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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS-LETTER
(Reports Division)

War Relocation Authority Denver, Colo. Central Regional Office

NOTE: This summary is for the CONFIDENTIAL use of the administrative personnel in the Washington and Regional Offices and at the projects; it is NOT an official medium for announcements or instructions. The News-Letter supersedes the "Information Roundup" issued last week. As yet we have not established routine sources of information from the projects in the Central Region, and our procedures for gathering news are still incompleted. We expect, however, to be able to announce, at a very early date, a regular schedule for the issuance of the News-Letter.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The directory of Regional and Project personnel, not including those who are in process of being certified, include the following:

REGIONAL OFFICE

Joseph H. Smart, Regional Director
Malcolm E. Pitts, Administrative Officer
Richard Bennetts, Principal Engineer
Melford O. Anderson, Senior Employment Officer
Frank C. Cross, Chief, Reports Division
Paul Ketchum, Personnel Officer

Heart Mountain Project		Granada Project
Christopher E. Rachford	Project Director	James G. Lindley
John A. Nelson	Adm. Officer	Donald E. Harbison
Guy O. Robertson	Asst. Proj. Dir.	
Vaughn Mechau	Reports Officer	Joe G. McClelland
Douglas M. Todd	Comm. Ent. Supt.	
	Supt. of Schools	Paul J. Terry
	Farm Supt.	Henry W. Schmitz
Philip W. Barber	Chief, Comm. Serv.	
Glen Hartman	Chief, Agri. & Ind.	Warren P. Bennison
	Employment Officer	Clarence H. Moore
George Kreizenbeck	Tsp. & Sup. Officer	Mark W. Radcliffe
Ernest L. Hawes	Project Steward	William E. Hall
Lundgrun Main	Procurement Officer	
	Registrar	Willis J. Hanson
Roland A. King	Motor Pool Supv.	

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War Relocation Authority Denver, Colorado Central Regional Office

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PERSONNEL

Additions to the personnel since the last issue of the News-Letter are as follows:

Regional Office

Guy Robertson, Building Construction Consultant

Heart Mountain Project

Everett R. Lane, Plant Superintendent
Marshall C. Keith, Medical Consultant
Jerry S. King, Asst. Farm Superintendent
Wm. M. Friedman, Instructor

Granada Project

Ralph J. Mitchell, Jr. Admin. Asst.
Eugene H. Morrill, Sr. Foreman of Communications
August Zanoni, Assoc. Highway Engineer

PROCUREMENT

Information has been received from Washington that procurement of coal for the projects will be from the Quartermaster Corps of the Army.

Twenty trucks were picked up at the 7th Command Service Repair Shop in Denver for use at the Cody Project. Arrangements are being made for the transfer from WPA to the Granada Project of two power shovels and a grader.

REPORTS DIVISION

Vaughn Meehan, Reports Officer for the Heart Mountain Project, left for Cody July 30. He will have temporary headquarters in Cody. Joe McClelland, Reports Officer for the Granada Project, reported for duty in Denver July 27. Administrative News-Letters are being sent out as new information is available. The Press Digest (formerly called Summary of Press Reports) is now being issued bi-weekly, although newspaper coverage is not yet as complete as desirable.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The Project Director, C. E. Rachford, reports that at the time he left Cody, July 22, warehouses were nearly finished and about two-thirds of the quarters for the evacuees had been roofed. Work on the filtering and chlorinating plant and on the laying of water pipes through the camp was under way. The administration building was two-thirds completed. The walls of the store were up, but no work had been done on the interior. The two administrative dormitories were completed to the extent of outside walls and floors, but windows were not in.

There has been no grading of the grounds around any of the buildings as yet. The fact that the terrain is uneven, with most of the buildings set into the ground on one end and raised on the other, necessitates grading around each building. Construction work has been somewhat delayed because of a shortage of lumber.

No definite information has been received regarding the time of arrival of an advanced contingent of evacuees.

Plans are under way for the development of agricultural enterprises but no definite action has been taken. Industries under consideration include woodworking, shoe shops, and perhaps a toy industry, but no action has been taken. The Cody community, Mr. Rachford reports, is very cooperative and interested in the project.

GRANADA PROJECT

Project Director James G. Lindley reports that building material for the project is now coming in at a rapid rate. No warehouses are available, as those at the project have not been built, and material is being stored in the houses which are located on the farms in the project area. There are 25 or 30 buildings already situated on the land which was acquired.

In the Japanese quarters, brick has been substituted for concrete for floors because cement for this purpose is not available.

On the Manvel farm, which was owned by the American Crystal Sugar Co., the crops consist of sugar beets, small grains and alfalfa. There are 23 tenants on this farm property. Permission has been granted to these farmers to harvest their crops, so occupation of some of the land will not be possible until December. On the other large ranch, the XY property, occupation is scheduled as soon as the court order becomes effective. Plans for agricultural enterprises include hog-raising, and preliminary negotiations have been made for the purchase of hogs.

The local community near the project is keenly interested in being informed concerning the relocation work, and residents in the area seem to be quite sympathetic to the program. There is no apparent antagonism toward the Japanese evacuees coming to the project area.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS-LETTER
(Reports Division)

War Relocation Authority Denver, Colorado Central Regional Office

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

Joseph H. Smart, Regional Director, has just returned from Washington where he has been discussing various matters in connection with setting up the Regional Office and the two projects, especially problems of procurement. He was given authority to proceed with negotiations for the construction of schools and other necessary buildings not provided by the army.

PERSONNEL

Personnel not heretofore mentioned in the News-Letter includes the following:

Regional Office

Earl D. Brooks, Personnel Officer
(on loan from OEM)
(replacing Paul Ketchum)
(who has left to accept a position)
(with OEM in Chicago)

Heart Mountain Project

Ernest L. Hawes, Project Steward

Granada Project

T. Read Hanson, Fiscal Acct.
Alton O. Mead,
Sr. Procurement Officer
Frances E. Miller,
Personnel & Leave Clerk
(Transferred from
Tule Lake Project)
Augusta M. Diven,
Sr. Fiscal Accountant Clk.

REPORTS DIVISION

Frank Cross, Chief of the Reports Division, left Denver on August 4 for the Heart Mountain project and other points in Wyoming. He will return to the Denver Regional Office at the end of the week.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The army reports construction is 85 per cent completed and will be finished about August 10. Evacuee barracks buildings are virtually completed. Laundry and toilet buildings were somewhat delayed because of the shortage of bricklayers to construct chimneys. Construction of the hospital heating

plant was also delayed by a shortage of bricklayers to build the 70-foot chimney. Administrative buildings are completed externally. Some plumbing andfinishing remain to be done in the administrative barracks.

At the present time, living quarters are available for only about 40 members of the administrative staff. No facilities are yet available for families of project personnel.

The upper water reservoir is practically roofed and ready for water. Delivery of water pipe for mains was delayed, but pipe has now reached the project. Large quantities of this pipe have been transported to the ditches, although part of it is still being unloaded.

Streets are partially completed. Very little grading has been done around the buildings and last week, after an hour's heavy rain, there was some flooding of messhalls and warehouses. Grading work probably will have to be done later with evacuee labor.

Refrigeration facilities will undoubtedly cause some delays. Only one refrigerated warehouse is scheduled to be ready about August 10. A carload of lettuce, spinach, carrots, and other perishable foods was on the way to the project last week, but fortunately it was stopped before reaching the center. However, 250 sacks of potatoes arrived by truck and have had to be stored in cellars nearby.

GRANADA PROJECT

Construction is proceeding very satisfactorily and most of the concrete box foundations have been laid. Two blocks of the center are nearing completion and framework is ready to be erected on many others. The contract was recently awarded for the warehouses, the hospital and administrative buildings. Building supplies are being received as needed.

Some changes are being requested in the contract, including platform-height floors in warehouses, and construction of two unloading warehouses at the railroad spur. Special attention to the refrigerated warehouses has been requested so that they will be completed by the time the evacuees arrive.

Army engineers report that well No. 1 has been drilled satisfactorily, and No. 2 well is now being drilled. Workers are ready to start on well No. 3.

Various supplies for the evacuees, including mattresses, blankets, stoves, cooking utensils, etc., are being received and stored at Granada and Lamar.

Work is under way on the utilities and on the sewage disposal plant.

Arrangements have been made with the postal inspector to inspect the campsite and make arrangements for installing a post office.

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brand new also delayed by a shortage of plasterers to build the AC-block buildings. Administrative buildings are completed except for some finishing work. Some furniture remain to be done in the administrative offices.

