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I desire to utilize this privilege to commend you all for the wonderful cooperation given to the J.A.C.L., as well as to its officers in preparing for the ultimate evacuation. Through your cooperative efforts, we have been able to smoothly ready ourselves for what is to come. However, our greatest task lies ahead of us to the day when the evacuation order is issued. That day is the test of how well we have prepared; so, it is while we still have the time that I again ask of you to methodically prepare yourselves in order to avoid confusion and unpreparedness at the last minute.

I am happy to report that nearly all of the property disposition has been made; nevertheless, there are few who have not completely made their property arrangement. Your chapter officials will gladly assist those who will ask for our assistance.

With the rapid completion of business details, I believe, we should immediately pay our attention to our personal problems. Therefore, in this bulletin, I shall point out for your consideration, the items which may need and welcome your attention.

The evacuation order is nearing our area, for it is announced that certain sections of Washington must evacuate by the third of May. I cannot speculate as to when the order is forthcoming, but I do sternly say that I believe it is not too far away.

If and when the order is issued for our area, please contact these following people within your locality as I will instruct them with the pertinent information in regard to methods and regulations as prescribed by the local W.C.C.A. and the J.A.C.L. headquarters.

Parkdale	- Mark Sato and Ray Sato
Dec	- Tom Inukai and Tatsuo Fujii
Odell	- Ray Yasui, Mits Takasumi, and George Tamura
West Side	- George Kanomazu and Min Asai
The Dalles	- Harry Morioka and Roy Kumasawa
North Dalles	- Masashi Migaki and Frank Toda

Kumeo Yoshinari

PERSONAL PROPERTY PACKING

It must be remembered that no small packages or individual bundles will be accepted for storage by the government. All merchandise of a non-perishable sort, (household furniture, professional equipment, etc.) may be stored at government expense, provided it is packed or crated according to the specifications outlined.

Before any property will be accepted for storage by the U.S. government, four copies of storage notice must be filled in and returned to the Civil Control station at which you registered for evacuation. These forms may be had at the Civil Control station at the time of evacuation.

Small articles must be securely packed in crates or boxes of not less than two (2) cubic feet capacity and will be indicated simply as to number of boxes--no attempt being made to itemize on this form, the articles therein. All crates and boxes must be securely packed and fastened. Each box, crate, or article must be identified with tags obtained from the Civil Control station.

No loose bundles of clothes, linens, utensils, or other small or unsubstantial household items will be accepted for storage. Farm products, farm machinery, automobiles, land, live-stock, or pets must not be listed as personal property on this form.

DUFFLE BAGS

The J.A.C.L. has ordered duffle bags for those who have placed their orders. The bags are here so please get your bags at the J.A.C.L. Office. They are \$3.10 for the large size and \$2.50 for the smaller three-foot size. Those who desire duffle bags but who have not placed their order previously, may do so for the next shipment. We cannot guarantee delivery because they are very difficult to obtain, but we shall try our best to fulfill the orders.

CAR STORAGE

The J.A.C.L. has contacted many firms for contract storage for the duration. The offer made by the Port of The Dalles is the lowest; therefore, at this writing, in all probability, The Dalles bid will be accepted. The rates are given as follows:

\$1.50 per month for storage
\$1.00 for blocking wheels, draining radiator and gas

We have contacted a station man to service the cars for a nominal sum.

Insurance can be bought from Tom Scott from \$6 to \$10, depending upon the valuation of the car. This is comprehensive coverage for all damages except by direct collision. If you desire to store your car, please fill in the survey sheet and mail to the J.A.C.L. Office immediately for your reservation.

AMENDMENT TO CAR STORAGE

Trucks and pickups can be stored by the same firm as the cars. There is a small additional charge for trucks, depending on the size. Pickup storage is the same as cars. Any storage placed upon the platform of a truck will be charged only 50 cents per month. It is understood that this storage upon a truck can be another car, tractor, or personal property.

