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TULE LAKE POLICY

Broad policies which will govern operation of the Tule Lake Segregation Center have been developed by a committee in the Washington office, including Project Director Ray Best, and have been approved by Director Myer. These are as follows:

Alien residents will be treated as internees under the terms of the Geneva Convention and will have the privilege of presenting grievances to the Spanish Embassy; citizen segregants will have the redress ordinarily available to citizens of the United States. While there will be no Community Council at Tule Lake, a representative committee of residents will be established to consult with the Project Director on problems of center administration and the maintenance of law and order.

The internal security of the center will be the responsibility of WRA, while the Army will continue to patrol the external boundaries of the center. In addition, a special compound within the center will be established for housing any evacuees whose activities are detrimental to the welfare and peace of the project. This area will be guarded by military police.

American-type elementary and high schools will be provided at Government expense; other types of schools desired by evacuees will be permitted at their own expense. Japanese social and cultural activities will be allowed without expense to WRA, but political demonstrations will not be permitted. American-type community activities will be encouraged for evacuees interested in such programs.

Employment will be on a voluntary basis at prevailing WRA wage rates. Clothing allowances and grants will be provided for as in other centers. Agricultural and industrial programs will also be provided; production will be limited to foodstuffs and industrial products needed for use at the center.

Segregants desiring to appeal their cases may do so before an appeals board to be established. (See INFORMATION DIGEST, January 1, 1944). No short term leave will be granted except in case of emergency. Visitors to the project will be discouraged as much as possible.

A project newspaper will be provided if so desired, both in Japanese and English; the paper will be closely monitored by the project Reports Officer. First class mail, with the exception of mail to and from persons isolated in the special compound, will not be censored. The censoring of all other mail and packages will be the responsibility of the Army. Telephone calls will be limited to emergency calls, will be conducted in English, and will be monitored and recorded. All telegrams from the center will be in English.

RELOCATION TEAM TO VISIT SEVEN CENTERS

During the next two months, the relocation team which recently visited Rohwer is scheduled to visit seven other centers. The first visit will begin on January 17, when the team is due to arrive at Jerome. Headed by Harold Fistere, Cleveland Relocation Supervisor, team members will include Elmer Shirrell, Chicago Relocation Supervisor, Dr. P. A. Webber, Salt Lake City office, and Abe Fischler, Washington Reports Division. Miss Gretchen VanTassel, also of the Washington Reports Division, will accompany the group to Jerome.

The team has been invited by project officials and evacuee leaders to visit Granada, Heart Mountain, Minidoka, Central Utah, Gila River, and Colorado River as well as Jerome. Team members will remain at each project four days during which time they will hold a series of meetings with evacuee groups and leaders. Individual conferences will also be arranged with center residents regarding particular relocation possibilities. Meetings will be highlighted by the WRA-produced movies, as well as other pictorial and visual display materials.

Preceding the team by several days will be Oscar Buttedahl, Reports Division in Washington and Leo T. Simmons, St. Louis Relocation Officer who will assist the project staff in arranging meetings and providing informational material on the team's visit.

Coincidental with the team's visit, or immediately following their departure, two field visitors will spend two weeks at each project, during which time they will work with the project relocation program officers and with individuals interested in relocation. This group will include Relocation Supervisors Robert Cullum, New York; Roger F. Clapp, Boston; Vernon Kennedy, Kansas City; and Relocation Officers Harold Mann, Minneapolis; Walter Parmeter, Omaha; and Milton C. Geuther, Peoria.

Still another phase of the relocation effort will be the detailing of eight relocation officers who will spend a month at a project, working with project officials and familiarizing themselves with relocation problems from a project standpoint. The group will include: Raymond Booth, Cincinnati, who will be assigned to Heart Mountain; Henry Patterson, Philadelphia, who will be at Granada; Elmer Isaksen, Fargo, N. D. assigned to Gila River; Kendall Smith, Rockford, Illinois, who will stay at Jerome; and Misses Laverne Madigan and Priscilla Ayers, both of the New York office, who will be detailed to Rohwer and Topaz respectively. Edward Berman, Tocatello, Idaho, and Murray E. Stebbins, Havre, Montana, will be at Minidoka and Poston respectively for two months, beginning in March.

DIRECTOR VISITS NEW YORK, WEST COAST.

Director Dillon S. Myer, on January 11, addressed the Home Missions Council of North America, meeting in New York City. His subsequent schedule would take him to San Francisco for a meeting of property offices, and to Los Angeles, where on January 21 he is scheduled as guest speaker of the Los Angeles Town Hall.

SPANISH CONSULS VISIT ALL PROJECTS.

