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INFORMATION ROUNDUP

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

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CLOTHING CONFERENCE

A one-day conference was held in the regional office on November 3 at which Miss Selene Gifford, head of the Welfare Section in Washington, explained the procedures for putting into effect Supplements 2 and 3 of Administrative Instruction No. 27, relating to clothing allowances.

Under the new procedure clothing allowances will be paid in cash to the head of the family, for himself and for all dependents in the family who are not employed or receiving unemployment compensation. Members who are employed or receiving unemployment compensation shall receive their clothing allowances as individuals.

A basic family card, Form WRA-95, will be prepared for the family and maintained in the Welfare Section at each project. Postings will be made to this card as the composition of the family changes by births, deaths, marriages, or removals from the project.

A decision has come from Washington that no cash deductions authorized under Supplement 2 of Instruction 27 need be made for any surplus army clothing issued, either to evacuee workers or non-workers, prior to October 21. The only deduction which must be made from the initial clothing allowance paid under Supplement 2 will be the amounts paid as part of a general program of scrip or cash clothing allowances initiated before October 21. Individual grants of cash to workers in lieu of surplus clothing need not be deducted but are to be classified as public assistance grants.

MORE COLLEGES
APPROVED BY ARMY

Twenty-six additional colleges and universities have been approved by the Army for student relocation, bringing the total to 284. Included in the list are the Art Institute of Chicago, the Art Students' League, New York, Barnard College, Bennington College, Butler University, Temple University, the Garrett Biblical Institute, and the Traphagen School of Fashion in New York. The Agricultural College of the University of Minnesota was cleared, but not the University itself. Since the two campuses are so closely related, the president says that he would prefer not to accept evacuee students in the Agricultural College.

At this time 2140 applications for student relocation have been received, of which 340 have been granted permits. About 300 students are now actually in school. An additional 250 were accepted by colleges, but for one reason or

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another were unable to go.

There are now ten approved colleges in the Western Defense Command area - three in Washington, including Washington State; two in Utah, Brigham Young and the University of Utah; two in Idaho; and one in Montana.

About 120 colleges and universities in addition to those approved are favorable to accepting students of Japanese ancestry. A letter is going out to project directors which will list all the colleges and universities now approved.

RAILROADS TO USE
EVACUEE LABOR

Final arrangements are being made with the Great Northern, Northern Pacific, and Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul railroads to recruit track and other laborers among evacuees. It is estimated that the first two companies named will use about 350 men each. The Milwaukee road has not stated how many it will need, but an initial crew of 15 to 20 will be recruited for work in the roundhouse.

Recruitment will begin among those now in private employment in Montana, although Idaho, Utah, and Oregon may follow.

REPORT ON EVACUATION

Carey McWilliams, head of the Division of Immigration and Housing of the California Department of Industrial Relations and author of "Factories in the Field," has submitted a 15,000-word report on the evacuation and relocation program to the Institute of Pacific Relations. Mr. McWilliams spent three days in the regional office gathering material for the report.

ARMY TO SERVICE
PROJECT VEHICLES

The Service of Supply Division has made arrangements through the Ordnance Office, Ninth Service Command, for servicing and supplying tires, tubes, and motor parts for army vehicles assigned to WRA projects.

The Camp Roberts Motor Transport District will service vehicles from Manzanar; the Phoenix district, Colorado River and Gila River; the Presidio of San Francisco, Tule Lake; Fort Douglas, Central Utah; and the Boise Motor Repair Shop, Minidoka.

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BEEET WORKERS RETURN

The first large group of evacuees who have been working in the beet fields has returned to the project from which it was recruited. Fifty men who had been employed by the American Crystal Sugar Company in Missoula returned yesterday to Tule Lake. The flow of evacuees from the harvest fields back to the projects will be fairly steady from now on.

ELIGIBILITY FOR
BENEFITS CONSIDERED

Evacuees employed by WRA and who are eligible to receive federal old age and survivors insurance benefits do not lose that eligibility when employed by a federal agency and receiving compensation therefrom. This does not, however, necessarily apply to evacuees employed directly by consumer enterprises. The Solicitor's Office is now considering the question of social security and other taxes as applied to consumer enterprises.

A resident of a relocation center regardless of his citizenship, is eligible to receive at the age of 65 a monthly check under the old age and survivors insurance program, providing he has had sufficient employment at jobs covered by the Social Security Act. On those jobs the worker pays one per cent of his wage or salary and the employer pays an equal amount. Payment, however, is not made in any month in which he works at a job covered by the law and earns \$15 or more.