In the present time, living quarters are available for only about 50 members of the administrative staff. No facilities are yet available for families of project personnel.

The upper water reservoir is practically rocked and ready for water. Delivery of water pipe for mains was delayed, but pipe has now reached the project. Large quantities of this pipe have been transported to the fields, although part of it is still being unloaded.

Streets are partially completed. Very little grading has been done around the buildings and least week, after an hour's heavy rain, there was some flooding of basements and waterhouses. Grading work probably will have to be done later when weather improves.

Irrigation facilities will undoubtedly cause some delays. Only one of laterals, abstract, ditches, and other irrigation lines are on the way to the project just week, and tentatively it was shipped people receiving the center. However, 225 sacks of borrowed seed which have been to be stored in certain region.

GRANADA PROJECT

construction is proceeding very satisfactorily and most of the concrete box culverts have been laid. Two blocks of the center are nearing completion and timework is ready to be checked on their orders. The contract was recently awarded for the waterhouses, the boiler and administrative buildings. Building supplies are being received as needed.

Some cracks are being repaired in the contract, including brattice-metal and the assembling waterhouses, but construction of only one building was need finished that. Checking structure of the reinforced waterhouse and need replaced as soon as they will be completed by the time the carpenters arrive.

Yuma engineers report that well no. 1 has been drilled satisfactorily, and well no. 2 is now being drilled. Workers are ready to start on well no. 3.

Actions supplies for the carpenters, including mattresses, planers, stoves, cooking utensils, etc., are being received and stored as planned and needed.

Work is under way on the utilities and on the sewage disposal plant.

Arrangements have been made with the boarding inspector to inspect the camp-site and make arrangements for installing a post office.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS-LETTER
(Reports Division)

War Relocation Authority Denver, Colorado Central Regional Office

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REGIONAL OFFICE

John R. Camp, who is associated with Mr. Kimmel in the Industrial Division in Washington, will be in the region for a few weeks to get the industry phase of the program under way on the two centers. He is making a preliminary survey to determine what industries are wanted on the centers and what employment opportunities there are for the Japanese-Americans. Mr. Camp formerly lived in Colorado, and attended Colorado College.

Jerry W. Housel, who will be the acting Central Regional Attorney, on detail from the Washington WRA office, was in the Denver office August 6. He left the same day for the San Francisco office, and will return to Denver shortly.

PERSONNEL

Delbert E. Love has been appointed Fiscal Accountant for the Granada project.

PROCUREMENT

Procurement activities, except for heavy equipment and motorized equipment, are progressing very satisfactorily. It appears now that the immediate requirements of both the Granada and Heart Mountain projects will be met without major difficulty.

REPORTS DIVISION

Frank Cross, Chief of the Reports Division, is interviewing newspaper editors, Mayors and other public officials in the Big Horn Basin area of Wyoming at the present time. He reports that there is a keen demand on the part of the public for information regarding the Heart Mountain relocation center. Considerable interest is also being shown in the area in the possibility of using Japanese evacuee labor in the bean harvest in September and in the sugar beet harvest beginning in October. A number of public meetings have been held in this area to discuss the Japanese labor situation, it is reported.

GRANADA PROJECT

The administrative staff for the school system is virtually completed. The recruiting of teachers in all three levels -- elementary, junior high school and senior high school -- is progressing satisfactorily. Plans for the school buildings are now being prepared.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Construction is proceeding satisfactorily with two blocks ready for occupancy by August 7. Three additional blocks are expected to be ready by August 11. The Project Director, C. E. Rachford, reports that the center will be able to handle 500 to 600 evacuees daily after August 11. Administrative buildings are nearing completion. The water and sewage disposal plants are usable, although not entirely completed. The hospital building is about half finished. The army barracks will be ready for occupancy by August 10.

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ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS LETTER
(Reports Division)

War Relocation Authority Denver, Colorado Central Regional Office

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Jos. H. Smart, regional director, left August 10 for the Heart Mountain project. He will return to the regional office August 13. Accompanying Mr. Smart was John R. Camp, from the Industrial Division in Washington.

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On August 7, the Denver Post printed a story quoting Representative McIntyre of Wyoming as protesting against salaries of teachers in the Heart Mountain project schools as being $500 to $600 a year more than the average paid for similar jobs in Wyoming. A reply was prepared by Mr. Smart and released through the Associated Press by the OWI in Denver. This appeared in the Rocky Mountain News the morning of August 8, and stated in part as follows: "Top-scales, based on 12 months of teaching, for camp elementary and high school teachers will be $1,620 and $2,000 a year, respectively. Similar jobs at Laramie, for example, pay high school and grade teachers with an A. B. degree and three years of teaching a top salary of $1,920. They teach but nine months each year. If they were paid at the same rate for 12 months of teaching, they would receive $2,556 a year."

The Denver Post of August 8 carried an editorial in "That's That" column attacking the WRA policy of "labor piracy" in paying teachers for the Granada project schools "a whole lot more than is paid for similar

teaching jobs in the public schools of Prowers County". The editorial stated further: "Furnishing teachers for the education of Jap Children in concentration camps in this country is a wanton waste of American effort and American dollars.....Why bother to give the children of enemies of this country any education at all?....."

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Agricultural Needs for Japanese Labor in Wyoming

Frank C. Cross, chief of the reports division, spent most of last week in Wyoming in the area surrounding the Heart Mountain project and in the sugar beet area around Torrington. The project was visited briefly, but most of the time was spent in meeting with public officials and newspaper editors in Sheridan, Greybull, Powell, Cody, Torrington, Wheatland, and Laramie.

Mr. Cross reports that there will be a rather urgent need in certain sections of Wyoming for workers in beet, bean, and potato harvests. The indications are, however, that this need will not be as urgent as some of the local groups will represent. Some of the initial requests for Japanese workers were reduced considerably when more accurate estimates were prepared. In Sheridan, the secretary of the USDA War Board and the representatives of the USES, while insisting that workers were really badly needed, nevertheless gave assurance that the crops would be saved by local labor if no outside labor could be had.

The urgent need for workers in the sugar beet harvest, as well as in the bean and potato harvests, will depend in a large measure on the nature of the weather through September and October. If weather conditions are unfavorable for harvest, a larger supply of labor will be needed to rush harvest work later. The most urgent demand will probably come from

the beet growers, especially in the Torrington and in the Big Horn Basin areas.

It is quite obvious, Mr. Cross states, that if some conscientious effort is not made to supply as many Japanese workers as possible wherever the conditions for such labor are properly met, public reaction will not be good. However, if the farmers are convinced that the WRA is sympathetic to their needs, no difficulties in public relations are anticipated from the labor standpoint.

The problem of housing Japanese workers to meet requirements of the WRA and USES may cause some difficulty. Considerable doubt was expressed in Wyoming as to whether the living quarters provided for Mexican laborers will meet requirements. Probably some resentment will be expressed if these quarters are not approved. Many of the farmers have the idea that all the Japanese are alien enemies, and they are not too concerned for their welfare.

The vast majority of the people in Wyoming are willing to be friendly and cooperative, but they are keenly eager for authentic information regarding the project and the possible use of Japanese labor, especially in the Big Horn Basin and adjacent areas. They feel they have a right to know about our program and activities. Moreover they feel that if any labor can be made available it should not be withheld from them to apply on less urgent undertakings at the project itself. They believe that the harvest of beets, beans and potatoes is an urgent war necessity which should not be deferred for various types of construction work in the project that might be postponed until after harvest.

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Jos. H. Smart, regional director, returned to Denver August 13 after spending two days at the Heart Mountain project. John R. Camp, of the WRA Industrial Division in Washington, accompanied him on the trip. Richard Bennetts, principal engineer, left August 12 for the Washington office to confer with officials regarding blanket priorities for project school construction. He is expected to return about August 17.

PERSONNEL

The following new appointees have entered on duty:

Granada Project

Henry Halliday - Sr. Adm. Officer
Louis G. Temple - Sr. Const. Foreman
Walter J. Knodel - Placement Officer

Heart Mountain Project

Victor J. Ryan -- Fiscal Accountant
James M. Grace - Jr. Cost Accountant
Harvey P. Chandler - Head Storekeeper
Glen Hartman - Chief, Agriculture and Industry
Royal H. Embree - Housing Supt.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Four magazines (Colliers, The American, Country Gentleman, and Asia) on the news stands during the week of August 9, carried interesting articles concerning the Japanese evacuation from the west coast defense area and the program of the WRA. The article in Country Gentleman was written by John Bird, former Chief of the Reports Division, WRA, in the Washington office. These magazines, together with others also containing articles on the evacuation and relocation program, are available in the Denver Office of Reports

for loan to members of the WRA personnel.

