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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

June 10, 1943

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: R. C. Barnhart, Acting Chief
Project Reports Division

SUBJECT: Semi-Monthly Summary Report

1. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AND RELOCATION PROGRESS:

- a. Permanent - 1
- b. Temporary - 0
- c. Residents - 34
- d. Indefinite leaves - 1
Seasonal leaves - 0
- e. Adequacy of present personnel-sufficient

2. CURRENT WORK:

- a. Shortage of manpower in Topaz Times staff alleviated.
- b. Monthly newsclippings scrapbook completed and sent to Washington.
- c. Photographic prints numbered and information printed on each for the files.
- d. Dummy for magazine, "Topaz Speaks" completed and awaiting approval of Co-op and the return of Mr. Bankson. Major part of contents assembled. Cover design commissioned.
- e. Registration documentation and Volunteers for Victory documentation now in final stages.

3. SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS NEEDED:

- a. None

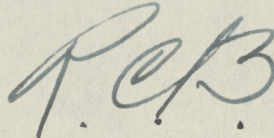
4. PROBLEM AGENDA:

- a. Need for more efficient re-routing of news from various divisions.
- b. Need for in-service training program to be instituted at the Topaz Times office to train reporters.



6. PROJECT ACTIVITIES:

- a. Members of Historical Section will confer with Mr. Beckwith of Millard County Chronicle on matter of magazine.

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R. C. Barnhart, Actg. Chief
Project Reports Division

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

June 12, 1943

Reports

MEMORANDUM TO: Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Ralph C. Barnhart
Acting Chief, Project Reports Division

SUBJECT: Semi-monthly Summary Report
Ending Thursday, June 10, 1943

Resident population at the end of this report period was 7539.

Leaves issued this period:	Indefinite	112	Total	692
May 20-June 9, 1943	Seasonal	80		495
	Short-term	157		

Total number of births: 6
Total number of deaths: 0

Among the visitors to the Project were:

F. C. Shiel and party - Ann Arbor Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan
Don R. Dobson and party - WRA Engineer, Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Katherine Luplau - Relocation Officer, Kansas City, Kansas
Dr. Guthbusen - Los Angeles, California
Miss Helen Sterling - N.Y.A., Salt Lake City, Utah
Y. Caldwell and party - U.S. Public Health, Richfield, Utah
Miss F. Pierce and party - EWCA, Salt Lake City, Utah
J. W. Cox & Bernice Cox - Fillmore, Utah
Marie Waldram - N.Y.A., Salt Lake City, Utah
R.A. Ashby and Jess Wilson - Dept. of Ed., Salt Lake City, Utah
A. H. Wallace - N.Y.A., Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Mary MacMilland - New York, N. Y.
Miss Isabel R. Seabury - Boston, Massachusetts
Joe Conrad - Am. Fr. Serv. Comm., San Francisco, Calif.
C. F. Evans - Fire Contractor, Ely, Nevada
Mrs. Marion B. Reith - Nat'l YWCA, Los Angeles, Calif.
Insp. Albert Kirk - U.S. Imm. & Nat., Salt Lake City, Utah
Dr. Gordon K. Chapman - Berkeley, California
Mr. Paul Honsaker & Asa Smith - WRA, Washington, D. C.



Mr. Roland A. Oldroyd - E. R. Squibbs & Sons, Ogden, Utah
Mr. Dave H. Cameron - Zellerbach Paper Co., Salt Lake City, Utah
Mr. L. Belnap and party - Salt Lake-Delta Freight Line, Salt Lake City, Utah

PROJECT ATTORNEY

- a. Project Attorney spent June 1, 2, and 3 in Salt Lake City attending meetings in office of State Engineer attended by presidents of several irrigation companies relating to dispute over water rights.
- b. Meeting held on May 24 by members of conservationists organization in Delta concerning fishing by evacuees off project.

SENIOR ENGINEER

- a. Air conditioning progressing in hospital, office buildings and kitchens.
- b. Heating layout and oil distribution for revised high school plans completed. Revised high school ~~area~~ electrical distribution.
- c. PD-200 for addition to Agriculture Dept. is being completed.
- d. C.M.P.'s for partitioning of evacuee apartments completed.
- e. Rat control for Hospital 98% complete.
- f. Water delivered from Abraham and Delta Canals.
- g. Map of Topaz irrigation system completed showing completed, incomplete and proposed ditches and structures.
- h. 16 leaks in water system reported and repaired.

PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Dummy for division magazine completed and awaiting approval. Major part of contents assembled. Cover design commissioned.
- b. Documentary photographs numbered and information printed on each.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- a. Evacuee payrolls for month of May will be completed by June 12.
- b. Inventory of Materials, Supplies and Equipment, March 31, 1943, is being completed.
- c. New procurement instructions received on this project on May 31, 1943, and will be placed into effect as soon as possible. New procedure provides for monthly requisitioning procedure and minimizes emergency purchases.

TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY

- a. New underground service station tank installed. This will be completed with pump installation next week.
- b. Three road sprinklers now in operation.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Education:

- a. Problem of maintaining adequate faculty at high school has been met satisfactorily during the past two weeks.
- b. High School students participating in planting of crops with Agriculture Department.
- c. Three advanced classes for First Aid in non-English speaking have completed their courses and are having final examinations.
- d. Block basic English taught by volunteers under way in various blocks.

Project Hospital:

- a. Resignation of Dr. Harada was received Tuesday, June 11.
- b. Assistant administrator arrived on first of the month; also the Chief Dietician.
- c. Awaiting result of committee report as to disposition of convalescing home.

Internal Security:

- a. Reorganization along Washington instruction lines being adhered to.
- b. Substantial/reeducation in resident personnel being effected.

Activities:

- a. Marked decrease in attendance of activities due to unfavorable weather.
- b. Plans for summer camping program being discussed.

Enterprises:

- a. Board and Congress have approved setting aside up to \$1000 a year to be used as scholarship fund. This fund will/come out of earnings unclaimed by people who failed to turn in their patronage receipts.
- b. Plans being made to establish shopping service for groceries and meats to accommodate appointive staff in their new residence.
- c. Work is being done to outfit photographic studio.

Welfare:

- a. Arrangement made with Leave Office to have Family Relocation Unit notified as soon as boys 19 and under apply for leave clearances. Forms to certify parents' approvals are being mimeographed. These are necessary as there has been instances of youths under 19 leaving without their parents' consent nor without finishing school.
- b. Seven wives and their children, making total of 20 persons, left Topaz for Crystal City, Texas on June 9 to join interned husbands.

