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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

Feb. 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 98

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 6

         (b) Other — 92

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 140

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with — 330

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 310

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 428

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — Number 14

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 66

   Individuals included — 68

   Applications approved (including travel) — 67

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $60.77

4. Leave Clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington — 498

   (b) Pending action at center — 274

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee — 1

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation:

Prior to the departure of segregants during the last part of February, evacuees, for the most part, were unwilling to place themselves in danger of censure by the grouping by promoting relocation. Evacuee participation was, therefore, sporadic and unorganized, although one issei, upon returning from short term leave, put on what he termed "a one man blitz". With the encouragement of the Relocation Office, he made numerous speeches and wrote articles for the Japanese and English sections of the Project newspaper. As the month grew to a close, a short general summary of the relocation policy and procedure was ready for release. This summary was introduced and relocation was endorsed by short statements from prominent evacuees.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff:

The schools are working on plans for promoting relocation and the Assistant Relocation Program Officer met with teaching personnel for a panel discussion of relocation and means of its promotion. Functioning committees of the teaching staff continued their work on methods.

The Welfare Department was ready to start education of staff for relocation interviewers. Due to segregation, nothing but preliminary work had been accomplished in this respect.

The Vocational Training Committee continued to be active and had a program quite well organized.

Other departments had not been specifically organized for relocation but were doing what they could as the opportunity arose.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities:

A committee that had been active in 1943, made up of evacuees and the staff personnel, had not met in 1944. The committee had voted to suspend activities until the completion of segregation.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The reading room and such was not a fact as yet. The occupation of designated space was being delayed pending the completion of construction which would make space available. A reading room attendant was employed, however, and began collection and arrangement of reading room material from various sources, including a library which has had a relocation reading corner that has not been particularly successful. This information will be partially displayed in the Relocation Office until more adequate space is obtained as are maps showing climatic conditions that are particularly important to farmers, other charts, etc. State guide series and the Facts about America Series, reprints of newspaper articles about Japanese and job summary reports are distributed to block offices and passed from apartment to apartment.

Job offers received are briefed and mimeographed and distributed to block and project bulletin boards. Usually an attractive offer is headlined. These handbills go out two or three times a week. Offers that appeal to issei are written up in Japanese in a similar manner.

Newspaper space is used to a considerable extent and a particular effort has recently been made to get publicity in the Japanese section. Due to the fact that most of the Japanese section personnel were segregants, this phase was difficult. One particularly favorable article came out with the statement that the article was being printed by order and that readers should be aware that other opinions existed.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation:

The mechanism necessary for relocation is established or is in the process of being developed. Segregation has been a continual brake on relocation and although a good many people are interested, they were not willing to be censured by segregants and others by admitting their interest. The development of relocation at Manzanar is, more than anything, an evolutionary process. It can not be denied that the majority of issei at present look with disfavor upon relocation. Leaders look upon the matter as an individual problem rather than as a group problem. Increased desire is generated as more younger people go out on indefinite leave and issei see outside conditions for themselves on seasonal leave. Few of the older people are willing to permanently sever project connections until they have first tried life on the outside. There was a growing note of discouragement among kibei boys due to unfavorable newspaper publicity, their own handicaps and the inclination to point out kibeis as the disloyal persons. Several cooks were sent out, breaking into kitchen personnel for the first time, that had heretofore resisted relocation efforts.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program:

We need help in influencing the issei. For the most part, niseis are ready or at least willing to go out, whereas a great majority of issei do not believe that they could make a go of it and in fact do face a more difficult problem, have greater family responsibilities and language and occupational handicaps. A large part of these older people accept the fact that younger people can make a go of it, but oppose relocation on the ground that it breaks up families and is a moral danger. We need pictures and news of and for the issei. The bottleneck of their opposition can not be broken until they themselves go out. Their going out will be encouraged by a trial or intermediate leave or by a more liberal return privilege for family heads. Many feel that a more adequate grant is also essential. It can not be denied that the present grant is not sufficient to establish a family who has no other resources. Reports Rel. Commission

Photographs of issei farmers using Eastern and Midwestern farming methods and growing crops in these areas would be good, particularly if accompanied by letters from these people, preferably in Japanese, telling of farming methods and conditions in their new localities and of their community acceptance.

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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

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a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 181

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 1

(b) Other — 180

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals. — 10

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 465

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 109

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 646

	Number
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	12
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	63
Individuals included	85
Applications approved	63
Average amount approved (including travel)	$37.02
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	371
(b) Pending action at center	387
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	1
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	2
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	1

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Narrative statementon progress of center organization for relocation planning:

A. Evacuee participation:

The endorsement of the relocation program by prominent evacuees and a statement of policy and procedure of the Relocation Office was a mimeographed and distributed to all the apartments in the Center. Various letters written by evacuees who were out of the Center on indefinite leave were given publicity. However, in the month of March there was not any consistent evacuee participation in the relocation program. The reason for this situation was that during the month the evacuees were concerned over the reorganization of the Center after the completion of the segregation move.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff:

The Education Department called a meeting of their entire staff. At the meeting, the WRA film "The Way Ahead" was shown. After the film was shown, discussion was had relative to merits of the film and means of promoting relocation. Functioning committees of the teaching staff completed their work on various methods. The Education Department also was giving invaluable assistance in preparing materials for display in the coming relocation exhibit which is sponsored by the Visual Education Museum.

Several conferences were held in different periods of the month to discuss ways and means of the development of the special Welfare counselling service for relocation. A draft of the purpose of the service and a procedure for putting it into effect was drawn. In connection with this, a shcedule for the service was developed. Throughout these conferences, close cooperation was effected with the Welfare Department.

The Vocational Training Committee continued to be active and launched a new program in vocational training for mechanics.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities:

During March, a committee made up of evacuees and staff personnel met once more to discuss the problems of relocation. This committee had not convened since 1943. Recommendations from the committee were made that would stimulate the program of relocation. Various problems were outlined that would have to be solved before groups of evacuees, previously engaged in business or those having family responsibilities, would make their plans for relocation.

9. Narrative statement of program of presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use of Facts About America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library):

Due to lack of space, the relocation reading room was not as yet a fact. The reading room attendant in the Relocation Office continued the collection and arrangement of reading material from various sources. The relocation reading corner in the library was continued and materials available were placed at the disposal of this section.

A map was prepared by the Relocation Division which displayed the main farming areas, livestock areas and what products are raised in the different states. Another map was prepared which showed the climatic conditions of the various parts of the United States as well as the soil conditions. Still another map illustrated the employment opportunities available in different sections of the United States and which areas relocation would have the greatest chance of success.

The program of distributing to other offices of reprints and newspaper articles, Facts About America Series, state guide series were continued. Attractive job offers were headlined and displayed on bulletin boards. Exceptional opportunities were referred directly to the divisions in the Center to which they apply, as well as being displayed on the bulletin boards and given space in the Center newspaper.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation:

The evacuees remaining in the center were in a rather unsettled mental state during the month of March. Segregation had broken some family ties. There was a fear that high pressure methods would be used to forward the relocation program. However, progress was made in obtaining facts from the outside that would appeal to the issei group. A development for the plan for special Welfare counselling for the relocation program was considered. Effective interest was received from the evacuees in planning an exhibit dealing with the relocation program. This was valuable as it made possible the obtaining of material which would deal directly with the problems of family groups now in the Center.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program:

The issei is the largest group remaining in the Center. They will need special planning prior to the departing from the Center. They are afraid they can not make a success of resettlement because of their responsibilities, language and occupational handicaps and they object to the younger people going out for the fear of breaking up the family. It is felt that indefinite leave on a modified basis that would permit a more liberal returning privilege would be boneficial in this regard. If a few of the issei would leave the Center and establish themselves, I believe that this would greatly stimulate others with the same responsibilities to follow. With a more liberal returning privilege,

the issei would feel that he would have more security that he could return to the Center without any difficulty if he could not make it on the outside.

If was felt that if the evacuees would have access to letters written from the outside by the issei who have already established themselves that this would stimulate the relocation program. In order to avoid the belief that this information was propaganda, it should be secured and displayed by an evacued organization that would have no direct association with the relocation office. Letters from the outside written in Japanese telling of community acceptance, employment opportunities or opportunities for farming in localities where they are now would be beneficial.

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MONTH[illegible] REPORT--CENTER RELOCATION [illegible]IVISION

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

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		Number
2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	6
3.	Applications for leave assistance grants received	73
	Individuals included	103
	Applications approved	73
	Average amount approved (including travel)	$25.36
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
	(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	334
	(b) Pending action at center	305
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	1
6.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	1
7.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	1

MONTHLY REPORT--CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

April 28, 1944

The following is a summary of interviews for relocation held during the month. These interviews are with persons who wish to formulate a plan or who have a definite plan for relocation in mind. As the special counseling program has not started in this center, these interviews are not the result of that program.

1.	Initial interviews	196
2.	Additional family members	3
3.	Follow-up interviews	308
4.	Total number of individuals interviewed during month	504

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8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning:

A. Evacuee participation:

During the month of April, the relocation exhibit was on display at the Visual Education Museum at the center. This exhibit was directly in charge of an evacuee who, however, had the cooperation of the appointed personnel. Through the efforts of the evacuees, a very attractive display of relocation opportunities, pictures, policies, statistics, maps, letters from relocated evacuees and Facts About America series were made available for inspection of the center residents. Announcements of the exhibit were made at the open air theater, schools and at the block meetings. The interest of the evacuees in relocation was verified by the large attendance at the exhibit and the amount of material pertaining to relocation that was taken by the evacuees for further study.

The residents of one of the center blocks are planning to make a cooperative financial arrangement by which a committee from the block is to make a tour of the various relocation offices in the field. The purpose of this tour is for the evacuees to obtain firsthand information regarding the relocation opportunities of all kinds, employment, business and farming, for their own people and for the advantage of the group participating. It was believed that this represents a very healthy interest on the part of the evacuees as regards to relocation and is an evacuee attempt to obtain an answer to the problems affecting the issei. It is not anticipated that this move will result in colonization of large numbers of evacuee in any one locality. It is, on the other hand, to give firsthand information on the types of opportunities available in all of the various relocation districts.

The relocation exhibit and the above planned cooperative arrangement represent the major examples of evacuee participation during the month.

B. Coordination of administrative staff:

Several conferences were held throughout the month by representatives of the Welfare, Education, Community Analysis, Legal Aid and Evacuee Property departments relative to the coordination of the problems affecting the relocation program. Special emphasis was placed on the special Welfare counseling service for the center residents. Several constructive criticisms were made in regard to Handbook Release #76, the subject, the Counseling Service. These suggestions

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were placed with the Assistant Project Director for discussion at the forthcoming conference in Washington.

New regulations or changes in existing regulations affecting the relocation program were discussed with the relocation staff so that these procedures would be clarified and clearly understood.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities:

The Relocation Planning Commission met during the month to discuss the problems and to make suggestions to improve the relocation program. Various problems affecting relocation were discussed and specifically the following factors as pertaining to relocation: the availability of F.S.A. loans to American citizens, RFC loans for establishing a business and public acceptance. It was felt that these have a special significance for making plans where the issei were concerned. An announcement for the explanation of the forth coming counseling service for the center was made. The purpose of this program was clarified for the benefit of the committee.

Recruitment for seasonal leave is now conducted. The eligibility requirements of this type of leave were explained to the committee. A general discussion followed in order to clarify all of the points involved.

9. Narrative statement of program of presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library):

The relocation library was not as yet a fact. Before this can be accomplished, sufficient space must be available to display the material. For this reason, space in the library was utilized to make available to the evacuees information pertaining to relocation. At appropriate places, the center relocation office displayed various pamphlets including Facts About America series.

Outstanding employment opportunities were made available to the Project Director for his referral to the block managers' weekly meeting. These opportunities were also publicized in the center's newspaper and displayed on the bulletin board. The program of distribution, state guide, other literature and reprints of newspaper articles, to the various blocks in the center was continued. Employment opportunities that apply to a particular group were also referred directly to the division in the center that employed persons with such classification.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred on relocation:

The special counseling service of the Welfare Department to assist families and individuals in counseling to

are placed with the Assistant Project Director for discussion at the forthcoming conference in Washington.

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6. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities:

The Relocation Planning Committee continues further to discuss the problems and to make suggestions to improve the relocation program. Various problems affecting relocation were discussed specifically the following: factors governing the relocation; the availability of W.R.A. loans to evacuees; the WRA loans for establishing business and public acceptance. It was felt that there was a special effort during the past three months to improve the relocation program. An announcement for the expansion of the job coming counseling service for the center was made. The purpose of this program was clarified for the benefit of the committee.

Furlough or seasonal leave is now commented. The eligibility requirements of this type of leave were explained to the committee. General information relative to leave was clarified all of the points involved.

