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Minidoka Relocation Center  
Hunt, Idaho

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# ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NOTICE

289





WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER  
Hunt, Idaho

August 6, 1945

TO: The residents of Minidoka

The following material, in English and Japanese, is a transcript of Administrative Notice No. 289 which I am submitting to the residents for their careful consideration.

This Administrative Notice schedules terminal departures during the last six or more weeks prior to center closure. I am particularly anxious that a complete and thorough understanding of this notice be had to enable all residents of Minidoka to complete their plans in accordance with the established schedules.

Jobs, plenty of them, are available on the outside; Federal housing in the Seattle and Portland areas is now available to relocatees, and, for those unable to work, the WRA will give relocation assistance grants and whatever other temporary assistance they may need.

I sincerely believe that if all our residents understand the provisions of Administrative Notice No. 289 and realize that WRA stands ready at all times to help them with their individual problems, we will have here an orderly relocation that will bring to a close on November 1 the splendid record which our residents have made for the Minidoka Project.

H. L. Stafford  
Project Director

所以居住者各位の深甚なる御考慮に資すべく、閉鎖前六週間に亘る最終の出所日程に関する行政告示第二百八十九號を日英両語にて御覽に供する次第である。

スタッフフォード 所長



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1945

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE No. 289

SUBJECT: Scheduling Terminal Departures During Last Six Weeks Prior to Center Closing

DISTRIBUTION: A

1. In order to perform effectively the administrative task of closing the relocation centers on the dates established, it will be necessary for the Project Director of each center to prescribe in advance quotas for terminal departures during the last few weeks. The importance of giving individual attention to the assistance needed by center residents in completing their relocation plans, and the need for scheduling the use of transportation facilities, make it unwise to permit large groups of evacuees to postpone their departure until the last few days.

2. The scheduling of terminal departures for dependent persons has already been provided for. See Administrative Notice No. 285, July 25, 1945.

3. The Memorandum for Project Directors concerning relocation interviews issued July 25, 1945, provides a basis for the preparation by each Project Director of a tabulation by September 1, of the remaining population of the center, that will indicate the expected date of departure, the proposed destination, and the kind of help needed.

On the basis of this tabulation, and after considering the transportation facilities that will be available and the time that will be needed to provide individualized assistance on relocation problems, the Project Director shall prepare a complete schedule of terminal departures for all the remaining population of the center. In preparing this schedule the Project Director shall give full consideration to relocation plans already made by residents, and insofar as transportation and other factors permit shall schedule departures on the dates chosen by the residents. Not later than six weeks before the date on which the center is to be closed, the Project Director shall adjust the schedule of terminal departures to the population still resident in the center and shall then assign weekly and daily quotas for the departure of the remaining residents. The Project Directors of the Colorado River and the Gila River Relocation centers, shall prepare separate terminal departure schedules for the units that are to be closed on October 1 and for the remaining units of the centers.



4. Insofar as the quota of terminal departures for any week shall not be filled in advance by residents who have announced their decision to relocate within the particular week, the Project Director shall set specific departure dates for particular residents and shall advise them of the dates on which they will be required to leave the center. In each case the resident shall be informed that he must choose a departure date and destination within two weeks or a departure date will be selected for him and transportation will be arranged to his place of legal residence.

5. In assigning departure dates to residents, the Project Director shall consider all available information concerning the relocation plans of the families concerned and shall set the earlier dates for those persons more nearly prepared for departure. Every effort shall be made to notify residents of their established departure dates a reasonable time in advance, and no resident shall be required to leave a center on less than three days notice.

6. The Project Director shall follow through to see that each resident leaves on scheduled date of departure. If any resident shall refuse to arrange for packing of personal effects, arrangements for the packing to insure his leaving according to schedule shall be made for him. If the resident shall have refused to select a destination for relocation, transportation shall be arranged to his place of legal residence which will, in nearly every case, be the place from which he was evacuated. If such persons wish to adjust their plans and leave at an earlier date, they shall be given assistance in completing arrangements. The attitude of such persons shall not affect their eligibility for relocation assistance grants, temporary assistance, travel grants, and other assistance provided by WRA.