- c. Student Relocation Unit working to get students into colleges by October 1. This means that those wishing to go to colleges must be accepted by a college before August 1; their completed papers into Washington before August 15; and to secure leave clearance before September 15.
- d. Two large bales of baby clothing received by American Friends of Philadelphia.
- e. Investigations are being made on reports that small children are breaking into elementary school on week ends and after school.
- f. In regards to summer camp at Antelope Springs, Youth Guidance Unit recommended that applications be checked with the parents.

Community Government:

- a. Amendment to Constitution made.

FIRE PROTECTION

- a. Inspection of new installations that involve potential fire hazards and suggested corrections where necessary. Corrections being carried out in light of local conditions and availability of critical materials.
- b. Drills are scheduled for training a firefighting brigade among the Military Police personnel.
- c. Fire alarm system for Hospital completed and in operation.

EMPLOYMENT

- a. Revision of filing system in attempt to control assignment, transfer, reclassification and termination of workers on Project. Job about 40% complete.

AGRICULTURE

- a. Plans were prepared to complete soil/sampling of all land being considered for intensive crop production next year. Light textured soils will be studied carefully in search of truck crop land.
- b. Dust control demonstration carried out.
- c. Crop phenology reports indicate vegetation grew well from May 21 to June 2.
- d. Eight head of beef were cut from herd for delivery to the Abattoir for slaughter. Six more will be slaughtered in about two weeks.
- e. 25 head of heavy hogs were slaughtered this week.
- f. About 30 acres of tomatoes, 50 acres of onion, 2 acres of cabbage and 2 acres of broccoli planted in Section 11.

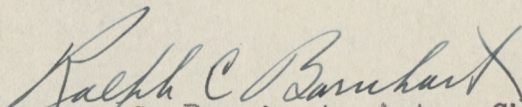
PROJECT STEWARD

- a. Family-style services in the dining halls still being carried on.

PLANNING BOARD met Wednesday June 9, 1943 at 2 P.M.

Highlights of meeting:

- a. Bad feeling in Delta--getting worse.
- b. Segregation favored by considerable number of residents.
- c. Younger hoodlum element developing.
- d. Agriculture needs 100 extra regular help. 300 workers needed for 100 acres of truck crops.
- e. Obstructionist group hindering relocation.


Ralph C. Barnhart, Actg. Chief
Project Reports Division

Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

June 26, 1943

Reports

MEMORANDUM TO: Charles F. Ernst, Project Director

FROM: R. A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

SUBJECT: Semi-monthly Summary Report
Ending Thursday, June 24, 1943

Resident population at the end of this report period was 7440.

Leaves issued this period:	Indefinite 85	Total 777
June 10-June 24, 1943	Seasonal 44	539
	Short-term 150	

Total number of births: 7
Total number of deaths: 1

Among the visitors to the Project were:

Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Hicks - Salt Lake City, Utah
C. Sterling and Angus McKay - Provo, Utah
L. A. Higgins - LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, Utah
W. J. Bryant and M. W. Hurst - Spanish Fork, Utah - Recruit workers
Mr. C. L. Eddy, Representative - "Deseret News," Salt Lake City, Utah
Miss Gail Montgomery - U.S. Children's Bureau, Berkeley, Calif.
Miss Mary B. Perry - U.S. Children's Bureau, San Francisco, Calif.
Theresa Perrons - Medical Social Worker, Cleveland, Ohio
A. L. Habler - Rep. Am. Paper Co., Salt Lake City, Utah
Mr. Maxim Shapiro - New York, N. Y.
Mr. G. O. Larson - State Road Commissioner, Salt Lake City, Utah
Mr. Chris J. Aho - Ninth Service Command, Fort Douglas, Utah
Esther Briesemeister - Denver, Colorado
Emory Bogardus - Los Angeles, California
Mr. C. Roberts and party - Utah-Idaho School Supply, Salt Lake City, Utah
Mr. Stinchfield - S.M.A. Corporation, Chicago, Illinois
Mr. W. A. Hunter - Los Angeles, California

FIRE PROTECTION

- a. Information has been received from the U.S. Army Engineers that another fire engine of modern type and equipment has been assigned to the project permanently and that delivery may be expected at an early date. Shortage of personnel will increase with the coming of new equipment.
- b. The Safety Committee has proposed that supervision, inspection and servicing of first-aid kits be undertaken by the Safety Engineer. At present, these kits may be serviced only for the sections concerned. Each requisition and stock wholesale quantities of supplies and service kits individually. In most cases this practice is both wasteful and improperly done. If supplies can be handled through one centralized responsibility there will be the assurance of supplies being supplied properly and in proper condition. Adequate records may also be kept on treatments rendered and supplies used.

SENIOR ENGINEER

- a. Coolers have been delivered to all kitchens and the majority are now in operation. Seven cooling units have been delivered to the Hospital and five of them in operation, remainder will be in service by Tuesday. Offices and Administration A and B, warehouses 103, 106 and 121 have coolers installed, also garage office, and several smaller offices.
- b. Topography of Section 2 completed; work begun on topography of Section 14.
- c. The slaughter house is 75% complete; recreation area for High School completed; winterization of two (CCC) office buildings completed.
- d. Electrical wiring for Shop Building Annex completed; hog farm wiring completed; rewiring of auditorium in High School gymnasium completed.
- e. Canal connecting Wilson Canal with Delta Canal 100% complete on June 17.
- f. The by-pass pipe line placed in Block 37 by the ADH company just before they left has left 7 leaks in a distance of about 10 to 12 feet.

INTERNAL SECURITY

- a. Work is routine and as such is progressing as per schedule.

CONSUMER ENTERPRISES

- a. Outfitting of a photographic studio in Block 2-12-C under supervision of official photographer is almost complete.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

- a. Arrangement has been made so that students on protracted visits to the center this summer may apply for residence status if he wishes to stay to add to the manpower situation.
- b. Relocation Employment Referral Forms have been devised and are used for the purpose of facilitating and expediting the relocation of whole families. Upon interview these forms are completed, and are routed to the Relocation Office to be forwarded to the WRA Relocation Offices near or in the vicinity in which family desires to resettle.
- c. With the cooperation of the Medical Social Worker in the hospital, the list of those who are indefinitely unemployable is being rechecked.
- d. Elaborate plans are being made for the camp-wide carnival to be held on the July Fourth week-end. Seventy-five percent of the intake will go ~~to~~ the Student Scholarship Fund, which at this date totals \$1,000.05.
- e. A conference held with the Employment Division resulted in the possibility of securing jobs for students, particularly near their school of future relocation. All students are to be contacted, and relocation applications are to be filed in triplicate; one copy for the Student Reloc. Unit, one for the Relocation Office and one for the Relocation Office nearest point of desired relocation.