9. Narrative statement of problems or occasions requiring information to evacuees (Include use made of facts about American Japanese and other materials, and development of relocation library):

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Problems or processes made or problems encountered in relocation:

The special counseling service of the Welfare Department to special family and individuals in connecting to

develop a plan, including plans for relocation, has not started in this center. For this reason, it has been impossible to furnish the statistical information for Section 1, "Interviews for Relocation During the Month", for this center.

The proppect of evacuees sending their own delegates to personally investigate opportunities that would enable them to establish themselves in a normal life outside of the center is indicative of an increased desire on the parts of the family groups to relocate. This is one forward step that will assist in answering the questions of the issei, who represent a large number of the families remaining in the center. Now, this group will have information available which was gathered by their own people and not sponsored by the WRA so there will be no classification of government sponsorship on the material obtained.

Some interest has been expressed for the indefinite leave trial period. However as yet, we have received only one application for this type of leave. The restrictions imposed by this type of leave such as geographical, age and financial, are such that it is not anticipated that a large number of applications will be received.

During April, the first seasonal leaves were granted on WFA Interstate contracts. A WFA recruiter arrived to recruit a large number of workers. A large percentage of the applications received for seasonal leave were from the issei who wished to obtain a glimpse of the outside by a seasonal leave and then to formulate their long range plans based on natural experience. As yet, they do not wish to sever all of their associations with the center. However, the number going out will undoubtedly influence the plans of a large group of people.

The first call for pre-induction physical examinations were received in Manzanar during April. A noticeable drop in the number of applications for indefinite leave up to the middle of April was evidenced. Whether this drop was associated with the seasonal leave recruiting or with the call for pre-induction physical examinations is not known as both of these activities were concurrent.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program:

As noticed in previous reports, the major problem now affecting relocation is to influence the issei thinking in this step. As yet the special counseling program has not commenced. The statistics are not available regarding

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II. Accomplishments or improvements in relocation program:

As noted in previous reports, the major problem in relocation continues to influence the least thinking of the people. As yet the special counseling program has not commenced. The activities are not available regarding

long term plans for the residents now in the center or what factors afe influencing the residents to remain in the center. However, the solution of this ~~xx~~ problem will be gradual and we believe an impetus will be received in the relocation of families when a group of families who have relocated correspondence with their friends in the center advising them of the conditions on the outside. This can be expected when relocation offices fully recognize the importance of wholly successful adjustment of relocated issei. Letters from such issei do not now indicate that relocation offices are doing all that is necessary to accomplish a most happy adjustment. Therefore, the counseling program and the use of relocation summaries will take on an ever increasing importance.

The completion of action on pending leave clearance dockets will also have a salutory effect on the program as a whole.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month April Center Manzanar

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	2017*	5241*
B. Last day of month	1915*	4946*
II. Number relocated during month	164**	308**
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	22	54
B. Number of other families relocated	142	254
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	344	524
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	11	15
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	83	178
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	122	270
A. Community Invitation	109	236
B. Advance Approval	13	34

* Includes persons absent on STL; excludes visitors
** Includes 8 conversions

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	177*	315	21718.45	68.947
Approved	177	315	21718.45	68.947

*Includes 18 applications from WRA field offices received and approved.

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 4*

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 4

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.) .....

* Zadan-Kai, an evacuee discussion group, concerned with problems of relocation had four meetings. This group does not desire any official connection with the administration, but includes in its membership evacuee interviewers and also occasionally invites appointive staff members.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

A group, the Zadan-Kai composed of prominent evacuee residents of Manzanar, has been very active during the past month. This group meets once a week to discuss various phases of relocation and methods of making the program more effective from the evacuee standpoint. The Zadan-Kai also invites visiting relocation officers from the field, or other prominent persons, to outline current relocation opportunities and to disseminate factual information. This group, as yet, has not taken a public stand in the promotion of relocation, but the favorable feeling of these individual leaders has made itself felt throughout the Center.

Another development during the month was a plan outlined by the Project Director whereby each member of the appointed personnel would endeavor to accomplish the relocation of one family each month. A committee of three was appointed by the Project Director to coordinate the efforts of all the appointed personnel and to disseminate information.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

Throughout the month, the Welfare Section continued the preparation of re-settlement summaries for those Center residents who are in need of additional assistance. Close cooperation was maintained between the Relocation Section and the Welfare Section so as to give every possible assistance to the Center residents.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

The Relocation Supplement is now being distributed weekly to all the residents. This supplement is prepared and distributed by the Center's newspaper and is printed in both English and Japanese. Although this is a rather late development, it appears to be a valuable instrument in the dissemination of relocation news. The Supplement is composed, not only of job offers, but of other news items that are pertinent to relocation.

A large number of persons are continuing to leave the Center on short term leave to visit the Southern California Area. Shortterm leaves now issued are not so much exploratory, as they are actually to formulate definite relocation plans. In some instances, after a short term leave, plans are made to relocate to other areas. In other instances, they lead to relocation in

Southern California. Regardless of their ultimate area of relocation, the persons returning from short term leave are bringing encouraging news to the residents of the Center regarding public acceptance. The persons who have been on short term leave represent a most encouraging development in the dissemination of relocation information to the other residents of the Center.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

The over-all picture of relocation at Manzanar continues to be encouraging. The large majority of residents now, not only believe that the Center will be liquidated by January 2, but they also believe that the schools will not re-open this fall. The acceptance of this fact has stimulated families with school-age children to form their relocation plans so as to be re-established before the start of the next school term.

The additional hostel facilities in Los Angeles have assisted the Center residents to develop their plans. However, the lack of permanent housing in the Los Angeles Area continues to be the largest single deterrent to relocation. We suggest that efforts be redoubled to find some way to solve the housing problem for those persons who wish to re-settle in Los Angeles permanently.

The month of April saw the largest number of permanent departures from the Center that has occurred since the inception of the relocation program, in spite of the fact that 100 persons scheduled to leave for Seabrook Farms were delayed because housing was not completed.

Some persons who have received exclusion orders have now received orders from the Western Defense Command that they are on the clear list. This action has served to hasten the development of relocation plans for the persons affected, and at the same time, it has given hope to other excludees that a decision my be rendered in their cases within the near future. There are, however, 729 detainees and family members still immobilized in Manzanar.

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Perhaps the greatest problem in the Relocation Office is the matter of personnel. The evacuee employees continue to develop their relocation plans and the Section has found it impossible to replace competent help lost by relocation of the staff. This problem is intensified by the resignation of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer and of the Relocation Advisor during the month. As yet, a replacement has not been made in the first-named position. This problem has occurred

at the time when it is essential for the Relocation Section to have its positions completely filled by competent persons. We recommend that particular emphasis be placed in obtaining the services of competent clerical help. Perhaps, one method might be the hiring on regular Civil Service status of unattached evacuees who have left the Center on Terminal Departure. It is of utmost importance that some means be found to maintain an adequate staff.

We wish to repeat the recommendation for the month of March that WRA develop positive plans for adequate housing and successful employment for several thousand families in the Los Angeles Area. The people of Manzanar are now enthusiastic and receptive towards relocation and are willing to re-settle as soon as satisfactory plans can be developed. We believe that a particular effort should be made to augment further the present staff of the Los Angeles Office with specialists in housing, agriculture, and employment.

We recommend that soldiers in uniform be granted visitors' permits as non-paying guests upon entering a Center. Our experience with soldiers in uniform, since the announcement of the liquidation of the Center, has been exceptionally favorable. These boys have an optimistic view of relocation and make definite plans for the re-settlement of their families upon leaving the Center.

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) _____

		Number
2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	7
3.	Applications for leave assistance grants received	77
	Individuals included	97
	Applications approved	77
	Average amount approved (including travel)	$25.26
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
	(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	249
	(b) Pending action at center	216
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	2
6.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
7.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation is becoming more realistic. This has been manifested by individual action rather than that of any organized group. It has mainly been expressed through applications for short-term leave by individuals anxious to obtain firsthand information on relocation prospects offered by different areas and to determine the area in which they wish to resettle.

Mr. H. K. Ozawa, a member of the Project Director's Advisory Committee and a prominent evacuee of the Manzanar Center, has been touring widely separated areas. He has initiated a correspondence with the Project Director and others in which he has written fully, favorably and in an encouraging tone, of the relocation possibilities in the areas that he has visited. A few months previous to this tour, Mr. Ozawa had been outspoken in his opposition to relocation. His change of viewpoint is also reflected in other persons now on short-term leave. Also, a similar change of viewpoint inside the Center has increased the number of applications for all types of leave.

Evacuee members of the Relocation Planning Commission have indicated a new readiness to assume the initiative. This was evinced through the appointment, by their request, of a subcommittee to study and to make recommendations for increased grants. This movement went ahead, although the evacuees had a clear understanding that there was little possibility of obtaining a further revision and that such a procedure was against the advice of the Director. A subcommittee is now engaged in obtaining realistic figures as to the cost of family maintenance and the cost of living quarters in various cities. This is being accomplished through correspondence with various Chamber of Commerce organizations. They plan to correlate this data and to make it a basis for a request for an increased grant. Their aim is to obtain a grant which would take care of all necessities until a paycheck could be received.

The possibility of California becoming open for resettlement was discussed at the meeting of the Planning Committee. Evacuees divided the problem into two parts; one, the method of returning without upsetting public opinion, and, two, the practicality of the return to California. It was suggested that the block managers' assembly appoint a committee to study the problem. It was the intent of the Committee to have a realistic approach which would include a study of the economic opportunities in California for persons of Japanese ancestry, to weigh what California could offer against the offers of other states, to determine the number of evacuees interested in a return to California and to advise prospective relocatees to California to have a definite plan to go. As yet, this has not gone beyond the discussion stage.

The Planning Commission also suggested the greater use of block managers, possibly in a paternal manner, in the furtherance of relocation. This idea will need further nurturing.

Evacuee attendance at the panel series on "The Making of America" and the interest in that discussion was very pronounced. In the middle of the series, attendance dropped off, but in the final stages, the series was given to a capacity house. The discussion, also a panel, on "Future of Japanese-Americans" aroused a special interest.

The block managers' interest in relocation has increased. This has made evidence by managers now wishing to have relocation news and developments at weekly meeting. Until a short time ago, this interest was not noticeable and this type of discussion not possible.

B. Coordination of administrative staff

The interest of the appointed personnel has increased for relocation. All of the staff have given assistance to evacuees known to them in the formation of their relocation plans. The department heads have cooperated in prominently displaying relocation opportunities. To further assist this staff and to further acquaint them with relocation, each member has received a summary of relocation policy.

Each division has contributed what it could towards relocation. The Mess Division has invited the Assistant Relocation Program Officer to meet with the chefs to discuss resettlement possibilities. Important points to be considered and to watch for in agricultural contracts have been prepared by the superintendent of agriculture. He has given freely of his advice to farmers desiring to relocate. A special counseling service has been initiated by the Welfare Department. All of the departments have cooperated in training the interviewers for this service. The Manufacturing Division has had results from the training given to their employees by the successful relocation of a number of them. The Education Department has completed a survey of the high school students. Included in this survey was questions concerning indefinite and seasonal leave. The high school seniors demonstrated special interest in seasonal leave expressing the desire that this would be available to them during the summer months. A check of the course for relocation offered at Granada shows that almost every point of this course is already being covered at Manzanar as an integral part of the regular school subjects. The grade school students gave a program entitled "The Making of America" which was a history of America's development. Its treatment of minorities was portrayed by song, pantomine and narration.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Each month, a closer cooperation has been effected between the staff and the evacuees. During May, comprehensive reports to evacuee groups were given by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer and the Assistant Project Director. These reports gave information gathered from their personal observation concerning relocation during the time of their trip to Washington, D. C., the relocation conference and various relocation offices. The high school has invited the relocation personnel to talk with students on various factors of relocation. Wherever possible, evacuee meetings have had staff representatives to answer and to elaborate on on relocation.

It is planned to have a series of informal discussion groups in each block by the representatives of the Administration and interested evacuees. The chairman of the block managers is arranging the first of these meetings at present.

An attempt has been made to integrate all of the sections of the Center so as to make available to the evacuee whatever information and advice is needed by him in the completion of his plans for resettlement.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

A three-faced bulletin board has been constructed and located where it can be readily seen by the evacuees on the trips to the administrative center of the Project. The latest information concerning outstanding relocation possibilities are placed on this board. Also displayed are releases concerning any change of policy. This information is changed at reasonable intervals so that constantly new information is available on the board.

Publicity has been translated to the Japanese section of the Project newspaper. Thus, latest information is available to persons who can not read English, as this group represents a large percentage of the population, and as more planning is needed with them to complete their relocation plans, special care is taken in the writing of the publicity.

