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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending February 6, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8459 This Week 8450

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	3	3	0
Social	5	5	0
Medical Treatment	2	2	0

2. Group Employment Leaves:..... 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 4 0
(b) To Attend College . . 3 0
(c) For Other Purposes .

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women Children Under 18 Total 1

Births: Boys 1 Girls Still Births Total 1

Number of marriages at center this week . . . . . .

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 4 Women 8 Children Under 18 7 Total 19

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind)

Chicken pox - 3

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council. None.
Some difficulty is being encountered in persuading evacuees to accept positions on the Judicial Commission. Few want to accept this responsibility.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)
Adult Activities -- 1404. Social Activities -- 570.
Usual religious services.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian:	Business	44	
	Social	21	65
Japanese:	Soldiers	27	
	Evacuees	3	
	Others	5	35
Total number of visitors			100

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The most important new development of the past week was the preparation of plans for the general registration which is to start January 9. The Army team arrived and an information meeting was held Saturday. Block managers, councilmen, and the Issei advisory body attended. The Project Director and other members of the administrative staff spoke on the general purposes of the registration, and Captain John R. Holbrook of the Army team explained his mission. Questions were invited and many searching ones were asked. Reaction to the meeting was fairly good but many are still skeptical. It is planned to register two blocks each day. There will be a public meeting in each block the night before registration of those blocks so that the people may be better informed and may have an opportunity to ask questions. It is believed that these meetings will improve the attitude of evacuees toward the registration.

Good weather aided work in Agriculture and Construction, and satisfactory progress was made in other Divisions.

Payment of the January payroll was started.

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Week Ending Feb. 13, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8450 This Week 8467

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
Transfers from other centers accounted for most of the increase for the past week.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	6	6	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 4 0
(b) To Attend College . . 1 0
(c) For Other Purposes .

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 3 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 10 Women 8 Children Under 18 7 Total 25

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Total 4

Pink Eye - 1; Tuberculosis - 1; Syphilis - 2.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

Temporary Council awaiting approval of proposed constitution by WRA Washington office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Usual religious and social meetings. Boy Scout Field Day was held with 65 Scouts from outside and 140 from the center participating.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	37	
	Social	102	139
Japanese	Soldiers	20	
	Others	2	22
	Total number of visitors		161

Among the visitors was Mr. Walter W. Head, National President of Boy Scouts of America.

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FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
~~Feb. 12, 5:10 p.m.~~	~~Block 31, School~~	~~Unknown~~	~~$2.00~~

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The general registration program was the major problem during the past week. Evacuee reaction to registration is still not favorable. Registrations for Friday were nearly as great as the total for the first two days but Saturday they dropped to the former level. Explanatory meetings have been held in the blocks the night before they were to be registered but distrust, misunderstanding, lack of interest, and some resentment with reference to the program still prevail. It is believed that Army participation is partly responsible for this attitude. Special meetings of block managers are now being planned and these may improve the situation. No attempt has been made to make registration compulsory and it is doubtful whether such a policy would be advisable at this time.

November clothing allowance orders have been sent to the fiscal section and are now awaiting payment. Approvals of public assistance grants increased and the number and amount of these grants is expected to grow.

Favorable weather conditions assisted farming and construction in making better than average progress.

Other operations progressed in a normal manner.

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Week Ending Feb. 20, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8467 This Week 8452

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
10 indefinite leaves granted, 2 deaths. Rest short-term leaves who have not returned.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	5	5	0
Education	2	2	0
Social	8	8	0
Outside hospital	1	1	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 7 0
(b) To Attend College . . 3 0
(c) For Other Purposes .

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 2 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 2

Births: Boys 3 Girls 0 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 8 Women 8 Children Under 18 10 Total 26

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox (In-patient) 2; Chicken pox (Out-patient) 1; Syphilis UpD - 2.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

6 Adult activities 900
13 Social " 1950
24 Arts & Crafts 2050
7 Buddhist 1250
7 Protestant 1050
~~25 Athletics events~~

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	51	
	Social	29	80
Japanese	Soldiers	19	
	Evacuees	8	
	Others	1	28
	Total		108

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Selling liquor on project without license	1		1	
Petty larceny	2			2
Petty larceny cases on probation by project director.				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.
H. L. Clayton, Sheriff, Desha County.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The general registration program is still a major problem. The attitude of the evacuees with reference to it has not improved. Distrust and lack of interest still prevail. The presence of the Army team continues to be a complicating factor. There is considerable opposition to registration in the Issei group and this has much weight with the Nisei. The desire on the part of those in the latter group to take outside employment is apparently not as strong as we thought. Many are afraid of conditions on the outside and some believe that they will be drafted more quickly if they leave the center. Explanations to the contrary are not effective. It is believed that understanding of the program is improved but still the response is not favorable. It may be necessary to undertake an altogether new registration program before satisfactory results can be obtained.

Planting of the vegetable crops was started during the week and preparation of land continued. Another dormitory for the appointed personnel was completed and is now being occupied. Other operations progressed as usual.

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Week Ending Feb. 27, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8452 This Week 8442

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	5	5	0
Business	3	3	0
Outside medical	5	5	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 5 0
(b) To Attend College . . 3 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 2 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 1 Girls 3 Still Births 0 Total 4

Number of marriages at center this week 4

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 7 Women 9 Children Under 18 10 Total 26

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Total 5

Measles - 1; Pink Eye - 3; Pul. Tb. - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

6 Adults Events - 2000 22 Athletic Events 7300 10 Church Events (Protestant) 1309
9 Social " 950 4 " " (Buddhist) 1200

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	42	
	Social	32	74
Japanese	Soldiers	18	
	Evacuees	1	
	Others	1	20
	Total number of visitors		94

WRA-120 Kirby Page, affiliated with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, guest speaker.

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

General registration continues to be the chief problem at this center. Until the end of the week, registration had been on a voluntary basis but it was announced Saturday that all persons above 17 would be required to register. Registration will be carried out at the schools and these will be closed for the week. All teachers will assist. A special meeting of block managers was held Saturday afternoon and the new registration policy and procedure were explained. Copies of the procedure and the registration schedule were distributed. The procedure was written in both English and Japanese and one copy was provided for each family unit. There was no comment, favorable or unfavorable, at the block managers meeting but we are confident that the new registration will be carried out successfully and with a minimum of friction.

Planting of vegetable crops continue. These include potatoes, onions, English peas, and lettuce. All available equipment is being used in breaking and preparing land for additional planting.

Construction work on the apartments for the appointed personnel is progressing. Two of these will be ready for the occupants within a week. A shortage of plumbers is delaying the work considerably.

Payment of the November clothing allowance totalling approximately $24,000.00 was started during the week, and $907.00 in public assistance grants were approved and will be paid next week. These grants were an accumulation over a considerable period of time.

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Week Ending March 6, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8442 This Week 8446

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	3	3	0
Funerals	3	3	0
Business	1	1	0
Outside medical	2	2	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 5 0
(b) To Attend College . . 2 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 2 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 2

Births: Boys 0 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 1

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 7 Women 3 Children Under 18 3 Total 13

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

7 Adult Activities - 2799
9 Social Activities 1100
13 Athletic events - 3805
10 Church (Protestant) events - 1309
9 Church (Buddhist) /events 1750

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	41	
	Social	19	60
Japanese	Soldiers	16	
	Evacuees	1	
Little Rock	Others	2	19
	Total number of visitors		79

Lt. Manice Hill, WAAC
Nevine Sayre, New York, Secretary Fellowship of Reconciliation.