REPORTS DIVISION

Frank C. Cross, Chief of the Reports Division, has accepted, with the permission of Dillon Myer, national director of WRA and Jos. H. Smart, central Regional Director, an appointment by the Mayor of Denver as chairman of public relations for the Denver Defense Council, which is the cooperating agency of the OCD. Mr. Cross will conduct the responsibilities of the office in his spare time and without remuneration.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The first contingent of Japanese evacuees arrived by train at Cody about 2 A.M. August 12. A total of 292 Japanese, including 280 adults, 5 infants and 7 youths were aboard. All were tired but in good health. Registration and medical examination was postponed until the following morning. These first arrivals are to be assigned to work in project administrative office, hospital, kitchens, and messhalls, and will assist in registering and caring for later arrivals.

GRANADA PROJECT

Present indications are that half of the Granada project will be ready for occupancy by August 31. With the exception of a kitchen, quarters for the military police are scheduled to be ready by August 15. Five warehouses will be ready for storage purposes by August 17, and the refrigerator warehouses will probably be completed before August 31. Evacuees' residences are about 30 per cent complete and foundations for approximately 50 per cent are in place. Heavy equipment is being moved in to speed up foundation work. Chief bottleneck in the completion of evacuee residences is the lack of window sashes Three wells have been brought in successfully, but as yet there is no water

in the mains. Most of the sewer mains are installed and it is hoped the sewage disposal plant will be ready by August 25. Should residents arrive before this date temporary sewage pits will be prepared. School construction is pending. The hospital will be ready for at least partial occupancy by August 31.

Col. Rosenberg, Regional Army Engineer in charge of construction, and his assistant, Major Cole visited the project August 2. They discussed small changes in contracting details with Lieut. Curtis, the resident army engineer and made an inspection tour with him. On Monday, August 10, Col. Hanson of the West Coast defense area engineers was also in Lamar. On August 5, Major C. A. Rogers of the Fourth Army Quartermaster's Office, together with several Santa Fe railroad officials, were at the project to complete details for the transportation of evacuees from California centers.

Mr. Ervin J. Utz, Chief of the Agricultural Production Division, WRA, in Washington, spent a day at the project surveying possible farm production with Mr. Lindley, Project Director, and Mr. Bennison, Project Chief of Agriculture and Industry. On August 9, John Camp, consultant to WRA Industrial Division in Washington, was in Lamar with Lt. Col. Hughes investigating the possibilities of installing some type of war production plant in the area.

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Jos. H. Smart, Regional Director, left Denver August 15 to attend a WRA conference in San Francisco. He is expected to return August 24. In his absence Malcolm E. Pitts is serving as Acting Regional Director.

E. G. Arnold, Special Assistant to the Director in Washington, and John Baker, Chief of the Reports Division in Washington, stopped over for a day in the Denver office August 15, and then proceeded to the San Francisco conference.

To discuss coordination of the activities of the WRA Reports Division and those of the Office of War Information, Mr. James.O. Secrest, Chief of the Field Information Officers of OWI, Mr. William Carey, Washington representative of the Bureau of the Budget, and Mr. Phillip Hamblet, Assistant to the Director of OWI, conferred with officials of the Denver office Saturday morning August 15.

REPORTS DIVISION

John Baker, Washington Chief of the Reports Division, held a day-long conference August 15 with the staff of the Central Region Reports Division. He brought with him copies of an interpretation of relations between War Relocation Authority and the Office of War Information. This interpretation sets up definite policies and procedures which will correlate the activities of the two agencies. Further discussion concerned the

clarification of general policies and details of the services to be provided by the Division. Steps were taken to inaugurate, as part of the Central Regional Reports Division, a photographic unit to serve both the Central and Southern regions.

PERSONNEL

The following new appointees have entered on duty:

Heart Mountain Project

William Wells - Project Steward
Robert G. Griffin - Chief of Internal Security

Granada Project

W. Ray Johnson - Chief, Community Serv.
Dr. Charles E. Irwin - Principal Medical Officer
Ralph J. O'Rourke - Sr. Engineer
Sarah F. Schuck - Supt. Student Teachers
Enoch Dumas - Elementary School Prin.
Samuel C. Coy - High School Prin.
Herbert K. Walther - Jr. High Prin.
John Justice - Agricultural Marketing Superintendent

PROCUREMENT

WRA has been able to secure a considerable amount of former CCC equipment now in storage in Rawlins, Wyoming, The equipment, to be used at projects in the Central and Southern regions, includes a wide variety of items ranging from road building equipment and trucks to hand levels, and from steel cots to soup spoons. There are approximately 49 trucks including dump, stake body, pickup and panel delivery types, 3 sedan type automobiles, over 200 steel cots, 200 fire extinguishers, 1,000 shovels, 100 stoves, equipment for several kitchens, a sizable array of carpenter and blacksmith tools, and complete equipment for a motor repair depot. The list also includes transits, levels, drafting tables and tools, road-building machines, and considerable other equipment and supplies incidental to the operation and maintenance of a camp work project.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The first contingent in the main movement of Japanese evacuees from Pomona, California, arrived at Heart Mountain by rail at 6 PM on August 18. 529 evacuees were aboard: 19 children under the age of four, 51 children between five and twelve years old, and 459 older persons. Among the arrivals was one ambulance case, a chronic paralytic. Four others were ill from train sickness or old age. Registration, medical examination, and assignment to quarters were completed in about two hours. The reports officer has set up an information office in the heart of the occupied area of the camp to handle evacuee questions and problems. The presence of contractors still at work necessitates restricting evacuees to definite areas and requires the setting up of a temporary information office. Emergency sanitary supplies were obtained from Billings to alleviate a temporary shortage.

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Denver, Colorado

War Relocation Authority Central Regional Office

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BENNETTS RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON, D. C.

Richard Bennetts, Principal Engineer for the Central region, returned to the Denver office Saturday morning, August 22, from Washington, D. C., where he had been conferring with priorities officials regarding the procurement of materials for construction at the projects. The present indications are that considerable delay may be anticipated in securing materials for the construction of both schools and residences for the administrative staff.

SWEDISH NEWS MEN VISIT DENVER OFFICE

Three prominent Swedish journalists -- Alfred Oste, foreign editor of the Svenska Dagbladet, Stockholm; Sten Hedman, of the Dagens Nyheter, Stockholm; and Naboth Hedin, Director of the New York office of the Swedish-American News Exchange -- visited the Denver office Friday, August 21, to confer with Malcolm Pitts, Acting Regional Director in the absence of Jos. H. Smart, and Frank Cross, Chief of the Reports Division. They are touring the United States to obtain first-hand information regarding the productive might of America's war effort, and to learn how this nation is treating alien enemies in our midst, and other people whose origins extend into the countries with whom we are at war. At the conclusion of the interview they remarked on the contrast between the humane program of the WRA and the barbaric treatment given to unfortunate people who have been caught in the net of the Axis nations.

PERSONNEL

The following new appointees have entered on duty:

Regional Office

Tom Parker - Information Specialist

Heart Mountain Project

William J. Carroll - Sr. Emp. Officer
William C. Evans - Procurement Officer
John K. Corbett - High School Principal
Bernadene E. Schunk - Curriculum Adviser
Charles E. Richey - Chief Garage Foreman

Wm. B. Wroth - Irrigation and Const. Engineer
Ernest W. Tigges - Asst. Farm Supt.
Clarence P. Jones - Head Storekeeper
Robert W. Smith - Chief Garage Foreman
Ernest Hollingsworth - Sr. Mechanic
Elzie C. Brown - Foreman Machinist
Perry Shilton - Blacksmith Foreman
Norman H. Cross - Jr. Cost Accountant

WRA CENTERS MADE MILITARY AREAS

War Relocation centers at Heart Mountain, Wyoming, and Granada, Colorado, together with the two in Arkansas, have been designated as military areas following discussions during the week of August 9 by Assistant Secretary of War, John J. McCloy, U. S. Solicitor General Charles Fahy, and WRA officials Elmer M. Rowalt, Deputy Director, and Lewis A. Sigler, Acting Solicitor.

All relocation centers are now military areas in the same category with defense plants and army cantonments.

NEW PUBLICATIONS AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES

"The Japanese in our Midst", an eight-page booklet recently published jointly by the Colorado Council of Churches, the Denver Young Women's Christian Association, and the Denver Council of Religious Education, recognizes the stake of religion in the treatment of the Japanese in America, and offers suggestions for Christian action. Copies of the booklet sell for five cents each.