A new project has been designed as a means of getting factual information to the residents of Manzanar. This project consists of two display boards, 4' by 8'. On one of the display boards is a large map of the United States showing the areas by color where relocation is not possible, where relocation is restricted and the open areas for resettlement. On this board are releases in both English and Japanese on such topics as "I Am Old, What Can I Do?", "Big City, Little Town", "How Can I Farm?", and "How Can I Get Into Business?" and other topics designed to aid the issei. Four charts are also on the board giving the statistical information on the percent of all Center residents relocating, percent of relocatees reinducted and the number of evacuees relocated in different geographical areas. The other display board has a map showing the population density of relocatees in different areas, and all of the relocation offices. This board has such topics as living conditions, available housing, job opportunities in the various cities of the United States. This display will be exhibited at various meetings within the Center where they can be readily viewed by the evacuees. It will also be used for various block meetings and will be elaborated by relocation personnel if anyone requires more information. It is anticipated that this effort will have a favorable effect. The material will possibly be released in pamphlet form at a later date.

Through the cooperation of the Center librarian, plans are being made to index and to display literature such as Facts About America Series, Chamber of Commerce releases and newspapers from the various cities in the Relocation Office. This is necessary because, as yet, space for the

Relocation Library is not available. Previously, this literature was displayed in the Center's libraries and the new plan will make available this literature both in the Relocation Office and libraries.

The current distribution of reading materials in the libraries is supplemented by news releases in English and Japanese in the Project newspaper, by weekly talks to the block managers' assembly by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer, by the distribution of specific literature to the division employing persons of that qualification and Project meetings with evacuees and appointed personnel.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

A total of 522 evacuees are now out on seasonal leave. Of this number, 232 persons were aliens. This demonstrated an interest not shown previously by the issei. In 1943, approximately 10% of the seasonal workers were issei. During the month of May, 472 evacuees left on seasonal leave. Concurrent with this recruitment, 98 persons left on indefinite leave, 6 persons left on indefinite leave trial period, and 53 persons on short-term leave.

This resulted in Manzanar leaving the cellar in percentage of number of relocatees into the medium position in April, and remaining at the same high level in May. It is not anticipated that this high momentum of relocation will continue at the same rate. However, on the return of the seasonal workers, an increase in the number of indefinite leaves can reasonably be expected.

Another result of the program has been the change in the attitude of the remaining population. It is now possible to talk relocation directly at various gatherings without the evacuees feeling that pressure tactics are being used. In fact, it is the other way around. The people now wish to have relocation information. In several instances, a discussion of the relocation plans of one individual member of a family has resulted, through a right approach, to the relocation of the entire family unit.

Although the special counseling program has not been operating a sufficient time to obtain a general picture, it has commenced in two of the Center's blocks. Early observation indicates a good reception of the program by the evacuees. This program, following the successful panel discussions on "The Making of America" and coupled with the adoption of informal block meetings and the new project for presenting information to the residents, should have a constructive effect.

With the number employed in the Relocation Office in February, 1944 as a basis, a total of 153% of the Relocation Office's evacuee employees have relocated. This high percentage of turn-over has brought the problem of an adequate staff to carry on the relocation functions to a crisis. This is likewise true of the appointed personnel. One of the persons appointed as a Relocation Interviewer has been used in the Relocation Office due to the fact that when the appointment was made, the special counseling program was not as yet organized. Only his presence and effort made it possible to accomplish the work of the past month. His functions should continue

to assure the efficiency of the Relocation Office.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

In March, 1944, there were 728 male citizens in the Center between the ages of 18 and 38. Now there are approximately 300 in this age range. It is not known exactly how many of this group are expatriates, but an estimate was made that they will number at least 75. Also now there are only 850 female citizens in this age group remaining in the Center.

From these figures, it can be seen that emphasis must be more and more to assist the issei in the development of his plans for the future. The day of easy fitting of jobs to people, such as was the case with younger persons, must change to intensive planning and in making use of all the facilities and agencies available. The special counseling program of the Welfare Department will be of immeasurable assistance in this regard. However, it would be of value if the various field offices would incorporate in their digest information to appeal and to furnish guidance to the issei.

The survey completed by the high school indicates a great many high school seniors and juniors are anxious for an opportunity to work during summer vacation. Of course, adequate supervision would have to be provided for the utilization of this labor. If possible, it would definitely increase the interest in relocation and would provide finances for later relocation plans. Perhaps, some arrangement could be made in connection with cannery work or with fruit pickings that would give these students the opportunity they desire. The interest shown by the students in possible seasonal leave deserves some thought on solving the problem.

It would be of great assistance to the Project if the Relocation Officers would submit 75 to 100 copies of their Informational and Job Digest to the Project. This procedure was agreed upon at the Chicago meeting. With 75 to 100 copies of each digest, a center-wide distribution could be achieved. In this manner, more of the evacuees could be currently informed as to relocation possibilities in all areas and a wider degree of interest maintained.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month May

Center Manzanar

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	1915 *	4901 *
B. Last day of month	1780 *	4523 *
II. Number relocated during month	217 **	400 ***
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	80	150
B. Number of other families relocated	137	250
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	810	1671
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	5	13
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	219	517
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	101	256
A. Community Invitation	101	256
B. Advance Approval	0	0

V. Application for Relocation Assistance Grants

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	225	398	19462.62	48.90
Approved	225	398	19462.62	48.90

* excludes visitors
** includes groups from families still counted in IB.
*** includes 6 conversions;does not equal IA less IB.

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 2 *

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee)

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

The Project Director again requested each appointed staff member to undertake responsibility for the relocation of at least one family a month. The major part of a general staff meeting was devoted to the problems of relocation and the part that staff members could play in hastening completion of the program. A committee composed of Walter A. Heath, Relocation Program Officer, chairman; Ann S. Anderson, Personnel Officer; and Virgil Morgan, Procurement Officer, met and drew up a series of guides for staff members in carrying out the "one family a month" plan.

The Block Managers have been assuming an increasing amount of responsibility for relocation. This has become the major subject for consideration at Block Managers' meetings. A recent report by Block Managers indicates that approximately one-third of families on the Center have made plans to leave, that one-third are working on plans, and that one-third have not as yet begun to prepare for relocation. Kiyoharu Anzai, Central Block Manager, has just returned from a short term leave to Los Angeles and seems completely sold on the program. Block Managers are also assisting in obtaining the information requested in Mr. H. Rex Lee's letter. They are making a survey of all residents who are interested in getting in touch with former employers. This includes domestic employees, as requested in Mr. Lee's letter, and persons formerly engaged in other types of work as well. Several of the Block Managers have become very active in working with the Relocation Division on specific job offers for members of their blocks. These Managers make frequent contact with the Relocation Advisor or the Assistant Relocation Advisors to learn about the most attractive job offers.

The Relocation Division has met with the Welfare Section several times during the past month to improve coordination of the two units and to work out the new procedures for administration of resettlement funds. Several of these meetings have been with Mrs. Lane of the Washington office, who has been helpful in answering questions about recent procedures. It has finally been decided that the Relocation Division will do preliminary screening on requests for temporary resettlement assistance. The Welfare Section will hold detailed interviews and determine the amounts of grants to be made.

* Zadankai, a evacuee discussion group concerned with problems of relocation, had two meetings. This group does not desire any official connection with the administration, but includes in its membership evacuee interviewers, and also occasionally invites appointive staff members.

. Narrative statement on progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Relocation Advisors and Interviewers are now preparing case lists of all persons interviewed and the disposition of the cases. Duplicates of these lists are sent daily to the Welfare Section so that they will be informed of all persons requesting relocation interviews.

XII. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

A number of meetings have been held during the month in which persons from outside the Center have described local conditions and job opportunities. Meetings were conducted by, or featured, Daniel C. Chapman from the Philadelphia WRA Office, William Mori of Massachusetts, and James M. Jennings from the Salt Lake City WRA Office.

A Relocation Supplement is being published once a week by the Reports Division in collaboration with the Relocation Division. The success of this publication has been indicated by people coming in to obtain further details on jobs listed in the Supplement.

Announcements have been made through Block Managers about specific job offers and about meetings to be held on the Center in connection with relocation. The Education Section had a "Relocation Day" which stressed all phases of relocation. They also published in their elementary school paper a number of articles about relocation.

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Increased participation of the Block Managers has been obtained during the past month.

Center residents continue to show considerable enthusiasm for relocation to Los Angeles but express discouragement at the fact that job offers from Los Angeles, with but three or four exceptions, have been for gardeners and domestic workers. Residents also continue to report that no solution has been found for the problem of permanent housing. Less than fifty residents returned to the Coast on Terminal Leave during the month. Perhaps as many as 1500 persons are waiting a chance to return to the Los Angeles area.

The two most experienced evacuee interviewers relocated to Philadelphia the latter part of the month, leaving the office with only one Relocation Advisor, two Assistant Relocation Advisors, and two Relocation Interviewers. However, arrangements have been made for the detail of three Japanese speaking school teachers to the Section as soon as school is out. A member of the Administrative Management Division will be transferred to the Relocation Office as Assistant Relocation Advisor at the beginning of next month if Civil Service approval can be obtained. One new person has also been obtained as an Assistant Relocation Advisor. We are still very desirous of obtaining an Assistant Relocation Program Officer, preferably with experience in agriculture. The close of school has temporarily provided school girls for clerical work. However, we expect to lose

most of these employees in the next two months after which time we will probably require almost a complete staff of appointive employees. We are particularly anxious to have a position of Assistant Leave Officer (CAF-5) authorized. The Leave Officer position is extremely complicated and we feel that there might be considerable delay in operations if the present imcumbent were to leave without having an adequately trained understudy to replace her.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The new procedure on temporary resettlement assistance is expected to prove much more satisfactory than the old. At the moment, we are not sure that the total sum available will be sufficient. It is hoped that some provision will be made to permit an increase in the percentage of families needing temporary assistance if the average amount per family can be kept at a lower figure than that estimated by the Washington office. We may also request permission to transfer funds from allotments for dependency cases to allotments for non-dependency cases if experience indicates that this is necessary.

~~Mr. Delano~~
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MONTHLY REPORT --- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1) _____

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries No. have been referred to District Relocation Officers 0

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 85

   Individuals included 107

   Applications approved 85

   Average amount approved (including travel) $20.80

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 303

   (b) Pending action at center 142

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

7. Meetings Of Relocation Executive Board 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation was evidenced during the month by the suggestions of evacuee members in the relocation planning committee that the committee sponsor a "Think of Your Future" week. Each evening during this week, a different pertinent topic would be discussed under the leadership of prominent and qualified evacuee and appointed personnel. The evenings would not be characterized so much by long talks of one or two persons as they would be to give specific counseling to interested evacuees and, in discussion, to answer questions raised by the audience as pertained to their future. The emphasis of the week will be to assist the Issei but an evening also will be devoted to the youth in the center, as well. A tentative schedule has been arranged for the week as follows:

1. "Vocational Guidance"
   Participation in by leading tradesmen and professional persons of the center.

2. "What Keeps the Issei in the Center"
   With letters also from relocated Issei to be read and talks by Issei who have returned to the center on short term leave.

3. "The Cost of Living"

and topics of similar nature. The whole week is designed to further relocation, both in the present and in the future, the approach to be realistic and objective. At the conclusion of the week a talk will be given by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer on the situation as he found it in the relocation districts which he visited. This idea was approved by the committee and a sub committee for "Think of Your Future" week was appointed to arrange the details. The week starting July 31st was set at a tentative date for "Think of Your Future" week.

Other evidences as to evacuee participation were, in the main, letters from various Issei who were either touring relocation districts or who had relocated, explaining the situation as they found it. A prominent evacuee, Mr. H. K. Ozawa, who had been on a short term leave, converted to indefinite leave while in the field. This action when taken into consideration with his previous objections to the relocation program is having a very good effect in the center. The letter written for publication by Robert Goka explaining the relocation opportunities in the vicinity of Houston aroused considerable interest. Carl Kondo, who had had journalistic experience and who relocated to New York, wrote a report on New York City which received wide circulation. This report was objective and contained suggestions for relocating evacuees.

There had been several reinductions into the center from evacuees who had their physical examination for the Army and who had received their Certificate of Physical Fitness. When several of this group reapplied for indefinite leave after a short stay in the center, it had a noticeable effect in interesting other evacuees in relocating opportunities.

A significant reflection of continuing evacuee interest in relocatinn was the desire of the block managers for news about outstanding job opportunities and changes in relocation policies to be presented to the weekly meeting. These men are representatives of the persons living in their blocks. One can assume that the attitude toward relocation generally is very healthy.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

The different divisions in the center were further integrated as the result of a policy adopted by the Relocation Office by which the heads of the divisions would be personally contacted in regard to relocation possibilities for their employees. Winslow Stephens, Relocation Coordinator, from the Washington office held a meeting with the different division heads, Which has probably resulted in a better understanding of the relocation program by the different divisions.

