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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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EVACUEE PROPERTY
TO BE STORED

All commercial property, other than the household goods and personal effects received for storage by the Federal Reserve Bank and now under WRA jurisdiction, will be stored in permanent warehouses to be established by the Authority at key points. It will not be shipped to the projects unless the Project Director advises that it can be received and disposed of. Even in this case, shipments will be made only in carload lots.

As rapidly as conditions warrant, WRA will assume jurisdiction over evacuee property stored in Japanese churches, halls, and similar places. Property not shipped to the projects will be held in the permanent warehouses for further disposition. The Transportation Division will inventory all the property and keep the records as part of their permanent file.

The provisions of Bulletin 21, outlining the policy for the shipment of household goods and personal effects, will be carried out as rapidly as possible. However, if facilities for receiving such shipments are not adequate at the projects, they will be held until the projects can accommodate them.

Property now in private storage may be shipped directly to the project if the evacuee wishes to pay the cost of transportation.

QUARTERLY REPORT MAILED

The quarterly report of the San Francisco Regional Office for the period of July 1, 1942 through September 30, 1942 was forwarded to the Washington office today. This will be incorporated into the official report for the Authority as a whole which must be made quarterly to Congress.

GOVERNMENT WILL
SHIP EMPLOYEES' GOODS

The household goods of employees transferred to WRA from other government agencies will be shipped to them at government expense. Actual shipment

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must begin within six months of the effective date of transfer unless an extension of time has been granted prior to the expiration of the six-month period. In any case shipment must be within two years.

No arrangement can be made for reimbursing those who have shipped their goods at their own expense.

RAILROAD REQUESTS

EVACUEE LABOR

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has placed a request with the Employment Division for from 400 to 500 evacuees to work on their lines east of the Cascades. Military clearance is being awaited. If this is granted, it is possible that other railroads will also make use of evacuee labor.

At the present time fall recruiting in this region has resulted in 5486 evacuees leaving the projects on furlough to work in the fields. This does not include commuters. Another movement is scheduled for tomorrow - 30 evacuees to leave Tule Lake for Malheur County, Oregon, and seven to leave Colorado River to pick cotton near Glendale, Arizona.

Of the 5486 workers who are out, 876 are from Tule Lake; 802 from Colorado River; 1899 from Minidoka; 1019 from Manzanar; 541 from Central Utah; and 11 from Gila River. (The cotton-pickers at Gila River are "commuters.") The most recent report from the Denver region shows that 2868 evacuees have left the Heart Mountain and Granada projects. An Associated Press story of October 11 stated that at that time a total of 969 evacuees from Granada were working in Colorado and Nebraska.

An evacuee, writing from Utah where he is working in the beet fields, says: "After these past weeks of very hard labor and rugged life, it can be said that many of us, including I, have and are truly enjoying the great privilege of returning to American civilian life. Liberty takes on an infinitely added value to us who have been deprived of it even for a few months. Although financial compensation has been very small, we are contented with our liberty and are comforted with the thought that we are aiding in the American war effort."

MODEL APARTMENT DESIGNED FOR EVACUEES

At Minidoka designs have been made for a model evacuee apartment for a family of three. Two specifications were set up: all materials called for must be available on the project to all residents; all tools needed for the remodeling must also be available on the project to all residents. Designed by an evacuee who has had a great deal of experience in architecture and low-cost housing, the model room is now under construction in the carpenter's shop.

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By the ingenious use of hinged and telescoping furniture, built-ins and dual purpose construction, he provided storage room and saved space without sacrificing comfort.

PROJECT REPORTS

Recent project reports received in the regional office include the condensed text of a talk on "The History of the Japanese in America," which was presented before the Manzanar teaching staff at their first seminar, on September 22.

A report on public relations from Minidoka concludes: "While prejudices against the Japanese evacuees living in the Minidoka center and working in various localities in the state will probably continue to some extent, an anal ysis of the situation to date indicates that much of the original blind antagonism toward the evacuees has abated as the facts about their loyalty to the United States, the large proportion of their citizenship, the quality of their work, their resemblance to ordinary Americans, and the WRA program became known. It is exepcted that this trend should continue."

The history of self-government in Poston is the subject of a report from the Colorado River project. Temporary community councils have been elected in all three units, and they are now preparing for the establishment of a permanent system of self-government.

PROPERTY DIVISION HANDLES UNIQUE CASE

The Evacuee Property Division has cases that involve large sums of money, fine technicalities, and many complications. But no problem involving the protection of evacuee investments or property is ignored, no matter how small. There is the case of the Sport Coat, for example.

An evacuee has paid twenty-seven weekly installments of one dollar on a \$49 contract to have a suit tailored. Following the evacuation he was unable to keep up his payments and asked the Property Division to get him a refund of his money or the suit. Correspondence followed. The tailor regretted that he was unable to refund the money or to make the suit unless the balance of the contract was paid. However, in view of the peculiar circumstances, he would instead make the evacuee a sport coat. With the WRA as intermediary, fabric samples were sent to the evacuee, his measurements sent to the tailor. His investment is saved.

The Property Division is not soliciting this type of business!

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"ROUNDUP" A WEEKLY

From now on, the Information Roundup will be issued only once a week, on Friday. With the Initial phase of the WRA program completed, there is no longer the same need for a more frequent information summary.