Consular representatives of the Spanish government visited all the relocation centers and Tule Lake Segregation Center during the month of

December to investigate treatment of Japanese nationals. Reports on findings of the investigations, made by the Spanish as Protecting Power for the Japanese presumably will be submitted to the Japanese government.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SUMMARY

The over-all WRA construction program was approximately 60 percent completed at the close of the 1943 fiscal year, according to C. H. Powers, Head of the Construction and Maintenance Section. Changes and deviations from the original program were made and will continue to be made as WRA policies and programs are revised. The increasing number of evacuees going out on relocation will be the most important factor in the construction program for 1944. As relocation grows, the need for certain projects now planned may be eliminated, thereby lowering the estimated expenditures for 1944.

With an increasing number of skilled workmen leaving the centers, it became more difficult to recruit and employ evacuee workers, which caused some loss of time in completing projects. It is estimated that all projects now scheduled will be completed by the end of the 1944 calendar year.

Shown below are summaries of the cost of construction by centers and by primary types of building.

COST OF BUILDING BY PRIMARY TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION

<u>Classification</u>	Est. Cost Total Construction to <u>6/30/44</u>	Est. Cost Work Accomplished to <u>12/31/43</u>
Schools	\$1,662,004	\$1,315,066
Staff Housing	1,187,795	1,000,560
Administrative Projects	312,065	138,051
Community Projects	914,961	452,801
Agricultural Projects	1,382,525	834,468
Irrigation & Drainage	1,431,158	964,097
Roads & Bridges	1,120,263	515,555
Utilities	172,761	67,355

COST OF CONSTRUCTION BY CENTERS

Center	Est. Cost Total Construction to 6/30/44	Est. Cost Work Accomplished to 12/31/43	Est. Cost to Complete Present Program
Central Utah	394,637	249,556	145,081
Colorado River	2,922,298	1,926,448	995,850
Gila River	902,359	536,770	365,589
Granada	461,070	382,172	78,898
Heart Mountain	603,229	470,380	105,790
Jerome	526,312	297,687	228,625
Leupp	15,000	15,000	-----
Manzanar	264,976	222,181	42,795
Minidoka	529,035	304,500	224,535
Rohwer	427,973	224,674	203,299
Tule Lake	1,151,663	673,585	478,078
	8,198,552	5,302,953	2,868,540

NISEI ENROLLMENT IN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Methods of obtaining the necessary clearance for enrollment of Japanese American students in colleges and universities have been greatly facilitated under the terms of a directive issued by the War Department in Washington. The new directive places responsibility for security measures at plants and educational facilities important to the war effort with the Provost Marshal General's Office. The directive further provides that Japanese American students may be permitted to attend such schools upon approval by the PMCO.

Arrangements have been worked out whereby the National Japanese American Student Relocation Council (SRC) will undertake much of the detailed work incident to securing school acceptance and completion of papers necessary for the investigation by the PMGO. The records of only those students who have already been accepted by a college or university will be forwarded by the SRC to the PMGO for investigation.

The need for clearing individual schools with military authorities has also been eliminated. The plan provides that all schools not conducting classified military activities shall automatically be placed in the approved category. Students in relocation centers accepted by schools on the approved

list will be subject only to WRA leave procedures; those accepted by schools important to the war effort will also undergo the PMGO investigation. Students already attending schools having classified activities will be permitted to remain in school pending investigation.

The SRC originally planned to dissolve the organization sometime in March. The group has, however, agreed to continue indefinitely as a result of requests from WRA and others and the need for assisting the PMGO in clearance of students.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES PROFITS PASS MILLION MARK

Business Enterprises at all ten centers had netted a profit of \$1,020,830.49 at the close of the third quarter of 1943, according to Gerald Richardson, Head of the Business Enterprises Section. All project business enterprises are in sound financial condition and continue to show a good profit. From a purely business standpoint, the 16 enterprises at Jerome are in the best financial condition of any project co-ops. Tule Lake, which has the lowest ratio of current assets to current liabilities, is nevertheless in good financial shape. The low ratio of 1.95 to 1 is simply due to the equity payments made to persons transferring out of the center during segregation.