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Compulsory registration was started Monday, March 1, and continued throughout the week with marked success. In spite of extremely cold weather, more than 5,000 persons registered from Monday through Saturday. As of Saturday night, a total of 5,691 persons had registered. This figure includes more than 600 who had signed up in the previous voluntary registration. It is estimated that only 6 or 7% have not registered. Many of these are ill or are repatriates. Those who are ill will be interviewed this week. Although there was no enthusiasm over registration, there was apparently no organized opposition. In the latter part of the week the number of negative answers by male citizens to the allegiance question decreased appreciably. A considerable number have also come in and asked that their negative answers be changed to the affirmative.

Farming and construction were practically halted during the last three days of the week by extremely cold weather which broke all records for this season of the year. Plenty of fuel was available and this was not a problem.

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Week Ending March 13, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8446 This Week 8463

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
Increase in population due to transfer of 32 from Topaz to this center.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	8	8	0
Employment	1	1	0
Business	1	1	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 23 0
(b) To Attend College . . 2 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 2 Girls 3 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 9 Children Under 18 6 Total 21

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Adult Activities 2250 Athletics 11000 Church Activities (Buddhist) 2700
Social Activities 1900 Church Activities (Protestant) 2600

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	60	
	Social	59	
Visiting	Evacuees	2	121
Japanese	Soldiers	13	
	Others	2	15
	Total number of visitors		136

Rev. Paul Kennedy, Christian Board of Missions, Little Rock, Arkansas. Guest speaker.

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FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
March 8 2:45 p.m.	Block 42. Quarters for appointed personnel	Overheated oil stove	$150.00

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The most outstanding event of the week was the successful completion of the general registration program. As we stated in our report for the week ending March 6, only a few stragglers and ill persons remained to be registered this past week. Virtually all of these have now been signed up. There are only five who are known to have failed to register. One of these is a mental case. A few more will probably be discovered who have not registered but it is believed that the number will be negligible. Registrations now total 5,870. More than 5,200 were obtained in five days of one week. The lowest number registered in a full day was 920; the highest was 1,038. At no time has there been any evidence of organized opposition to registration. Now that registration is completed, morale of evacuees is expected to improve although the presence here Saturday of members of the Senate Investigating Committee has caused some concern and speculation.

Thursday night 30 members of the Dumas B & PW club were guests of the YWCA at this center. The visitors were shown the more interesting features of the project, and dinner was served at the personnel mess hall. After dinner further entertainment was provided by a talent show.

An unusual incident of the week was a military funeral for an evacuee who served in World War I and who was a member of the American Legion. The salute was fired by a detail from the Military Police Company, and the presentation of the colors was by the Boy Scouts.

Agricultural and construction work continued to be hindered by bad weather.

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Week Ending March 20, 1943

PROJECT ROHWER

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8463 This Week 8445

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
13 transfers to other centers were effected during the week.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	10	10	0
Business	6	6	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 1 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 0 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 9 Women 11 Children Under 18 12 Total 32

Births: Boys 3 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 4

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 9 Women 11 Children Under 18 12 Total 32

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 6

Chicken pox - 5; measles - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

13 Religious (Protestant) 2050; 4 Adult Activities - 1900; 12 Social - 1200;
12 " (Buddhist) 2000; 21 Athletic Activities 5399

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	45	
	Social	37	82
Japanese	Soldiers	16	
	Evacuees	4	
	Others	6	26
	Total number of visitors		108

Miss Florence Rumsey, Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington

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FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
March 17	Mess Hall, Block 2	Grease on stove	None

ARRESTS: Not available.

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Senators A. B. Chandler and James E. Murray, members of the Senate Military Affairs Special Committee, arrived at the center Saturday afternoon, March 13, on a tour of investigation of various relocation centers. They were accompanied by Mr. George A. Malone, a special consultant to the Committee. The Senators conferred with the Project Director and other members of the administrative staff and left the same afternoon they arrived. Mr. Malone remained until the following Monday and interviewed the Division heads and also talked with a representative group of evacuees. In one statement to the press, the Senators said they would recommend that more rigid restrictions be enforced at the projects. In a later statement Senator Murray said that there was evidence that 20% of the people in the Arkansas centers were disloyal but added that this was a lower percentage than in other centers visited. (Registration figures actually show that 20% of the male citizens at this center answered the allegiance question in the negative.) He also stated that he had no sympathy with complaints from the evacuees that they had been mistreated. The press gave a reasonable amount of publicity to the Senators' visit but it was not played up unduly and the news items were in a fairly reasonable vein.

Payment of December clothing allowances was started during the week.

Representatives of several WRA employment offices have been visiting the project, interviewing prospective employees. Considerable interest was shown by the evacuees and the number leaving for employment is increasing. Preparations are also being made for a group of workers to leave for the beet fields in South Dakota.

A Red Cross drive is under way and is making satisfactory progress.

A priest from the Los Angeles Maryknoll Church has arrived and will conduct Catholic services regularly each Sunday.

Graduation exercises for 53 High School seniors were held Saturday night. The President of Henderson State Teachers College made the graduating address.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending March 27, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8445 This Week 8400

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

35 persons went out on indefinite and group leave.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	7	7	0
Social	11	11	0
Outside hospitalization	2	2	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 16 16

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 13 0
(b) To Attend College . . 6 0
(c) For Other Purposes .

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 2 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 2

Births: Boys 1 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 11 Children Under 18 7 Total 21

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Pink eye - 1; Chicken pox - 2; Syphilis - 2.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

4 Adult programs - 2550; 6 Young people's socials - 882; 10 Christian services -2130; 13 Buddhist services - 1640; 21 athletic events - 5500.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	64		
	Social	53		
	Visiting evacuees	1		118
Japanese	Soldiers		21	
	Evacuees		7	
	Others		3	31
	Total number of visitors			149

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Visitors:

Geo. E. Rundquist, Ex. Sec. Committee on Resettlement of Japanese-Americans.
Rev. Julius Goldwater, Buddhist minister from Los Angeles, California.
Dr. G. K. Chapman, Chairman, Western Protestant Churches Commission on Japanese evacuees.

FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Leaving center without permit	8	7 referred to Project Director		
One given 60 days in jail; one, 10; four, 7; and one, 2 days. One case referred to officials at Jerome Center.				
Liquor law violator reported for week ending Feb. 20 sentenced to 90 days in State penitentiary.				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

None

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Final tabulations on registration were forwarded to Washington. A total of 5,897 persons registered. No one refused to sign up.

Issuing of ration tickets for shoes and ration books for those leaving the center is well under way. The demand for shoe stamps is large.

13 persons left the center to take employment. 16 others went out on group leave to work in the beet fields in South Dakota. These were the first to leave here under this procedure. Operations at this center are beginning to feel the effect of evacuees leaving. Some of the best workers have left and many more are planning to go. Interest in indefinite leave to take employment is increasing.

The Red Cross drive at this center had netted $2,604.00 by the end of the week and it will continue until the end of the month. Response from the evacuees was excellent.

The Cooperative shoe repair shop is now in operation. Construction and agriculture have been hampered by excessive rains and unusually cold weather. The second term of school has started but considerable difficulty is being encountered in obtaining evacuee teachers.

Payment of the December clothing allowance has been completed and public assistance grants for March were also paid during the week. There were 161 of these cases and they amounted to $932.50.

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Week Ending April 3, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8,414 (revised*) This Week 8363

*Delayed report on 14 admissions.