The September issue of the Desert Magazine carries an interesting and favorable article, written by the editor, on the War Relocation center at Poston, Arizona.

CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS EQUIPMENT FROZEN

Two large supplies of former CCC equipment, one at Littleton, Colorado, and one at Rawlins, Wyoming, which the procurement division of the Central Region has been working to obtain for use in the relocation centers, have been lost, at least temporarily, by freezing orders from the Army and the U. S. Grazing Service. The equipment at Rawlins is to be held pending a decision regarding its use on a strategic road-building program.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

Arrivals at Heart Mountain project through August 22 numbered 2,922 evacuees. There were 208 infants four years of age or younger, 278 children from five to twelve years old, and 2,436 older persons included among them. Seventeen cases of measles and one of insanity were reported. An emergency appendectomy was performed at the project hospital.

Director Rachford reports that all details of registration, medical examination, and housing are proceeding smoothly.

ACTIVITIES AT GRANADA PROJECT

A contingent of 90 military police arrived at the Granada project from Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on August 20, and Project Director Lindley reports that all preparations have been made to receive the first company of Japanese evacuees who are due to arrive within the next few days.

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REGIONAL OFFICE

Jos. H. Smart, Regional Director, returned Monday from San Francisco, where he has been attending a conference of national and regional officials to consider and revise administrative policies and procedures. Roy Kimmel, Chief of the Industrial Division in Washington, and E. B. Whitaker, Regional Director for the Southern Region, accompanied Mr. Smart on his return trip. They spent one day in Denver at the Regional office.

Jerry Housel, who has spent some time in San Francisco studying the relocation program in operation in the Pacific Coast Region, has returned to assume his duties as Regional Attorney for the Central Region.

PERSONNEL

New members of the personnel who have assumed their respective duties are:

Heart Mountain Project

Guy Robertson, Asst. Project Director
Earl A. Wood, High School Instructor
Paul L. Christensen, Elementary School Principal
Martha I. Partridge, Chief Nurse
Marlin T. Kurtz - Director of Guidance, Testing and Placement
Boyd N. Larsen, Fiscal Accountant
Angelo Girardo, Sr. Procurement Clerk
Howard W. Walker, Sr. Mechanic
Elbern F. Linderman, Foreman Mechanic

Granada Project

Verner Campbell, Fire Chief
Morris H. Soglow, Health and Physical Education Adviser
Paul H. Freier, Housing Supt.
David N. Katz, Procurement Officer
Wanda Oliver, Chief Nurse
June R. Laverick, Staff Nurse
Dagmar Quarnstrom, Head Nurse (Supervisory)
Lottie E. More, Sr. Teacher (Home Economics)
Sidney H. Sandvos, Associate Design Engineer

POMONA EVACUATION TO HEART MOUNTAIN COMPLETED

The final trainload of 413 evacuees from the Pomona assembly center arrived at Heart Mountain project at 4:38 P.M. Wednesday, August 26, raising the total population of the center to 5,260.

The next movement to Heart Mountain will be from the Santa Anita assembly center at Arcadia, California. According to an announcement by the WCCA approximately 3,450 evacuees will be moved at a rate of not more than 600 per day on alternate days, beginning Sunday, August 30. Included in the transfer will be families formerly resident in the city of San Jose and other parts of Santa Clara County, and also in the city of Los Angeles.

The lull between the two movements has provided the administrative staff with a welcome opportunity to complete various necessary services and details of organization for the population already arrived. Four branch postoffices and a central information office have been organized by Project Reports Officer, Vaughn Mechau. A series of information bulletins are to be mimeographed and posted within the next few days, pending the establishment of a camp newspaper.

Considerable difficulty has been encountered in obtaining equipment, both for the administrative office and for other work around the project. George Kriezenback, Chief of Transportation and Supply, has been sent to Rawlins, Wyoming and Ogden, Utah, in an effort to procure various items which are much needed.

Director Rachford reports that the threat of measles epidemic brought into the center by 17 cases on the third train-load of evacuees, seems to have been brought under control by Dr. Charles E. Irwin, Chief Medical Officer.

The first death at the project occurred at 5 P.M., Aug. 28. T. Okamoto, age 60, was stricken with cerebral hemorrhage and died four hours after hospitalization He leaves a wife and two sons. The body has been sent to Denver for cremation.

FIRST EVACUEES ARRIVE
AT GRANADA PROJECT

The first contingent of evacuees from the assembly Center at Merced, Calif., arrived at Granada on Thursday, Aug. 27, at 10:38 A.M. according to the report of Project Director, James G. Lindley. This contingent was made up of 212 people, of whom 192 were men, 19 were women, and one was an infant in arms. Of the men 82 are classified as laborers, 51 are cooks and mess hall workers, and 36 are hospital employees. The remainder are skilled workers, mainly in clerical classifications.

The population of the Japanese evacuees at Merced is composed of former residents of the following California counties: Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sonoma, Stanilaus, Sutter, Tehema, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba.

Two blocks of dwellings were in readiness to receive the evacuees, although only one mess hall and one lavatory were in operation. One warehouse, and one recreation building are to be used temporarily as community store buildings until the permanent store buildings are completed.

On August 25, a total of 952 Caucasian workers were employed on the construction of the center. Living quarters were better than 40 per cent completed, with construction running about two weeks behind schedule. Utilities systems were better than half completed, and not more than five days behind schedule. Electrica installations were about one-quarter completed and roads approximately one-third completed. Three wells had been brought into production, and the fourth had been drilled to a depth of 786 feet. The administrative, warehouse, and military police buildings were about one-quarter completed.

Major staff positions have been nearly all filled. Filling of jobs in the lower-grade classifications has been temporarily suspended pending information on the skills and abilities of the evacuees in order that they may fill as many positions as possible.

Regional Director, Jos. H. Smart, Attorney Jerry Housel, Photographer Tom Parker, all from the Regional office, were present at the project when the first evacuees arrived.

INDUSTRIES PLANNED FOR RELOCATION CENTERS

Angora Rabbits

As a first step toward the probable establishment of an Angora rabbit industry at the Granada Project, C. W. Orr, of Palmer Lake, Colorado, has been employed temporarily as a consultant on the staff of the Regional office to work with project Director James G. Lindley. Mr. Orr is one of America's leading producers of Angora rabbits and founder of the American Angora Rabbit Breeders Cooperative. In England, Angora rabbit wool has been used extensively in lining uniforms for aviators, but the scarcity of the material in the United States has induced American military authorities to use other kinds of linings. It is used, however, to line the uniforms of parachute and ski troops. There is also an unlimited market for it in the manufacture of certain high-class garments for women. Experts on the industry in the Quartermaster's Corps, the War Production Board, and the Fish and Wild Life Service have commended the plan to raise Angora rabbit wool in the War Relocation Centers. The possibility that the wool may be spun on the projects, by evacuee labor, is also under consideration.

Lens Factory

Negotiations are under way to establish a lens grinding factory at the Heart Mountain project as a branch of the Polarizing Instrument Company of New York City. The site has been approved by Albert Shuman who represents the company, and the provisions of the agreement between his organization and the WRA are well along toward completion.

It is believed that the industry would provide work for about 600 to 1000 workers. If the plant is established the lenses will be used largely for the manufacture of sextants for the Army Tank Corps.

Ammunition Cases

Conversations between John R. Camp of the Industrial Division, WRA (Washington Office) and officials of the Denver Ordnance Plant have introduced the possibility that wooden parts for ammunition cases may be manufactured at the Heart Mountain Project. The present supply comes from the Pacific Coastal area.

The heavy moisture content of timber in the eastern Rocky Mountain area will require it to be kiln dried, if it is used to make the cases, but the Forest Products Laboratory of the U. S. Forest Service has developed an inexpensive kiln which can be easily constructed. Plenty of suitable timber is available in the

vicinity of Heart Mountain, and a sawmill is also available, needing only slight repairs to be put into operation.

Ceramics

The availability of fire clay in the vicinity of Cody has invited a consideration of the desirability of establishing a ceramics industry at the Heart Mountain project. If the industry is established it would probably be limited to producing pottery, earthenware, brick and concrete blocks for use in the relocation centers. It is deemed inadvisable at the present time to project the manufacture of any fire-clay products for the open market. The needs of the relocation centers, themselves, would provide the plant with considerable work.