RICE SALES

The J.A.C.L. has made numerous sale inquiries in regard to the disposition of rice held by the Japanese. We cannot make definite sale offer unless we have exact information as to the amount we have to sell; therefore, please answer the information requested on the survey sheet. Please cooperate on these survey sheets so that your Citizen's League may be of greater service to our community. Without your immediate assistance, we cannot undertake these projects because we lack definite information.

SAFETY VAULTS

The J.A.C.L. has rented safe-deposit box with the local bank. Those of you who desire to store your valuables may do so by paying a small rental charge. I advise everyone to safely store his valuable goods rather than risk to take them with you. Priceless papers and documents should be left in these safe-keeping vaults.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

It is suggested that all evacuees either make arrangements about or take with them letters of recommendation, introduction, or reference. These letters may be of value in the future.

WILLS

It is the recommendation of the writer that the elder issei write out their wills in order to protect his family from complicated litigation in the event of death.

IDENTIFICATIONS

There is seemingly some misunderstanding about who should and who shouldn't have their passport photos taken. I would like to clarify this point. The associate members (those people from 16 to 18 years of age) and those who do not possess active National Membership card need not have this photo taken.

TRANSPORTATION

According to Miss Violet Ellis of the local W.C.C.A., the Army will provide the transportation from here to Portland. Those who desire to take their cars into Portland, may do so, but must relinquish their cars there upon to the government. In all

probability, the Army will provide busses or other public conveyances. The J.A.C.L. will issue direct information whenever the evacuation order is issued. Please wait for further clarification regarding this matter.

IDLE RUMORS

According to the National J.A.C.L. circulars received recently, there have been many rumors circulated to the effect that some Japanese farmers will be allowed to remain on their farms until harvesting season. It is definitely warned that these rumors are just rumors! It is the J.A.C.L. understanding that the Army has absolutely no policy planned for delayed evacuation of certain Japanese. It is very probable that within a short time, virtually every Japanese in the Military Zone will be evacuated; so make your preparation for this order.

FINANCES

Our local organization has steadily grown since the beginning of the war. We are elated over the fact that the people within our community have realized and have appreciated the significance of the magnitude and of the work done by the J.A.C.L. In accomplishing this enterprise, we are grateful that we have gained many new members to our organization. I am happy to report that we have nearly 150 members.

In proportion to our membership growth, the magnitude of our financial responsibility has likewise become many times greater. At this time, through the financial report submitted by our Treasurer, George Tamura, I would like to give you our financial statement to wit:

EXPENDITURES:

Carry over from old administration	- \$363.50
Typing table	- 3.00
Telephone Bills	- 16.79
Light Bills	- 3.73
Rent	- 24.00
J.A.C.L. Seal	- 6.50
National J.A.C.L. Assessments	- 190.00
Traveling Expense of Officials	- 110.00
Membership dues, etc.	- 34.50
Office Staff salaries	- 300.00
Public donations and Gifts	- 102.10
Typewriter, stationery, etc.	- 37.90
Printing cost (mimeographing)	- 46.40
Stamps	- 7.75
Miscellaneous	- 6.56
Bonds	- 148.00
	<u>\$1400.73</u>

It is further reported that we have purchased \$500 worth of war saving bond.

At this writing, the treasurer reports that we have nearly \$600 in our account. However, there are a number of bills yet to be paid, so the actual cash balance cannot be stated.

DONATIONS and PLEDGES ACCEPTED

The J.A.C.L. has and will undertake to promote for the interest of our people within our jurisdiction regardless of where we may be transplanted. To insure this promotion, it is paramount that we have sufficient finance to fulfill this obligation. Although we have adequate capital to meet the present emergency, I feel we ought to build our working capital while we are still able to contribute, in order to carry us through the duration; therefore, any sum given to our organization will be greatly appreciated. It is needless to say that we have been grateful for your undivided financial aid during this emergency. I hope we have been able to fulfill your expectation of us. In order to carry on this work even after evacuation, may I ask for this monetary consideration.

RESETTLEMENT INFORMATION

According to M. S. Eisenhower, director of the War Relocation Authority, the following information is available on the resettlement sites.