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

34 persons left on indefinite leave and 35 on short-term.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	26	26	0
Business	7	7	0
Outside Medical	2	2	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 0 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 32 0
(b) To Attend College . . 1 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 2 Total 3

Births: Boys 1 Girls 2 Still Births 2 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 5 Children Under 18 9 Total 17

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 1;

Pink Eye - 1; T.B. - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

The constitution has now been approved by WRA officials and is now being translated into Japanese and will soon be submitted to the evacuees for ratification.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

7 Adult Activities - 3522; 5 Young People's Act.- 850; 27 Athletic - 5909; 10 Religious (Protestant)-1900; 9 Religious (Buddhist)-1790; 1 Religious (Catholic)-125.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	38	
	Social	38	76
Japanese	Soldiers	6	
	Evacuees	28	
	Others	2	36
	Total number of visitors		112

Dr. J.H.Chapman, Berkeley, Calif., guest speaker at church service.

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Leaving center without permit	15	Tried before Acting Director	0	0
Acting Director warned offenders and put them on probation.				

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Operations at this center were carried on in a normal manner during the past week. No unusual incidents occurred, and satisfactory progress was made. Confusion over registration has subsided.

Interest in indefinite leave to take outside employment continues to grow. However, this interest is much stronger in the younger group. As a whole, the older people are still inclined to stay in the center. The policy of making grants to qualified persons leaving for employment has greatly stimulated interest in outside work. The first grants of this type were made the last day of the week. 16 applications approved Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and totalling more than $700 were paid. It is believed that practically all persons leaving will apply for these grants and considerable difficulty is being encountered in determining who can honestly qualify.

A contaminated condition in the water supply has cleared up and it is no longer necessary to boil drinking water. General health of the evacuees is good.

Red Cross donations have risen to $3,170.00 with still some contributions not yet in.

With the coming of better weather, interest of outside employees in their work has improved considerably and better progress was made during the week in agriculture and construction.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending April 10, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8363 This Week 8280

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
44 indefinite leaves and 35 short-term leaves accounted for most of the decrease in population.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Outside Medical	1	1	0
Business	12	12	0
Social	22	22	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 16 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 32 0
(b) To Attend College . . 3 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 9 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 1 Total 2

Births: Boys 0 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 2

Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 8 Women 10 Children Under 18 6 Total 24

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) TB - 1;

Chicken pox - 2

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

3 Adult Activities - 1700; 6 Young People's Act. - 700; 4 Protestant - 1500;
68 Athletics 11043; 1 Catholic Mass - 150; 4 Buddhist - 1700

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	37		
	Social	59		
	Visiting Evacuees	4		100
Japanese	Soldiers		21	
	Evacuees		15	
	Others		2	38
	Total number of visitors			138

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Visitors: Ex-Governor Marion Futrell, Paragould, Arkansas
Dr. Stanley Harris, Inter-racial Scouting Representative, New York Hdqtrs.
Mr. J. Lee Brown, Field Recreation Representative, Federal Security Agency, Little Rock, Arkansas

FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
April 4	North of Block 8	Unknown	None
April 5	North of Block 8	"	"
Both of these were brush fires outside barrack area.			

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Liquor law violator	1		Case pending	

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

The weather favored farm operations during the past week and good progress was made. Preparation of land by breaking, draining, and burning of rubbish continued. Onions and radishes were cultivated; and radishes, lettuce, spinach, potatoes, Swiss chard, and carrots were planted. Hot beds were completed and were planted with cauliflower, cucumbers, cabbage, tomatoes, and celery for transplanting. Fencing for the hog pens is under way.

Interest in indefinite leave to take employment was fairly satisfactory but was not as good as we hoped it would be. Most of the interest is in the higher paid jobs. Although some beet workers have left, interest in farm labor work is not great. Many people are waiting for better job offers. 32 persons left this week to take employment. This is the same number that left the week before.

The Co-operative beauty parlor opened this week, and the dry goods store will open the next. January and February clothing allowances will be paid at the same time the latter part of this month. Deductions for clothing issued from warehouse stocks will be made then.

Five girls from the center attended a State conference of YWCA business girls at Little Rock. Three were on the program. The response was good.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending April 17, 194 3

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8280 This Week 8200

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:
Most of decrease accounted for by leaves as shown below.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Social	48	48	0
Business	14	14	0
Outside Medical	1	1	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 11 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 38 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 8 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 2 Girls 3 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 8 Women 12 Children Under 18 6 Total 26

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Meningitis TBC - 1;
chicken pox - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

54 Athletic Events 13,368; 8 Social Events 1,600; 14 Protestants Activities 1,780
5 Adult " 1,100; 2 Catholics Acts. 150; 5 Buddhists " 1,500

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	58	
	Social	19	77
Japanese	Soldiers	18	
	Evacuees	18	
	Others	2	38
	Total number of visitors		115

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H. A. Cardinell and party, representatives of East Michigan Growers Association.
E. H. Shinn, U. S. Dept. of Agr., Washington, D. C.
J. J. McConnell, Jr., YMCA Sec'y, Dallas, Texas; R. Vernon, YMCA Sec'y St. Louis, Mo.
F. Miller, " S.C.A. St. Louis, Mo.; E. Friend " " " " "
Dr. J. M. Bader, Ex. Sec'y Dept. of Evangelism of FCCCA

FIRES:

None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Assault and battery; disturbing peace	11	Placed in County Jail to await formal charges.		

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

There has been considerable unrest at this center during the week. Most of this arose over the labor situation. On Thursday most of the tractor drivers in the Agricultural Division quit work. Apparently the basic reason was the change over from the daily to the hourly timekeeping system which does not provide for pay for time lost because of bad weather. An attempt to be more strict about the number of hours worked per day was also involved. The drivers returned to work next day but the situation is still uneasy. Friday, there was a work stoppage in the mess warehouse when a worker was dismissed by one of the appointed personnel. The Project Director agreed to reinstate the worker after a week's suspension, and all the men returned to work.

On Thursday, a gang fight occurred in one of the blocks between two factions. One of these was a group of young evacuees from Hawaii who had previously been troublesome. The other faction was the regular mess workers supported by other residents of the block. The immediate cause was a dispute over food but there has been considerable ill feeling for some time. No one was seriously injured but some required first aid treatment. Eleven of the Hawaiian group were taken to the county jail. The police are still investigating.

Any one of these incidents in itself does not seem important but all of them occurring in one week does not indicate a very healthy condition. The first of next week a special report will be prepared giving the details of these incidents and any other new developments.

Except for these occurrences there have been only routine developments. 38 people have left to take outside employment.* Last week there were 32. Interest in this phase of the program is not developing as we hoped. There is still not a great deal of interest in farm work in spite of the visits of representatives of several agricultural groups. Nearly all types of workers are waiting for better job offers. A persistant rumor that the evacuees will be allowed to return to the "B" zone is also slowing up relocation. Identification photographs are being made for those expecting to leave the center. Little interest is being shown in entering the Army Language School at Camp Savage, Minnesota.

The Chief of Community Services attended a four-day meeting of the National Conference of Social Workers in St. Louis, Missouri, and was one of the principal speakers. Five young evacuees attended a Girl Reserves Conference in Little Rock and were responsible for part of the program. The wife of one of the appointed personnel also addressed this meeting.

*For week ending April 17, 1943.

