

JAPANESE LAND TRANSFERS GAIN

Sixty-three per cent of the Japanese-operated, truck-crop land in King and Pierce Counties has been transferred to other operators and negotiations are under way to transfer most of the remaining land, it was announced today by the Wartime Civil Control Administration.

The announcement came with beginning of evacuation of about 1,050 Japanese farmers in the Green, White and Snoqualmie River Valleys.

Transfer of farm lands, which has lagged in King and Pierce Counties, was speeded up during the past ten days through cooperation with agricultural interests, the W. C. C. A. said.

701 Farms in Counties

Individual operators and corporations have taken over lands, according to Laurence I. Hawes, Jr., West Coast administrator of the W. C. C. A.

Hawes said that there are 701 Japanese-operated farms in the two counties and that only 276 now are without operators. These 276 farms contain 3,603 acres. Transfer deals for about 2,000 acres now are pending.

At the Renton Junction civil control station, Hawes said, 81 of 136 Japanese farmers registering for evacuation reported that farm lands had been transferred to other operators.

Evacuation of Japanese from rural King County areas, mainly of the Boeing Aircraft Company's plants, will be completed by tomorrow noon.

Not All Gone Yet

The evacuation today and tomorrow does not remove all Japanese from Seattle. Orders have not been issued for their removal from the University, Capitol Hill and First Hill Districts.

The Army announced, however, that 9,200 more Japanese from Northern California and from Oregon would be removed tomorrow.

It also was announced that evacuation of all Japanese in the Pacific Coast area would be completed as fast as possible.