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The Main Industry of Our Center Is AGRICULTURE

The food situation at Amache is acute. It is acute for two reasons-----

1. There is and will be a real shortage of beef, milk, potatoes, cauliflower, onions, tomatoes, etc. all over the U.S. In many stores today you cannot BUY these foods. When a store has a supply of these foods, people stand in line to buy. There simply is not enough to take care of the demand. Rationing of foods and the shortage of manpower to work the farms has brought this about.

"All the gold in the U.S. treasury cannot buy fresh vegetables for us if they are not on the market."

Thousands of American families will have to depend on their Victory Gardens to provide their fresh vegetables.

OUR VICTORY GARDEN IS OUR FARM.

2. The farm was established for the purpose of assuring adequate food for the people in the Center. The farm project is in a critical and dangerous position right now because-----
  - a. Not enough men are willing to go to work on the farm - to prepare the soil - to plant the crops - to care for the machinery - to drive the tractors - to do all the necessary tasks which a farm requires.

Unless this critical situation is remedied now, we in the center -

May not have any beef and will have less pork.  
May have no poultry and will have fewer eggs.  
Will have limited quantities of the few vegetables available.

What will we have?

Well, right now, today, Mr. Wells says that he cannot BUY cabbage, celery, and poultry, and over half of the time he cannot get the beef he requisitions. Many of the vegetables that we are getting at our mess halls today are coming from the Gila Center project, otherwise we probably would not have them.

The relocation projects do not have an army rating on priority. We are considered as domestic consumers by the OPA. This means that the wholesaler has the opportunity to discriminate against us in favor of other



domestic consumers. Recently many of our requisitions have not even been bid upon, on items of beef and certain vegetables and poultry.

Here is a typical telegram received in Mr. Wells' office:

"Unable to procure 3000 lbs. fowl or any poultry substitute for delivery May 11." Denver Quartermaster Market Center.

On May 6, 8000 lbs. of beef was requisitioned and substitute was made by sending 2764 lbs. pork sausage and 2510 lbs. of scrapel.

What poultry and vegetables we will have will depend on what is available in the open market.

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN MEET THESE SHORTAGES WHICH WE ARE NOW FACING and which we will continue to face is for us to grow and produce on OUR FARM these foods.

The eyes of the outside communities are on our farm program. What will public opinion say about the resourcefulness, the thrift, the ingenuity of the Japanese-Americans as a people if it develops that right here the Japanese-Americans do not recognize this WAR EMERGENCY and are unable or unwilling to carry on our only industry? Can we afford to give the outside critics something to point their fingers at and say, "I told you so"?

Do you want to know what you can do?

Here's what you can do.

1. If you are not working now, go down to the employment office and sign up. "But," you say, "I'm not a farmer." The answer to that is there will be 3 million men, women, and children in the U.S. who have no farm experience but who this year will be expected to help out as farm workers, either full or part time. You can do the same thing right here; the farm needs you. Somewhere on the farm program there's a job for you or a job that you can be trained for.
2. Check up on the job you are now doing. Could your work be done by someone else already employed and thus release you to go to the farm?  
Could you do the job your husband, brother, or father is now doing, and thus release a man for the farm?  
The WAACS and the WAVES are doing just that. Why can't you?
3. You can work harder and longer and more efficiently on the job you're now on. You can assume the responsibility of putting in a full day's work. By doing this, your supervisor will be able to cut his staff and thus release manpower for the farm.



You can forget about the other fellow in the other division who gets by with less work than you do, or who puts in fewer hours than you do, and you can say to yourself, "I'll do my part, regardless of what he or she does."

You can do what millions of other Americans are doing; that is, recognize that we are at war and that we are in an emergency, and that that calls for extra exertion, more hours of work, sacrifices, and cooperation.

Or, you can just sit back and take it easy and wait. But remember,

If we don't produce right here on our farm those foods which we can produce, no one else will provide them for us.

Let's not kid ourselves into thinking that somebody or some agency is going to give us a handout when we haven't done anything ourselves to deserve it.

YOU NEED THE FARM ----- THE FARM NEEDS YOU.

"I will work; I will save; I will sacrifice; I will endure; I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost, as if the whole struggle depended on me alone."