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Week Ending April 24, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8200 This Week 8165

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	14	14	0
Social	27	27	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 20 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 15 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 6 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 1 Total 2

Births: Boys 1 Girls 4 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 11 Women 10 Children Under 18 15 Total 36

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 7;

Pink eyes - 1; lues - 6; Tb. Meningitis - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

None

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

6 Adult Activities - 3430; 26 Athletic Events - 5923; 10 Buddhist - 1500;
7 Social " 1050; 12 Protestant - 1611; 3 Catholic - 300.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	56		
	Social	23		
	Visiting Evacuees	1		80
Japanese	Soldiers		21	
	Evacuees		12	
	Others		7	40
			Total	120

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

The situation with reference to the labor trouble and the dissension among the evacuees which was reported last week has materially improved. All the men involved in the labor disturbances are still at work and the labor situation is not nearly as tense as it was. Some of the leaders among the evacuees have agreed to discourage any further trouble of this type. The Hawaiian boys who were involved in the fight in one of the blocks have been granted leave to take outside employment, and in this way another source of trouble has been eliminated.

When the execution of the American fliers in Japan was announced, all except emergency short-term leaves were discontinued and passes to nearby towns were canceled. All except necessary visits to the Jerome project were prohibited. This and the extra precautions of the Military Police caused some comment among the evacuees but apparently there was not a great deal of concern. The extra precautions did not seem to decrease interest in relocation. There has been little indication of increased antagonism on the part of the outside residents of this section and the extra precautions on the part of the Military Police have been discontinued.

There was practically no interest in the new effort to get enlistments for the Foreign Language School at Camp Savage, Minn.

The first farm crop was harvested this week when radishes were distributed among the mess halls.

A Boy Scout Court of Honor was held with a troop of Scouts from Hamburg, Arkansas, as guests.

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Week Ending May 1, 194 3

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8164 * This Week 8081

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

*Revised population for last week.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	6	6	0
Social	6	6	0
Outside Medical	1	1	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 23 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 46 0
(b) To Attend College . . 1 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 16 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 2 Girls 3 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 4

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 10 Children Under 18 8 Total 24

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind)

Chicken pox - 2; Pink eyes - 1

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

5 Adult Activities - 1500; 15 Athletic Events - 10,000; 8 Buddhist - 2,000;
7 Social " 1400; 9 Protest 2,500; 2 Catholic - 200

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	38	
	Social	68	
	Visiting evacuees	1	107
Japanese	Soldiers	14	
	Evacuees	23	
	Others	6	43
			150

George Simpson, Regional Exec., Boy Scouts, Memphis, Tenn.

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FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
May 1, 1943 8:30 p.m.	Block 8. Food storage room of mess hall.	Undetermined.	Has not been fully estimated.

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The first carload of personal property of the evacuees was received this week and was delivered to the owners. Another carload is expected within a short time. Payment of both January and February clothing allowances was started. $10,832.15 in deductions for clothing issued from warehouse stocks are being made. In some cases, deductions amounted to more than one month's allowance and because of this, allowances for both months are being paid at the same time.

The number of persons leaving the project to take outside employment reached a new high this week when 69 left for this purpose. During the week the project was visited by employers seeking workers in the following fields: nursery, alfalfa dehydration, greenhouse, sugar beet, and poultry. There is still little interest in farm work.

Eight of the volunteers were called up for induction, and three failed to pass the physical examination.

The Director of Community Activities and two evacuees attended a regional Boy Scout meeting at Monroe, Louisiana. The Chief of Community Services addressed a State Conference of Social Workers at Little Rock. The Director of Adult Education spoke at Arkansas City.

A special War Bond drive among the appointed personnel sold nearly $10,000.00 worth of bonds.

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Week Ending May 8, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8081 This Week 7985

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	15	15	0
Social	10	10	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 29 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 37 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 14 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 2 Total 3

Births: Boys 3 Girls 0 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 5 Children Under 18 11 Total 22

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 7 (inpt.)

Lues - 1 (outpt.)

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

The Constitution was amended to permit non-citizens to hold office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

166 Athletic events - 9288; 3 Social activities 900; 3 Catholic services - 300; 2 Adult activities- 700; 12 Buddhist services 1500; 13 Protestant services - 1600

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	28		
	Social	50		
	Visiting evacuees	1		79
Japanese	Soldiers		25	
	Evacuees		6	
	Others		5	36
	Total number of visitors			115

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Mrs. S. J. Walker, American Friends Service, Whittier, Calif.
Miss Constance Rumbough, FOR Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Helen Strickland, Girl Scout leader, Brownville, Ala.
Miss Mary Frances Lacey, Teen-age Specialist, YWCA Jackson, Miss.

FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
The fire occurring in Mess Hall #8 on May 1 which was reported last week resulted in damage estimated at approximately $55.00.			

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

There has been little unusual activity in this center during the week. Unusually dry weather hindered farming operations and crops were suffering from drought until a rain fell Saturday night.

The relocation program continues to make progress. 80 persons left the center on indefinite leave this week. Civil Service examinations for office workers were given and there was considerable interest shown in these. A surplus of boys have registered for the NYA training program which was recently announced but some difficulty is being encountered in filling the quota of girl trainees.

The Governor, again, expressed his opposition to the relocation of evacuees within the State. (See attached copy of news item.)

Only eight of the volunteers from this center have been called up for induction. The volunteers not yet called are showing considerable concern over the delay.

100 girls from the center attended a dance for Japanese-American soldiers at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Comment by the press was favorable.

From the Arkansas Gazette, May 6, 1943

OPPOSES JAPANESE LABOR IN ARKANSAS

Governor Adkins said yesterday he had refused several requests for permission to give employment in Arkansas to Japanese-American evacuees and repeated his opposition to the use of such labor in the state.

The governor said one application for permission to use evacuees from the Jerome and Rohwer relocation centers in southeast Arkansas involved a war contract.

He added that if persons outside the state want to employ the evacuees he would not object, "but I'm not going to recommend that the Japanese work in any capacity in this state".

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Week Ending May 15 1943

PROJECT Rohwer Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7985 This Week 7893

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population: 31 evacuees left center to join interned members of families in internment camp at Crystal City, Texas

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	9	9	0
Social	22	22	0
Medical	1	1	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 10 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 38 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 1 1

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 2 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 4 Women 4 Children Under 18 10 Total 18

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Lues - 1: Measles - 1

Chicken Pox - 6

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.
Copies of the proposed constitution, in English and Japanese, amended to permit aliens to hold office, were distributed for study by the voters. The election for ratification is to be held May 20.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

42 Athletic 6970 15 Buddhist 1800 4 Catholic 200
5 Social 2913 15 Christian 1700

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Dr. Wilie Huie, President, College of Ozarks, Clarksville, Arkansas
Dr. Stanley Harris, Boy Scout Executive, New York City

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Caucasian		Japanese		
Business	35	Soldiers	13	TOTAL NO. VISITORS 101
Social	23	Evacuees	28	
		Others	2	

FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
May 14, 1943	Power line transformer	electrical short	none

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Good progress was made in agricultural work this week. After the timely rain of last week, crops were badly in need of hoeing and weeding and additional employees were used in this work. Women were used in farm work for the first time when a small group of experienced workers were employed as hoe-hands and weeders. Tomatoes and sweet potatoes were transplanted and more radishes were harvested. There was also some harvesting of lettuce and mustard greens.

The second carload of evacuee property has been received and distributed. Another carload is expected soon. Relocation continues at about the same rate as of the past few weeks. Thirty-one persons left the center to join interned relatives at a special camp in Crystal City, Texas. It is expected that additional families will wish to leave for this purpose as soon as accommodations are prepared for them.

