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Plan Revised To Employ Japs Now in Camps

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.- (U.P.)-The War Relocation Authority today announced revised plans for employment of Japanese evacuees from the West Coast in the harvesting of sugar beets and other crops in the Inter-mountain and Plains states.

Under the new plan, farmers desiring laborers will apply to the United States employment service, stating the amount of work and the wages. If labor is not available from ordinary sources, the service will forward the request to evacuee camps for consideration by the Japanese. Those accepting can end the agreement on five days' notice.

Transportation and housing will be furnished by the employer, and the prevailing wages will be paid.

Rationing Order to Hit Extra Meat

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.-(*A*)-Americans will be asked by the government soon to forego extra steaks and chops they are able to buy with their record-breaking pay envelopes, and in about four months all meat will be rationed.

Secretary of Agriculture Wickard announced last night that the food requirements committee had decided on rationing as the best method of assuring an equitable distribution of what he termed the largest livestock production in history.

Meanwhile, a conservation campaign, possibly including "meatless days," will be instituted to limit civilian consumption of red meats to about the same amount as has been eaten per capita during the last 10 years.

"It will give our civilians approximately 2½ pounds of meat a person a week," Wickard said, "as contrasted with the one pound to the British civilian, 12 ounces to the German, 5 ounces to the Belgian. It is an adequate meat supply. When you add in the increased supply of poultry and cheese and dry beans we have, it provides a top-notch protein diet for us."

Mother Dead; Two Policemen Deliver Baby

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 1.-(*U.P.*)-Two policemen named "Bill" today gave their Christian name to a baby they brought into the world by long-distance instruction after the mother had died.

Bill, seven pounds and a day old, was "well and healthy"—thanks to the quick action of Officers William Sturgeon and William Snellen.

When they found his mother, she had been dead for an hour from the pangs of childbirth. They telephoned headquarters for advice. A health officer finally was reached and his directions were relayed to the nervous policemen by a priest.

An hour after they arrived, Sturgeon and Snellen had delivered the baby, completed the post-birth operation, bathed him, wrapped him in a blanket and had him on his way to St. Josephs hospital.

The policemen said their years on the force hadn't been very helpful, but that a Red Cross training course completed recently had been literally "a life saver."

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Dear Friends: We have greatly enjoyed George's two letters & meant to have replied to them sooner, but some days I have not felt up to par & rested instead of writing. Everything is pretty dry but I haven't watered the yard for more than a week. I have my limitations & must keep fit to help my husband who needs me more & more. He is up & around but the stiffness & trembling increases. I now bathe him as it has become too great a task for him, have just got him into bed. I do think he seems brighter lately, has not slept in his chair as much as he did a while back. Oh George, he is so changed from what he was when you lived with us, & of course we can't hope he will ever be like that again. We must be very thankful he is as well as he is & not think of the past or of the future but just live today. That is about all any of us can do.

It has been warm again, 80° yesterday & today but a breeze helped out & I was glad of it as I put up 15½ quarts of Bartlett pears yesterday. They are later where you are as I recall we had some given us from Vale last year long after ours were gone. By the way, when we went on our Golden Wedding trip we went almost to Ontario, then took #18 I think it was & passed near or else through Nyssa, but I can't recall much about it, seems to me it was rolling country, but I can't remember Nyssa at all. On our return we came through Ontario on #30 all the way. We thought the air up there was fine & bracing, but is the water much good? We did not like it.

We never played chess, it is rather a deep game I am told, am glad you are playing it.

We are so happy to think you are all together again & I feel sure Kay will adapt herself to whatever comes up if she can be with you. I hope she makes you stop trying to see how much hay you can handle, enough is enough & you always have worked too hard. Wages there are a big contrast to elsewhere. We pay 75¢ an hour for a man to work in the yard. If I were only younger & stronger I would do it myself, but I can't do even what I did when you were with us, & as the slang has it "and nothing can be done about it." The friend who came to be with us a while has been in Cle Elum, Wn. a week & it is a relief for one extra makes a difference in serving food. We two live very simply. Food costs are high - butter 53 cents a pound, corn 5¢ a ear - tomatoes 10¢ a pound & our own set fruit so late that they are green. Some folks we know come to call & tell us of bargains they make in fruit & vegetables - Gravensteins \$1 - & I paid \$2.10. It vexes me somewhat. I don't want them to give us anything, but they could easily buy for us when they are buying. You said, George "You know it doesn't take much to change the trends of some people's minds." We do know it, and have had & still have much experience to keep us reminded of the fact. Most folks have both hands out, palms upward & soon forget when one has filled those hands - it is hard to not become cynical, but if we do that it hurts us more than anyone else.
Best be happy & forget the hurts of life.

I try hard to not have self pity, it is rank poison for one, but when I recall how generous Arthur was with his car it seems unfair that one little ride is all we have had this year, then the Auto Ins. Co. refused to let our friend have insurance on account of his age he had to give up driving. I'd gladly hire but pleasure cars for hire are out for the duration. Well, we do have a nice, little home free from debt & have each other.

I'm glad Kay enjoyed her trip to town, everyone ought to treat her nice. You are fine citizens but caught in the meshes of this terrible war, "it rains alike on the just and unjust" at a time like this. We will hope & pray it will not last long. Alex, who used to come out when you were here, brought his wife out Sun. evg. She tells me she corresponds with a Japanese girl in Calif. they were school mates & she said "Oh, she does show such a beautiful spirit." I like Alex's wife very much & he does deserve a good wife, too. — Payette, Idaho is not very far from your present location; we did not go there on our trip. The parts of Idaho we saw had much sage brush, just wastes of it, but where there was irrigation vegetation seemed fine. Idaho potatoes have a big reputation. I guess the fruit must be along the Snake river. That is a beautiful river in the places we saw it, rugged & grand. I enclose some clippings from today's paper, they may interest you. By the way, intime ^{from work} off. Keep an eye out for beautiful stones. Some Idaho

friends who live near Middleton, have gathering stones as a hobby & showed us a fine collection of them. The boys said "You have to wet them to make them show up. We lick them & mother says that's dirty, but all the same we have seen her do it." They spend whole Sundays searching for interesting looking rocks & enjoy it.

Charlotte sent us a nice special delivery letter on Sun. enclosing snapshots of herself & the girls, the baby is bright & good looking & Betty is as dear as ever. Charlotte looks thin & of course it is hot & she is busy. Doug is very busy & enjoys his work. We sent them a small box of apples which delighted them. They long to be out here, but his duties are in their present location.

I promised Arthur I would write a short letter & come to bed, but I keep chatting on & on. I wish we could visit face to face. Mrs Pyatt wishes we could come to see her but there is no prospect of it & I don't know that Arthur could stand so long a trip.

Bertha was out a few eggs. back & is well & busy but arked - as many are - over the huge wages some folks are making. She took home apples I'd picked up across the street & was glad to get them. I have canned 25 quarts without sugar. One pound of sugar, ^{each week} for two of us doesn't go far if we have any company come in.

Arthur would join me in best wishes to all of you. Always so glad to hear from you.

Yours sincerely
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