Shown below is a comparative study of profits and sales from the beginning of business to September 30, 1943:

SALES AND NET EARNINGS OF BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

to Sept. 30, 1943

PROJECT	No. of Stores	Sales from Beginning of Business to Sept. 30, 1943	Net Earnings from Beginning of Business to Sept 30, 1943	Ratio of Current Assets to Current Liabilities
Gila River	16	\$1,034,486.75	\$143,751.10	3.00 to 1
Ht. Mountain	16	842,645.65	122,902.06	2.60 to 1
Central Utah	14	390,159.73	77,227.83	2.59 to 1
Jerome	16	469,944.33	86,446.27	4.15 to 1
Poston	28	1,321,813.39	145,038.94	3.30 to 1
Tule Lake	15	1,722,165.23	159,437.16	1.95 to 1
Rohwer	9	296,265.17	48,203.60	2.21 to 1
Manzanar	11	1,018,984.20	114,116.70	3.08 to 1
Minidoka	14	690,319.81	79,633.10	2.90 to 1
Granada	11	396,880.65	44,081.73	2.45 to 1
TOTALS	150	\$8,183,664.91	\$1,020,830.49	

VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRESS

The vocational training program has been substantially strengthened with the recent creation of a position as vocational training supervisor to each project staff, excepting Tule Lake. In addition, each center will

have an auto mechanics teacher and funds for equipping an auto mechanics shop.

Under the supervised apprenticeship program established in October, 193 persons were actually at work as of December 15. The supervised apprenticeship program is a "learn by doing" plan providing actual work experience for students.

At present, 293 men and women are taking trade courses in eight different fields exclusive of stenographic and typing classes; two-thirds of these adults are receiving instruction in State-supported courses. In the high schools, nearly 2900 boys and girls are enrolled in training courses in eight fields, with other courses planned or about to open.

WRA PHOTOGRAPHERS TO VISIT RELOCATION AREAS

WRA photographers Tom Parker and Charles Pace will spend several weeks in the New York and Chicago areas beginning January 17, taking pictures of relocated evacuees and their families.

They will concentrate on those features of successful family relocation which are believed to be of the most interest to evacuees planning to relocate, such as employment opportunities, community life and welfare, schools, housing, and recreational facilities.

INDEFINITE AND SEASONAL LEAVES

Following is a summary of the number of evacuees out on indefinite leave for the weeks ending December 4 to December 25.

<u>Week Ending</u>	<u>Number on Indefinite Leave</u>	<u>Total Number Out as of End of Week</u>
December 4	211	16,501
December 11	233	16,734
December 18	103	16,841
December 25	21	16,855

Shown below is a tabulation of the number of evacuees away from the centers on seasonal leave during the same period. The minus figures indicate that more persons returned from seasonal leave during one week than those who left the centers during the same week:

<u>Week Ending</u>	<u>Net Movements on Seasonal Leave</u>	<u>Total Number Out as of End of Week</u>
December 4	-488	4094
December 11	-422	3672
December 18	-307	3231
December 25	-249	2921

PERSONNEL CHANGES

The following persons have been assigned to Tule Lake on detail from the Washington Office:

John Clear, who will be acting Assistant Project Director in charge of Administrative Management.

Morris Seltzer, to serve as Procurement Officer at the project.

Allen Markley, of the Washington Reports Division, will be transferred to Tule Lake as Project Reports Officer.

Arthur Muir, Washington Finance Officer, has been transferred to Tule Lake as Finance Officer.

Guy Hanner, Hospital Administrator at Granada, has been detailed to the Health Section in Washington.

The following Relocation Officers have been detailed to Washington to work on leave clearance cases now pending: (See INFORMATION DIGEST, January 1, 1944.)

Harold Routh, Grand Junction, Colorado; C. Fred Lane, Scottsbluff, Nebraska; Emery Fast, Belle Fourche, So. Dakota; Herbert Keno, Indianapolis, Indiana; Henry Harris, Salt Lake City; and Cecil Morgan, Sterling, Colorado.

Angus Acree has joined the staff of the Reports Division in Washington.

PROCEDURAL ISSUANCES

The following procedures have been approved since December 15, 1943.

HANDBOOK RELEASES

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date of approval</u>
45	Personnel Management -- Within Grade Promotions	12-11-43
46	Revisions to Agriculture Handbook	12-22-43
47	Revisions to Finance Handbook	1-1-44
48	Personnel Management -- Classification	12-18-43
49	Part of Vocational Training Handbook	12-29-43
50	Revisions to Agriculture Handbook	1-8-44
51	Revisions to Finance Handbook	1-1-44
52	Revisions to Leave Handbook	1-7-44
53	Personnel Management -- Introduction, Leave, etc.	1-1-44
54	Personnel Management -- Placement	12-16-43
55	Personnel Management -- Transactions	12-18-43
56	Exhibit 10 for Supply Handbook	1-8-44
57	Priorities	1-6-44
58	Part of Vocational Training Handbook	1-8-44
59	Project Employment	1-8-44

MANUAL RELEASES

44	Welfare	12-16-43
45	Fire Protection	12-14-43
46	Education	1-1-44
47	Engineering	1-1-44
48	Community Activities	1-3-44
49	Persons Institutionalized in Evacuated Area	12-29-43
50	Travel	1-5-44