The High School actively assisted in the preparation and orientation of High School boys about to leave on seasonal opportunities. The welfare counseling program continued in its operation. According to to welfare heads, it is having a beneficial effect in acquainting the evacuee with what services are available to them. One result had been the referral of persons to the Legal and Evacuee Property Divisions. The outstanding counseling program as given to the evacuees will probably result in the increased relocation of families in the future, after their personal problems have, to a degree, been solved. It has served to stimulate the thinking of persons interviewed as to their long range plans.

The Adult Education Department has sponsored a language center. This center will be used for informal gatherings of the Issei where the only language to be spoken will be English. Besides conversations being in English, there will be counseling as how to better understanding the Nisei children and the children's desire to relocate.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Another series of panel discussions are planned. The topics of the panel will be aimed to assist the Issei in formulating their plans for relocation. The title of the new panel series is "Planning for Tomorrow". The panel series will revolve around discussions such as,

Post-War Re-adjustments in Business, Should the Japanese Return to California, Public Opinion, The Farmer and His Future, Money and Taxes, The Worth of Your Dollar, and other topics of a practical nature.

Evacuee and staff activities were further integrated by a program of Vocational Guidance participated in by leaders of the various trades and professions in the center. It is realized that some of the Issei will need to adopt a new trade after leaving the center. The Vocational Guidance will not only be aimed at assisting the youth but will also be aimed at giving assistance to the Issei.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The project inauguarated last month giving factual information to the residents of Manzanar, received so much interest that the information on the project has been incorporated into a pamphlet, in both English and Japanese. It is planned to have a sufficient number of these pamphlets mimeographed to make the material containing job offers available to all of the families of the center. It is hoped that, as this pamphlet includes topics which are relative to the panel discussions planned and the "Think of Your Future" week, that the combined effort s will result in the relocation of persons who have had, as yet, not included this step in their plans.

Issei now represent the controlling group of the center. The Relocation Office has been submitting job offers and relocation policy, to be translated into the Japanese section of the Project newspaper, so as to reach this group. To give additional coverage and to include a wider variety of information, the Relocation Office is now preparing a Relocation Newspaper. This newspaper will be distributed with the Project's newspaper and will be in Japanese. Besides this coverage, the release of information will be continued in the English section. It is hoped that this change will bring news of value to every person in the center.

The distribution of other information has been carried on as in the previous month. The Three-Face Policy Board has been utilized to publicize outstanding opportunities.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

It had been anticipated that a decrease in the number of indefinite leaves application would be in June. This anticipation was based on the assumption that the large seasonal leave recruitant had removed from the project a number of persons who had been contemplating indefinite leaves. This supposition was correct, and, although the number of persons relocated during the month was slightly higher than previous months, the number of applications received has decreased

nearly a third. This drop will be reflected in the July totals. It was gratifying to receive a large number of conversions to indefinite leave from persons who were absent from the center on other types of leaves.

Particular effort was made this month to arrange seasonal employment for high school students. Full cooperation was secured from the Education Department. This effort was rewarded with considerable success. A high school questionaire revealed that there were 136 students interested in seasonal work. Out of this number, 54 actually signed W.F.A. contracts with the W.F.A. representative. After this recruitment was completed, the date set for travel, and the baggage shipped to its destination, an attempt was made by W.F.A. to cancel 19 of the contracts. This action of W.F.A. is being protested, and the issue is not finally settled at this time. However, evacuee misunderstanding has arisen out of this situation. Their misunderstanding has by no means been ironed out. It will probably have an adverse effect on the entire relocation program, as the evacuees believe the cancellation attempt to be not only unfair, but a breach of faith. It is regrettable that this occurred at the time when the interest of the center's residents was at such a high pitch as regards relocation.

A continuing trend on the positive side is the reception by evacuee leaders of the relocation program. This has been particularly evidenced by the sponsorship of the "Think of Your Future" week. It is the desire of the evacuees that objective information be made available to the Issei so that their relocation plans can be put into effect.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation progress

The future of the relocation program depends on the attitude of the Issei. For this reason, it is important that the opportunities presented from the field offices be designed to give assistance to this group. As yet, this project has not been in receipt of the Japanese translation of theChicago Job Summary for persons over forty. We believe that if we could obtain translations in Japanese of all job summaries and in sufficient quantities for a wide distribution, that this would have a very noticeable effect on the number of relocatees. If we could also receive from 75 to 100 copies of the English versions of the job summaries it would stimulate interest. By obtaining sufficient copies all of the leaders of the center could be provided with these summaries. In this manner, the different divisions and evacuee leaders could further integrate at their work in assisting the center residents on their relocation plans.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month June

Center Manzanar

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	1780*	4520*
B. Last day of month	1647*	4068*
II. Number relocated during month	219**	413***
A. Number of Welfare referrals relocated	59	126
B. Number of other families relocated	160	287
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	988	2314
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	33	40
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	157	340
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	66	170
A. Community Invitation	66	170
B. Advance Approval	0	0

* Excludes visitors
** Includes groups from families still counted in IB
*** Includes 11 conversions; does not equal IA less IB

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Aver. Amt. Per Person
Received	217	402	24573.45	61.13
Approved	217	402	24573.45	61.13

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 2*

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 0

X. Narrative Statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

The Relocation Division participated in two sessions of a training course conducted by the Welfare Section. The meetings provided information on procedures and relations concerning the two organizational units. Also discussed were functions of the Relocation Division, Finance Section, Legal Division, Evacuee Property Section, Health Section, etc., affecting relocation and welfare activities. Detailed procedures for referring applicants for temporary assistance to the Welfare Section by the Relocation Division were agreed upon. After a rough screening, applicants will be referred to Welfare immediately upon filing for terminal departure so that ample time will be allowed for consideration of the case.

An increase in the size of the advising staff necessitated the division of the Assistant Relocation Advisors into two groups. An assistant Relocation Advisor was promoted to Relocation Advisor so that each group is headed by an Advisor. One advising group will be concerned largely with outside work including visits to blocks. This group will also recruit

*Zadankai, an evacuee discussion group concerned with problems of relocation, had two meetings. This group does not desire any official connection with the administration, but includes in its membership evacuee interviewers, and also occasionally invites appointive staff members.

for unskilled labor, skilled labor and similar jobs. The second group of advisors will carry the greater part of the office interviewing job and will recruit for domestic, civil service, professional and clerical job offers. The two groups have been placed in separate offices because of the lack of room in the interviewing office formerly used. They remain in the same barrack on either side of the relocation library.

At mid-month, three teachers were detailed to the advising staff and a fourth is placed in the leave office. All three on the advising staff speak Japanese which is of great value since at the moment we have no evacuee interviewers.

XI. Narrative statement on progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Relocation staff members went from block to block to interview families whose size and financial situation might make them eligible for temporary assistance. First blocks were covered by the Relocation Program Officer and the chairman of Block Manager's assembly in order to gain program acceptance. In each block the temporary assistance grant was explained briefly and appointments were made to visit the Relocation Office for further details. A considerable amount of interest was shown in this approach, and over 100 office interviews resulted. Those interviewed represented on the average, "five person families." Block manager cooperation was very good and few people failed to come in for scheduled interviews. We feel particularly pleased at the results of this interviewing because it brought to relocation representatives of large families, a section of the population which has shown little interest in relocation to date. Our efforts were in line with our policy to use every popular incentive for contact of families on relocation in order to minimize the possibility of arousing the atagonism which a door to door check causes as was indicated during the welfare family interviewing program.

XII. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

Recruitment for job offers has been reorganized so that follow-up, as complete as possible, may be made on each offer that has possibilities. Copies of job offers are made for sections employing people who may be interested. Copies are also sent to people whose interest in such types of jobs has been expressed during relocation interviews or other contacts. Block managers announce offers with general appeal. Personal contacts are made wherever time permits and the situation indicates the desirability of special treatment.

The Reports division is continuing to publish a relocation supplement although there has not been as much evidence of favorable reaction to it as was apparent after the first few

issues. A very extensive visual program has been inaugurated by the Reports and Relocation Divisions. For example in offices and mess halls, photographs of relocated people are on display. These are changed twice a week and are rotated between display sites. Captions are in English and Japanese. In addition, a number of posters are being displayed in mess halls, the post office, the Administration Building, the Police-Station, the Relocation Office and latrines. For example, one poster states "Schools will be open in 66 days but not at Manzanar." Twice a week a change is made in the number of days remaining until school opens. Other posters discourage zoot suits, give instructions about travel, and provide other information valuable to the relocation program.

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

The relocation program officer made an individual visit to practically all block managers during the month. This became necessary because of the almost complete turn over of block managers during which many of the best ones relocated. Those who have replaced them need constant encouragement if they are to assist in promoting the relocation program. "Steve" Stevens, Los Angeles Property Officer, came in the last week of the month to check Manzanar people who own property in the Los Angeles Area. To date about a half dozen interviews have been held with land owners. These may result in obtaining both houses and land. Again it appeared that the greatest value of the experiment will be the contacts made with people on a basis which is conducive to cooperative discussion of relocation.

Some 85 people left on Terminal departure to Southern California during the month. Another 200 are absent on short term leave. The short term leave figure is the highest to date. Many of these people are looking for housing, which continues to be a decided stumbling block in the way of relocation to Los Angeles, which must ultimately take care of a large segment of the Manzanar population.

Personnel problems continue to be troublesome. The detail of the school teachers temporarily put the Advising Section on a current basis although two of the teachers do not intend to stay until the close of the program. The Leave Section has had almost complete turnover resulting in the loss of experienced employees who have been replaced by inexperienced school girls most of whom do not intend to stay more than a month.

A complete outline of the appointed staff necessary to carry on the work of the Division was presented to the Project Director since it appears that we will have to depend completely on appointed staff within thirty days. The detail of additional appointive staff is underway. We have

now established a regular bus schedule to Los Angeles Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. This service is exclusively for Manzanar and takes 29 persons on each trip including both short term leaves and terminal departures. We are now contemplating a similar arrangement for Reno travelers once a week. Advance time limits have also been set for filing for departures. This became necessary to be sure that all sections had adequate time to complete their functions. Ten days notice is required for terminal departure and three days for short term leave.

At Manzanar the greatest problem appears to be inertia and an unwillingness to really accept center closure as a finality. The great majority agree that the center will be closed but lack sufficient conviction to bring tentative relocation plans to completion. They get a little comfort from the unorganized minority which believes the WRA or another agency will continue to provide refuge for them in 1946. Conversation and such things as the Director's teletype asking earlier closing dates and the Project Director's tentative suggestion of November 24 as a closing date seem to fall on deaf ears.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

There remains need for concrete evidence of the coming center closure. There is grown necessity for a definite and conclusive answer to the question, "What will the government do if we are not all gone on January 2nd?" At Manzanar the time has come when the question can and should be met.

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MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF JULY, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1) _____

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers No. 3

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 77

   Individuals included 86

   Applications approved 77

   Average amount approved (including travel) 24.42

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 223

   (b) Pending action at center 104

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Committee 1

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

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The Interviewing program has been conducted entirely by the Welfare Department, as a result Relocation has no statistics to report. At the end of the month, the Welfare Department had interviewed 427 family units, 4 of which were referred to Relocation for discussion of their plans.

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation

Throughout the month of July, the Assistant Relocation Program Officer was at various relocation field offices. Direct reports were given by him to evacuee leaders in the center. The evacuees publicized these reports and they also were discussed by evacuee groups. In this manner the evacuees participated greatly in the relocation program.

Another phase of the evacuee participation was manifested in the continuing work of their committees in the sponsorship of "Think of Your Future Week." The evacuees are attempting to have the problems discussed, which are acting as deterrents to relocation. "Think of Your Future Week" is now scheduled to commence August 7, and the success of this week will be due in a large part to the efforts and interest of the evacuees.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

Continued contact was maintained by the relocation division with the other divisions of the center. The heads of the other divisions of the center, are glad to receive notification of opportunities in their particular fields. They have used their influence and counselling to aid evacuees in forming their relocation plans.

The activities of the welfare counselling service is integrating all the divisions of the center in furthering relocation. This has been accentuated by their policy of referral of problems which are keeping the evacuees in the center to the divisions in whose field they occur. Thus, all of the divisions of the center are actively participating in the relocation program by giving counselling service to the evacuees on their problems.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Relocation Coordination Counsel met during the early portion of the month. The meeting was conducted by the evacuees and served to point out the cleavage between the desires of the Issei and the Nisei as regards relocation. Various methods were proposed to promote understanding and harmony between the two groups with the goal in mind, that in this manner, relocation could be promoted. Among these were the Nisei encouraging the Issei to attend the language center maintained by the Education Department, where the Issei could study and learn the English language. The program for the summer is also designed to bring the two groups together socially so that a better understanding can be reached. If these groups can pool their resources and desires, increased relocation must result.

