Considerable progress in employing personnel and in processing personnel papers.

MINIDOKA SETS UP
INTERNAL SECURITY

A force of 70 men constitute the wardens of the Internal Security Department. They are stationed at fixed strategic posts, such as lumber piles, they direct traffic, help to handle crowds at assemblies, and perform other duties to help maintain peace and order.

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As soon as the organization is completed, it will operate in three eight-hour shifts. Later on there will be a comprehensive training program including the rudiments of patrolling, investigative technique, how to take latent finger prints, and other police work. The staff has already solved the only two crimes which have come under their jurisdiction - the theft of \$70 from an apartment and the robbery of the community store.

The only weapon carried by a warden during the day is a whistle. Night patrolmen carry flashlights. According to the head of the department, the wardens are peace officers and psychology rather than force will be used to maintain order.

GILA RIVER

As soon as construction of the administrative building is completed at Butte Camp, the general staff will be located there, and it will be the headquarters of the project. A permanent staff will, however, be maintained at the Canal Camp, too. Construction of living quarters for WRA staff will be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible.

Costuming has largest enrollment of any adult education class. Of a total of 486 people signed up as of Sept. 26, 200 were in the design class. Among more popular subjects are English, mathematics, science, and art.

MANZANAR

Beginning October 1, new positions designated as "block managers" were created to serve as a direct branch of the administration. All existing block leaders were to be reappointed as block managers, which will be full-time, paid jobs and will be directly responsible to the project director. This is in direct contrast to the position of councilmen. The council will be the legislative branch of the community government with no direct connection with the administration.