EMPLOYMENT OF EVACUEE LABOR
IN BEET HARVEST DISCUSSED

Representatives of the Great Western Sugar Company, the Holly Sugar Company, the U. S. Employment Service, the Social Security Board, the U.S.D.A. War Board, the A.A.A., and the F.S.A. met Friday afternoon in the office of Joseph H. Smart, Regional Director of the WRA, to discuss the employment of evacuee labor in the Colorado and Wyoming sugar beet harvest. Mr. Smart presented the terms of a "Tentative Policy and Procedure for Off-Site Employment", based on the San Francisco conferences during the week of August 16.

Mr. H. M. Clinite, farm placement representative, of the U.S.E.S., Region XI, announced that his agency predicts a shortage of about 2,000 laborers in Colorado and 2,200 in Wyoming. Montana has requested 2,500 workers.

M. O. Anderson, Regional Employment Officer, and Jerry Housel, Regional Attorney, participated with Mr. Smart in presenting the policies and procedure of the WRA.

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GRANADA PROJECT

The arrival of 557 evacuees at the Granada project at 6:55 P.M. Thursday, September 3, raised the total evacuee population of the center to 769. The Thursday arrivals numbered 466 adults, 43 children, and 48 infants, all from the Merced assembly center in California. There were three ambulance cases, but none of a serious nature. Approximately 1,000 more evacuees were expected Saturday.

Construction is still keeping barely ahead of the arrivals. Two mess halls were in operation Friday, serving multiple meals to take care of all the evacuees. A third mess hall was scheduled to open Saturday morning. The arrival of cool weather has made the procurement of coal an urgent matter. Two carloads have been purchased for immediate delivery.

A major problem, aside from housing and heating, has been encountered in the water supply. All drinking water for the center has been hauled from Granada in GI cans. On Sunday, August 30, a breakdown in the pumping plant further complicated the difficulty during a day and night by cutting off all water in the wash rooms and latrines.

Only two members of the administrative staff, Soglow and McClelland, were living at the project on September 4. They were staying in the military police barracks and eating in the evacuee mess halls.

HEART MOUNTAIN PROJECT

The total arrivals at the Heart Mountain project, up to noon Friday, September 4, numbered 6,821. In the meantime, two deaths had occurred. On August 20, T. Okamoto, age 60, died of cerebral hemorrhage and at 5 A.M., Thursday, September 3, Shinijior Honda, age 65, died immediately after his arrival, of a cancer of the oesophagus complicated by bronchial pneumonia. One birth had occurred. At 12:30 A.M. Friday, Mrs. Ayko Miyatani, age 21, from Portland, was delivered of a son at the Cody hospital by a Caesarian section. Both mother and son were in a satisfactory condition as of noon Friday.

A breakdown of the arrivals by point of departure showed 5,260 from Pomona, 938 from Portland, 607 from Santa Anita, seven from Tanforan, three from Puyallup, one from Santa Fe, and three from Bismarck.

Of the Pomona evacuees, 2,877 were men, 2,383 were women. Of the Pomona and Portland arrivals combined, 404 were 4 years of age or younger, 606 were 5 to 12 years of age, and 5,188 were 12 years of age or older. Further classification by age and sex had not yet been made.

Hospital reports revealed that 40 cases of fruit poisoning had been treated and released, and 30 cases of measles had been handled by the medical staff.

A postoffice under the supervision of E. T. Ebert, formerly employed at the Cody post office, and staffed by evacuees, had been established at the project, and four substations were either in operation or in process of organization.

On Sunday night, August 30, a fire destroyed the laundry and latrine building in block 20. Its origin was not determined with certainty, but either over-heating of the boiler or the short-circuiting of an electric line is considered the probable cause.

A recent army survey of housing conditions discloses a shortage of 51 4-person apartments, and the district engineer has been instructed to build 12 new barracks together with a combination latrine and laundry building. Also a recreation building and kitchen are to be constructed in block 7.

Members of the Washington and Denver administrative staffs who spent several days at the project during the week of August 30 were: Philip Glick, National Solicitor, Jos. H. Smart, Regional Director, Jerry Housel, Regional Attorney, and John R. Camp, of the Washington Industrial Division. Myron Davis, staff photographer of Life Magazine, accompanied by Henry Hough, who represents the magazine in Denver, were also at the project over the week-end and through Monday.

REGIONAL OFFICE

The last week-end in August brought to the Regional Office in Denver an unusual number of national WRA officers returning from the conference in San Francisco. Leland K. Barrows, Executive Officer of the WRA in Washington, spent a day in Denver conferring with Division heads and then proceeded to the relocation center at Granada for a conference with the project director and members of his staff before continuing on his way to Washington.

Philip Glick, National Solicitor, after two days in the Denver office, entrained for Heart Mountain with Jerry Housel, Regional Attorney.

John Provinse, Chief of Community Service, also spent two days in the Central Regional Office.

Last to arrive from San Francisco on his return to Washington was John Baker, Chief of the Reports Division, who spent two days in conference with Frank Cross, Regional Chief of Reports and Photographer Tom Parker.

Westward-bound on his way to San Francisco, Robert Frase, who is attached to the Employment Division on the Washington office, made a brief stopover to confer with M. O. Anderson, who is in charge of employment in the central region.

Dr. G. D. Carlyle Thompson, from the San Francisco Regional Office, spent several days in the Central Region helping with the work of recruiting doctors and nurses for the projects. He spent one day in Denver, and one day at each of the projects.

Away from the regional office were Regional Director Jos. H. Smart, who was surveying progress at the Heart Mountain center, and Administrative Officer Malcolm E. Pitts, who went to Omaha and Kansas City to consult with army officials concerning procurement of supplies, equipment and materials for the Central Region.

M. O. Anderson acted as Regional Director in Mr. Smart's absence.

PERSONNEL

Members of the project staffs who have entered on duty during the week of August 30, are:

Heart Mountain Project

Ruth F. Melby - Assistant Teacher
Adeline F. Story - High School Instr.
Evelyn C. Thompson - Clerk
Marjorie E. Lewis - Assistant Teacher
Sidney T. Melby - Jr. High School Instructor
Celia Marie Hillers - High School Instructor
Lila W. Currie - Assistant Teacher
Ruth B. Hittinger - Ass't Teacher
Fay A. Thompson - Sr. Agricultural Teacher
Lula B. Leonard - Graduate Nurse (Senior Staff)
Mary Jane Niland - Jr. High School Instructor
Laverna G. Hutt - Assistant Teacher
Bernice K. Jones - Assistant Teacher
Aurelia G. Valley - High School Instructor
Ruth H. Bremecke - Assistant Teacher

Granada Project

Stanley E. Adams - Assistant Internal Security Officer
Delbert A. Bench - Foreman Mechanic
John C. Hoke - Jr. High School Instructor
Charles W. Orr - Assistant Farm Supt.
Clyde H. Shrader - Senior Mechanic
Adam Young - Sr. Foreman Plumber
Betty Beaver - Teacher
Inez Neill - Assistant Teacher

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Arrangements are under way to hold two work-shop conferences for teachers, one at Heart Mountain and one at Granada. The week of September 28 has been chosen as a tentative date for the Heart Mountain conference, and the week of October 5 for the Granada meeting. These conferences have been suggested by Dr. Lester K. Ade, Educational Adviser to the WRA in Washington, who is expected to be the principal speaker at each session.

APPROVED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Nineteen educational institutions in the seven states that comprise the Central Region of the WRA had been approved by the Army and Navy, on September 1, to receive evacuee students from the relocation centers. These 19 institutions are as follows:

Denver University	Denver, Colorado
Colorado Women's College	Denver, Colorado
Colorado State College of A & M	Ft. Collins, Colorado
Colorado State College of Education	Greeley, Colorado
Iliff School of Theology	Denver, Colorado
Lamont School of Music	Denver, Colorado
University of Wyoming	Laramie, Wyoming
Scottsbluff Junior College	Scottsbluff, Nebraska
Nebraska State University	Lincoln, Nebraska
Doane College	Crete, Nebraska
Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln, Nebraska
Saint Elizabeth School of Training	Lincoln, Nebraska
Union College	Lincoln, Nebraska
Southwestern College	Winfield, Kansas
Sterling College	Sterling, Kansas
North Dakota University	Fargo, North Dakota
Dakota Wesleyan University	Mitchell, South Dakota
Huron College	Huron, South Dakota
Yanktown College	Yanktown, S. D.

APPROVED ARTICLE ON EVACUATION

Two copies of an article entitled "Japanese Evacuation from the Pacific Coast", by Galen M. Fisher, which appeared in the Eastern Survey for June 29, 1942, are now available in the Regional Office of Reports. A letter from Washington informs us that Mr. Glick considers it "probably the most accurate presentation of the evacuation problem which has so far appeared in the public prints". These two articles are available for circulation in the Regional Office and for loan on request to members of the staffs at the projects.