EDUCATION

- a. A number of mothers are spending more days in the pre-school each week.
- b. Achievement testing for elementary school near completion.
- c. Graduation exercises for junior and senior high group.
- d. High school students cooperating with farm operations.
- e. Topaz Sewing and Needlecraft School prepare to close their semester this Saturday, June 26, 1943.
- f. Completion of approximately 50% of Summer Camping Program preparation.

PROJECT HOSPITAL

- a. Dr. Boardman and Dr. Goto started giving clinical lectures and demonstrations to nurses aides and other personnel doing clinical work.
- b. Public Health Officer to be held by staff members in routine as follows: Dr. Boardman rest of June; Dr. Teshima, July; Dr. Kondo, August; and Dr. Yamauchi, September.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- a. Activities within the center has been progressing as usual.

AGRICULTURE

- a. Planting of cabbage (288,610), Cauliflower (55,700) and broccoli (210,000) plants completed Friday, June 18. 40,000 tomato plants received from Granada Project set over the week-end.
- b. Research section has brought the alkali map up to date. A graph has been prepared showing length of growing season for both tender and hardy crops for each point in Utah having a weather record.
- c. Victory gardens within Center in spite of the fact that water must be carried in buckets have had remarkable results.
- d. Cattle segregated into three classes and placed in separate pastures. Classes are beef steers, yearling steers and cow heifers and calves.
- e. During June 1 to June 20, 102 pigs were farrowed of which 84 were saved. Between June 2 and June 20, 89 hogs were lost through bloody diarrhea, 2 from sunstroke and 2 from diarrhea.

PROJECT REPORTS

- a. Encouraging progress made in proposed issue of printed booklet for Documentation Section. The chairman of the Cooperative Board has tentatively approved the plans.
- b. Supplemental narrative reports on agricultural program, the Provo Labor Camp, the high school commencement, the center housing situation, project employment, the center recreation program and relocation are in process of preparation.
- c. Third and final issue of "Trek" distributed this week.
- d. Mr. Lee Eddy, special feature writer for "Deseret News" of Salt Lake City spent three days in the center compiling materials and taking photographs which he will use in the newspaper.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

- a. Relocation grants average \$800 daily.
- b. Proposed procedure now in process of development for payment of clothing allowances at the same time cash advances are paid (both payments to be included in one check.) The proposal is being forwarded to Washington this week with the request that we be permitted to place procedure into effect by July 1. The proposed procedure has complete concurrence of Welfare Section and Administrative Division.
- e. From July 1, the Project will operate under the provisions of the controlled materials plan, which authorized the use of an AA-1 priority for maintenance and operations supplies for the hospital, sewage system, water system and other utilities. An AA-2X will be available for maintenance and operations supplies for other activities than those listed above.

PROJECT ATTORNEY

- a. Mr. Tamotsu Tsuchida removed from the center to Leupp, Arizona, and a complete docket of this matter forwarded to Washington.
- b. The affray between Tanaka and Morizawa was turned over to state authorities, pursuant to which the Project Attorney attended the arraignment and trial of the two men in Fillmore on Tuesday, June 15, where the men were sentenced to jail for terms of 50 to 60 days respectively.
- c. Preparations underway for statements of procedure and criteria for interviews with persons whose application for leave clearance requires further consideration under Administrative Instruction No. 22, Supplement 2.

TRANSPORTATION AND SUPPLY

- a. Extension on Repair Shop building completed. Shop reports all heavy duty equipment in services except one Fordson.
- b. Gravel conveyors now in operation.

PROJECT STEWARD

- a. Family-style service now progressing as expected.

EMPLOYMENT

- a. The new filing system in the Placement Office is 90% complete. Work experience gained within the Center is being recorded on WRA-12 and this card will be used for both relocation selections and control on the activities within the Center.
- b. Progress made on the details of setting up a relocation office so that all the procedures connected with leaving the Project would be concentrated under one roof. A building has been allocated and studies are being made as to the space allocations for the various activities.

CABINET met Saturday, June 12, 1943

Highlights of meeting:

- a. Additional workers needed for agriculture program.
- b. Re-organization plan - Mr. Hughes moved to Deputy Director, Mr. Lorne Bell, Assistant Director, and Mr. Roscoe Bell, Assistant Director.
- c. Possibility of deductions in number of camps.
- d. Representatives of U. S. Children's Bureau reported on child labor.
- e. The Board of Review for cancellation of repatriation and changing of "no-no" answers.

CABINET met Saturday, June 19, 1943

- a. Granting of clearance to the Eastern Defense Command.
- b. General discussion on principle of granting permits to private enterprises within center.
- c. Follow-up system to see that transferees from one division to another report promptly to their new work.
- d. Results of election of new Community Council.
- e. Suggestion of creating better acquaintance between residents and appointive personnel - inter-changing in the dining halls. Number of appointive staff dine in residents' dining halls and an equal number of residents from that block dine in Block 2 dining hall.

PLANNING BOARD met Wednesday, June 16, 1943

- a. Observance of Fourth of July.
- b. Question of the status of students returning to relocation centers after schools are dismissed on the outside.
- c. Desirability and necessity of Appointed Staff members living on project discussed. Need for a satisfactory social environment and so forth was discussed.
- d. Hearing on persons eligible for relocation discussed.
- e. Refusal of some workers to be transferred from work in the project to work on farm discussed.

PLANNING BOARD met Wednesday, June 23, 1943

- a. Approval given on plan for establishment of recreation centers to serve two block groups within Topaz.
- b. Report on adverse publicity in newspapers throughout the country as a result of Dies Committee hearings and investigations, and reports.
- c. Proposal that industrial training be continued in center on as extensive scale as possible to replace the NYA training discontinued. Machinery is available for such training classes if instructors could be secured.
- d. Report on elaborate plan for celebration of Fourth of July which will start Friday night and extend through Sunday. Chief objective is to raise money for scholarships for residents.

R. A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

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Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

April 26, 1943

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Mr. D. S. Myer, Director

War Relocation Authority

Barr Building

Washington, D. C.

Attention: Mr. John C. Baker, Chief
Office of Reports

Dear Mr. Myer:

Enclosed herewith you will find the
Quarterly Summary Report covering the pe-
riod between January 1 and March 31, 1943.

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

Enclosure

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

April 24, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Russell A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

SUBJECT: Quarterly Summary Report, March 31, 1943

INTRODUCTION

The quarter period between January 1 and March 31, 1943, inclusive, has been filled to overflow with events of tremendous importance to this relocation center. From beginning to end there have been happenings which stand out as milestones in the advancement of the relocation program.