Several families of the appointed personnel are moving each week into the apartments constructed for their use. This week one of the appointed personnel and three evacuees attended a Rotary meeting at Fordyce, Arkansas, and participated in the program. They were extremely well recieved. A group of 18 evacuees gave an exhibit of Judo, Sumo and fencing before a YMCA group in Little Rock, Arkansas. 19 Boy Scouts participated in a Scout Jamboree at Monticello, Arkansas, and made very good showings in the contests.

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Week Ending May 22 194 3

PROJECT Rohwer Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week _____ This Week _____

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	12	12	0
Social	26	28	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 26 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 28 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 9 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1(caucasian) Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1(caucasian)

Births: Boys 2 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 7 Women 14 Children Under 18 11 Total 32

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 3, Chickenpox; 1 lues

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

Constitution ratified by vote of 3,127 to 209, with 2 blocks not reporting.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Athletic	11926	Protestant	4500	Adult Programs	600
Buddhist	1700	Catholic	75	Youth Programs	500

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Mrs. Nell B. Bails, Regional Red Cross Representative
Dr. E. Stanley Jones, India
Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Louisville, Ky.
Dr. John Smith, former college instructor in Japan
Mrs. L. N. D. Wells, YWCA, Dallas, Texas

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Weekly summary of visitors:

Caucasian		Japanese		
Business	50	Soldiers	15	
Social	85	Evacuees	3	TOTAL NUMBER VISITORS # 156
	135	Others	3	
			21	

FIRES: NONE

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: NONE

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

Please see sheet attached.

COMMENTS BY THE PROJECT DIRECTOR

For several weeks there has been considerable concern among the evacuees with reference to the shortage of doctors at this center. The most able doctor left to join the army and two others are out on short-term leave investigating relocation possibilities. One of the doctors remaining at the center is ill and this leaves only two evacuee doctors who are working.

Several meetings were held by center residents and various proposals to obtain additional doctors were considered by them. Finally an arrangement was worked out with the Jerome Center by which two doctors would come from there each week and help here until it was fully determined how many doctors would remain at Rohwer. The doctors coming from Jerome would alternate each week. This arrangement partially allayed the fears of the evacuees but there is still considerable concern over the situation.

Relocation continues at about the same rate as it has in the past. This week, 38 persons left on indefinite leave and 26 on seasonal leave. This is slightly smaller than the number leaving during previous weeks but it is only a natural variation.

An election for the ratification of the constitution for local self-government was held and the interest shown by the number voting was satisfactory. With two blocks not reporting, 3,336 persons voted and, of this number, only 209 voted against ratification. For some time prior to the ratification election interest in self-government had been rather low. The change in instructions permitting aliens to hold office had a very favorable effect on public opinion with reference to self-government and it is believed that this, together with the recent election, will stimulate interest in self-government.

Another car load of evacuee property has arrived from the west coast and is being distributed and this is helping decrease the concern of the evacuees about their possessions left behind them.

A series of religious meetings was held during the week whose purpose was to promote Christian ideals and explain their importance to democracy and a just peace after the war. Several prominent lecturers participated; among them were Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a noted missionary worker from India; Dr. Harold W. Tribble, a professor of religion from Kentucky; and Dr. John Smith, a former university instructor in Japan. The interest of the people was fairly good and it is believed that the morale of the Christian group will be raised by these meetings.

Harvesting of radishes and mustard greens continues and a surplus has been sent to the Jerome Project for use there.

An exhibit of articles made under the supervision of the Arts and Crafts Division wasprepared for the use of the YMCA in St. Louis, which is interested in the relocation program. More than 75 students from the Center High School visited the McGehee High School this week and conducted an assembly program. The reaction was favorable. Members of the appointed personnel also participated.

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Week Ending May 29 194 3

PROJECT Rohwer Relocation Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7897 This Week 7841

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population: Population figures adjusted to take into account late Admission Advices and also a revised basic population figure as of February 1.

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	25	25	0
Social	10	10	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 10 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 41 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 15 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 0 Girls 3 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 11 Women 9 Children Under 18 6 Total 26

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 1 chicken pox; 2 T.B.; 1 Lues; 2 Trachoma

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Social Division 4700 Buddhist Church 1800 Protestant 1700
Athletics 9300 Catholic Church 200

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Mrs. Thomas E. Jones--Cincinnati Hostel
Mr. Oral Smith--Scout Executive, DeSoto Area Council
Mr. Lamar Williamson, Lawyer, Business man and Rotarian, Monticello, Ark

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Caucasian		Japanese		
Business	41	Soldiers	10	
Social	33	Others	11	Total Number of Visitors 95
TOTAL	74	TOTAL	21	

FIRES: none

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Leaving center without Pass	6	Placed on probation by Acting Project Director.		

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

During the week there has been much speculation by the evacuees with reference to a possible flood. Many of them do not understand that there is practically no danger of a flood in the lower Mississippi Valley. They have been assured of this by project officials but many still think the danger is much greater than it really is. Newspaper reports that troops have been stationed in the nearby town of Dumas in the event there is a threat to the Arkansas River levee, have increased the fears of the evacuees. There is no sign of panic among them and as soon as the crest of the flood has passed on the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers their fears should subside. The office of the U. S. Engineers in Little Rock still predicts there is no danger in this area from the present situation.

The first person from this center to be taken to the new confincement camp at Leuppe, Arizona, was removed this week. He had previously been a trouble maker and had just finished serving a short sentence in the ARKANSAS State Prison on a liquor charge. This removal met with the approval of practically all the evacuees.

The Transportation and Supply Division is still handling the disposition of evacuee property. In several instances better prices for the property was obtained than was expected by some of the evacuees and they are beginning to have more confidence in the assistance being offered. There has been a substantial increase in the amount of property listed for sale. If the suspicions of the evacuees with reference to the handling of their property can be broken down still farther, many more will take advantage of this service.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending June 5 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7841 (revised) This Week 7813

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business and social	35	35	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 9 9

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 17 0
(b) To Attend College . . 3 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 0 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 0 Girls 0 Still Births 0 Total 0

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 5 Women 4 Children Under 18 3 Total 12

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 2 chicken pox; 1 measles

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council. On Tuesday, May 2, members of the permanent Council were elected. 4190 persons voted. This indicates a growning interest in self-government.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Athletic 6,000 Protestant 1,000 Buddhist 2,000
Social Actitities 4,000 Catholic 70 Toyland 500

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Dr. Edward Elliot, Regional Director, NLRB, Fort Worth, Texas
Arno Hawk and Ernest Friend from St. Louis YMCA

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Caucasian		Japanese		
Business	37	Soldiers	16	
Social	32	Others	8	Total number of visitors 93

FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

On Monday of this week an unfavorable story concerning this Center appeared in the Memphis Commercial Appeal. This article, a copy of which is attached, accused the project of hoarding and not making full use of farm equipment and also criticized the project administration for permitting trucks to be used to take the evacuees a few miles from the Center for occasional outings. None of the Arkansas Papers used this story and this appears to be a continuation of the Commercial appeal's campaign against the War Relocation Authority.

On Friday an evacuee who wanted some work done in his block accused the Chief of the Works Division and other WRA personnel of lying and the Division chief struck him with a chair. The man was not injured seriously enough for medical attention. The evacuee has indicated that he might bring legal suit against the Division Chief but it appears doubtful whether he will do this. The incident has caused no distrubance so far and there seems to have been very little comment among Center residents up to this time. It is hoped that the whole thing will be settled withoug further trouble.

A Memorial Day poppy sale at the Center netted $45.00. This was a very good showing since it was more than 25% of the total sales at the nearby town of McGehee. The McGehee Committee, which got credit for the Rohwer sales, has expressed its thanks to the Center residents for their contribution to this cause.