DEMURRER FILED

A demurrer was filed last Friday on behalf of Tito Okomoto who had left Phillips County, Montana, in violation of a restrictive order and was arrested in Chicago. By filing a demurrer, the defendant admitted the act but denied that it was an offense, thus questioning the constitutionality of the restrictive order.

The judge has allowed the attorney for the defendant 20 days in which to file a brief and the government 20 more days in which to answer it. James A. McLaughlin, Assistant Solicitor, will go to Butte to consult with the U.S. Attorney there. Mr. McLaughlin spent several days in the regional office and has now gone to Tule Lake. From there he plans to visit Minidoka before going on to Montana.

POPULATION: 69,140

Population of the projects in this region is now 69,140: Central Utah, 7694; Gila River, 13,237; Manzanar, 9099; Minidoka, 7573; Colorado River, 17,092; and Tule Lake, 14,445.

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All assembly centers have now been cleared, and the last contingent of evacuees arrived at Jerome on November 3.

HARVEST AT GILA

Harvest has been in progress at Gila River during the past month with the production of vegetables for the project mess halls. The number of crates were: 150 of cucumbers; 147 of spinach; 24 of peas; 99 of swiss chard; 159 of turnips; 767 of radishes; 601 of summer squash; 813 of Italian squash. Shipments to Colorado River will begin next week.

During the last ten days of October 11 carloads of vegetables were shipped from Tule Lake to other projects and 9 carloads sold to the open market. In addition, two carloads were supplied to the Tule Lake mess halls.

Daily harvest of potatoes and other vegetables is continuing, and a large supply is being placed in storage for use during the winter months.

PROJECT REPORTS

Colorado River Judicial Commission: A description of the Commission, its functions and brief biographies of the Commissioners. During the period from August 31 to October 24, 32 convictions were recorded out of 39 cases. Most of these were traffic violations. Only two or three cases have had jail sentences imposed, the majority of guilty offenders having been warned by the court and released on probation.

Recreational Activities at Minidoka: In spite of the lack of funds, equipment, and halls for large gatherings, the recreation program is developing. The exodus of many young men to the beet fields has curtailed many activities, particularly sports and dances. There is an increase in activities for women. The issei are finding pleasure in being able to resume programs of Japanese entertainment, but the nisei are doing little on a large scale. The lack of playing fields and equipment has been a serious handicap, and with cold weather, sports will be even further restricted.

Central Utah Weekly Report, October 23: A detailed progress report covering the activities of each division during the previous week. The lack of supplies and equipment is evident in almost every section. Schools opened, but classes were restricted to afternoons because of inadequate heating facilities. A critical problem was that of obtaining an adequate teaching staff.

About one-third of the evacuee quarters had been winterized and volunteer crews had enlisted to speed up the work. Construction of a coalloading dock in Delta was begun. Progress was made in plans for hog and poultry ranches. About 60

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acres had been plowed for fall seeding. Anticipated coal deliveries had not arrived and emergency purchases had to be made.

Inyo County's Biggest Boarding House - Manzanar: A description of the problems involved in feeding the project's residents. Early labor difficulties having been virtually eliminated, the mess division has become a smoothly functioning organization. Differences in menus and food preparation mark certain mess halls as more popular than others, which sometimes creates quite a problem. Great care is taken to see that distribution of supplies is equitable.

Mess, Tule Lake: A very detailed and comprehensive report on all phases of the mess situation at Tule Lake, the problem of food supply, the physical setup, suggested improvements, food likes and dislikes, and other food problems. Special kitchens, garbage disposal, and recipes for Japanese foods are all taken up; also, the variation in menus, issei chefs with 65% of the colonists preferring American-style food, and the shortages due to transportation.

Tule Lake: A miscellaneous report including an analysis of the purchase of publications, the reactions of threemiseis to a pamphlet in the Japanese language by Bradford Smith, figures showing the numbers who have left for outside work and where they have gone, and the names and destinations of relocated students.

News Notes from Project Papers

TULEAN DISPATCH:

Residents voted "no" on building of a theater - 6356 to 2383.....Fleet of 51 trucks expected on project. Convoys will be driven by evacuees escorted by members of the transportation Division.....City charter completed and accepted by temporary Council on October 20.....Elementary schools named "Washington," "Lincoln", and "Rin Rock".....