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DIRECTOR DILLON MYER VISITS CENTRAL REGION

Regional Director Jos. H. Smart, Regional Attorney Jerry Housel, and Director C. E. Rachford of the Heart Mountain project met National Director Dillon Myer and Col. Erle M. Wilson, Assistant to the Director, at the Granada project, Monday, September 28, and returned with them to the Regional office in Denver.

In a conference with the regional staff, Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Myer stressed the need for every member of the WRA personnel to become thoroughly familiar with the policy and program of our agency. Every one of us, he declared, should be prepared to discuss the relocation program intelligently among our friends and acquaintances. He said that we have just begun to view our problems, which will become more complex and difficult with the passage of time, and emphasized that our principal objective is to return the evacuees as rapidly as possible, with due regard for all the elements involved, to normal civilian status.

Mr. Myer and Col. Wilson departed for Heart Mountain, with Project Director Rachford, Wednesday morning.

STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE

A total of 27 students -- 18 boys and 9 girls -- have been granted leaves from the relocation centers at Heart Mountain and Granada to attend 17 different educational institutions in the middle-west.

Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska, has enrolled seven of them -- the largest number to attend any one institution. These seven students are all from the Granada center. Three have enrolled at the Colorado College of Education in Greeley, and three at the University of Nebraska. Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri, and Park College at Parkville, Missouri, have enrolled two each. The remaining 10 have gone to 10 different institutions: Colorado College of Agriculture in Fort Collins, Colorado Women's College in Denver; University of Wyoming in Laramie; William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri; Macalister College, St. Paul, Minn.; Wheaton College, Wheaton, Indiana; Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana; Heidelburg College, Tiffin, Ohio; National Training School, Kansas City, Missouri, and the Monroe College of Optometry in Chicago.

At one college at least -- Park College, Missouri -- the students appear to have received a warm welcome in spite of vigorous protests by the Mayor and various citizens of Parkville before they arrived. An editorial in a recent issue of the college newspaper states that "judging from the concentrated rushing by all six Park's social clubs, the welcome of the Park student body to the new students of Japanese ancestry is a hearty and unanimous one."

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Recent magazine publications on the War Relocation program include an article in the October issue of Coronet, and an article in Crisis, the official organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The latter article is very critical of the evacuation. The evacuees, it states, "have been plundered of everything, and crowded in concentration camps fit only for pigs."

COLONISTS ASSIST IN
SUGAR BEET HARVEST

A report from Project Director Lindley, dated September 29, states that a total of 400 residents of the center have been granted work leaves to assist in the Colorado sugar beet harvest. 243 of the workers have been recruited for the harvest in northern Colorado; 150 for the Arkansas Valley, and 7 for the western slope.

In addition to the sugar beet workers, approximately 175 residents of the center have been assisting in the hay, broom corn, and cucumber harvests in the Granada area. The latter have commuted daily between the center and the farms where they have worked.

At the Heart Mountain project, a total of 865 work leaves had been granted up to October 1. 557 of the workers have gone to the Billings, Sidney, and Hardin areas in Montana, and 308 into the Lovell, Worland, Sheridan and Torrington areas in Wyoming.

To supplement the beet workers recruited at Granada and Heart Mountain, 365 recruits from the Colorado River project at Poston, Arizona, arrived in Colorado and Nebraska during the week of September 27. 137 of the arrivals were assigned to work in northeastern Colorado, and 228 of them, in the Scottsbluff area in Nebraska.

WORK BEGINS ON LENS FACTORY
AT HEART MOUNTAIN

A crew of men with a steam shovel is breaking ground at the Heart Mountain project for a factory unit to produce lenses for precision instruments to be used by the U.S. Army and Navy. The building will be 100 feet square and completely air conditioned. All costs of construction, which will amount to approximately $100,000, will be borne by the Polarizing Instrument Company, of New York City, which will operate the plant. Construction is expected to begin shortly after September 30, and the contract calls for it to be finished by November 1. The plant will employ approximately 150 workers who will be trained by specialists now receiving instruction at the home factory.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT TO SERVE THREE REGIONS

A photographic unit, to serve all three regions of the WRA and to be responsible directly to the Office of Reports in Washington, is to be established in Denver in the near future. It will be under the supervision of Francis Stewart, who is coming to Denver from San Francisco where he has been in charge of the photographic unit of the Pacific Coast region. With him will be associated Tom Parker, previously photographer of the Central Region.

The unit will also employ a dark room operator and a secretary-librarian. Room space for a headquarters has been reserved on the second floor of the Kittredge Building, Denver.

Both Stewart and Parker are photographers of long professional experience, and both are keenly interested in making a complete and faithful photographic documentation of the War Relocation program.

INDUCTION PERIOD ENDS IN CENTRAL REGION

Both Heart Mountain and Granada have received the total quotas of evacuees to be sent to them, according to information received from Capt. Mark H. Astrup, army liaison officer in San Francisco. The population of Heart Mountain on September 26 numbered 10,194. Granada had 6,669 colonists on September 28. Further changes will result only from births, deaths, leaves, and occasional arrivals from other relocation centers or detention camps.

With the last induction completed the Granada center is rapidly emerging from the difficulties of housing more persons than the barracks constructed were ready to receive.

Difficulties in the water supply have also been largely corrected, though some breaks in the water mains are still occurring. On September 21, mess halls were operating in 13 blocks and latrines in 11 blocks.

Many difficulties of housing at Heart Mountain have also been eased by the termination of inductions and various important community functions are rapidly getting organized. A temporary court, established by a vote of the community, and approved by the Director, is ready to operate, and schools were expected to open, at last report, by October 1. In the absence of a school building, apartments are to be used for classrooms.

The end of inductions at the centers brings the War Relocation program into its fourth phase in the Central Region. The first phase was the voluntary evacuation which ended on March 29 on orders from Lt. Gen. De Witt. The second phase was the planned evacuation to assembly centers under the supervision of the WCCA; and the third phase has been the movement from the assembly centers to relocation centers. The fourth phase will be the development of community and industrial life in the relocation centers, and National Director Dillon Myer hopes that it will be rapidly merged into the fifth and final phase of resettling many of the colonists in normal American communities.

NOTES ON STAFF MOVEMENTS

Malcolm Pitts, Principal Administrative Officer, left Denver Sunday evening, September 27, for Omaha and Kansas City to confer with army authorities on matters of procurement.

Vaughn Mechau, Reports Officer at the Heart Mountain project, arrived in Denver Saturday morning, September 26, with Director Rachford to confer with the regional reports officer and others in the regional office. He returned to Heart Mountain Wednesday.

SCHOOL CONFERENCE AT GRANADA

A two-day conference for teachers at the Granada center is to be held Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6. Among the prominent Colorado educators who are scheduled as speakers are Mrs. Inez Johnson Lewis, State Supervisor of Public Instruction, James H. Buchanan, Director of the Junior College of Southeastern Colorado, Mrs. Leonora Zimmerman, State Supervisor of Homemaking Education, and Mrs. C. O. Ufford, President of the Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Dr. Lester K. Ade, Educational Adviser to the War Relocation Authority, will serve as chairman of the conference on Monday, and as leader of an informal group discussion Tuesday afternoon. He is also scheduled for an address Tuesday morning.

Regional Director Smart will be represented at the conference by Frank Cross, Chief of the Regional Division of Reports.

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EXCELLENT PRESS RELATIONS IN HEART MOUNTAIN AREA

Worthy of notice are the excellent press relations that have been established in the area of the Heart Mountain project. These relations are revealed in numerous recent editorials appearing in the Cody Enterprise, the Powell Tribune, the Billings Gazette, and other newspapers in the area.

Bill Hosakawa, a resident of the center, is preparing a series of informative articles for the Cody Enterprise; and Jack Richard, the editor of the paper, never misses an opportunity to improve the community's understanding of the center and its inhabitants.

In a friendly editorial in the Powell Tribune for September 24, Editor Baird remarks to the residents of the center that "we are here together to winter together. If there are hardships and discomforts in the northwestern winter clime, just bear in mind that, here in Wyoming's garden spot, we are safe from war....Remember also, you Heart Mountain neighbors, that such hardships as you feel you are enduring are less than your Powell neighbors have endured through the long years spent in developing this valley."

In the same issue he advises the "Heart Mountaineers" not to be alarmed about the danger of rattlesnake bites. The good will expressed in these editorials is unmistakable.