The Chief of the Community Services Division made two addresses at a conference of YMCA and YWCA workers at Hollister, Missouri. One of these addresses was before the whole assembly and the other was for the instructors only.

From the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tennessee, May 31, 1943

DELTANS DON'T MIND SACRIFICES
BUT RESENT WRA CODDLING JAPS

McGehee, Ark., May 30--Farmers and business men in this rich alluvial delta don't mind doing without machinery and automobiles to help out in the war effort--but they get hot when they see the Japanese-American evacuees letting tractors stay idle and truck loads of evacuees "joy-riding to a picnic on Sunday afternoon".

White-haired J. C. Rapp, superintendent of the Desha County Schools, leaned back in his chair Tuesday this week and delivered a critical verbal barrage against the hardships the relocation centers have brought to this area.

"They had about 10,000 acres of land at each of the centers and were going to clear them up and plant food for the Japs," he said, "Whatdid they do? They went out and leased a 700-acre tract of land and put the Japanese to work on that.

"They've got 32 tractors over there and we farmers can't get any--they've used up our allotment and we can't get any more. I've got a place adjoining the Rohwer tract and I've never seen more than a few of the tractors running. I guess they've got the rest setting up--but our farmers need them for the crops. We've got a labor shortage here and the tractors would help out.

"I was out to my farm a few days ago about noon and I saw a tractor running in the relocation leased field. I didn't see anyone around and I thought something might have happened to the driver of the tractor so I want over to investigate. I found the Japanese under the tree asleep and the tractor running."

H. C. Baker, Assistant Field Assistant Director of the War Relocation Authority said the WRA has 37 tractors of all kinds at the Rohwer Camp and only 23 of them are farm tractors--small 12-horse-power jobs. He denied they are idle. He said there are 23 small farm tractors at Jerome and that all were being used.

"It should be borne in mind we are trying to raise all the food possible on both projects in order to reduce the demand on available food stocks," said Mr. Baker. "Necessarily the raising of truck crops requires a great deal more equipment than a comparable acreage of cotton, corn or other field crops.

"This is the reason the same acreage is frequently utilized several times during the growing season, necessitating the repreparation of the ground and replanting. Due to the fact a considerable part of our land, particularly at Jerome, is new ground, considerably more than an average preparation is required."

Mr. Baker said the WRA had leased 616 acre tract near Rohwer and by the end of the year ould have 250 acres cleared for crops next year. There are 728 acres in crops at Rohwer and about 1000 at Jerome. WRA officials said that plans are being made to preserve some of the food raised, but they have been unable to acquire canning equipment.

"It should be borne in mind," Mr. Baker said, "that a considerable part of this equipment was utilized and will be utilized during the Winter in connection with clearing and hauling of wood for heating purposes. We have approximately 10,000 acres of land on each project to be cleared."

Superintendent Rapp said the WRA bought about 70 head of mules and 70 wagons and they have used these little.

"It gets me, when the Japs are able to get more wagons than they need and I can't get one any. I've had an order in for a wagon for over a year and I can't get one yet. Still I see the WRA gets more than they are using."

Superintendent Rapp Said some steps should be taken to prevent the Japanese-Americans and the WRA officials from using Government trucks so much. He told the following story:

"I was at my farm one Sunday afternoon and my tenant said, 'Mr. Rapp, guess I'M going to leave and go to the Jap camp.'

"I asked him why and he said so he could use a Government car and go picnicking. He said four truckloads of evacuees had passed his house on the way to a picnic. While I was taling to him I saw six truckloads of Japanese on their way back to the camp--so there must have been 10 trucks used.

"While we were taling, two trucks came by racing neck and neck. I suppose if a car had been approaching from either direction one of the trucks might have dropped behind," he said.

Extent of the funds the Japanese have to spend in the area is seen in the monthly pay roll. At Jerome there are 4627 men and 1490 women on the pay roll. And they are paid an average of $16 a month or about a total of $97,872. This is spendable money becuase the WRA provides food and shelter.

There are 2894 men and 1308 women workers at Rohwer and they earn about $67,323 a month. This makes a total of about $165,104 these families have to spend monthly in this area.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending June 12 1943

PROJECT Rohwer Reloc. Center

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7816(revised) This Week 7763

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	37	37	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 1 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 41 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 15 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 2 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 2

Births: Boys 3 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 7 Children Under 18 8 Total 21

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 1 chicken pox

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.
Council met for the first time and officers were elected.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)
Social Activities 900 Athletic 13869 Toyland 600
Protestant 1600 Catholic 180 Buddhist 1700

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)
Mr. Arnold Haack, Washington University, St. Louis, Mo
Mr. Ernest Friend, St. Louis MMCA
Mr. E. K. Higdon, Secretary United Christian Missions.

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Caucasian		Japanese		
Business	49	Soldiers	18	
Social	59	Evacuees	4	Total No. Visitors 139
		Others	9	

FIRES: NONE

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: NONE

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.

General Comment

Last week there was a decided drop in the number of people who left the Center to take employment. This week the number increased and was nearly back to normal. 57 people left and all but one of these were indefinite leaves. Interest in resettlement appears to be declining. It is becoming increasingly evident that, under the present system, men with families are reluctant to leave. This is especially true of the Issei. There is a strong possibility that something will have to be done to make relocation more attractive to this group. A Relocation Advisory Committee has been appointed in an effort to devise a more effective plan for relocation. This Committee is composed of three of the appointed personnel and four evacuees. It has just started functioning and it is still too early to determine how effective its work will be.

The announcement of the cancellation of evacuee participation in the NYA training program had a rather depressing effect on the spirits of the younger group. Some have been heard to say that if they can't get into a government training program, they will have little chance in private industry. They feel that if the government discriminates, nothing better can be expected from private individuals. None of the NYA trainees had left the Center so their relocation is not a special problem. There was a great deal of interest in this program among the boys. The girls did not show much interest but probably would have if different kinds of courses had been offered.

This week the weather was favorable for farm work and good progress was made in this respect. Because of recent rains, weeds and grass were threatening some of the vegetables, but by the end of the week, most of the crops were in good condition.

Local papers have been carrying stories of supposed disclosures of witnesses before the investigating committee. Most of these concerned the Poston Center. They have had an unfavorable effect on public opinion throughout the state. Most people believe part of these statements and many believe all of them. These stories naturally throw suspicion on the Centers in this state.

The evacuees have been showing a great deal of interest in the question of segregation. There are many rumors within the Center concerning this. The public is also expressing considerable concern over why the segregation program is not being carried out more quickly.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending June 19, 1943

PROJECT ROHWER

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7763 This Week 7715

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	28	28	0
Social	4	4	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 17 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 33 0
(b) To Attend College . . 2 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 7 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 2 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 4

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 4 Women 13 Children Under 18 6 Total 23

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Lues - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Athletic 6000 Protestant 2000 Catholic 100
Social 4500 Buddhist 1000

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Caucasian Business 42
Social 56 98
Japanese Soldiers 16
Others 8 24
Total number of visitors 122

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FIRES: **None**

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: **None**

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The second meeting of the permanent Council was held June 15. This meeting brought out several interesting facts concerning self-government in the center. It became evident that the Issei would dominate the Council. All but 14 members are Issei and 8 or 9 of these are Kibei. This leaves only 5 or 6 real Nisei on the Council.

