

**Headquarters  
Western Defense Command  
and Fourth Army**

**Presidio of San Francisco, California  
May 7, 1942**

**Civilian Exclusion Order No. 51**

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Proclamations Nos. 1 and 2, this Headquarters, dated March 2, 1942, and March 16, 1942, respectively, it is hereby ordered that from and after 12 o'clock noon, P.W.T., of Wednesday, May 13, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, be excluded from that portion of Military Area No. 1 described as follows:

The County of Merced, State of California, and that portion of the County of Mariposa, State of California, lying southerly and westerly of the following roads: State Highway No. 49 from Auburn to the town of Mariposa and the junction with, and also, the paved, improved and unimproved road running in a southerly direction from the town of Mariposa through Mormon Bar and Ben Hur to Raymond, such roads being the eastern boundary of Military Area No. 1.

2. A responsible member of each family, and each individual living alone, in the above described area will report between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Friday, May 8, 1942, or during the same hours on Saturday, May 9, 1942, to the Civil Control Station located at:

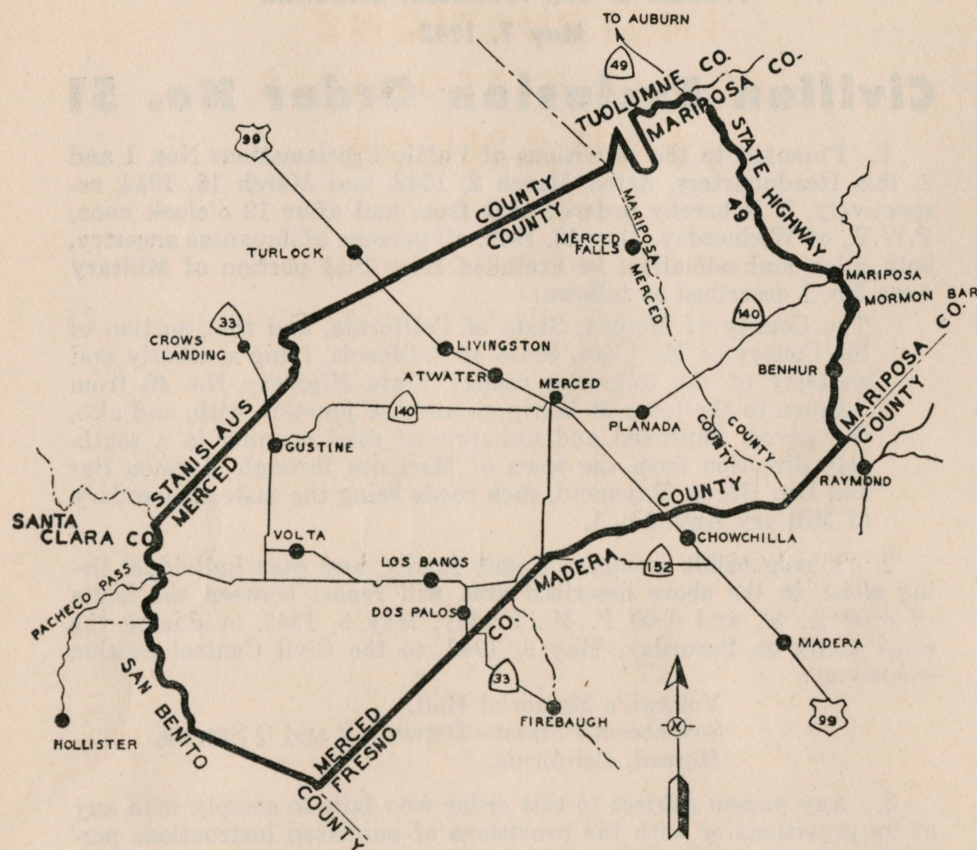
Veteran's Memorial Hall,  
Seventeenth Street—Between P and Q Streets,  
Merced, California.

3. Any person subject to this order who fails to comply with any of its provisions or with the provisions of published instructions pertaining hereto or who is found in the above area after 12 o'clock noon, P.W.T., of Wednesday, May 13, 1942, will be liable to the criminal penalties provided by Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, entitled "An Act to Provide a Penalty for Violation of Restrictions or Orders with Respect to Persons Entering, Remaining in, Leaving or Committing any Act in Military Areas or Zones," and alien Japanese will be subject to immediate apprehension and internment.

4. All persons within the bounds of an established Assembly Center pursuant to instructions from this Headquarters are excepted from the provisions of this order while those persons are in such Assembly Center.

**J. L. DEWITT  
Lieutenant General, U. S. Army  
Commanding**

**PROHIBITED AREA  
EXCLUSION ORDER No. 51  
WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY**



This Map is prepared for the convenience of the public; see the Civilian Exclusion Order for the full and correct description.

**WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION**

Presidio of San Francisco, California

**INSTRUCTIONS  
TO ALL PERSONS OF  
JAPANESE  
ANCESTRY**

**LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING AREA:**

The County of Merced, State of California, and that portion of the County of Mariposa, State of California, lying southerly and westerly of the following roads: State Highway No. 49 from Auburn to the town of Mariposa and the junction with, and also, the paved, improved and unimproved road running in a southerly direction from the town of Mariposa through Mormon Bar and Ben Hur to Raymond, such roads being the eastern boundary of Military Area No. 1.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 51, this Headquarters, dated May 7, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P.W.T., Wednesday, May 13, 1942.

No Japanese person living in the above area will be permitted to change residence after 12 o'clock noon, P.W.T., Thursday, May 7, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Northern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Veteran's Memorial Hall,  
Seventeenth Street—Between P and Q Streets,  
Merced, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency.

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.

4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

**THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS MUST BE OBSERVED:**

1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Friday, May 8, 1942, or between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Saturday, May 9, 1942.

2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:

- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
- (d) Sufficient knives, forks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;
- (e) Essential personal effects for each member of the family.

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.

4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.

5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.

6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center or will be authorized to travel by private automobile in a supervised group. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

**Go to the Civil Control Station between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Friday, May 8, 1942, or between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Saturday, May 9, 1942, to receive further instructions.**

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