By-laws governing the operation of the cooperative organization have been drafted and submitted to the Board of Incorporators for approval.....Sheet rock insulation of quarters expected to be completed before end of October.....Furniture factory reopened Oct. 26 under new supervision.....High school students doing farm work through end of month.....Breakfasts on Sunday may be at 8:00 instead of 7:00.

Harvest Festival on October 31 included Mardi Gras parade, athletic contests, shows, raffles, concessions, masquerade, cabaret show, which was to have a ward to ward tour after the festival.

MINIDOKA IRRIGATOR:

First movies were shown October 12.....Library of Japanese books and periodicals planned. Residents have been asked to contribute books from their private

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libraries.....Installation of 300 steam radiators in the hospital has been completed.....First step in organization of the Consumers' Cooperative came with election of a seven-man planning board.....A seven-man Fair Practice Board was selected.....

Eight watch towers to serve as lookouts and not to control egress or ingress to the project are being constructed in strategic locations.....Installation of the Hospital's X-ray machine has been completed.....Some measure of relief of the labor shortage was indicated with the possibility that a number of evacuees now working in the beet fields may become residents. These would be persons recruited from assembly centers which have moved to other regions.....A bus purchased by Community Enterprises is expected to make regular runs in the center. It will be on an experimental basis to determine the need and demand for such a system.

MANZANAR FREE PRESS:

Clearing of an additional 150 acres for farm production has begun.....Insulation of evacuee barracks is nearing completion.....New mail order service operated by Community Enterprises opened on October 19. It features a 4% saving on catalogue prices to the customers besides saving on postal and money order fees. An additional 6% reduction paid by the company to the Co-op will be retained until deductions of running expenses are made. Extra profits will be turned into the funds of the Enterprises and be distributed with the quarterly rebates.

Morning and afternoon classes started for men on the police force. A basic course including writing police reports, description of persons, description of property, criminal law, laws of arrest, and other police methods will be given... First meeting of the Fair Practice Committee Oct. 26.....Adult Education Division has begun classes for college graduates on the various aspects of guayule. Each student will do research concerned with guayule in his particular field.

TOPAZ TIMES:

Manufacture of adobe bricks for the construction of poultry houses has begun. An excellent source of clay has been discovered in the region.....A temporary executive board and committees have been established for the operation of Consumer Enterprises pending permanent organization.....Vol. I, No. 1 appeared on October 27 with about the same makeup as the pre-issues. It will appear daily from Tuesday through Saturday.....The Community Council met October 26 to discuss the project labor shortage.....A nursery for the propagation of vegetables and landscape plants is expected to be in operation by the end of November.

GILA NEWS-COURIER:

Transportation service between Butte and Canal Camps was inaugurated on October 15 for those on business.....First session of the adult Education program was

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held on October 21.....Plans have been made for the housing of 15,000 laying hens to supply the project with eggs....6000head of cattle are being grazed between the two camps. Privately owned, they are to be cared for by the evacuees and the project will be paid between four and six cents per head a day.....

Camouflage net factory started operations on October 21. One garnishing shed had been completed. Four others and a warehouse were nearing completion. Mass recruiting of workers is being held up until technical details of the project are worked out.....A three-day fair in Canal Camp opened on October 25..... Electricity in blocks 32, 33, and 36 of Butte Camp was promised by October 30... A shoe and dry goods store opened in Canal Camp on October 24.....Linoleum is on hand for all Canal Camp floors and has been ordered for Butte.

POSTON PRESS BULLETIN:

A First Aid Instructors' Course was given at Units 2 and 3.....Attendance at the Poston County Fair attracted about 16,000 persons in the three days, with 8,000 on one day alone. On the first two days, a profit of between \$1000 and \$1500 was shown, to be divided among the Recreation Units.....All project supplies and equipment will be pro-rated on a 2-1-1 ration among the three units.....1000 young grape stalks arrived to start Poston's vineyard.....

The Health Department will inspect all foods assigned to the kitchens and all perishable goods for the canteens.....symphony orchestra is planned which, it is hoped, may have 75 pieces.....An earthquake was felt on October 21..... The Nursery and Landscape Division has distributed 50 lbs. of rye grass seed to each block.....A representative of M-G-M visited the project to discuss the possibilities of presenting the latest releases of the studio at the project... The Bulletin published a special 26 page issue on the occasion of the County Fair. It not only gave the detailed program for the fair, but reviewed the progress of the project in every division.