It also developed that the question of language presented a serious problem. The Nisei members can understand colloquial Japanese but have difficulty with the formal type of the language used frequently in speeches. On the other hand, the Issei cannot fully understand the Nisei when they speak in English. Since the Japanese-speaking members so far outnumber the younger group, it seems now that the Council will be a Japanese-speaking body.

For six days the nurses' aides did not report for work at the hospital. The reasons for this were varied. Some of them had some basis, many were trivial. Some of the complaints were directed at the hospital administration because of such things as lack of fans or adequate bathing facilities. Some were directed at members of the appointed personnel of the hospital staff. The evacuee residents, as a whole, did not approve the action of the aides, and these now are back on duty with the situation substantially the same as it was before the trouble arose.

The first meeting of the Relocation Advisory Council has been held. Four evacuees are serving on this council and their cooperation is very good. The meeting was devoted principally to discussing the present status of the relocation program and the suggestions that were made for improving it. The consensus was that some changes in policy were necessary before the program would be successful. Most of the suggestions for improvement centered around the WRA making relocation more attractive.

The announcement that short-wave radios are to be banned altogether has caused considerable concern among the Issei. It is generally understood that many of these listened to the foreign broadcasts and the discontinuing of this practice will be felt keenly by a considerable number in this group.

Exceptionally hot, dry weather is seriously damaging crops. Unless there is a rain within a short time, production will be cut. Few of the people here are accustomed to this kind of weather. Although it has had no serious effect on their health, it is undoubtedly lowering their morale.

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~~Portner~~
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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending June 26, 1943

PROJECT ROHWER

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7719 (Revised) This Week 7668

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	19	19	0
Social	11	11	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 3 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 35 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 5 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 1 Children Under 18 0 Total 2

Births: Boys 3 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 3

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 7 Children Under 18 10 Total 23

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 1;

Scarletina - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Athletic	9000	Protestant	2500	Catholic	60
Social	3700	Buddhist	1200		

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	32	
	Social	61	93
Japanese	Soldiers	20	
	Evacuees	3	
	Others	9	32
	Total number of visitors		125

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Liquor violation.	1	Sentenced to one week in jail by Project Director.		

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Arrangements are being made for "press day" at this project. The date has been set for June 30 and July 1. Representatives of the OWI are inviting newspaper men from adjoining States, and in addition to these, the Reports Officers at this project and Jerome are giving personal invitations to selected newspapers in Arkansas, Mississippi, and Louisiana. It cannot yet be determined how many will accept but even in cases where papers do not send a representative, it is believed that the effect of the written invitations and the personal visits will be helpful. For example, we are attaching a copy of an editorial which appeared in the Ft. Smith South West American, the most influential paper in Western Arkansas. It also has considerable circulation in Eastern Oklahoma.

The two largest papers in the State will send representatives, and also the AP, the UP, and the INS.

Eight or nine office workers in one section did not report for work Monday morning but, with the exception of two, all returned to their jobs next day. The two ringleaders were terminated. The reason they gave for the work stoppage was that they were doing more work than persons employed in other sections. It is believed that there will be no more trouble over this incident.

The Chief of Community Services spoke before the Business and Professional Women's Club of Ft. Worth, Texas. The Acting Head of Community Activities lead a discussion at a YWCA conference at Pollock, La. Two evacuees also attended this meeting.

EDITORIAL TAKEN FROM THE FT. SMITH SOUTH WEST AMERICAN, June 25, 1943

LIGHT ON JAP CENTERS

The veil of mystery is about to be lifted from the Japanese relocation centers in Arkansas.

E. B. Whitaker, field assistant director of the War Relocation Authority in Arkansas, has invited newspapermen and radiomen in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Tennessee, Louisiana and Mississippi to come and see and write what they please about the Japanese center at Rohwer, near McGehee, Ark., on June 30 and July 1.

What we like most about this arrangement is stated in the following excerpt from Mr. Whitaker's letter:

"The purpose of the plan is this: We are trying to operate this typical center in a manner acceptable to the American public. It is a program which has received considerable unfavorable publicity, most of which grew from misunderstanding and a mistrust of the unknown.

"The War Relocation Authority has nothing to hide. We want the public to know the true and simple story. We ask you and other men invited to this 'press day' to see the whole picture and report it as you see it, both for the benefit of the public and the human beings whose lives it presently directs.

"To accomplish this purpose, there will be no planned tour, no speech making, no program. Your writers and photographers will be escorted through the front gate and invited to spend the time as they see fit. We will explain in advance to the residents of the center your purpose in being there and ask for their understanding courtesy. We will intrust the appointed personnel to cooperate in every way. The books, the warehouse, the schools and other buildings will be open for your inspection. There will be no editing nor censorship of any news releases or photographs. We will make available brief statistical information in handout form and supply additional figures where desired.

"It is the War Relocation Authority's desire to discuss freely every problem encountered in the operation of this center."

That is the best way we can imagine to get across to the people a clear understanding of any project.

There is considerable misunderstanding about the Japanese relocation centers. Their operation has been too much clouded in censorship. What people do not understand they suspect. The best remedy for darkness is light. The best cure for vague suspicion is fact.

Out of this press day at Rohwer should come a clear and understanding picture, available to all the people of this part of the nation at least, which will make possible a reasonable judgment.

(To be sent AIRMAIL ea[illegible] Saturday)

WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending July 3, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7671 (revised) This Week 7636

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	26	26	0
Social	7	7	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 4 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 26 0
(b) To Attend College . . 2 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 4 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 1 Girls 1 Still Births 0 Total 2

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 3 Women 6 Children Under 18 5 Total 14

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 0

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Information not available.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	21	
	Social	55	76
Japanese	Soldiers	14	
	Others	16	30
	Total number of visitors		106

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FIRES: **None**

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Liquor violation.	**1**	**Sentenced to one week in jail by Project Director.**		

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

Robert Talley	COMMERCIAL APPEAL, Memphis, Tenn.
Casey Elliott	" "
R. K. Butcher	SHREVEPORT TIMES, Shreveport, La.
J. B. Gasquet	" "
Doug Attaway	SHREVEPORT JOURNAL, Shreveport, La.
C. B. Williams	" "
George B. Lofton	MONROE WORLD STAR NEWS, Monroe, La.
Justin Faherty	ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT, St. Louis, Mo.
Helene Ward	ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, Little Rock, Ark.
Clovis Copeland	ARKANSAS GAZETTE, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Carrick Heiskell	" "
James Downing	UNITED PRESS, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Joy Paisley	ASSOCIATED PRESS, Little Rock, Ark.
Mr. Taylor	HELENA WORLD, Helena, Ark.
Sam Anderson	RADIO STATION KFFA, Helena, Ark.
Jack Parrish	RADIO STATION KOTN, Pine Bluff, Ark.
J. D. Patterson	" "
Joe Wallace	" "
Lieutenant Vogel	Helena Army Air Base, Helena, Ark.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The most important event of the week was "Press Day" which was held June 30 and July 1. Twelve newspapers and radio stations sent 19 representatives. The reaction of the visitors was very good and a substantial amount of favorable publicity has already resulted and more is expected. A detailed report dated July 2 gives a full description of the open house. On July 3, after this report was written, the Memphis Commercial Appeal carried an excellent feature article, well illustrated, which did much to offset the unfavorable articles which previously appeared in that paper. As a whole, it is believed that Press Day was a decided success.

Many of the evacuees were dubious of the outcome of the experiment before the guests arrived but most of them cooperated fully while the visitors were here. Many of the center residents invited the reporters into their homes and several of these invitations were accepted. In some cases, evacuees acted as guides for the visitors and without an exception, these made an excellent impression. This practice of encouraging personal acquaintances obtained very favorable results.