By far and large, the greatest of these, as undoubtedly proved in the other centers, was the general WRA leave clearance registration, combined with the War Department military sign-up.

Associated with this registration, yet separate from it, was the extensive volunteering program which followed the military registration. These phases of Topaz happenings are being completely documented for the historical records, but as a supplement to this, these events will be summarized later on in this report.

Among other outstanding highlights of the quarter may well be mentioned the visit of Governor Herbert Maw of Utah with members of his staff and the induction of the permanent council for Topaz, the climax of which was the administering of the oath to the members by Governor Maw. Both these events will be commented on later. The arrival of the first contingent of Japanese from the Hawaiian Islands, a group of 226 persons, and their induction into this Center provided a highlight in March.

As a part of the over-all picture also must be mentioned

the crisis at the Project Hospital developing over a period of months and climaxed by a brief walk-out of the entire resident medical staff and hospital personnel.

Of lesser importance, but nevertheless highlights in the history of the center, were the visit of a delegation of State Senators from the Utah Legislature and the laying of the cornerstone for the new high school construction.

POPULATION

The Topaz population on March 31, 1943, was listed at 7,984 which compares with a population of 7,909 persons at the close of the previous quarter. At its peak, the population for the center was 8324, of whom 3,202 were aliens and 5,122 citizens.

The age break-down of the Topaz center is as follows:

1-2 years	350	22-25 yrs.	675	56-60 yrs.	510
3-4 years	215	26-30 yrs.	774	61-65 yrs.	369
5-6 years	184	31-35 yrs.	424	66-70 yrs.	221
7-12 yrs.	627	36-40 yrs.	429	71-75 yrs.	65
13-15 yrs.	470	41-45 yrs.	499	76-80 yrs.	24
16-18 yrs.	587	46-50 yrs.	461	81-85 yrs.	9
19-21 yrs.	643	51-55 yrs.	521	86-90 yrs.	1

The resident population remains high despite the pushing of the leave clearance program, largely because of the induction of the group from Hawaii and others who have transferred to Topaz.

At the close of this quarter, 977 persons were out on leave; of these 280 were on indefinite leaves, 542 on short-term leaves, and 155 on group leaves. Quite generally, those on indefinite leaves are employed in homes or in hotels or in agricultural pursuits. The ~~increase in~~ number of trained clerks and stenographers who are going into positions in the mid-West and in other localities ^{is} are steadily increasing.

There is an evident desire on the part of the younger people to want to get themselves relocated on the outside and a similar desire on the part of the older groups to remain within the center, so that as the relocation program progresses, employment within the center is being stripped of its younger and better trained workers who must be replaced by older persons.

As of March 31, the over-all relocation program is just hitting its stride, as a result of the general advance leave clearance program made effective through the general registration.

EMPLOYMENT

The employment situation within the center shows that there has been a considerable increase during the quarter. On March 31, the WRA payroll showed that 3994 persons were employed as compared to 3687 at the close of the previous quarter. In addition, the Community Enterprises carry a payroll of 146 persons, making the total employment 4140, of whom 1407 were females and 2733 males.

Principal employment centered in the Agricultural Division which was beginning to get into full swing for the spring planting of extensive crops; the Public Works Division where building work and construction of irrigation ditches called for many workers, and the dining halls.

REGISTRATION

Closely related to the indefinite leave and relocation program, are the results of the general registration of all residents of the center above 17 years of age.

The registration itself brought stormy days to Topaz while citizens and aliens alike conducted meetings, named committees, listened to oratory and came finally to the point of showing up at the registration headquarters to carry out the desires of the Administration.

Despite many misunderstandings and explanations and refusal of whole groups and whole blocks to appear at scheduled periods in the beginning, suffice it to say that in the end there was a 100 per cent registration. It is also worthy of note that out of the male citizens between the ages of 18 and 38, a total of 112 signed up as volunteers for the Army Combat Team.

Briefly, the registration created one of the most revealing situations on the status of the Japanese residents of this relocation center that it has been possible to obtain since evacuation.

From the day of the arrival of the War Department Commission headed by Lt. William L. Tracy, there was a constant friction over issues and a general confusion throughout the center among the residents which resulted in two postponements of the scheduled registration.

From the beginning it was evident that three distinct groups were operating within the center, each holding its own meetings and each trying to find its own answers to questions. These groups were the Nisei, the Issei and the Kibei. Much of the trouble may be traceable to the fact that the Nisei meetings

were quite generally attended enmasse by members of the Kibei group, which at all times was vociferous and rolled up considerable following among the Nisei. Some of these meetings were fiery affairs, usually with Kibei leaders shouting down all others.

In these groups the army registration struck home and brought utter confusion and chaos in the minds of the majority.

It seems apparent now in the aftermath of the registration that the chief cause of the general turmoil may have been in the fact that the announcement of the army volunteering program came with the suddenness of an explosion in the lives of these young men and their families, who had been living peacefully and quietly within the center, over a period of months.

Immediately there developed strong arguments for an against such a registration and the volunteering--bitter arguments which often centered among members of individual families.

The older Issei were quieter and more orderly in their meetings and the impression was gained that they were more or less waiting for the younger citizens to talk the thing out and come to a decision about registration before they acted.

Out of the general turmoil came many resolutions demanding many things on behalf of Japanese American citizens, chief of which was the request for civil rights and full privileges as accorded any American citizen.

It was not until February 15 that the registration actually got under way. Most of those who had made up their minds to volunteer responded promptly. The registration was carried out by blocks and a regular schedule was set up, designating the days and hours upon which the residents of the different blocks would appear at the registration headquarters. When it became completely understood in the center that the registration of all residents was compulsory this fact was generally accepted and the Issei, following a change of the wording of question 28 were willing to comply with the order.

For the male citizens, question 27 became the stickler and many declining to volunteer for service in the Army answered "no" to this question. As an aftermath to the registration, however, many of those who said "no" to this question came in voluntarily to ask that their answers be changed to "yes," meaning that they would serve in the armed forces if they were drafted, but that they would not volunteer, chiefly for personal or family reasons.

By February 17 the tempo of the registration had developed

into a full cooperative move and thereafter until the close of the schedule, the registration center functioned smoothly.

There were other sidelights to the registration, including various meetings at which demands or requests for this or that were formulated--some dealing with rumors and fears. All this is being fully documented for the historical records and will be soon available from this center.

Closely attached to, but distinctly separated from the general registration was that of the volunteer program.