D.S. Myer

Director



轉住局は八月一日附を以て左の如き行政告示第  
二百八十九號を當所に通達せらるが、本日接受の  
訓電により、之がリリースされし事となつた。

## 行政告示第百八十九號

轉住所内鎖前六週内附に於ける最終の出

所日程作成に關する件

一、既に設定されし期日に、各轉住所内鎖の行政事務と  
効果的に遂行せんには、苟ひ、各所長は前以て、最後の數週内  
に於ける、最終出所に關する割當人員數を算定する必要があ  
る。所以居住者が夫々各自の轉住計画を完成するに必要とする  
援助に、且又運輸機關等、日程作成の必要畢に、細心の注意  
が拂はれねばならぬ。最終日まで、大多數者の出所を延引せし  
める事は賢策とはいひ得ない。

二、一般公共援助を要する人々の最後の出所日程は既に告知の  
通りである。(一九四五年七月廿五日附行政告示才二百八十五號參  
照)

三、轉住について行ふべき面談に關する、所長宛の覚書は去  
り一九四五年七月廿五日附で發せられたが、之は九月一日迄の所内  
残留人口表作成準備の基礎となすべきものとす。此人口表により、  
出所豫定期日、落着先及び如何なる種類の支援を必要とす  
るかを判明する。

右表を基調に、利用し得られる運輸機關と、且又、各自の  
轉住問題に対する支援給與に要する時日とを考慮して後、所  
長は、所内残留居住者全部の最終出所の日程作成を完結す  
るものとす。所長は、居住者の既に樹てたる轉住計画に充分なる  
考慮を拂ひ、運輸機關その他事情を許す限り、出所時日  
は、居住者自身の設定せる期日を守られるものとす。残留者の  
最終出所日程は、少くともキャンブ内鎖六週内前に調整され、而  
して每週及び日々の出所者數を規定されるものとす。

四、最終出所者の割當人員數は、如何なる週と雖も自發  
的轉住者によつて滿員たざるやう。又所長は、特種な居住者の特  
定出所期日を設定し、之等の人々の要請されてゐる出所期日を  
通知するものとす。何れの場合でも、通知日より二週間以内に、出



発時日及び落着先を居住者は選定せねばならぬ。然らざれば、出所準備の滞り、局側で取定められ、落着先は當人の法律上の居住地とされる。

五、出所日設定に當つて、所長は、当該家族の轉住計画に關する凡ゆる情報を考慮し、出所準備のより完結し、ハヤより順次之を行ふものとす。取定められたる出所日は適當なる餘裕を與へて通知するやう、萬全の努力が拂はれるべきものとす。而して如何なる居住者と雖も、通知後三日以内に出所を要求されるが如き事は言ふものとす。

六、規定出所日に、各居住者がセンターを立去るやう、所長が其任に當るものとす。萬一、何人にとりても、其所有物品荷造り準備を拒絶する場合は、規定出所日に、出所出来ぬやう、當人のために、荷造り等の手順を行ふものとす。更に萬一、居住者が、轉住先選定を拒否する場合は、大抵の場合、立退地が法律上の居住地たる故同地へ、到着するやう、運輸便の手筈が行はれる。若し、此種の人々にして、計画を改め、早目に出所せんとする場合、其準備完了した支援が附與されるものとす。かゝる人々の態度は、轉住補助金、臨時援助、旅行補助其他のWFAの給與する支援に浴する資格問題には何等影響せざるものとす。

轉住局長官

D. S. マイヤー



## RESETTLEMENT NEWS

August 8, 1945

LADESRO, CALIFORNIA - An American soldier of Japanese ancestry sat up in his hospital bed in Hammond General Hospital here, and thought out carefully what he should say to his friend who had renounced his U.S. citizenship. He was at Hammond General Hospital recovering from a head wound suffered in France and his friend was at a relocation center in the West.

After a long thought the veteran began writing. "It is not my purpose to get into an argument with you," he wrote. Your difficulty, however, is shared by thousands of Nisei like me in a manner completely different. I'm an American to the last drop of my blood.

"Being a person of Japanese descent, I'm aware of the discrimination that is practiced by people who dare not see further than the color of our skin. Several cases of violence against Nisei families on the Coast are reported. It makes me angry to hear that but it also encourages me in my fight for democracy.

"I have lost some of my best friends in France and Italy. But I'm very proud and I'll continue to fight the enemy of our country be it foreign or domestic. As I have said, I'm an American to the last drop of my blood."

HUNT - Mrs. Irene Miller, supervisor of tenant assignments, Federal Housing Authority, will be at Minidoka for one week beginning Tuesday, August 7. She will take applications from anyone who wants housing in Seattle or Portland. Restrictions requiring members of the family to be either in war work or in the armed forces, have recently been lifted for two Federal Housing Projects outside Seattle and the Federal Housing project in Portland.

CHICAGO - Sam H. Terao, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, has recently opened a restaurant and delicatessen at 1012 Argyle, Chicago. Mr. Terao specializes in Kosher foods. His father, Yoshio Terao, and his mother prepare the food with the help of a Jewish cook. Mr. Terao said that he is fast learning how to cook Kosher dishes and will soon be able to do all the cooking himself. Sam's two sisters stay "in front" and wait on the customers, most of whom are Jewish.