The number of people who were resettled this week dropped to 34. The figure for the previous week was 43. Lack of funds to pay resettlement grants during part of the week had a decided adverse effect.

The Relocation Advisory Council has been active, and it is believed that some helpful suggestions concerning relocation will result from its work. One encouraging development is the interest that the Permanent Council is beginning to show in the resettlement problem. Another encouraging indication is the frankness with which the evacuee members discuss the questions brought up before the committee.

A District meeting of American Legion Posts which was held at McGehee passed a resolution requesting that the shopping by evacuees in nearby towns be restricted and also that their use of trucks be curtailed. The complaint against shopping was directed mostly against the buying of food on the ground that such buying was unnecessary since food was provided at the center. As we have previously reported, a similar resolution was defeated at a meeting of the McGehee Post some time ago.

(To be sent AIRMAIL [illegible] Saturday)

WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending July 10, 1943

PROJECT Rohwer

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7636 This Week 7616

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	37	37	0
Social	11	11	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 4 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 33 0
(b) To Attend College . . 1 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 2 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 1 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 3

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 9 Women 7 Children Under 18 7 Total 23

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)
Social 8461; Athletic 22140; Protestant 2500;
Buddhist 1500; Catholic 100.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify) Caucasian Business 50
Social 67 117
Japanese Soldiers 11
Others 7 18
Total number of visitors 135

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FIRES: **None**

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS: **None**

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheets.

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Except for the carry-over from the previous week, the leave program practically came to a standstill this week. This was caused by lack of funds to make relocation grants. Center residents were rather concerned when the grants were stopped but an explanation of the cause was carried in the project paper and this reassured them.

The Community Council has formed a Relocation Committee which includes both members and those outside the Council. The Chairman and Secretary of the Council attended the last meeting of the original Relocation Advisory Council, and a joint meeting of the two groups is planned for next week. It is believed that it will be advisable for the Community Council Committee to take over the work of the first group. The evacuees as a whole will have more confidence in the Council Committee since many of them felt that the original committee was too closely connected with the administration. It is believed that the formation of the new committee will be beneficial and we are pleased that the Council is interested enough in relocation to select a group of its own to consider the problem.

There was considerable interest in the visit of the Spanish Consul who came to the project this week. He explained to the people some of the difficulties of repatriation and why the process had been delayed. This helped allay the suspicions of some of those who thought that repatriation was being held up by this country alone.

The announcement of the coming reduction in employees has not yet caused much complaint. It is possible, however, that when the reductions actually take place the attitude of the people may change.

The newly appointed Judicial Commission held its first hearing this week. Three boys were brought before it for attacking another youth. The three aggressors were placed on probation and the action of the Commission was approved by the Project Director.

Fourteen persons were interviewed this week in order to obtain additional information concerning their negative or qualified answers to Question 28 of the registration questionnaire. Most of these people seemed to have been either confused at the time of registration or to have qualified their answers as a sort of protest against evacuation, not thinking that the qualification might reflect on their loyalty. Two of the group frankly acknowledged that their sympathies still lay with Japan. There was some indication that a few wanted to change their answers

just so they would be allowed to leave the center. Some said they had changed their opinion because they had gained a better understanding of WRA policies since relocation got under way.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending July 17, 1943

PROJECT ROHWER

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7616 This Week 7568

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	23	23	0
Social	2	2	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 38 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 10 0
(b) To Attend College . . 2 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 5 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 0 Children Under 18 0 Total 0

Births: Boys 3 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 5

Number of marriages at center this week 1

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 11 Children Under 18 9 Total 26

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) T. B. - 1;

Paratitis - 1.

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)
Social 1681; Athletic 10,170; Protestant 2500; Buddhist 1500;
Catholic 100.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	34	
	Social	58	92
Japanese	Soldiers	14	
	Others	13	27
	Total number of visitors		119

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FIRES:

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage
July 11	Laundry Block 29	Unknown	None
July 13	Mess Hall 40	"	$3.00

ARRESTS: None

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

See attached sheet.

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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Hearings for those who did not give satisfactory answers to Question 28 continued throughout the week. The first group was interviewed by a committee of seven from the appointed personnel. This week the committee was divided into two groups of three each with the Project Director sitting with each committee from time to time. Most of those interviewed made a fairly satisfactory explanation of why they answered in the negative or with a qualified affirmative. However, a few frankly stated that their sympathy is with Japan. Most of these were Kibei.

The reduction in the number of evacuee employees is now under way. There are some complaints from the people but there has been no dangerous reaction. The evacuee Council has suggested that the reduction be postponed until after segregation has been effected on the ground that it was not wise to have two disturbing programs under way at the same time. Some of the evacuees consider the reduction merely an effort to force them to leave the center.

News of the impending segregation program was announced this week. There have been many rumors concerning segregation but it is believed that as the truth about the program is made public most of these will subside. It is planned to give the people this information as soon as possible.

In spite of the lack of funds to pay travel grants, 52 persons left the center to take employment. However, 38 of these went out on seasonal leave. Leave grants were resumed Friday and it is expected that the number of indefinite leaves will increase.

An evacuee member of the Reports staff and another center resident addressed a meeting of young church people in Little Rock.

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WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending July 24, 194 3

PROJECT ROHWER

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 7571 * This Week 7529

*Revised.

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
Business	29	29	0
Social	12	12	0

2. Group Employment Leaves: 25

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 21 0
(b) To Attend College . . 0 0
(c) For Other Purposes . 0 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 0 Women 1 Children Under 18 0 Total 1

Births: Boys 5 Girls 2 Still Births 0 Total 7

Number of marriages at center this week 0

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 8 Women 11 Children Under 18 14 Total 33

Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) 0

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

Athletic 22000; Buddhist 1500; Protestant 2500; Catholic 100;
Social 6678.

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

Caucasian	Business	33	
	Social	40	73
Japanese	Soldiers	18	
	Others	13	31
Total number of visitors			104

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FIRES: None

Date & Time	Location	Cause	Estimated Damage

ARRESTS:

Types of Offenses	Number	Referred to Judicial Commission (number)	Referred to Outside Officials* (number)	Not Prosecuted
Assault and battery	1	Case pending.		

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

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GENERAL COMMENT BY ACTING PROJECT DIRECTOR

The reduction in employees has been accepted with few complaints. Approximately eighteen per cent of the anticipated thirty per cent reduction has already been made. There have been numerous suggestions that the remainder of the reduction be delayed until after segregation is completed.

Forty-six people left the center to accept employment, twenty-five of these went on indefinite leave but several were carry overs from previous weeks waiting travel grants. The number of people actually accepting employment has been greatly reduced since the segregation program was announced. There is, however, a great deal of interest in investigating employment offers. The possibility of segregation dividing families is one of the factors involved. There has been a decided increase in the number of applicants for repatriation since the segregation center was announced. More than sixty applications have been received. In many cases the applicant does not think that he will ever be removed to Japan but merely wants to stay with family or friends, go to a cooler climate, or just have an opportunity to return to California. There has been very few cases of residents wanting to cancel their application for repatriation.

Segregation

There has been considerable increase in the number of requests for permission to change from a negative or qualified affirmative answer of question 28 to an unqualified affirmative answer. Apparently the desire to relocate is the chief reason for these requests being made at this time. However investigation shows that in most cases the applicant did not understand the question in the beginning and did not intend to express any disloyalty to the United States or loyalty to Japan.

A prolonged drouth has greatly reduced the amount of farm products being harvested.