With the actual close of the registration on Thursday, February 25, it was found that only 58 persons had volunteered for Army service before the War Department team. This was decidedly discouraging to the Administration and to many of the loyal young Americans, and when it was learned that it would be possible to continue volunteering activities until March 10, a group of the original volunteers immediately organized themselves into a forceful committee designated as the "Volunteers for Victory." Working entirely on their own, this group went out to stage a real enlistment campaign with the result that the final number of volunteers from this center was recorded at 112.

Throughout the entire drive for additional volunteers, and on through to the end of the month, this Volunteer Committee became one of the most active within the center. It sponsored the issuing of the first "Volunteer for Victory" pamphlet which was widely distributed not only throughout the center, but on the outside, and later a pamphlet which they called, "Fighting Americans, Too," which was mailed to influential persons throughout the United States and which was distributed in the center.

The climax of the volunteer activities came in the last two days of the quarter when on March 30 and 31, a medical military team appeared at Topaz, coming from Fort Douglas, Utah, and gave the volunteers their preliminary physical examinations. The results of this examination showed that 59 were passed as physically fit for general combat duty, that 36 were temporarily rejected for physical disability, chiefly eyesight, and 17 were unavailable for examination at that time, but would be called in for their examinations at a later date.

AGRICULTURE

Turning now to other interesting developments within this project area, we come to the auspicious program of the agricultural division.

Probably the most significant phase during the quarter was

the development of the hog raising project.

Starting last fall with a small number of pigs, the drove has been increased rapidly since the first of the year until residents and Appointive personnel have twice been delighted to find home-grown pork in their menu, and the saying goes, "This is only the beginning."

With 400 head of hogs in the pens at the present time, the plans now anticipate the raising of approximately 4000 head per year with the total pork production expecting to run between three quarters and one million pounds annually, which will supply the pork needs of the center.

The beef cattle herd has been expanded to 200 head and plans are being developed for the expansion of this herd to 600 head to be fattened for slaughter during the fall and winter months.

Spring approaches with an ambitious program, well worked out, for the production of vegetables to supply the center. As early as late January, because of the open weather, the Agriculture Division had its men in the field preparing the land for the growing of all kinds of vegetables found to thrive in this none-too-productive land. At this writing, some 700 acres of soil have been prepared, much of it ready for planting of tomatoes, cabbages, cauliflowers, carrots, beets, turnips, etc. Cantaloupes and watermelons are to be attempted also.

The land has also been cultivated for the planting of about 700 acres of corn and 88 acres of sunflower. Just now, the farming crews are preparing approximately 2000 acres of land for the growing of alfalfa to be used for hay and seed on the project.

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

We find that this quarter was extremely interesting in connection with the development and establishment of a permanent Community Council. Early in the history of Topaz, a temporary Community Government had been established. Following this, a permanent Council was elected and was inaugurated at an impressive ceremony on January 14 held in Dining Hall 11.

Governor and Mrs. Herbert Maw of the state of Utah were the official guests of the center, and the Governor officially administered the oath of office to each of the new Council members, among whom was one young woman, Miss Mitzi Shiraishi. Tsune Baba was elected Chairman of the Council at the organization meeting, and Mike Maruyama was elected Vice-chairman.

Outstanding activities of the new Council included organization of the Local Draft Board which was established on January 21; the sponsoring of a general citizens' meeting on the evening of February 10, pertaining to the clarification of the registration program; general assistance in the registration; participation in the ground-breaking ceremonies for the new high school auditorium; sponsoring of the general reception for the new arrivals from Hawaii; inauguration of a campaign to develop the Boy Scout movement in Topaz; assistance in settling internal disturbances in cooperation with the Internal Security Department in January; the creation of various boards and commission to assume responsibilities in the development of Topaz; its good offices in assisting with the settlement of a precarious situation in March; and the passage of numerous ordinances vital to the welfare of the residents.

GOVERNOR MAW'S VISIT

For several reasons, the visit to Topaz by Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah is worthy of special mention.

For one thing he was one of the first, if not the first, governor of a state to visit a war relocation center. Also, there was attached to this visit considerable political significance. In the early stages of locating 8000 people of Japanese ancestry at Topaz, Governor Maw had been quite outspoken in his opposition. He had been considered as more or less opposed to any such migration.

When an occasion presented itself for the Project Director to issue a special invitation to Governor Maw to visit the center, the invitation was accepted. This occasion was the induction and the administering of the oath of office to the 33 members of the newly created permanent Community Council.

Thursday, January 14, 1943, was set aside by proclamation of the Project Director, as "Governor's Day." An elaborate program was arranged which included his reception by a resident committee from the center, Boy Scouts, members of the American Legion among the residents, and members of the appointive staff. Governor Maw was accompanied by Mrs. Maw, Tracy R. Welling, Utah State Department of Agriculture head, and Mrs. Welling.

A newly erected flag pole in the administrative area was dedicated to the Governor and the American flag unfurled by the Boy Scouts, after which he addressed the several hundred residents who gathered about the speaker's platform.

That evening, the Governor was the guest of honor at a banquet attended by many of the leading residents of Topaz and

a number of the appointive personnel. At this banquet, the high-light was the induction into office of the newly elected members of the Council who were administered the oath of office by Governor Maw.

The political significance of this visit from the State's Chief Executive became almost immediately evident on his return to the state capital in Salt Lake City. First of all, he granted interviews to the various newspaper representatives in which he made positive statements which were entirely to the benefit of the relocation center and its objectives in relocating residents on the outside.

This was almost a right-about-face on the part of the Governor, who heretofore had opposed such distribution of the residents of Topaz.

Another significant act of Gov. Maw came a little later when he vetoed a Senate bill passed unanimously by the State Legislature and brought up to the Governor for his signature. This drastic bill forbade the ownership, leasing or cultivating of lands within the state by any person of Japanese ancestry. In view of the Governor's earlier stand and the changed attitude since his visit to the center, it is reasonable to believe that his visit resulted directly in his emphatic vetoing of this measure, although a greatly modified alien land bill was later passed and signed by him.

Apropos of the visit of the Governor, there was a second incident of political significance which failed to bring similar results. This was a one-day visit to the center on February 9, of an investigating committee of five members from the Utah State Legislature consisting of Senators Ira A. Higgins, Chairman; A. F. Hopkin, W. A. Dawson, J. A. Kelly, and L. S. Richards.

These legislators evidently had their minds pretty well made up that a great many things were wrong at Topaz. Their questions were pertinent and showed that they expected difficulty in gaining whatever facts they desired. They were disarmed in this, however, when they were given full answers to their questions and shown everything in the center which they desired to see, even to having their noon-day luncheon at one of the resident dining halls.

Their report to the State Senate grudgingly admitted that there appeared to be no "pampering" of residents and that they found nothing extremely wrong in the manner in which the residents of the center were being treated.