The panel series "Planning for Tomorrow" has commenced with both evacuee and appointed personnel participating. In addition to this activity, Dr. Henry Carpenter of the Federation Counsel of Churches and a member of the Citizens Committee on Relocation of New York, talked to

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various evacuee groups in the center. Dr. Carpenter brought a message concerning cost of living, housing accommodations, organizations, and public sentiment on the outside. This was especially valuable as this information was given by a person not of the WRA staff. The questions addressed to Dr. Carpenter by the evacuee audience indicated their interest in this information and in obtaining it from an independent source.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about American Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

Throughout the month, the regular sources of giving information to the center residents were continued. In addition to this the Relocation Office distributed to every apartment in the center the pamphlet, "Family Security in America". The interest of the evacuees in this pamphlet was evidenced by the inquiries for further information on several of the topics discussed.

In July, the Relocation Office started its newspaper. This newspaper is in Japanese and contains various offers of employment and news releases pertinent to the Relocation program. The paper is distributed in conjunction with the center's newspaper and receives center-wide distribution.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

The number of persons relocating declined during the month, but the decrease was not as great as was the seasonal drop a year ago. Also contributing to the decline were the reports and complaints of several of the persons returning from seasonal leave. Several of the evacuees returned from seasonal and complained of there being an over supply of labor, inadequate housing, and of misunderstandings on the WFA contracts. However, the desire of the evacuees to receive news concerning relocation is still at a high level.

A spot check of the Welfare Counselling program so far indicated that the greatest majority of the residents now in Manzanar do not have immediate plans for relocation, but that some 30% do have an interest. The reasons given for not relocating have been old age, poor health, waiting to relocate to California, fear of discrimination, and waiting until the War ends. It is important to know these reasons so that measures to counteract them may be made.

An analysis of the centers population as of June 30, 1944, reveals that there are only 359 male citizens between the ages of 18 through 39. Of these 359 males, 80 of them have received notices for their physical examination for Army induction. Undoubtedly, this number will be reduced by the Selective Service Act. In the age range of 60 and over, there are over 644 aliens and 1 citizen. Of this group 541 are males. In the age range of 40 through 59, there are 1457 aliens and only 44 citizens. Of this group of aliens, there are 549 males. Of the 44 citizens in this group, 28 are males. From these figures it can easily

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be seen that the Issei are the dominant influence in the center and that it is their influence which determines the number of relocatees. The statistics show that in order for the relocation program in this center to be highly successful, offers and opportunities to re-establish ones self must be those that appeal to the Issei.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation progress

In a recent summary from the Kansas City area, there was an analysis of 701 placements effected in that area. We found this information very valuable in emphasizing the variety of classifications in which there are opportunities to re-establish ones self. An occasional analysis of this type by other areas would be valuable.

Again, we wish to emphasize the needs for information from the field offices that would be prepared with the idea of stimulating and furnishing guidance to the Issei in their plans for re-establishing themselves. Translations in Japanese of job summary reports and other materials would be helpful in this regard.

Statements from relocated Issei or Nisei on their successful re-establishment and the living conditions Was they have found them on the outside, would be of value, if they could also be included in the summaries from the various field offices.

We have previously requested sufficient copies of job summaries to have them available for all evacuee leaders and block offices in the center. At least 75 copies are needed of each summary and this number does not always arrive. The Assistant Relocation Program Officer, while visiting field offices, found several offers for the resettlement of groups of persons which appeared almost ideal for certain limited but well delineated classifications of people. In no instance had sufficient information and descriptive material been presented so that the Relocation Program Officer could recognize the worth of the opportunity and properly present it in the center. This is perhaps due to the fact that the Relocation Officers do not have a sufficiently clear picture of the populations of the center, of their desires and fears. We are now in the process of making an analysis of the family heads living in the center and will forward this to Relocation Offices when completed.

It is suggested that Relocation Offices be supplied with 35 milimeter cameras and films so that small snapshots can be easily furnished of unusual opportunities in their areas. We have always found that the use of visual materials is great aid in stimulating relocation.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month July, 1945 Center Manzanar

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	1647 *	4056 *
B. Last day of month	1562 *	3769 *
II. Number relocated during month	131 **	259 ***
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	38	65
B. No. other families relocated	93	194
III. Number of families represented in discussion of plans for relocation during month	907	1760
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	26	57
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	121	263
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	105	282
A. Community Invitation	105	282

* excludes visitors.
** includes groups from families still counted in IB.
*** includes 31 conversions; does not equal IA less IB.

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number of Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per person
Received	124	230	$11,608.25	$50.47
Approved	124	230	11,608.25	50.47

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 0
VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0
VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0
IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee 0

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.) . . . . . .

Weekly staff meetings have been made a definite part of the Relocation Division in service training program. After several weeks of experimentation during June, we have worked out programs which are of value and interest to the staff. Generally we include a brief discussion of policy matters by the Relocation Program Officer followed by discussion by members of the staff of various problems which have arisen during the week.

In cooperation with Welfare a form has been devised for referral of minors, and of possible assistance cases.

Mrs. Mary H. S. Hayes of the New York office has arrived on detail to act as Assistant Relocation Program Officer. Her knowledge of the field and her familiarity with the eastern area is very welcome.

Louise Griswold and Alice Cowart have been added to the staff as Assistant Relocation Advisors. Mrs. Cowart was promoted from another position on the center. A third new Assistant Relocation Advisor is expected beginning of next month. Mrs. Sarah Oltmans, one of the three Japanese-speaking members of the appointed staff resigned to accept a position in Syria.

Edward Berman from the Newark office, held a meeting to discuss possibilities in the Eastern area. Attendance at the meeting was very light. As the word has gotten around that he is in the Relocation Office, however, people have come in to discuss the Eastern area.

XI. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

With the cooperation of the Welfare Section, an Assistant Relocation Advisor interviewed all applicants this month for center assistance grants to determine if these people had made any relocation plans. It was found that the majority of them were members of families, the head of which had gone outside and would arrange for the family to follow as soon as possible.

A number of letters have been written to field Relocation Offices to obtain assistance in completing the plans of these people. Follow-up interviews are also scheduled.

Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made for "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

An extensive campaign was launched this month to introduce the Lummis-Kellog job to Manzanar residents. This included two sets of direct mail circulars which we sent to 800 men between the ages of 18 and 50. Announcements were also posted in latrines, mess halls, public buildings, etc. Although we had a few inquiries, we have not had a single sign-up for the job. This was due mainly to unfavorable reports about working conditions and difficulty of the work.

Harry Kunizawa, a former block manager, came in to recruit for celery jobs in Utah. A meeting at which Kunizawa spoke plus other advertising prepared by the Relocation Division seems to have borne fruit as we received four family sign-ups four days after Mr. Kunizawa arrived.

A list has been obtained from the hospital of pregnant women whose babies are due in October or later and these are being interviewed and urged to relocate at an early date.

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

The past month, which was unusually slow in the matter of terminal departures but an up-swing in the relocation trend has been evident for the past week.

The concentration of attention on the west coast has become even more apparent during the last month. We now estimate that 75% to 85% of the Manzanar residents plan to return to southern California.

The problem there, as we have mentioned in previous reports, is housing. There has been a great increase in persons going on short-term leave to Los Angeles and coming back with the report that no housing is available. A full report on the situation has been made to Washington by the Project Director.

The Lummis-Kellog job indicates one of the problems which we meet in trying to sell specific offers. Although housing and wages were good, the unfavorable working condition and the shortness of the job deterred relocation. In all fairness, we could not deny the reports we received although we did emphasize the advantages.

Interviews with persons owning property in the Los Angeles area were completed with results that do not seem to be too encouraging. No houses were found although there is a possibility that vacancies may occur later.

The summer heat is having its effect on the afternoon interview which is falling off considerably.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It is recommended that the Leave Officer's position be reclassified from a CAF-7 to a CAF-9 because of the increasing responsibility and difficulty of the position. A justification is being submitted through regular channels.

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MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF AUGUST, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1) _____

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries No. have been referred to District Relocation Officers _____

3. Application for leave assistance grants received 71

   Individuals included 90

   Applications approved 71

   Average amount approved (including travel) $19.39 Correction letter 10/26/44 EPM $59.22

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 183*

   (b) Pending action at center 103

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Committee 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 1

*On 143 of these dockets action has been deferred

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation was evidenced in several ways during the month of August. The Assistant Relocation Program Officer returned to the center from a tour of Relocation Areas. The Relocation Planning Commission heard his report and then arranged for group meetings of evacuees to hear the Assistant Relocation Program Officer describe conditions on the outside. Different meetings were arranged with different divisions of the center.

At a meeting with a group farmers, the interest was so high that another meeting was held a week later. This second meeting was also attended by persons other than farmers. The evacuees decided to hold regular weekly meetings from then on with the aim of "education for relocation." Evacuees wished to have an organization which was not sponsored by the administration to determine the facts as to relocation. It may be that this group will become organized with their own officers in the future. The intense interest of the center's population was maintained not only in this particular group but others. Other meetings have had an average attendance from 18 to 20 people. If organized, these groups will supplement the work of the Relocation Planning Commission.

The evacuee-sponsored "Think of Your Future Week" was a hugh success. 453 attended the Vocational Guidance Evening. This large crowd was repeated for the Issei Evening when 323 persons attended. The center's newspaper in its August 23rd issue had an editorial entitled "Relocate Now" which urged the residents to seriously consider relocation. Robert Goka, a successfully relocated evacuee, now visiting the center, described his experiences to various evacuee groups and urged them to relocate. Other leaders of the center have not only urged relocation but in some instances, are attempting to form groups to take advantage of group relocation opportunities.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

No organized attempt was made to coordinate the activities of the administrative staff. Rather, this is done on an individual basis by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer who conferred with the heads of the different divisions. The divisions' heads supported the relocation program on an individual basis by giving incouragement to their staff and by their interest. This interest was demonstrated by their discussions with the Assistant Relocation Program Officer, and with the evacuees of their divisions. Some division heads arranged meetings whereby the Relocation Office could give details on current relocation possibilities.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

The panel discussions in yhe series "Planning for Tomorrow" continued to take place. These brought evacuee leaders and staff of the appointed personnel into discussion of their viewpoints to evacuee audiences.

Cooperation between the evacuees and the staff was heightened by the evacuees calling in appointed personnel to assist them in presenting material to the center's residents. The most noticeable example of this was in connection with "Think of Your Future Week."

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about American Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

The trip of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer through different relocation areas caused so much interest within the center that fourteen talks were given by him during August. During these opportunities to give information of the outside, snapshots of the various areas with captions in both English and Japanese were circulated throughout the audience. Display boards were made on certain specific areas outlining group relocation possibilities. These displays were then circulated throughout the center.

Various summaries from different relocation areas which had been translated into Japanese were distributed throughout the center. These included the "Over Forty Summary from Chicago", Farming in Michigan", and "Shuffle off to Buffalo."

Outside of these activities, the regular program for giving information to the center's residents were continued.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred on relocation

The percentage of the center's population going out on Indefinite Leave did not increase during August. However, we believe that progress has been made in the building of a more personal relationship with the evacuee leaders of the center and in the broad interest shown in relocation by the evacuees. It has also been noticeable that the evacuee leaders are assuming more responsibilities to forward the relocation program. This progress should be reflected in a healthier relocation in the future months than what had been evinced in the past.

In August approximately 25 % of the persons leaving were aliens, and approximately 10% were dependents. This demonstrates that the Issei are beginning to seriously think of their future and that individual Issei are beginning to leave on permanent relocation plans.

An incomplete staff both in appointed personnel and evacuee is a pressing problem. It has resulted in the fact that very few summaries have been prepared. The situation is enroute to correction as far as appointed personnel are concerned but shortage of the evacuee personnel is continuing to hamper the work.

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11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation progress.

During the "Think of Your Future Week" intense interest was shown in the pictures of relocated persons who had left the Manzanar Center. This interest was so high that the pictures had been continued to be on display in the Visual Education Museum. We believe that if in the submission of opportunities for group relocation there were pictures or snapshots regarding the opportunity, that it would result in better acceptance. We would also like to see opportunities for group relocation written in more detail as regards to the offer. Community discription and newspaper articles regarding the opportunity serve to increase the interest of evacuees. We believe that the recent offer of the H. W. Madison, Company at Medina, Ohio was an excellent example of good coverage of group relocation possibilities.

There has been a continuing interest in the south as a possibility for re-establishone one's self. This is exceptionally noticeable in groups that have had farming experience. The opening of relocation office in Texas would be of great service to these groups.