In an editorial dated September 26, the Billings Gazette, referring to beet workers from Heart Mountain, warns its readers that "a little reflection should temper the thoughts of any who, forgetting that most of these laborers are Americans, may be tempted, mildly or violently, to demonstrate a long nourished anger."

Chris Rachford, Bonnie Mechau, and others at Heart Mountain, should be commended for the excellent public relations that they have established.

SCHOOLS OPEN AT TWO PROJECTS

"Readin', 'ritin', and 'rithmetic" are now the order of the day for the younger generation at the Heart Mountain and Granada relocation centers. At Heart Mountain, school for the elementary grades opened October 6, but difficulties of evacuating additional barracks for school use delayed the opening of junior and senior high school classes. Registration figures showed a total enrollment of 2,394 -- 905 in the elementary grades, and 1,489 in the high schools.

At Granada, school is scheduled to open Monday, October 12. No figures on enrollment are yet available.

At both centers the academic seasons were inaugurated by teachers' conferences, brightened by the wit and wisdom of Dr. Lester K. (for Kelly) Ade, of the United States Office of Education, who is serving as educational adviser to the WRA. A high morale and a keen desire to make a worthy contribution to America's war effort were strongly in evidence at both meetings.

FOOTNOTE ON HISTORY

(Strictly confidential). When the branch postoffice at the Granada Relocation Center was christened "Amache" early in September, the announcement stated that it was named for an Indian chief, "a powerful ruler, of the Cheyenne Indians." The fact is, however, that the Chief's name was Ochinee; Amache was the name of his daughter who married John W. Prowers, for whom Prowers County was named.

Chief Ochinee, sometimes called "One Eye", was killed in the Sand Creek massacre, November 29, 1864, by an attacking party of whites under the command of Col. Chivington. His daughter, Amache, had nine children. One of them, Mrs. Hudnall of Las Animas, is still living.

Evidently, the Amache postoffice should have been called the Ochinee postoffice, but -- shush!-- don't tell anybody.

STRONG DEMAND FOR BEET
WORKERS STILL UNSATISFIED

A grand total of 2,540 recruits from relocation centers in Colorado, Wyoming, and Arizona were working in the beet fields of Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska on October 8. An additional 38 workers from the relocation center at Fresno, California, had also arrived to help in the beet harvest.

The number of workers assigned to each state is as follows: Wyoming, 1056; Colorado, 982; Montana, 638; Nebraska, 498.

There is still strong pressure for more workers from all the beet-growing areas. Reports are current that large acreages of beets will be lost if some new labor supply is not soon found. In the face of such conditions, the WRA is presented with the very difficult problem of explaining to the beet farmers that only a small percentage of the population of the relocation centers is composed of agricultural workers.

RELOCATION CENTERS SET RECORD
IN MAIL ORDER BUYING

Montgomery Ward figures show that relocation centers are providing the biggest mail-order business in the history of the company. At Heart Mountain Montgomery-Ward purchases from September 10 to September 26, inclusive, totaled $30,464. These purchases averaged $18.30 per customer. Purchases by mail direct from the Montgomery Ward unit in Denver totaled $18,104, and orders placed through the stores -- a service made available on September 16 -- totaled $12,360.

At Granada, lively buying is also reported, though no arrangement has yet been made for the residents to make mail order purchases through the store. Purchases at the project through September averaged $21.26 per customer.

On all purchases made through the stores, Montgomery Ward allows the community enterprises at the centers a 10 per cent commission. On October 3, the Chief of Community Enterprises at Heart Mountain calculated that the net profits for WRA, accruing from such purchases, amounted to $1,030,00.

NEW PHOTOGRAPHIC
UNIT GETS UNDER WAY

On October 10, Francis Stewart of San Francisco arrived in Denver to join Tom Parker in setting up the new photographic unit which is to serve all three regions of the War Relocation Authority.

In the meantime Tom has been very much on the job, assembling supplies. His principal achievement has been to obtain a store of equipment formerly belonging to the visual aid section of the NYA at Colorado Springs. This equipment includes a 16 mm. movie camera, two still cameras, two enlargers, a drying unit, and a nearly complete laboratory set-up. In these days of priorities, freeze orders, and whatnot, Tom deserves an orchid for the success of his negotiations.

EMPLOYMENT DIVISION
ENLARGES PERSONNEL

Two members have been added to the staff of M.O. "Andy" Anderson, to assist him in handling the many problems with which the regional employment office has to deal.

On September 16, Earl Brooks became a member of the regional staff in the capacity of Associate Employment Investigator. Earl was formerly in charge of the regional personnel office as a loan employee from the personnel division of the OEM in Washington.

A second addition to the regional employment office is Ben Yoshioka, who has been lent to WRA by the United States Employment Service on a reimbursable basis. Ben is a former resident of Los Angeles.

REGIONAL OFFICIALS
AT HEART MOUNTAIN

At Heart Mountain, during the week of October 4, were Regional Director Smart and three other members of the regional staff, to participate in several important conferences.

On Thursday morning Director Smart opened the conference for project teachers with an address relating the background of the War Relocation Authority, and emphasizing the responsibilities of everybody associated in its work.

The major business of Regional Attorney Housel was to confer with Phil Barber and other members of the Community Service staff at the project, on the matter of establishing a community council.

Earl Brooks and Ben Yoshioka, of the regional Employment Division, were occupied with the business of establishing procedures for conducting the project census ordered by an instruction from national headquarters. They were also concerned in matters pertaining to occupational registration and classification.

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Read Hanson, Chief of Finance at Granada, arrived in the Denver regional office Thursday morning, October 8, to interview applicants for positions in his division at the center.

Angelo Girardo, senior clerk in the procurement section at Heart Mountain, is spending a few days in the regional office. He arrived October 5.

Lundgren T. Main returned to his post at Heart Mountain, October 8.

BUY WAR BONDS!

We're still waiting to announce that the regional office has signed up 100 per cent in the 10 Per Cent War Bond Club. What's holding us? We can't let the projects beat us.

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REPORTS FROM PROJECTS GIVEN AT STAFF MEETING

Tuesday morning, October 13, members of the regional staff, who had returned from Heart Mountain and Granada, gave brief reports at a staff meeting on how they were impressed by conditions at both projects. Director Joe Smart and Earl Brooks reported for Heart Mountain, and Frank Cross for Granada.

Much satisfcation was voiced in the three reports. The termination of inductions has permitted the administrators at both projects to get down to the business of organizing management and community activities, and they have proceeded to the job with speed and efficiency.

PHOTOGRAPHIC UNIT PLOTS NEW QUARTERS

No division of the WRA organization, with headquarters in Denver, has been busier during the past week than the photographic division, which has been drafting plans for a new laboratory and dark room to be installed on the second floor of the Kittredge building.

Three employees are now on the pay roll of the division: photographers Francis Stewart and Tom Parker, and technician Charlie Mace. Early Thursday morning, Tom Parker boarded an airplane for Salt Lake City to comply with a request from Director Ernst, of the Central Utah project, for a photographer to get there as promptly as possible.

There is reason to anticipate that Stewart and Parker will cover more territory, during the months to come, than any other members in the WRA organization.

SUGAR BEET HARVEST REACHES CLIMAX

During the week of October 11, an army of 2,868 workers of Japanese ancestry were engaged, with business and professional men, high school students, college students, and a few regular farm hands, in harvesting a bumper sugar beet crop in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska. The Department of Agriculture estimates that a total of 5,202,000 tons of beets will be harvested in the four states.

Though the labor situation is still critical in some areas, officials of the Department of Agriculture and the U. S. Employment Service do not anticipate that large acreages will be lost for want of labor.

CAUCASIAN EXCLUDEES
REPORT AT DENVER OFFICE

On Monday, October 12, two Caucasian waterfront workers, excluded from the west coast by order of Lieut. General De Witt, reported at the Denver office of the WRA to request assistance in seeking re-employment. They had been ordered to leave San Francisco in an exclusion order naming 46 "dangerous or potentially dangerous" persons.

This is the first call on the WRA in the Central Region to give attention to excludees not of Japanese ancestry. There is a possibility that considerable more work of the kind may develop as the war progresses.

Under instructions from Washington, the business of the WRA is "To help insure compliance with the exclusion orders, and to enable relocation to be accomplished without undue hardship, particularly to the families of the dependents as may be deemed necessary. As used in this connection, the term 'dependents' means those members of an excludee's immediate family who have been and are in fact dependent upon him for support."

WRA KEY MEN MAY OBTAIN
DEFERMENT IN DRAFT

An announcement from Washington that draft deferments may be requested for persons holding key positions in national war agencies has suggested a solution for a problem that had begun to disturb the personnel of several divisions at WRA projects in the Central Region. It arrived at a time when several men who would be hard to replace had just received notices to report for physical examinations.