"This is a darn good business," said Sam and added that the other Kosher food storekeepers' attitude towards him and his Nisei owned Kosher food store was fine.

OLYMPIA, WASH. - Tom Nagai, of Olympia, has returned from Hunt with his wife, Yukiyo, his 9-year-old son, Yasui, and his 3-year-old daughter Hiroko. Tom is employed by R.E. Klontz, manager of the Olympia Oyster Investment Company.



They are living in a five-room house.

Another arrival from Hunt at the Klontz establishment is Masaki Fukushima, who formerly worked for the Eatonville Lumber Company at Eatonville, Washington, and on various farms around Sumner, Washington.

ST. LOUIS - The Nisei Coordinating Council is doing yeoman service in helping relocatees get settled. The new hostel in St. Louis will be ready for occupancy in early August. The address is 2427 South 18th St., a three-story brick house which was purchased by the Ogino sisters. They are renting the second and third floors to the resettlement committee of the St. Louis Metropolitan Church Federation for hostel purposes.

ST. LOUIS - Mary Kawahara and George Teraoka were married here at the Pilgrim Congregational Church on August 4. Mary, a former Portland girl and more recently from Minidoka, is secretary to Dr. Cummings in the Church Federation office. George is from Fowler, California, and Rohwer and is a partner of the Model Cleaners, 18th and Pine, besides working as a radio technician. A wedding shower for Mary was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. P.J. White on July 22. Among the former Minidoka girls who attended were Miyo Hata, Maki Kajiwara, Kay Matsushita, Lillian Tamura, Molly Komura and Ruth Kawahara.

Jiro Yamaguchi, formerly of Minidoka, learned on July 14 that he had passed the Missouri State Bar examination. St. Louis's Nisei girl lawyer, Margaret Echigoshima, is also a former Minidokan. Recently she left for a trip to New York. One of a group of Nisei girls taking Cadet Nurse training at St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis is former Minidokan Michiko Watanabe.

CLEVELAND - Hiroko Margie Kawasaki, formerly of Minidoka, has joined her sister, Sue, at 3126 Prospect Ave. She came to Cleveland from Rochester, New York, where another sister, Alice, lives at 224 Alexander St. Prior to evacuation the Kawasakis lived in Portland. Johnny Matsushima, recent editor of the Minidoka IRRIGATOR, visited the secretary of the Cleveland Resettlement Committee last month to express his appreciation for assistance in finding a home for his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jujiro Matsushima. As a result of this help, his parents were able to go directly from the train to their new home at 1832 East 82nd St. John's sister Michiko, is attending Oberlin College, 30 miles from Cleveland.



SAN FRANCISCO - Because "an erroneous impression is being conveyed to the public as to the responsibility of the various agencies concerned with the return of persons of Japanese ancestry to the West Coast states," General H. C. Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, has released the following statement:

"As Commanding General, Western Defense Command, and pursuant to presidential executive order, I have the responsibility of determining which individuals of Japanese ancestry may or may not be permitted to return to the designated exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command. In making this determination, I am governed solely by military considerations and by none other, for there exists no legal authority for anyone to restrict the movements of an individual within the United States because of economic, social, or other similar reason..... The War Relocation Authority has no authority or responsibility whatever in determining which individuals will be allowed to return to the exclusion zone of the Western Defense Command, nor does this agency attempt to exercise this authority or assume this responsibility. It is repeated -- this authority and this responsibility is that of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command. "

BOSTON - Mits Matsuo, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle, was a Fourth of July visitor from New York City. His sister is Mrs. George Tajima who recently arrived from Minidoka with her two children, Evalyn and Wayne George Jr., to join her husband in Boston. Yo Okata, formerly of Minidoka and Seattle and now employed in Washington D.C., was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chick Uno at their home at 21 Beacon, Hyde Park. Chick is also a former Minidokan.

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, ARK. - Giichi Nishimoto recently received the posthumous Silver Star at presentation ceremony held here. The presentation was distinguished by the fact that when time for the award came a small elderly Japanese stopped upon the platform to receive it -- for his son, Pvt. Joe M. Nishimoto, formerly of Fresno, California, killed in action in Europe.

KANSAS CITY, MO. - A letter from Lt. (jg) David R. Teener has been received here by his wife who formerly taught at Poston. Teener said that even after fighting the Japanese enemy and witnessing atrocities on Saipan and Tinian, the Nisei are still his friends in a far deeper and more real sense than they once were.