Some persons in the center have taken advantage of Indefinite Leave trial period. However, there has not been the acceptance of this leave that was anticipated. Groups who should take advantage of trial leave are unable to do so because of their limited finances. Thus the person who is without means remains in the center because he cannot take advantage of trial leave and because he is hesitant to severe all ties with the center without first determining whether he can be successful. We would recommend that procedure be curtailed and that the provisions of indefinite leave and indefinite leave trial period be combined. Persons leaving the center on Indefinite Leave would be eligible for their grant assistance, but if they exercised their returning privilege between the four and six months period they would be required to refund their grant assistance. We would recommend that the only exceptions where the refund would not be required, would be in cases of illness, where pregnancy interfered with work, with soldiers' wives whose husbands are over-seas or other exceptional situations. We believe that this would not close the door. If they are unsuccessful in re-establishing themselves, they could be re-admitted on a refund of their grant.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Manzanar

Month Ending November 30, 1944

* I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... _____

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... _____

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.... _____

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.... _____

*** No report as this has been consolidated with the Welfare Section and under its supervision.**

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or Discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	186	275
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section..	64	129
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(29)	(59)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Reloc. this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family interview by Reloc. Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(35)	(70)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section.....	122	146

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... _____

A. Community Invitation.....	46	88
B. Advance Approval.....	7	21

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	55	55	5,134.07	93.35
Approved	55	55	5,134.07	93.35

V. Leave clearance dockets

* A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 189

B. Pending action at center..... 79

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 2

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

*** 138 have been deferred by the Director**

IX. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

Throughout the month of November the Relocation Program Officer put in considerable time and effort to effect a reorganization of the staff and evacuee relocation committees. The aim was to achieve more effective, directive action for relocation from these committees. The whole effort met with discouraging results. At one meeting recommendations for reorganization of the sub-committees could not be passed on due to the small number of evacuees in attendance. At a subsequent meeting which was an important one in that final plans were to be considered, a quorum was not present. A number of persons in attendance at the meetings are asking that the persons be appointed by the Project Director in the absence of interest by the committee. Additional work will be done but at Manzanar there is little hope of success for formal organization for the promotion of relocation.

A number of evacuee leaders are willing to assist the relocation program on an individual basis and in an informal arrangement if their names are not associated with the formal organization.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISIN G PROGRAM.

During the month of November the Assistant Relocation Advisor who was assigned to complete relocation summaries for submission to field areas was unable to continue with this assignment. This was due to the fact that a large number of applications was received for indefinite leaves. Also during November the Relocation Office lost the services of two evacuee advisors, however, as soon as replacements can be found the program of obtaining information for relocation summaries will continue. Meanwhile the Family Counselors operating under the supervision of the Welfare Department are steadily continuing their program of interviewing every family unit.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

The methods as outlined in previous reports for the distribution of information to evacuees were continued throughout November. Included in this information released were the reports on the New Orleans area which was written by each of the four representatives who visited that area. Besides publicizing these reports in the Center's newspaper, they were also reproduced in English and Japanese and made available throughout the Center.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

November saw the highest number of applications filed for indefinite leave that have ever been received in Manzanar. The seasonal trend was entirely reversed because, November 1943 had seen the smallest number of indefinite leaves. The Seabrook offer directly and indirectly was a major influence in accomplishing this. Another factor was the returning seasonal workers with their interest in permanent relocation strenghtened by their seasonal experience. Also contributing to this high number of indefinite

leaves was the growing realization that centers will not remain open indefinitely and that since relocation is inevitable, the present is a good time for families and individuals to reestablish themselves.

An increasing number of families and of elderly people have been making applications for their leaving the Center on an indefinite and trial leave basis. Many were mainly influenced by the security of a trial agreement and the fact that they could take advantage of the opportunity through the Seabrook offer without a financial outlay by themselves.

The influence of the woman is being felt in the matter of relocation. During the start of the Seabrook recruitment, the women were urging the menfolks to accept the offer. Now the men of the families are ahead of the women in urging relocation particularly in so far as making applications for employment at the Ordnance Depots. Thought is being given to means of improving this situation.

In the month of November, Theodore Lewis, Relocation Officer from the Salt Lake area, was at Manzanar in the interest of the Tooele Ordnance recruitment. Also Mr. Joseph H. Hansen, Relocation Officer of Milwaukee area arrived in Manzanar. The Project is glad to have the services of relocation officers and finds that their personal service stimulates thinking as regards to relocation among the evacuees.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RELOCATION PROGRAM.

We would suggest that in the field bulletins submitted by the Relocation Supervisors for their various areas that they include in these bulletins the travel districts for indefinite leave trial period for each principal city in their area. For numerous cities the Project would have no means of knowing the travel districts and if this was included in the field bulletins it would be readily available not only to the relocation advisors but to the evacuees.

If seasonal leave is to be discontinued an immediate announcement to this effect should be issued. We have found several persons recently returned from seasonal leave that are postponing their plans for permanent relocation in the anticipation of receiving another seasonal leave during 1945.

We recommend that thought be given to the developments of more offers such as the Seabrook. These should offer possibilities of group living, post-war security, opportunity for reestablishing themselves without savings and the possibility of employment without the knowledge of English. For large scale relocation, it would seem that similar offers for makers of soups, other types of food processing or other industries might be developed.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Manzanar

Month Ending December, 1944

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... _____

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... _____

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.... _____

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.... _____

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or Discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	72	118
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section..		
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(2)	(4)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Reloc. this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family interview by Reloc. Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(16)	(36)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section.....	54	78

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... _____

A. Community Invitation.....	16	37
B. Advance Approval.....	2	3

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	39	55	$2480.55	$48.64
Approved	39	55	$2480.55	$48.64

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... X

B. Pending action at center..... X

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

Due to the illness of the Project Director and also because of the release of information regarding the re-opening for resettlement of the evacuated area, the plans for the appointment of a Relocation Planning Commission were delayed. The program as outlined in the November report could not be placed into effect because those factors disrupted the plans.

The Relocation section was fortunate in being able to augment its staff of evacuee interviewers. Four new members to the staff were added and three out of four of these persons were former block managers. Previously, it was very difficult to obtain the services of the evacuee leaders in Manzanar for the Relocation section. The fact that evacuee leaders are now willing to work for the Relocation section illustrates the change of status of relocation in the community.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

The family interviewing program was hampered this month by illness of their staff members. Because the importance of obtaining all of the initial interviews in the Center was realized, especially after the visit of Mr. Robert Dolins of Washington, the Assistant Relocation Advisor was temporarily loaned to the family interviewing program so that these initial interviews could be completed. The announcement of the re-opening of the evacuated zone has delayed the progress of this program.

An Assistant Relocation Program Officer comes to work January 1st, an appointive stenographer is being engaged and personnel is in correspondence with two persons qualified as Assistant Relocation Advisors. Additional office space will be available next week .

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

Plans are being carried out to display in each messhall in the Center a resettlement news board. On this board will be displayed information which directly or indirectly bears on relocation. Previously, information was directed to the residents of each block in the Center through the medium of the block managers. This program was not successful as a percentage of the information was not properly displayed nor made available to the residents of the block. It is anticipated that the new procedure of messhall bulletin boards will make readily available to all residents pertinent information on relocation.

A committee of evacuees and the Relocation Program Officer made a trip to the Tooele Ordnance Depot. Upon their return, various

mimeographed material was distributed throughout the Center which pertained to this outstanding relocation opportunity. Also a series of meetings were inaugurated throughout the Center to hear the report of the Committee. Besides this, reports of the Committee were made available through the Center newspaper in both Japanese and English sections. It was hoped, by this means, to crystalize interest in this opportunity.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

Outstanding progress was made in obtaining the services of leading evacuees with the Relocation Division. Also emphasizing this trend, applications have been made for employment by the Relocation section by other prominent persons in the Center.

The Committee which left the Project to investigate the Tooele recruitment was composed of prominent persons in the Center. This is significant because information is now available about this opportunity from persons whom nearly all of the Center population know and trust. This again emphasizes the fact that relocation is being very seriously sought of by a considerable portion of the people in Manzanar.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RELOCATION PROGRAM.

The Relocation Division is faced with a gigantic task and the final analysis of the work of the Authority will be pretty largely judged by the success or failure of the Division. The coming days and weeks will do much in setting the emotional tone among the evacuees that will determine the effectiveness of our work throughout the whole period. We are dealing with human beings and emotions in time of great stress, and great individualization will be req uired.

It is indeed a test when an organization, of necessity, is asked to accomplish in a democratic way a process that is completely undemocratic. Guidance must be provided. Greater regimentation than is a necessity must be avoided. Human behavior is frequently illogical, but democracy means the right of an individual to make mistakes of his own choosing. The responsibility of the individual to bear the cost of mistakes is naturally inherent and can not be avoided.

The system of positive awards which is being established for logical behavior is good and should be fruitful if we are also prepared to accept illogical behavior and avoid the building of resentment and frustration by imposing censure and impossible penalties. We urge relocation officers to keep these things particularly in mind when considering applications to visit relatives at projects.

REACTION TO BAN REMOVAL--Residents calmly accepted news of relaxation of military restrictions on their residence in the West Coast and at the month's end only one application for indefinite leave had been received. Forty-six applications for short term leave were on file mostly from people wishing to inspect property in Los Angeles and in farming areas. Of these, 10 or 15 farmers were hoping to complete plans to return at an early date; the balance were attempting to finish up affairs so that they might go East. The closure of the Center within a year is not fully understood as yet and is too remote to be of much immediate importance. Resentment is expressed by a few. Reaction from repatriates who will be expected to relocate following an exclusion order has not yet made itself felt.

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RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Manzanar

Month Ending January

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... _____

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... _____

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.... _____

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.... _____

All initial interviews are under Supervisors of the Welfare Section.

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or Discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	91	168
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section..	38	105
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(11)	(19)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Reloc. this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family interview by Reloc. Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(27)	(86)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Reloc. Division or Welfare Section.....	53	63

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... _____

A. Community Invitation.....	13	37
B. Advance Approval.....	17	61

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	51	69	5070.75	73.48
Approved	51	69	5070.75	73.48

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... x

B. Pending action at center..... x

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

A series of meetings have been in progress with the Welfare Counsellors throughout the month. During these meetings, an effort has been made to determine responsibilities and to lay out a program of attack to complete the liquidation of the Center. Individual evacuees have given their cooperation in interpreting the current situation to the residents of the Center. This cooperation has been influenced by the evacuee interviewers now assigned to the Relocation Section.

The Relocation Planning Commission remained inactive throughout the month. However, the unofficial group of leaders mentioned in previous reports have continued their meetings and have performed some of the functions of the Commission. This group has a regular schedule of meetings at which they discuss problems of relocation and seek to obtain the answers to these problems. A prominent evacuee now employed by Relocation is in attendance at these meetings and interprets policies.

The Assistant Relocation Program Officer is cooperating with the Educational Department on a program of a month's duration wherein problems of relocation such as employment, housing, community and school adjustments, public attitudes towards evacuees in various areas, climate and customs of various areas, and school facilities in these areas are discussed. The Personnel of the Education Department then disseminates this information to the Student Body during the Home Room period of instructions. This is being continued as a regular relocation project.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

During January, all of the initial interviews of the Family Interviewing Program for the Center were completed. This program is now embarking on a second phrase. The counsellors are handicapped at the present by not knowing the exact eligibility requirements in the West Coast States for categorical assistance. Committees have been active in planning means of obtaining the evacuee's desire to establish as nearly as possible his final eligibility for these programs.

A special effort, with the assistance of the Block Managers will be made to get dependency cases to make a voluntary request for assistance. Concurrently, the welfare visitors charged with the responsibility for grants in aid are contacting their case loads in conjunction with Welfare Counsellors in an effort to complete the final plans for these people.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

The Mess Hall bulletin boards are now in operation throughout the Center. They have not been as effective as desired. It is planned to supplement these bulletin boards with additional colorful hectograph bulletins in order to attract attention. A few exceptional job offers are being duplicated in their entirety.

A series of weekly meetings between the Welfare and Relocation Staffs are being started. At these meetings, outstanding relocation opportunities are reviewed. Special features of each opportunity are stressed. In the Tooele Ordnance Depot offer, the availability of completely furnished housing is emphasized. It is thought that through this means, a group of persons in whom the evacuee residents have confidence will be cognizant of the desirable factors of the various opportunities for the re-establishment of the families in the Center.

An evacuee representative of the Relocation Department, who was a former Block Manager, attends the weekly meeting of the Block Managers' Assembly for the purpose of disseminating information regarding the relocation program, and improving the relation between the Block Managers and the Relocation Division. Other former Block Managers, now associated with Relocation, make personal calls on the various Block Managers in the Center to acquaint them with the opportunities and the policies of relocation.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION

Confusion as to the status of those persons who have been issued Exclusion Orders, but who have not been cleared for departure from the Center is one of the larger problems of relocation. Evacuee fear of California, but their desire to return there, virtually stopped relocation during the month. An unwillingness to believe that the Center will actually close and a belief that WRA is not equipped to make it possible for any large number of people to return to California are slowing the program.

One hundred and thirteen short-term leaves to the restricted area shows progress in working through the original state of inertia and fear. Applications for Terminal Departure increased by the month's end and it is indicated that Terminal Departures in February will be double the number in January.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RELOCATION PROGRAM

Visiting soldiers, in uniform and on furlough, are perhaps the finest influence for relocation that we have. It is recommended that their future visits be encouraged by removing visitor's charges regardless of the reason for the visit. Soldiers, being used to obeying orders, accept without question, the fact that the Centers will be closed and they go about making plans for the future of their families.