Regional Director Smart has written to the project directors for the names of the men whom they could ill afford to lose. Under the new policy of the War Manpower Commission any man who is serving the nation in a civilian agency, as well as, or better than, he could serve it in the military forces, may be presented for deferment in the draft.

FIFTY STUDENTS
GRANTED EDUCATIONAL LEAVES

Fifty students have been granted leaves to attend college from the two relocation centers in the Central Region. Unless far more students have been granted leaves from centers in the Pacific Coast Region, the total number sent to colleges from all centers is far smaller than the number some critics of the WRA program forecast with alarm. A resolution, passed by the 24th National Convention of The American Legion, stated that "a campaign is under way to allow 2,000 Japanese students to leave the camps."

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(Reports Division)

War Relocation Authority Denver, Colorado Central Regional Office

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REGIONAL OFFICE TO MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

Some time during the week of November 1, the Regional Offices will be moved from the "Arsenal of Bureaucracy", (The Denver Post's pet name for the Kittredge Building) to the second floor of the Midland Savings Bank Building, if unforeseen circumstances do not cause a longer delay.

JOHN BAKER CONFERS WITH REGIONAL STAFF

John Baker, Chief of the Division of Reports in Washington, arrived in Denver on Wednesday morning, and was closeted in conference most of the time, during his stay, with members of the new photographic unit.

The main purpose of the conferences was to prepare a plan of operation for the photographic unit, and to frame an instruction on photography which will apply to the entire area covered by the WRA program.

Saturday afternoon Mr. Baker departed for San Francisco. On his return trip, he intends to spend a few days at Granada and Heart Mountain.

GRANADA TEACHERS ATTEND TEACHERS CONVENTION

A delegation of teachers from the Granada relocation center attended the State Teachers' Convention in Denver, which began October 21.

In addition to participating in the various meetings of the convention, the Granada delegates were busy doing missionary work for the War Relocation program among the numerous educators with whom they came in contact.

GOINGS AND COMINGS

Regional Director Smart returned Friday morning from a visit to the Granada project.

Our itinerant snap-shooter, Tom Parker, flew back into Denver Wednesday morning, after snapping a bunch of pictures of the new relocation center in Central Utah.

Ray Johnson, Chief of Community Service at Granada, is spending a few days in Denver, seeking equipment for an optometry office at the southern Colorado center.

Roland A. King, Motor Pool Supervisor at Heart Mountain, has resigned his position to enter other employment. He has been spending several days in the Regional Office while awaiting the development of his plans.

Regional Attorney Jerry Housel returned to Denver Wednesday after spending two weeks at the Heart Mountain project, where he attended to a wide range of business having to do with the establishment of a local government, the installation of a court to try offenders against the peace and security of the center, the organization of community cooperatives, and other problems calling for legal counsel.

One matter of particular urgency centered in the necessity for evacuees from Washington and Oregon to vote in the November election if they are to retain their registrations. Registration by mail is not permitted by either state.

CONSTRUCTION OF
SCHOOL BUILDINGS AUTHORIZED

Bids for the construction of school buildings at Granada and Heart Mountain will be requested as soon as wage rates have been approved by the Secretary of Labor and minor changes in the plans are made in accordance with suggestions offered by the project directors.

The War Production Board has issued a Preference Rating Order (No. P-19-H) to the War Relocation Authority for materials needed in the construction. This order authorizes an expenditure of $34,726.49 for Heart Mountain, and of $33,700.61 at Granada.

MAYOR AND BUSINESSMEN
WELCOME EVACUEE WORKERS

Mayor Frank H. Brown of Lovell, Wyoming, and the Lovell Commercial Club recently urged that "all courtesy and protection due a citizen of the United States" should be given to evacuee laborers from the Heart Mountain center who were assisting in the beet harvest in the Lovell area. The businessmen placed on record their recognition of the need to "maintain peace and harmony between the Japanese evacuee laborers and the citizens of the community".

Approximately 150 evacuee workers were employed in the area when the statements were issued, and, owing to the lack of suitable living quarters for them on some of the farms, a number were living in quarters provided for them in the town.

MAGAZINE ARTICLES

Recent issues of Harpers Magazine and The Commonweal carry two of the most instructive articles yet to appear in print on subjects that should be the particular concern of all employees of the War Relocation Authority.

Read: "The Japanese in America", by an Intelligence Officer -- Harpers Magazine, October.
"Our Allies in Japan", by Harry Paxton Howard -- The Commonweal, October 9.

QUOTATIONS
WORTH NOTING

"First of all, we must realize that the present military dictatorship in Japan is essentially similar to the dictatorships of other brutalitarian powers, in that it.....overthrew a nascent or weak parliamentary regime.

"A Japanese leader who stands for the common people literally takes his life in his hands.....In 1936, indeed, the militarists tried to exterminate all remaining influential civilians.....and by their bloody 'purge' became the absolute masters of Japan.

"The entire political history of the Japanese people, in modern times, is one of bitter struggle against their military and bureaucratic masters."

Our Allies in Japan, by Harry Paxton Howard,
The Commonweal, October 9, 1942, p. 582 et seq.

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"Reports of sabotage by Japanese residents in Honolulu on December 7, were widely circulated.....These reports were officially denied by the chief of police, the president of the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce and the Chairman of the Citizens Council of that city in cables to the Tolan Committee on March 14."

The Japanese in Our Midst, p. 5.
Publication of the Colorado Christian Churches

"Letters and sworn statements denying any sabotage whatever in Hawaii were addressed to the Tolan Committee, by police and justice officials in Hawaii, and by Secretaries Knox and Stimson."

A Touchstone of Democracy, p. 13.
Publication of the Council for Social Action
of the Congregational Christian Churches.

"Where were the Japanese on that Sunday if they were not sabotaging?..... Hundreds of them were actively defending the territory.....They stripped a hundred delivery trucks of their contents, inserted into them frames prepared to hold four litters, and went tearing out to Pearl Harbor to aid the wounded. Some of these Japanese got there so promptly that their trucks were hit by flying shrapnel.....When the call came over the radio for blood donors, again the Japanese were among the first to respond, and by the hundreds. They stood in line at Queen's Hospital for hours, waiting to give their blood to save the lives of American soldiers.

"At Pearl Harbor, two Japanese boys saw a machine gunner have some difficulty setting up his gun. They ran to him, helped him steady it for action, and fed him ammunition. Both worked so fast that they had to have emergency treatment for burns at the hospital.

"Japanese surgeons.....worked swiftly and accurately for long hours to save the lives of their fellow Americans. Many an American mother today owes the life of her son to their skill."

The Japanese in Hawaii, by Thomas Blake Clark
The New Republic, Sept. 14, 1942, p. 309.

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"On the drill field at Camp McCoy, Wisconsin, a whole battalion of..... Japanese-Americans is going through the manual of arms as a unit of the U. S. Srmy -- the 100th Infantry Battalion..... Today, the battalion of Japanese-Americans at Camp McCoy is as much a 'Yankee' outfit as the Rangers who are poised on Dover's cliffs for a knockout blow at the Nazis..... Their zeal for a U. S. Victory shows up in everything they do. They eagerly take to Army discipline, the U. S. uniform, and American sports. They avidly read American newspapers for news of the fighting fronts, and no one cheered more lustily than they at the news of Doolittle's raid on Tokyo."

Rocky Mountain News Parade,
October 18, 1942, p. 24.

"It is estimated that approximately 5,000 Nisei in the State of California have entered the United States Army as a result of the Selective Service Act".

Harpers Magazine,
October 1942, p. 491.

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Extract from statement by Governor Culbert L. Olson, of California: "I don't think there is any question but what a large part of the population of the Japanese people in California are so completely divorced from any natural feeling of loyalty or sympathy to the militarists of Japan, and its brutal aggressive methods, as to be wholly horrified at the way their racial nation has gone".

Tolan Report, p. 143.

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"The Mikado's men no doubt would feel very unhappy if they knew the bombs being dropped on them were made from scrap metal gathered for that purpose by their 'brothers' in America.....But that's just what they're going to get one of these days --- bombs from about eight tons of scrap metal gathered by the Japanese-American Citizen's League in Salt Lake City and its environs, contributed to America's scrap salvage drive.....The league plans to give the proceeds of the sale of the scrap to the U. S. O."

Salt Lake Tribune, October 9, 1942.

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"The residents of Santa Anita contributed $5,000 to buy war bonds".

Harpers Magazine,
September 1942, p. 362.

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