Scores of sites are being studied by officials intimately familiar with the resources and other conditions in the West. Each potential site must meet such military, physical, and economic requirements as:

1. All reception centers must be located on public land so that improvements at public expense become public, not private assets. Any land required for this purpose will remain in public ownership.
2. Because of manpower needs in the armed services and because the minimum guard unit can guard 5000 persons as easily as smaller groups, first attention will be given to sites adequate for large projects.
3. Each center must provide work opportunities throughout the year for the available workers, to be located there. Work within each area will be of three types; (a) public work such as land subjugation; (b) food production; (c) production of war goods.
4. Transportation and power facilities, water supply, soil, climate, and similar factors must be satisfactory.

Unless sites for reception centers approach these requirements, we cannot give them consideration says M. S. Eisenhower. The site for each reception center will be announced as soon as finally approved.

PORTLAND ASSEMBLY CENTER

The following description of the Portland Assembly Center is made available to us through the courtesy of the Portland J.A.C.L. Bulletin:

"In a preliminary conference with the representative of the Assembly Center, we have been assured that the livestock pavilion is clean and odorless. At the present, there are no facilities for heating the various apartments so it is advisable that each individual bring plenty of blankets. However, the nursery and children's playroom, in all probabilities, will be adequately heated.

There will be no plugs in each apartment for radios. (Take 3-way plug in sockets)

The meals will be served in family style and the dishes will be washed by a dish-washing staff.

There will be a 24-hour fire patrol.

There will be a canteen operated by the quarter-master department of the Army where newspapers, candy, etc. can be bought.

There will be a postoffice, information center, and other offices to direct the people. Everything possible has been taken into consideration for the comfort of the inhabitants.

The address of the Assembly Center will be,

W.C.C.A. Assembly Center
North Portland, Oregon

RECEPTION CENTER

According to the Portland Bulletin, the reception center was definitely announced as the Black Canyon Project in Western Idaho between Caldwell and New Plymouth. Everyone is urged to bring working clothes and heavy shoes. Be prepared for extreme climates.

EVACUATION ORDER

When the order is issued for evacuation, your chapter will inform you as to the regulations; however, as a matter of information, I would like to mention the procedure.

The first day the order is issued, the head of the family should come to the Civil Control Station to register. Please note that the J.A.C.L. will issue appointments for the various localities to report; therefore, it is important that those who do not have appointments to refrain from rushing to the Civil Control Station. This is absolute order to facilitate the registration. The registration will be completed in two days.

The second trip to the Civil Control Station requires the head of the family to bring in the entire family for a physical checkup.

The third time to this place, will be the time of actual evacuation.

THE CIVIL CONTROL STATION

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist in the following ways:

- (a) Give advice and instruction on the evacuation.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
- (d) Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

SURVEY SHEET

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

CAR STORAGE

1. Do you want to store your car with us? _____
2. If you do, state the make of car _____,
Motor No. _____, Style of body _____,
Serial number _____, License number _____,
Title number _____, Name of registered
owner _____, Name of legal
owner _____.
3. Is your car insured? _____. If so, by whom? _____
4. If you want to store more than one car, please state the
number _____ and answer the above description here:

SAFETY DEPOSIT

1. Do you want to deposit your valuables in our safety vault? _____
(a small rental fee will be charged)

RICE

1. Do you want us to sell your rice? _____
2. If so, how many sacks do you have? _____
3. What price do you desire? _____. What did you pay
for the rice? _____. Is it polished rice? _____.

CERTIFICATE OF IDENTIFICATION

1. Have you registered, if not, state name _____.
2. Have you had your passport photo taken? _____

DUFFLE BAGS

1. Do you want us to order duffle bags for you? _____.
I want _____ (number) of large duffle bags at \$3.10
which are 4 feet. I want _____ (number) of small duffle
bags at \$2.50, which are 3 feet.

THIS SURVEY SHEET IS VERY URGENTLY NEEDED. PLEASE MAIL THIS TO
THE J.A.C.L. OFFICE, HALL BUILDING, HOOD RIVER, OREGON, AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.