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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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PRIORITIES GRANTED

The War Production Board has granted AA-3 priorities for necessary materials in the construction of schools at Tule Lake and schools and housing at Manzanar, Minidoka, and Central Utah. The tent factory at Tule Lake has been granted an A1A on certain materials and an AA-4 on others. These priorities are high enough to insure purchase of the materials as soon as the necessary requisitions can be put through.

BIDDLE APPROVES
LEAVE REGULATIONS

Proposed regulations for the granting of leaves to evacuees were approved by U.S. Attorney Biddle. In a letter to Director Myer he stated that the program is sound from the internal security standpoint "if administered with utmost care."

HARVESTERS INCREASE

Fall recruiting of harvesters from the relocation centers and assembly centers in this region had reached 5130 through October 17. This figure does not include the 1252 evacuees who have been in the fields through the summer, nor 502 commuters. The total for the region is 6884. In the Denver region about 1100 are out from Heart Mountain and 700 from Granada. The grand total is approximately 8684.

Distribution by centers of the 5130 is as follows: Tule Lake, 822; Minidoka, 1804; Manzanar, 1018; Colorado River, 757; Central Utah, 391; Fresno, 182; Santa Anita, 85; and Stockton, 71. Recruiting is still continuing at Tule Lake, Minidoka, Colorado River, and Central Utah. Gila River has 270 commuters; Minidoka, 173; and Central Utah, 60.

Of the 5130 recruited this fall Idaho has employed the greatest number-- 2756. Montana is second with 987. Other states are: Arizona, 12; Colorado, 193; Nebraska, 334; Oregon, 235; Utah, 490, and North Dakota, 13.

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91.6% IN \$16 GROUP
AT MANZANAR

Out of a total of 4053 evacuees employed on the project at Manzanar as of September 30, 3713, or 91.6%, were in the \$16 a month classification. Of this number 1187 were women and 2526 were men.

In the other two groups, only 48, or 1.2%, were classified at \$12. In the professional classification at \$19 a month there were 292, or 7.2% of the total. Two hundred and twenty in the latter group were men and 72 women.

Mess operations provided employment for the greatest number - 1951 men and 452 women, a total of 1503, or more than 37% of the total number employed. Project maintenance was second with 357, and industrial work third with 334.

REDUCTION IN
FREIGHT RATES

The Transportation Division has been able to secure in some instances reductions or adjustments in freight rates. For example, a reduction from 27 cents per cwt. to 18 cents per cwt. on ice in carload lots has been secured for shipment from Chico, California, to the Tule Lake project. This ice is used in substantial quantities for the icing of out-bound shipments of vegetables and the reduction will reflect a substantial saving.

Because most of the projects are located in districts which have heretofore been very thinly populated, the rate structures of the various carriers have been unusually high to such territory. The additional tonnage which is now being furnished the carriers for transportation to the projects will be a substantial reason for many rate reductions on commodities which will be moving in volume.

A reduction has been secured on evacuee property from all territory adjacent to projects into the projects themselves. WRA has also been granted relaxed packing regulations.

Negotiations are now under way to get a reduced rate on shipments of old cans into the detinning plant in South San Francisco. This plant is the only one of its kind west of Chicago, and freight rates have greatly handicapped the shipment of cans. Some territories have now secured reduced rates, but so far, none has been granted from projects. The Transportation Division, however, expects that satisfactory rates will soon be allowed. Negotiations are also under way which, if successful, will eliminate the cost to WRA of hauling from Lone Pine to Manzanar.

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TRANSFER ORDERS ISSUED

Transfer Order No. 28 has been issued governing the movement of evacuees from Santa Anita Assembly Center to various projects. On October 27 250 will leave for Jerome, 200 for Rohwer, 150 for Granada, and 125 to Heart Mountain. On October 26, under Transfer Order No. 29, 250 will leave for Gila River, 100 for Colorado River, and 35 for Manzanar.

Weekend reports show the total population at the projects in this region to be 67,500: Tule Lake 14,474; Minidoka, 7597; Central Utah, 7790; Manzanar, 9030; Colorado River, 17,034; and Gila River, 11,575.

FROM PROJECT PAPERS

Poston Press Bulletin:

School library received 600 books from a New York high-school teacher..... Nursery schools and kindergartens have been combined in Unit III..... The Poston mortuary and crematorium was dismantled from its site near the hospital and is to be rebuilt in the warehouse area. Residents had complained of the location..... Four new trucks have been leased to the project at a very low rental by evacuees..... Sale of soft drinks at the Canteen was stopped until an investigation could be made of the possibility that soda water was contaminated..... Tofu manufacturing equipment arrived for Unit III.

Tulean Dispatch:

Members of the Sacramento JACL chapter took to initiative in organizing a united citizens' league in Tule Lake..... Paving of the third factory floor was under way last week..... A fire alarm system is soon to be installed to connect fire boxes with the fire stations. The hospital now has a sprinkler system to fight fires..... Community Council has approved the building of a motion picture house for first-run American pictures, newsreels, and Japanese shows.

Topaz Times:

Project engineers are now surveying the boundaries of the center, which will be marked by a standard highway fence. Boundaries of the project area will be marked by a series of signs..... A shortage of bedding equipment was relieved with the receiving of emergency supplies from the CCC..... Lack of materials and skilled carpenters held back the work of partitioning apartments to ease the housing situation..... Schools are scheduled to begin today. The high school will have about 35 teachers, of whom one-fifth will be nisei.

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Manzanar Free Press:

Shoyu factory was reported all ready for production.....Carloads of ceramic equipment sent up from the Los Angeles branch of the NYA arrived.....Lack of cement has held up construction on the garment factory building.....Part-time work is being offered citizens on the camouflage net project.....The long-awaited outdoor theater has been opened.

Minidoka Irrigator:

The project garage, formerly in Eden, has now moved into the administration area.....Hospital received 300 radiators.....Rye has been planted to help the dust situation.....A mild epidemic of intestinal flu kept the hospital busy.....Six issei and one nisei were elected to the community council planning board.