Shortly, thereafter, they unanimously joined in the passage of the Alien Restriction Land Bill which was promptly vetoed by Governor Maw.

EDUCATION

The education set-up in Topaz went forward with great strides during the quarter period, climaxed by the formal ground-breaking ceremony for the auditorium building, commemorating the beginning of the new Topaz City High School. The ceremony was conducted on the high school plaza, in the center of the community, attended by some 1000 persons, on the afternoon of February 22, Washington's birthday. The speaker of the day was Charles H. Skidmore, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Utah. The first shovelfull of earth was turned by Dr. Skidmore, who was followed by officials of the administrative staff and of the school system.

During this quarter, the Parent-Teachers Association unit was formed and is now functioning actively. There was formed also a school-wide curriculum organization plan which embraces all departments of the educational set-up with regular meetings being held to work for a careful revision of the curriculum in all departments. Case records are being worked out for all teachers and pupils in the division--the purpose being to aid both teachers and the pupils in various responsibilities which they are facing.

Student body organizations were completed in the elementary and secondary school so that now practically all school programs and functions are being carried on by the students concerned.

This period has been one of the most constructive in the history of the Topaz School to date, showing a complete coordination and the carrying out of a well-developed plan for the future.

The Elementary School organization was rounded out and developed into a smoothly working unit with a total average attendance of 649 pupils. This ranged from 98 kindergarteners to 67 first graders; 63 second graders; 114 third graders; 100 fourth graders; 95 fifth graders and 114 sixth graders, all of whom occupy 26 classrooms. An effort is being stressed to provide as natural a school setting as is possible under the relocation project conditions.

Four pre-schools and two pre-kindergartens have been organized as well, housed in buildings originally intended for recreation halls. Children from two years, up until they are

ready to enter kindergarten are accepted in the schools. There has been an average attendance of 66 two-year olds, 72 three-year olds, 106 four-year olds, and 20 five-year olds. From six to eight full-time teachers are employed.

As an example of the sort of specialized effort being carried on among pupils, the fourth grade class undertook the study of Indians, which resulted in correspondence by some of the children with Indian children in the Uintah Indian School at Whiterock, Utah.

Another activity meriting mention is the publication of a school newspaper by one of the fifth grade classes. This mimeographed newspaper was written, planned and edited by these children.

Such interesting special features as the Mother Goose Book presented by the kindergarten classes at the Desert View School; the preparation and serving of refreshments by little third graders as a party for their parents; the preparation of an exhibit of murals depicting life along the Nile with table models of desert life by fifth graders and several other projects marked this particular line of endeavor.

The Adult Education program has developed steadily throughout the quarter until there is now a total enrollment of 3914 with an average regular attendance of 3000. Of the enrollment, 1336 are listed as males and 2578 as females. Courses which were developed include the art school, basic English, music school, flower arrangement, artificial flower making, sewing school, lectures for non-English speaking residents, and evening classes in Americanization and various other subjects.

In the over-all educational program in Topaz, there are 48 elementary teachers of whom 10 are Appointive and 38 residents, 63 high school teachers of whom 27 are Appointive and 36 are residents.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Community Enterprises became of age during this quarter when on February 8, it was incorporated under the laws of the District of Columbia, and then became a Utah State Corporation on March 11.

A rather unusual feature of the Co-operative was a buying trip which was taken by two resident officers of the Co-op, Toby Ogawa and Dave Tatsuno, who journeyed into the Middle West. In spite of the fact that commodities were scarce and cash in advance was demanded on all orders, they were able to purchase some \$23,000 worth of merchandise.

This provided the incentive for a loan campaign which was started in the center on March 17 and officially closed on March 31. A goal of \$20,000 had been set, but when the contributions were tallied, it was found that more than \$29,000 had been subscribed.

It is interesting to note that the Banking Department, which was established as a temporary substitute for the Credit Union, to supply much needed service in cashing checks and receiving deposits for safe keeping, resulted in a total of \$126,000 worth of checks being cashed in March with \$31,000 left on deposit.

The Shoe Store after being closed for one month prior to shoe rationing was opened again on March 15 and is now doing an average daily business of \$150.

The Beauty Shop has just been re-opened after being forced to close through inability to secure beauticians.

Soda fountain service was inaugurated at the Administrative Canteen on February 24, and with the advance of warmer weather, is doing a rush business.

INTERNAL SECURITY

During this quarter, the Internal Security division established what is known as a Pass Headquarters at the main entrance to the Project center in order to facilitate the ingress and egress to the center. This Pass Headquarters housed in a building all its own assists in keeping a more nearly perfect record of all who leave and enter the project.

Field Headquarters were completely remodeled and files were created to record each case reported to the division so that the complete case history is readily available. An intensive program of training the resident police was also developed, including general investigation, public relations, and assistance to other departments, such as the Fire Department in handling unusual situation.

The division also created a complete traffic control system throughout the center by construction of "Stop" "slow" "caution," and traffic control signs.

Crime within the center was almost a nonentity, but two petty cases came before the Project Director during the quarter.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

A look into the records of the Fire Department justifies

the pride of our Fire Protection Officer in pointing to the fact that Topaz has set one of the best fire records in the state of Utah. Celebrating the end of the first six months' period of the Fire Department's existence on March 12, it is revealed that in that time, only 21 fires were reported with a total loss of \$148 to buildings and contents.

A review of these fires showed that careless smoking habits caused four of them with a loss of \$95. Careless handling of ashes accounted for several others.

We like the comment of the Fire Protection Officer in this connection, who, without concealing his pride in the fire record, says, "Our losses, while extremely low are, because of the source of the fires, 100 per cent too high. We should have had no fires at all."

PROJECT HOSPITAL

The Project Hospital experienced one of its major crisis during the quarter, when, at midnight of March 13, the entire medical and general staff personnel staged a brief walk-out. There were many ramifications to this climatic event, starting back almost from the beginning of the hospital through the months of last fall, gradually working up to a major conflict.

A complete documentation of this affair is now in the process of completion for the historical records, but for the purpose of this present record, it can be briefly summarized in this manner.

Friction began to develop between the Acting Medical Officer and the resident medical staff, which continued with little irritations piling one upon the other, until finally an open breach developed between the Medical Officer and the staff. A change of Medical Officers was made but the breach was not sealed. On the contrary, it grew much wider when an evacuee physician from another center was directed to report at the Topaz hospital, and met with the open opposition of the resident staff, backed by a number of reputable residents of the center. This evacuee physician was forbade a position in the hospital by the members of the resident staff and remained idle for sometime. It was evident that the matter had to come to a final head.

