

# IT'S ARKANSAS!

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## MOVEMENT TO JEROME WILL BEGIN OCTOBER 14

### FACTS ON NEW HOME REVEALED

Jerome Relocation Center in the southeastern portion of Arkansas is located on the boundary line of Drew-Chicot counties and is 25 miles southwest of the Rohwer Relocation Center in which Santa Anita and Stockton evacuees will be housed.

This tract in the famous Beauf--Mississippi River basin comprises approximately 12,000 acres of which 1,500 acres are now in cultivation and 10,500 acres under tentative plans to be drained.

#### RESIDENTS FACE HUGE TASK

The pioneers of 1942 must face the huge task of converting thousands of acres of heavily wooded lowland into fields of growing crops.

The relocation site is, for the most part, covered with hardwood forests and are lowlands that will need some drainage to make them farmable.

Contrary to reports, the tracts are excellent bottom soil and are neither marshy nor unhealthy. They are not infested with malaria, mosquitos and snakes.

When the water is drained, which is not a difficult task---the result will be the rich, dark

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### ADVANCE CREW TO ENTRAIN FOR LOW LANDS OCTOBER 2

Confirming wide-spread rumors prevalent in the Center, the Advisory Council announced that pursuant to Transfer No. 25, released by the Western Defense and Fourth Army Command, the Fresno Assembly Center will relocate to the Jerome War Relocation Center commencing with the advance detachment departure on October 2.

The regular block movements will begin with the A Section on October 14 and continue until October 30.

The embarkations will be on alternate days until the relocation is completed. It is estimated that the trip will require four days and four nights to the center now reaching completion in the low areas bordering the Mississippi River in Southeastern Arkansas.

Arrangements are being made in order that all groups will leave the Center at 3 p.m. on the day of departure and the evening meal will be served on the train. Each block will select its own monitors and train captains.

Families with tubercular members will probably be sent to Arizona to take advantage of the dry climate of the region. This will include suspected, active, and rest cases.

Freight shipments of personal property now possessed by residents in the Center will be shipped some four or five days before the block movement in order that the goods will reach the Center previous

to the arrival of the owner.

Baggage to be taken on the passenger trains should be only such effects that will be needed during the first three or four days after the destination is reached. No lumber and a minimum of foodstuffs will be shipped to the Relocation Area.

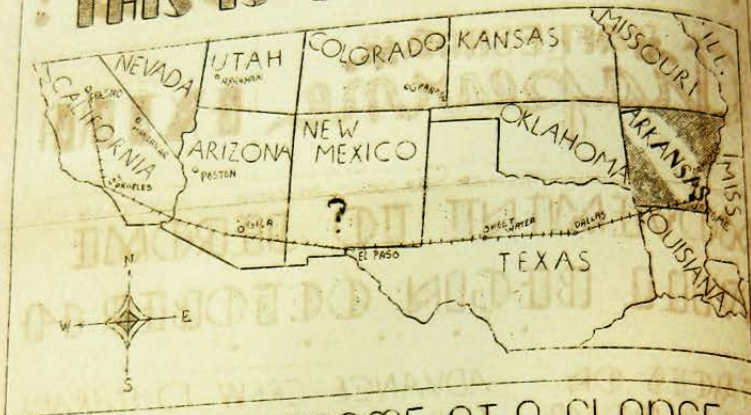
All information as to block movements will emanate from the Advisory Council which will meet daily to study the problems with Pulliam and the administrative staff.

#### RESIDENTS ARE WARNED

Residents are warned that wooden boxes will be restricted to a minimum number and the remaining boxes may be left in storage. C. H. Merrill, Works Division Director, states that a proportionate number of boxes will be distributed to each family.

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# THIS IS HOW WE GO



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farmland that has made the productive ability of the Mississippi delta, world famous.

The evacuees will be housed in barracks similar to those of the Fresno Assembly Center. Barracks will be approximately 25 x 100 feet and will be divided into four separate family units to accommodate four families---about 25 persons.

### STEAM HEAT TO BE USED

Steam heat will be used. Water supply for the Center here will be supplied by deep wells and a large reservoir tank has been constructed. Hospitals are being erected currently with high school and elementary school buildings being planned.

There will be 12 barracks to each block and each section will house approximately 48 families. The barracks are of strong frame construction.

A recreation hall will be erected in each block-section. Most of the barracks are constructed now and the facilities and living quarters for the evacuees will be adequate but not luxurious.

## JEROME AT A GLANCE

Jerome, Arkansas, our wartime home for the duration...

- Is 2000 miles or better from this Center.
- Is 125 miles as the crow flies southeast of Little Rock, Arkansas the state capitol.
- Is 25 miles from the Rohwer Relocation Center, the wartime home of the Stockton and part of the Santa Anita Centers.
- Has an average of 61 inches of rainfall annually.
- Has an elevation of from sea level to 150 feet above sea level.
- Has long, warm, wet summers and mild but rainy winters.
- Has seven times the humidity of this valley.
- Has an average of 230 growing days annually.
- Has an average January temperature of 45 degrees.
- Has an average July temperature of 83 degrees.

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