HUNT - A copy of an editorial which appeared in the Katonna, New York, Record concerning Betty Ikeda, formerly of Seattle and Minidoka, and now of Bedford Hills, New York, has



recently been received here. We reprint it because we believe it expresses the very essence of democracy. The editorial follows:

"In the Memorial Day exercises on Bedford Green, a week ago, there were many significant and inspiring features. Not the least noteworthy of these was the fact that when the column, made up of veterans of the first World War, Boy and Girl Scouts, and other organizations, marched from the village fire house to the flag pole and monument, they were led by a high school band at the head of which was--a Japanese American girl.

"We have called her a Japanese American. She is not that. She is an American citizen by birth, who happens to have Japanese ancestors. She and one of her brothers attend the Bedford Hills High School; she as a sophomore, he as a student in the eighth grade. Another brother wears the uniform of the United States Army. When the brother and sister entered the school, last fall, they were accepted, by students and faculty alike, as the Americans they were. They have since demonstrated their right to be so treated. The boy has been elected as one of the officers of his class. The girl--led her fellow Americans in the Memorial Day march on Bedford Green last week!

"Bedford Green has seen much history; has had its part in many events exemplifying the meaning of democracy. No doubt whether any of them has more strikingly illustrated the true significance of the high privilege of American citizenship than the sight of this little American girl, whose parents are of a race with which we are now at war, marching at the head of a procession in ceremonies paying tribute to those who have died in order that democracy may live.

"Only in such a country as the United States could such a thing as this happen. Only where democracy lives, in the hearts of men as well as in the phrases with which they pay tribute to their war heroes, could there be so forceful an illustration of what lies at the very foundations of free and democratic government."

HUNT - V.V. McLaughlin, relocation program officer, announced that applications for short term or day passes must be made before 4:00 p.m. on the day prior to departure. Passes for Sunday and Monday must be applied for before 11:00 a.m. on the preceding Saturday. This is necessitated by a new Army regulation which states that names of persons leaving the center must be submitted to the commander of the Military Police detachment by the Leaves Office at least 10 hours before the residents leave the center.



### JOB OFFERS

The WRA District Office at Cleveland, Ohio wishes to employ a Clerk-stenographer at \$1902 per year plus overtime pay. Girls interested in this offer should come to the Relocation Office at once to fill out the Civil Service application forms.

From Westport, Connecticut, just 60 miles from New York City, comes an attractive offer for a couple. Dr. and Mrs. Henry Pascal will pay \$200 to \$225 per month for a man to do gardening, milk one cow, care for some chickens, and cultivate 5 acres and a woman to do simple cooking and housework. The couple will be furnished 2 rooms, a sun porch, private bath, and a separate entrance. School is only 2 1/2 miles away, and bus service is available. Other relocatees are living in this extremely friendly neighborhood.

The Schnitzer Steel Products Company, Portland, Oregon needs 3 men as oxygen and acetylene burners to work with scrap iron. Wages are \$9.00 a day.

Hilaire's Restaurant in Portland, Oregon will pay \$6.00 per day and meals for a kitchen cleanup man.

At Minneapolis, Minnesota, a couple is wanted at a doctor's residence. The wife would assist with general housework and cooking and the husband would do gardening, perform general maintenance work, and drive a car. \$182 per month is offered the couple in addition to living quarters consisting of 2 rooms and bath.

At Denver, Colorado there are openings for a greenhouse man at \$120 per month and for a gardener at 80¢ per hour.

The owner of a barber shop at Boulder, Colorado will sell or lease his shop or employ 2 Japanese American barbers. This is an excellent opportunity, because the shop is located just 1 block from the campus of the University of Colorado where there are at present 120 Japanese instructors and a large number of Japanese American students in the Navy Language School.

Mrs. Harold Hirsch, who lives in the Highlands district of Portland, Oregon, wishes to hire a woman to do cooking and general housekeeping and a man to care for her grounds and assist with heavy housework. She will pay the couple \$100 to \$125 per month and will furnish them a bedroom and private bath in her home.



*Stafford*

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

May 3, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: All Dormitories  
All Residents in the Staff Housing Center

SUBJECT: DRINKING WATER

We are advised by our Chief Sanitarian that all water in the administration area should be boiled before being used for drinking purposes. A recent test indicated a local contamination of the line that serves the administration area and corrective actions will be taken immediately. You will be advised as soon as this condition is corrected.