Several meetings were called by the Administrative staff and the hospital resident staff, but members of the medical staff conveniently were absent on each occasion. When a final attempt was made to establish the new physician at the hospital, a general walk-out of the entire personnel from the resident physician on down to the janitor was called.

The medical officer and the Administrative staff hastily

made arrangements for taking over the work of the hospital, calling on members of the Appointive staff to assist wherever possible and gathering about them volunteer workers from among the residents to step in after hospital personnel walked out. The strike was called and the personnel did walk out, but within a few minutes after midnight, the medical staff appeared before the Project Director and members of his Administrative staff and agreed that, for the sake of the patients within the hospital, they would resume work. They were permitted to return with the admission of Dr. Goto, the new physician who had been denied acceptance, as a member of the medical staff in the hospital. While this was not a satisfactory conclusion of this incident, at this writing the hospital has resumed normal operation and there has been no definite outbreak.

Aside from this major situation, the hospital worked at capacity throughout the quarter, the records showing that during the three months 428 patients were hospitalized; 4786 out-patients were treated, and 34 residents were sent to outside hospitals for care. During this time, 59 major and 60 minor operations were performed by the medical staff. The staff of the hospital includes six appointive and four resident registered nurses; 83 nurses' aides, 7 orderlies and 33 home nurses.

In the Dentistry department, a staff of 12 licensed dentists and five assistants treated 5162 patients. Five Optometrists adjusted 1450 frames, made recommendation for 801 lens fittings, handled 694 duplicated jobs and 998 refractions. Eleven registered pharmacists filled 4170 prescriptions.

During the period, a general health and sanitation program was developed under direction of the medical officer, and at the close of the quarter was being put into general effect in the center.

RELIGION

In the field of religion, four principal denominations have been established: Protestant, Catholic, Seventh Day Adventist and Buddhist. The average weekly attendance at the Protestant church has been 1700 using the services of 13 resident ministers, the Buddhist church has a weekly attendance of approximately 1500 with six resident ministers, while the Catholic and Seventh Day Adventists have a weekly attendance of approximately 300 with one minister in charge of each church. The Buddhist activities are completely within the center, but the other churches maintain associations and contacts with their respective denominations outside the center.

As evidence of the gradual development of a normal church

life in Topaz, it was interesting to note that 739 residents registered for attendance at the first semi-annual Buddhist Young People's Conference which was conducted on Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, at the center.

This two-day affair consisted of various phases of recreational, educational and cultural activities.

LIBRARY

The Topaz Public Library expanded its activities considerably during the quarter. The chief feature was the addition of a Japanese section. This has proved extremely popular with the older residents. With the collection of approximately 1500 books, this section has been enjoying an attendance of 750 persons weekly.

The number of volumes on the shelves of the general library increased during the quarter from 6707 to 8547. Patronage at the library grew steadily, passing the 4000 mark in March with a total of 11,031 books circulated during the three months' period.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Community activities came to the foreground during this quarter with a development of an over-all program of interest such as handicrafts, hobbies, skills, athletics, and social functions which are now drawing the interest and attendance of thousands of persons in the center each week.

PUBLIC WORKS

Topaz now has its landmark which can be seen for many miles in every direction and is already becoming familiar to the entire population who look for it when away from the center. This is the new water tower erected just east of the center since the first of the year. It is one of the largest water towers in the country supported on a wooden frame. Standing 80 feet in the air, the tower supports four tanks with a capacity of one-half million gallons of water. Each of these tanks is 33 feet in diameter and 20 feet high, putting the top of the tower 100 feet from the desert floor. Atop these tanks, red lights now burn at night, a beacon distinguishable to the far horizons on the desert.

A program of construction of the administrative apartments was started in February and is now 15 per cent complete, with roofs on four of the buildings.

Other noteworthy construction work in Topaz during this

quarter included the beginning of work on the large auditorium for the center high school; the construction of ice storage houses; two garage buildings, formerly CCC structures; the reconstruction of about 20 miles of irrigation ditches, construction of 8 miles of road; building of about 50 irrigation diversion gates; winterizing of two food warehouses and the erection of a gate house for the Internal Security Division.

ARRIVAL OF EVACUEES FROM HAWAII

Quite a gala event was made in Topaz on Sunday, March 13, when 226 evacuees from the Hawaiian Islands arrived by train at Delta where they were met with cars and trucks and brought to Topaz for induction as residents here.

The Boy Scout Drum and Bugle Corp, in full uniform, gave them a musical welcome, and residents generally turned out to greet them. A reception was held in the dining hall of Block 1, where they were housed, on the evening of their arrival, at which time the Project Director extended his welcome and leading citizens of the center spoke. An entertainment program was included. This was the largest single group to be inducted into Topaz since the first mass induction.

WELFARE

During the quarter, the Welfare Section completed its re-organization with the establishment of an Adult Probation Unit dealing with the prevention of adult problems; Youth Unit and Youth Guidance which has been instrumental in the establishing of a Juvenile Board by the Community Council.

Of the outstanding features of the section activities should be mentioned the handling of 32 persons who were processed for repatriation to Japan and who left Topaz in a group on March 5, 1943 on the first leg of their long trip. These persons were cleared by the Japanese Government and the State Department at Washington.

In this same field of work, the section processed 472 repatriation application which were submitted to the Regional Offices in San Francisco.

PROJECT REPORTS

The busiest period in its history was recorded for the Project Reports Division during the present quarter. During February and early March, while the registration was going on, the project newspaper, TOPAZ TIMES, became the medium for interpretation of the entire registration program to the entire population. With many orders and instructions to be presented

and interpretations to be made almost every step of the registration process, the TOPAZ TIMES' staff worked many long hours through the days and into the nights getting out special editions and enlarged issues so that all information might be presented at the earliest possible moment.

After the registration had concluded, the division also sponsored the issuing of two important booklets in furtherance of the volunteering program which is described more fully in the report on the volunteering.

The acclaim for the first issue of the division's literary magazine TREK has grown until it extended from coast to coast and brought requests for copies from libraries, collectors, and others interested until the edition was exhausted and many requests went unfilled. The division undertook the issuance of the second number of this magazine recently. This was distributed in March and met an immediate response that was equal to, if not greater than, that accorded the first number.

Documentation of the registration program became a major project within the division and will stand as a record of an event which is unprecedented in the United States of America.