A great deal more information about employment and housing opportunities, and the relationship with the U.S.E.S. on the West Coast is essential. A large proportion of Manzanar residents are waiting until it becomes apparent whether or not they can be accommodated on the West Coast. Every assistance must be given so that they can come to a final conclusion in their planning within the immediate future.

The use of wrong forms for visitors and the erroneous interpretation of new regulations on the part of some Relocation Officers have caused confusion and indicate that the procedure might be simplified and that one form be provided for all occasions. Visitors frequently appear under the impression that they are not required to pay visitor's charges, but have been provided with the wrong forms, or are clearly ineligible. One person has been recommended for re-induction by a Relocation Officer.

At one time during the month, it was necessary to violate all regulations in order to permit a soldier on a three-day furlough to bring his fiance to the Center to meet his parents. Other embarrassing situations have also come up due to the rigidity of the written regulations. It would seem preferable from the Project viewpoint, and evacuee morale, to give the Project Director authority to handle emergency situations, and if necessary, to render a subsequent report.

Evacuee morale would be improved if medically discharged veterans might be re-inducted. It would seem to make no real difference whether such a person received Government assistance for a few months inside or outside of a Center. Such veterans who have been re-inducted, under the old regulations, have quickly made adjustments and have influenced their families to take the step of relocation; whereas, those denied re-induction continued to generate resentment throughout the Center.

A clear and immediate definition of the status of each individual and the immediate removal of segregees, after an opportunity for an appeal, is highly desirable.

Finally, we would make two suggestions regarding field bulletins. We feel that it would be helpful if each Relocation Officer would

describe in some detail one or two domestic opportunities for older couples in particular. This is already being done for large cities in the New York area. In many other cities, there are younger Niseis whose parents still remain in Centers. Many of these are unskilled, outside the domestic field. The young people, themselves, cannot plan to find housing and support for their parents. Full descriptions of domestic opportunities might prove helpful in attempts to convince the older folks that there are opportunities for them in the cities where their children have relocated.

The Project has been distributing the Monthly Field Bulletins throughout the Center. These have been posted on Mess Hall bulletin boards and other places readily accessible to the residents. As yet, they have not been used to any great extent. To increase the public's interest in these field bulletins, we recommend that the covers of the bulletins be on colored paper with the only lettering being the name of the area. This could be varied perhaps, by maps showing the area, or by just the names of the principal cities in the area. By this means, at just a glance, the residents could easily determine the area to which the subject matter pertained to. It would also be beneficial if the Field Bulletins for each area stressed the special and major factors peculiar to that area.

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Month Ending February

Center Manzanar

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month ..... _____

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... _____

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... _____

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... _____

All initial interviews are under Supervisors of the Welfare Section.

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	97	176
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	57	126
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(3)	(3)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(54)	(123)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	40	50

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....

A. Community Invitation.....	22	57
B. Advance Approval.....	23	51

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	54	69	5383.15	78.00
Approved	52	67	5231.72	78.16

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 0

B. Pending action at center..... 0

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

RATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.))

There has been no marked change in the program of relocation planning. The activities as outlined in the January report are continuing in full force and are satisfactory.

Special progress has been made in stimulating resettlement interest in the Education Section. At the present, projects emphasizing resettlement are being conducted in the junior and senior high school social study classes. The appointed personnel of the Relocation Office are cooperating with the high school teachers in furnishing material and in giving talks on the various phases of resettlement to all the classes. The March issue of the elementary and high school newspapers are emphasizing all phases of the resettlement program. The success of this resettlement study is evidenced by the fact that a number of high school students and their parents are calling at the Relocation Office for assistance in their relocation planning.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

The Counsellors of the Welfare Section are reviewing the potential dependency load of the Center and are segregating the load into categories. A second review of all local public assistance cases is in progress. A few dependency summaries have been submitted to the welfare agencies in the areas of prospective resettlement. A special effort is being made to place the unattached children now in the Children's Village in foster homes. In cases where the children were the wards of the court, probation officers and other responsible officials are now being contacted regarding their return. In one instance, the county probation officer has recognized the responsibility of his county and agreed to reassume supervision of three children as soon as the present school term on the Project is completed.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

With the assistance of Miss Moore of the Washington office, the Relocation library was reorganized so that materials will be more readily available to the evacuees. The Education Section has agreed to assume responsibility for the Relocation library under the supervision of the Project librarian. As the Education Section is liquidated, maps, atlases, books, and newspapers that are useful to the Relocation library will be transferred to the Relocation Division.

The other methods previously outlined for the presentation of relocation information were continued in full force.

CIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION

The over-all relocation picture has not been bright at Manzanar, expecially during the latter part of February. This was due, in the main, to the mass attitude of the residents. They are still doubtful that WRA will liquidate by the announced deadline. They cannot see how the WRA can provide jobs and housing for the residents of all the centers. A large number of evacuees do not wish to leave the protection and security of the Center until the war is over. Others wish to return to their place of former residence, but it is not possible at the present, in most instances, because of housing and employment difficulties. Many farmers would like to return to their farms, but, as yet, have been unable to obtain the necessary equipment and the financing. A large number of evacuees regard the WRA assistance grant as insufficient and are reluctant to go through the necessary channels to receive public assistance grants.

Many Manzanar people have visited Southern California on short-term leaves to make plans for terminal departure. The majority of these people have returned to the Center and stated that they have been unable to make immediate plans for the following reasons: inability to secure housing, inability to receive placement in employment for which they are qualified, inability to gain possession of their own home without prejudicing neighbors by the eviction of present tenants, the inability of the United State Employment Service in the evacuated areas to place evacuees in any position other than domestic, gardner, houseman, or unskilled labor and minor iters of discrimination that are now known to have happened against relocated evacuees. This is the situation facing several hundred people who are not interested in relocating to any area other than Southern California.

Recently a prominent alien evacuee returned to the Center, highly enthused over the relocation possibilities in Central Nebraska. He has employment for himself and placement for several other families. Because of the prevailing attitude in the Center, he has been unable to convince any evacuee families to join him.

After stimulating a considerable group interest for relocation to the Tooele Ordnance Depot, we have been embarrassed by having 64 per cent of our applicants denied PMGO clearance. Among this group who have been denied PMGO clearance, five are very prominent young citizen-evacuees in the Center. These persons were granted WRA leave clearance and are on the Western Defense Command clear list for resettlement anywhere within the United States. Carefully prepared appeals for several of these people have resulted in no change in the PMGO decision. This action has completely killed all interest in group resettlement at the Tooele Depot. Even those who have received PMGO clearance are now reluctant to leave the Center because their friends have been denied.

A number of successfully relocated evacuees have returned to the Center to assist in the relocation of their parents and other family members. They thought that they could complete all arrangements within a reasonable length of time. They have been discouraged where the family required assistance from social security funds. The length of time required in completing a Welfare Summary on the Project and the subsequent approval by the welfare section in the field has made it necessary for most visitors to return to their homes and employment without completing plans for the relocation of their families. In many instances, the family members are quite elderly or are in poor health and will not leave the Center unless they can be accompanied by the relocated son or daughter. The expense of a second visit to the Center is prohibitive, and, as a result, in several instances, families have decided to remain in the Center for an indefinite period.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RELOCATION PROGRAM.

We recommend that an immediate attempt be made to assist evacuees desiring to return to the evacuated area in finding adequate housing. The opening of fields of employment other than that of unskilled labor is necessary. The availability of loans to farmers, particularly aliens, should be clarified and be more accessible.

As many evacuees were engaged in deep-sea fishing, information regarding their return to this occupation off the West Coast is very desirable.

There should be a simplification in procedure for obtaining assistance for dependency cases. The length of time now necessary to complete Welfare planning for dependency cases is discouraging, and the procedure is not acceptable to a large majority of the Center residents. We recommend that the initial public assistance grants, considered necessary by the Welfare Section, plus the WRA Relocation grant, be paid to the evacuee at the time of departure from the Center.

Possibly it would be advantageous to the program of liquidation of WRA, to devise a system of rewards in the form of increased assistance to persons relocating at an early date. This might be done by giving, in addition to the present WRA grant, a proportionate increase which would otherwise be spent on maintaining the evacuee in the Center.

Per diem as well as transportation grants should be available for evacuees investigating relocation possibilities.

Under certain circumstances, evacuees should be allowed to accept employment while on short-term leave. An example of this is the changed procedure whereby an evacuee on the army clear list can go to the Ordnance Depot for employment without prior PMGO clearance. If such an evacuee

should subsequently be denied PMCO, he should be allowed to return to the Center. Other circumstances also might make it advisable for a person to accept employment while on short-term leave. Students who leave the Center to work for board and room while attending school should be on short-term leave pending final welfare approval of their homes and employment. A person on short-term leave to the evacuated area for the purpose of finding a home for his family should be permitted to work to help pay his expenses and build confidence in his work and in community acceptance.

A priority system should be established whereby the Center Relocation Office would be consistently staffed with competent personnel. As time goes on and more of the qualified evacuee personnel relocate, it will be necessary for appointed clerical personnel to be immediately available.

Confusion as to the status of those persons who have been issued exclusion orders but who have not been cleared for departure from the Center is one of the larger problems of Relocation. A clear and immediate definition of the status of each individual and the immediate removal of segregees, after an opportunity for a hearing, is highly desirable.

Several persons have returned to the Center upon the completion of their trial leave. They have then developed their plans to leave on permanent relocation, only to find themselves stopped by being on an army list for whom travel permits cannot be obtained. These persons state they had no knowledge of their status prior to their return to the Center. We recommend that all persons now away from the Center on a trial basis be immediately notified of their army clearance status.

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RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending March

Center Manzanar

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I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month .....

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling.....

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.....

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	231	603
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	159	477
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(5)	(5)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(154)	(472)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	72	126

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....

A. Community Invitation.....	152	455
B. Advance Approval.....		

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	96	142	9263.09	65.17
Approved	96	142	9263.09	65.17

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... _____

B. Pending action at center..... _____

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... *4

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... _____

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... _____

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

* Meeting of an organized voluntary evacuee group for relocation planning and for the dissimination of relocation information.

IX. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

The methods as outlined in previous reports regarding the coordination of the various sections in the Center for relocation planning continued to function successfully. This has been particularly true in the relationship between the Welfare and the Relocation staffs. The increased demand for resettlement assistance grants and for necessary clothing grants has encouraged the Welfare and Relocation staffs to coordinate their efforts toward the common goal of mutual assistance to the evacuees.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM

The review of dependency cases by the Welfare Section has been accelerated by the large number of requests from persons in this category for assistance in forming relocation plans. The initial success of several families in securing resettlement assistance, which enabled them to complete their relocation plans and depart from the Center, has encouraged many families who were heretofore apathetic. It was found that, as definite relocation plans were formulated for individual families who had been classified as possible public assistance cases, only a minimum assistance was needed and in some cases, none at all.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

From January 1 until March 28, 360 individuals left the Center on short-term leave to visit their places of previous residence in California. The reports circulated by these individuals have been a dominant factor in convincing the people in the Center of the possibility of successful relocation in the evacuated area if certain housing and employment difficulties can be overcome. This medium of presenting information has been very effective in formulating relocation planning. Block Managers have arranged meetings with persons who have been on short-term leave to report on the possibilities of relocation in the areas which they have visited.

The receptiveness of the people of the Center toward information regarding relocation possibilities was indicated when a representative of Seabrook Farms visited the Center. With only a half day notice, 250 interested persons attended a meeting to get information concerning employment and housing at Seabrook Farms. Within two weeks after this meeting, 220 individuals had made arrangements to relocate to Seabrook.

I. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENT ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, OTHER COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING, STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

The methods as outlined in previous reports regarding the coordination of the various sections in the Center for relocation planning continued to function successfully. This has been particularly true in the relationship between the welfare and the relocation staffs. The increased demand for resettlement assistance grants and for necessary clothing grants has encouraged the welfare and relocation staffs to coordinate their efforts toward the common goal of mutual assistance to the evacuees.

II. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE PUBLIC INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM

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III. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PROSPECTIVE RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT RELOCATION" AND OTHER MATERIAL, ANY DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

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XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION

The over-all picture of relocation at Manzanar is now encouraging. A large majority of the people are convinced that WRA will liquidate by the announced deadline. This radical change of attitude in a very short time seems to have occurred because of the very definite and uncompromising attitude of Director Myer toward the liquidation of centers on schedule. Definite evidence that the over-all attitude of the residents of the Center toward relocation has changed is presented by the statistics of the Leave Office through March 28. From March 1 until March 28, 100 visitors had entered the Center; 180 people had departed on short-term leave; 146 persons had left the Center on Terminal Departure and 102 visitors had completed their business.