*H. L. Stafford*

HARRY L. STAFFORD  
Project Director

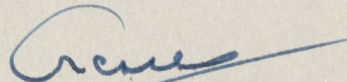


WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

April 25, 1944

TO: Project Attorney: Ralph Barnhart

This is just a reminder that the end of the month is approaching when your monthly report is due. Please let me have it by the close of business Thursday, May 4. Then you will be happy by not having me on your neck; I will be happy by not having to get on said neck and Washington will be happy that all necks are intact and it has the reports.



Angus A. Acres  
Reports Officer



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M E M O R A N D U M

January 6, 1944

TO: ALL BOILERMEN, JANITORS, AND JANITRESSES

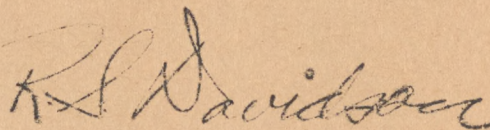
FROM: R. S. DAVIDSON, ACTING PROJECT DIRECTOR

A delegation of women representing families in all the blocks of the camp have come to me making demands that they have hot water immediately. They have been informed that the Washington office has not approved of more workers in this department. It has been suggested that resolutions be sent to Washington in the name of the women of the camp, the block managers, and the boilermen and janitors.

I am requesting that all of you go back to work on the old basis until we can receive a reply from these resolutions from Washington.

You are requested to have a committee representing you prepare a brief resolution, which will serve as the request that you wish us to send to Washington in your behalf.

We will gladly relay your messages to Washington providing the services, including hot water, are being given the entire community pending an adjustment.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. S. Davidson', with a stylized, cursive script.

R. S. DAVIDSON



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
HUNT, IDAHO

August 25, 1944

TO: BLOCK MANAGERS

FROM: H. L. STAFFORD  
PROJECT DIRECTOR

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During the early history of Minidoka, the Administration established the position of Block Manager and recruited the ablest men that could be found for these positions. The demands made on the Block Managers during the first months were heavy, and they met all situations with energy and intelligence, and I am deeply grateful for this contribution to the residents and the Administration.

Minidoka is today a well-organized center. A Community Council has been organized and is in frequent consultation with the Administration on problems confronting the residents. Our supply services are functioning smoothly. However, we are faced with new problems which have arisen because of the relocation of some of our ablest people.

After serious consideration and consultation with others, I am convinced that the present group of men who are Block Managers can offer much more to the community and can themselves gain valuable experience if their abilities were utilized in more important work. The requirements of block administration are such that it is unfair to the Block Managers and to the community to permit men with outstanding abilities to continue in a position of decreasing importance.

Block administration today consists almost entirely of housekeeping responsibilities such as delivering mail, distributing supplies, and reporting needs for maintenance. These duties are primarily clerical and not managerial.

I propose, therefore, to meet changed situation by bringing administrative organization into line with needs. Effective October 1, the position of Block Manager will be abolished and there will be established one clerk for each block, plus a central manager. The duties of the block mail clerk will be merged



with the duties of the block clerk at the same time.

This change appears advantageous to us since it will meet all the needs of the residents of each block, and will release the present block managers for employment in responsible positions elsewhere where their services are more badly needed because of the present situation.

I am asking your cooperation in effecting these changes.

Sincerely,

*H. L. Stafford*

H. L. STAFFORD  
PROJECT DIRECTOR



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

N O T I C E

*Berkley*

TO: All Men 17 to 37 Years of Age

I am calling a special meeting of all men 17 to 37 years of age to discuss the future of persons of Japanese ancestry and the voluntary induction program. This will be the final meeting on this subject and all male citizens of this age group are asked to attend. I am sure you will realize the very great importance of this subject just at this time and will be present at the time and place indicated below. All community activities have been canceled on these nights so that nothing may interfere with your being present.

ALL MEETINGS WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 7:30 P.M.

For Residents of Blocks 1 - 10	Wednesday, February 24 Dining Hall 5
For Residents of Blocks 12 - 19	Thursday, February 25 Dining Hall 15
For Residents of Blocks 21 - 32	Friday, February 26 Dining Hall 28
For Residents of Blocks 34 - 44	Saturday, February 27 Dining Hall 38

Sincerely yours

*H. L. Stafford*  
H. L. Stafford  
Project Director



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

April 26, 1943

TO: ALL ARMY VOLUNTEERS

In order to aid in the transition period between civilian and army life, I have been requested to call a meeting of all volunteers in this center.

Lieutenant Terry of the local M. P. Unit will give a few helpful hints on army life.

There will be a short organization meeting following the talks for the purpose of taking care of incidentals prior to induction.

The meeting will be held Monday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. in Dining Hall 23. Please be prompt!

Refreshments will be served!

*H. L. Stafford*  
H. L. Stafford  
Project Director