In addition to the increased departures in March, 220 people have made definite plans to leave for Seabrook, New Jersey; 45 persons have made group relocation plans to move to farms in Utah; and another 15 persons have completed their planning for resettlement in Oregon. This represents the largest number of persons planning group relocation in one month in the history of Manzanar.

As indicated in our last monthly report, the chief difficulty faced in the relocation of people of Manzanar continues to be lack of permanent housing and satisfactory employment in the Los Angeles area. At least 50 per cent of the Manzanar people hope to become re-established in the Los Angeles area, if and when housing and employment difficulties are overcome.

Approximately 800 Manzanar residents are unable to form relocation plans because the leave status of about 240 male family members has not been clarified and defined by the Army.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON RELOCATION PROGRAM

We recommend that immediate action be taken by WRA to develop positive plans for adequate housing and successful employment for several thousand families in the Los Angeles area. The people of Manzanar are now enthusiastic and receptive toward relocation and are ready to re-settle as soon as satisfactory plans can be developed. Housing for 600 families is needed to accommodate Manzanar people. If immediate action is not taken, the present enthusiasm toward relocation may turn to mass discouragement and apathy. The people who are planning to re-settle must have definite assurance that permanent housing is available, and not vague promises or temporary accommodations in hostels.

In conjunction with the above paragraph, we feel that it is definitely essential that adequately trained personnel be transferred to the Los Angeles area. Particular effort should be made to augment the present Los Angeles staff with specialists in housing, agriculture, and employment.

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR MAY 1945

The statistical report speaks for itself, showing an increase in the demands upon the Welfare Section even greater than was expected. 117 cases were added during the month of May against 52 of April.

As to the financial assistance authorized, as the month proceeded the pace was accelerated. Comparing April and May we have:

April		May	
Number of family units	314	Number of family units	412
Amount authorized	$2541.79	Amount authorized	$5902.24
Conditional grants - family units	38	Conditional grants- family units	134
Number of persons involved	75	Number of persons involved	251
Amount authorized	$809.99	Amount authorized	$4078.24

The figure on clothing allowances is interesting. Total clothing allowances issued in:

April		May	
Family units	1428	Family units	1468
Persons involved	4448	Persons involved	4322
Amount expended	$13,875.75	Amount expended	$14,978.50

This figure is interesting particularly because 400 persons have relocated during May.

The staff, both evacuee and appointed personnel continues to fluctuate. Replacements for evacuee personnel have been possible so that the total number allowed for Welfare is still available at the end of May.

New staff members are being added during the first month in June and during the week starting June 11, a brief training and orientation course for Welfare and Relocation staff members is being arranged. The agenda is being prepared for two hours a day for five days. All counselors in Welfare and all interviewers in Relocation will be present for the conference.

The new procedure regarding temporary assistance grants for furniture, etc., was received by teletype on Saturday, May 19th. At the close of the month the explanatory document had not yet arrived. This procedure will be carefully explained and implemented during the training conference. It involves very close working relationship between Relocation and Welfare.

The accent upon Welfare activities will continue to be dependency cases, including the cases in the Children's Village, special grants, following release number 226 and resettlement assistance interviews and grants. Welfare service on anything except cases closely associated with Relocation is already practically nil.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending September

Center Manzanar

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING None*

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month .....

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling.....

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.....

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

* This entire program has been consolidated under the supervision of the Welfare Department.

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	79	115
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	25	47
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(3)	(6)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(22)	(41)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	54	68

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III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....

A. Community Invitation.....	14	18
B. Advance Approval.....	4	11

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	69	87	7481.77	85.99
Approved	68	86	7404.27	86.09

V. Leave clearance dockets

Deferred by the Director 136

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 51

B. Pending action at center..... 97

*VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

*VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 1

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

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The evacuee group whose aim is "Education for Relocation" and whose activities were mentioned in the August report, continued to function. This committee is now operating under the direction of Mr. Kiyoharu Anzai, who is the chairman of the Block Managers Assembly. The committee aim has been not only to promote relocation, but also to obtain full information on the relocation program, and the possibilities for evacuees to successfully re-establish themselves in a normal manner of living.

The joint Staff and Evacuee Planning Commission at its monthly meeting, reconsidered its functions and its performance with its usefulness to the evacuees as a factor to be considered. A committee was appointed to study the situation and to submit recommendations for an increased effectiveness. It will consider whether it is most useful in its present form or whether it would accomplish more under a different organization. It seems generally agreed that an evacuee committee springing from the residents rather than from the administration would be ideal, but it is not yet clear whether such a committee can come into natural being at present. The group mentioned in the first paragraph would serve as a good nucleus providing its formal organization did not have an adverse reaction.

*One meeting was held jointly by both the Relocation Planning Commission and the Staff Relocation Committee

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

The family interviewing program has now progressed to the point where over fifty percent of the basic family units of the center have been assigned to interviewers. Nearly fifty percent of the basic family units of the center now have the reports of their interviews typed and these reports are now ready to aid in the future planning for the evacuees.

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The availability of this recorded information should result in a qualitative improvement of the counseling in the Relocation advising program. Referrals to the Relocation Office remain low which perhaps indicate that those ready to relocate are finding their way to Relocation without assistance; on the other hand, a large percent of those relocating are persons who recently stated that they had no immediate interest in relocation. This possibly better reflects the effectiveness of the counseling.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

There has been no change in the procedure for presenting relocation information to the evacuees. The same methods have been kept in force. The number of mature people who have already relocated and have returned for visits have had greater use as speakers.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Evacuee acceptance continues to improve and culminated in September in applications from eight persons, each of which represented three or more family units to go to New Orleans to make final decision concerning relocation opportunities presented in that area.

Good

Despite a much smaller center population, relocation continued approximately fifty percent above last year exclusive of those currently being called to the Army. The percent of relocation is, however, considerably lower than in other centers. It would be interesting to see comparative population figures which would indicate if Manzanar has an older population group than other centers. There are very few young people remaining in this center.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We recommend that relocation officers in the preparation of their jobs summaries for their areas include in the summary the licensing requirements in that area for the positions that require a license. There have been numerous resettlement possibilities outlined for beauty operators, barbers, cosmetologists and other professional occupations. If a license is required to practice, it would help in discussing these opportunities with qualified evacuees in the center to know the extent of licensing requirements, residency,

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if a factor, and if a reciprocity exists.

A change in regulations reflecting the ease of returning to center would be advisable. The present regulation, in spite of the easier interpretation, frightens many older residents into remaining in the center. We suggest that any person be permitted to return to the center at the end of 21 days, if the Relocation Officer has been unable to adjust the situation to the evacuee's satisfaction. This would be possible only after the evacuee had been away from the center on a relocation plan for four months. This policy would alleviate the need for Trial Leave and would make persons eligible for a grant, who now fear to take anything more conclusive than Trial Leave, but are without finances to accept Trial Leave. Since few irresponsible young people now remain in centers, this would not seem to be a dangerous fiscal policy.

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EMPLOYMENT

At Project: continued-

GENERAL COMMENTS

were 171 females over 18 years of age qualified for full-time work not employed. Of these 62 are housewives reporting special occupational skill or experience, 69 have no work history in two months or more, 20 are valuntarily unemployed between assignments, 9 are leaving in the near future and decline to work before going, and 11 are still in school. The rest of the population consists of housewives unemployable and children 15 years & under.

Outside Employment:

GENERAL COMMENTS

The Relocation Program now seems to be in its normal stride. Unless unforseen circumstance develop to stimulate or retard the program, it will probably continue at about its present level through the summer and fall months. Job offers received are good, of the proper kind, and sufficient in number although so many domestic offers are received that only a few are filled. The Schools, Adult Education, Social Welfare and other sections are doing a great deal to assist Relocation in dispersing the fear of the outside that works through the older people to discourage old and young alike. More publicity material is needed from field offices t assist in this.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending October

Center Manzanar

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Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month ..... _____

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... _____

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... _____

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... _____

* No report as this has been consolidated with the Welfare Section and under its supervision.

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	125	181
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	52	96
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(7)	(19)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(0)	(0)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(45)	(77)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	73	85

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 41

A. Community Invitation.....	33	69
B. Advance Approval.....	8	21

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received				
Approved	42	65	7,054.89	108.54
	42	65	7,054.89	108.54

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Deferred by Director ~~Awaiting clearance in~~ Washington..... 142

B. Pending action at center..... 63

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 68

(Joint Committee) 3

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

Probably the month of October saw the highest coordination of evacuee and staff efforts in relocation planning. This was due, in the main, to the fact that recruiters from the Seabrook Farms were in the center. Different division and section heads organized meetings for the representatives to explain to their staff the facts of what Seabrook had to offer. Evacuees, through the block managers, participated in the distribution of literature pertaining to Seabrook and in arranging, not only meetings of the members of their blocks, but also centerwide meetings to gain information on this unusual opportunity for trial leave. The center's newspaper contributed news items as well as editorials on this opportunity. Due to these combined and cooperative efforts, an unusual amount of interest was aroused in the center. The effect was a direction of people's thinking towards their relocation plans which resulted in a high number of applications for leave to take advantage of the Seabrook offer.

Another factor of the evacuee participation was the fact that four representative evacuees left the center on a short term leave to the New Orleans area to investigate the relocation possibilities there. The evacuee group was composed of two rice growers, a truck farmer, and a strawberry grower. The return of these residents and the submission of their reports outlining the possibilities of New Orleans was also a positive step in forming the relocation plans of the residents of the center.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

During the month of October, an Assistant Relocation Advisor was assigned to do follow up work on these reports that had been submitted by the Family Interviewing Program, which indicated an interest in relocation. His duties were to complete Relocation summaries for submission to field areas to discover specific opportunities for interested evacuees. As of this date, the response has not been very satisfactory as a percentage of the evacuees contacted have not desired this service. The fact that the Family Interviews have been held has made it simpler for the Relocation Advisor to attempt to work out a specific plan adjusted to the needs of the individual concerned in those cases where this service has been accepted.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

In addition to customary methods, a new departure in presenting relocation information to the evacuees was inaugurated in October by making full use of the possibilities of the hektographing process. Single page posters, each publicizing one specific advantage of Seabrook, were written in both Japanese and in English and were emphasized by drawings. One of these was released each day for a period of ten days prior to the arrival of the Seabrook representatives. Added to this, literature in both Japanese and English outlining in detail all of the facts of the Seabrook offer was distributed. Large sign boards were displayed at

advantageous places in the center. Besides these means, on two different occasions, a travelling public address system was placed into service to announce various meetings concerning Seabrook.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

Special progress was achieved during October in making a fuller realization of the possibilities of trial leave available to the center residents. This interest was increased by the fact that trial leave was available with transportation paid by Seabrook. As a result of this, 55 per cent of the first group of evacuees to depart for Seabrook were Issei and the heads of families. So far, in most instances, only the heads of families have departed for Seabrook. This should eventually result in the complete relocation of a very large percentage of all the families represented. Most Issei are afraid to leave the center on indefinite leave and do not have the finances to take advantage of trial leave. Under ordinary circumstances the fact that so many older, mature people were interested in this excellent group relocation possibility is an indication that Manzanar residents are thinking of relocation, but they need a fully explained possibility, offering security, before they will take advantage of it in any considerable numbers. By means of this offer, a downward trend in relocation was reversed.

Another forward step was the trip of Issei representatives to the New Orleans area. Their reports to their constituents, plus the Seabrook offer, are keeping the residents of Manzanar in a positive frame of mind towards future relocation.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

The Seabrook recruitment should teach us valuable lessons. Even though the Seabrook offer was thoroughly explained by Japanese and Caucasian recruiters, and even though it appeared to answer the obstacles to the relocation of large numbers of residents, the total number leaving was not exceptionally large in considering the camp's total population. Besides, a fully explained opportunity, still pictures, and motion pictures of the opportunity would be most beneficial. Newspaper or magazine exerpts regarding the opportunity help. The Seabrook offer again emphasized the detailed planning necessary before the complete relocation of the center can be achieved.

On the other hand, this offer drew many who would not otherwise have gone at all in the near future. In numbers, it has drawn 82 people in three weeks' time. Many family heads are included and others are continuing to sign. More than 600 seasonal workers, ordinarily representing the most fertile field for such offers, were outside the center. Seabrook offers group living, postwar security, opportunity for resettlement without savings and employment without knowledge of English. For large scale relocation, it would seem that similar offers from makers of soups, food processor, or other industries might be developed.

The majority of the residents of Manzanar are now the head and dependent members of families. With young children for whom no fare or a half fare is charged, the checking privileges are such that it is impossible for the family to take along all of their personal necessities that they will need. We recommend that express shipment be allowed for

the minimum essentials for a family to start in a new location.

We will again like to emphasize the value of visual material. We believe that it would produce an over-all increase in relocation if short motion picture releases of various relocation areas and relocated Issei were regularly distributed to the centers for a showing.