CAPTAIN MARTIN'S VISIT

Another event worthy of mention occurred in January when Captain Antonio R. Martin, Vice-Consul of the Spanish Embassy of San Francisco, spent the 18th and 19th in Topaz during the course of an official inspection of the various relocation centers. He was accompanied by Bernard Gufler of the Special Division, Department of State, Washington, D. C. Since the Spanish Government is the official representative of the Japanese Government in the United States, Captain Martin's visit gave alien residents an opportunity to present to him a set of questions which they desired that he answer. These questions concerned points upon which residents were confused or uninformed. They were also asked to register any complaints which they might have with the Vice-Consul. Captain Martin made a very thorough inspection of Topaz and before his departure made this statement: "The Topaz undertakings are characterized by expeditious and efficient management. The center is superior in many respects to some of the other centers which I have visited."

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Throughout this quarter, there has been a steady improvement in relations between residents of the center and citizens of surrounding communities--especially in the town of Delta, the nearest community to Topaz which has opened its doors wide to residents.

In fact, the chief complaint from Delta merchants is heard when residents of Topaz do not come to town in large numbers for shopping purposes. As compared with the pre-Center days, when there was a distinct public opposition to the establishment of the center in this part of Utah, seven months later it is obvious that not only have Utah citizens in this area found that they are glad that the Center was located here, but this attitude is gradually spreading over a wider area as more Topaz residents are established in permanent and seasonal jobs.

R. A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

CENTRAL UTAH PROJECT
TOPAZ, UTAH

July 2, 1943

MEMORANDUM TO: Charles F. Ernst, Project Director
FROM: R. A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division
SUBJECT: Second Quarterly Report

1. PERSONNEL EMPLOYED AND RELOCATION PROGRESS:

- a. Permanent - 1
- b. Temporary - 0
- c. Residents - 29
- d. Indefinite leaves for this period - 6
Seasonal leaves for this period - 0
- e. Adequacy of present personnel - sufficient

2. CURRENT WORK:

This ^{quarter} ~~work~~ has been a busy and constructive period for the Reports Division in Topaz.

- a. Current work in progress includes the preparation of several important documentations, among these being the history of the Topaz hospital which is now in its final stages, documentation of the registration period; the volunteer program in this center; the farm program; the first annual commencement and so forth.
- b. In addition, preliminary agreement was reached between this office and the Community Enterprises for the production of a printed booklet which will contain material prepared by the Historical Section, covering more or less the highlighted history of the Topaz center from evacuation up to the present. It was hoped that this project might be completed during the summer.
- c. The June issue of "Trek" the literary magazine sponsored by this division was distributed early in the month. Approximately 37000 copies were run off and quickly consumed. This issue has been acclaimed the best of the three put out and stands as a monument to a

persistent but steadily dwindling staff of workers, the last of whom has now relocated, so that there probably never will be another issue of this magazine.

- d. During the quarter the Reports Officer has made several trips to Salt Lake City in the interest of furthering public relations with the newspaper editors and radio stations. In May, he prepared a script for a radio transcription which was recorded by the Project Director in collaboration with Ottis Peterson, head of the Branch Office of War Information in Salt Lake City. This transcription presented over the Inter-mountain network and other stations of this territory received favorable comments.
- e. During mid-^{June}~~May~~, C. L. Eddy, state editor of the "Deseret News" spent three days in the center gathering material and taking pictures for a series of articles which will be run in July.
- f. At various times during the quarter, groups of volunteers were called up for induction and were given appropriate send-offs as they departed.
- g. News releases covered a variety of current news subjects and were used quite generally in Salt Lake City and adjacent newspapers.
- h. The outstanding events of this division during the quarter centered around the relocation program. The Reports Officer has sat in on all stages of this all-important event to assist in the relocation of the eligible residents of this center, and has assisted with the general public relations program, seeking to broaden the acceptance of residents in communities and in developing a desire on the part of residents themselves to accept outside status.

The relocation program itself in the center has become the all-important, number one undertaking and all of the facilities of this division have been turned over first to the relocation project for its use. Numerous conferences have resulted in the development of publicity efforts within the center and throughout the adjacent territory.

1. The facilities of the center newspaper, "The Topaz Times" have been used to the fullest extent in giving residents the true picture of outside employment possibilities and of conditions which they will meet.

At this time the whole machinery of the division is geared to mesh smoothly with the relocation effort and it is given first place.

1. The highly important additional effort in which the division has participated strongly is the Board of Review with which the Reports Officer has been closely affiliated with the hearing of testimony on the part of residents who had originally answered in the negative to question 28 and, or had asked for repatriation but who were now asking to change their answers and cancel their repatriation request. Well over 100 such cases have already been heard and many more are scheduled.

*Original signed by
R. A. Bankson*

R. A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

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Central Utah Project
Topaz, Utah

July 20, 1943

Reports

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

FROM: Russell A. Bankson, Chief
Project Reports Division

SUBJECT: Quarterly Summary Report, June 30, 1943

INTRODUCTION

It has been said that there is never a dull moment around a relocation center. The quarterly period between March 31 and July 1 has proved no exception in the Central Utah Project. No sooner has one important phase of endeavor passed than another is entered upon, each with its significant trends laying the bricks that are building this strange structure of evacuation.

In fact, so important and so interesting have been the developments during this period that it was felt by this chronicler that a quarterly report could not adequately supply the word picture that should be made for the records.

Perhaps the events of this quarter have not been as spectacular as was the registration and the volunteering program of the previous quarter, but certainly these events will measure up in importance when the over-all history of this center is written.

So that the highlights might be better enlarged upon, and stand out as such, a number of supplemental documentations to this report have been prepared and have been or will be submitted separately as such. Herewith, then, will be presented more or less of the routine matters which have marked the quarter.

Summarizing briefly some of these outstanding developments, we should perhaps point to the relocation program as the most important undertaking since registration. Actually, registration was only the preliminary development in preparation for wholesale relocation, serving as the medium for mass leave clearances.

The leave program is presented in a more detailed separate documentation.

One of the acute problems which faced the center early in the quarter was that of sufficient resident labor to operate the extensive farm project. As the planting season advanced, and as it became evident that this center must produce nearly one-half million dollars worth of food within the project, the tempo of the farm program was stepped up to high speed. As a result, at the close of the quarter it becomes evident that a large degree of success will crown the efforts to produce the necessary food which had been allocated to this center. The detailed story of the farm labor program has been presented in a separate documentation.

Other outstanding milestones in the center's history that may be mentioned here are the first annual high school commencement, a full documentation of which has been prepared; the election of the first issei-nisei council which will be mentioned more in detail later on; the project employment set up; the center recreation program; and the Board of Review which undertook hearings on the request for cancellation of repatriation and changes of answers to the loyalty question from the negative to the affirmative.

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture work became all important on this project as well as at every other project. While this phase of the center activities has been completely documented in a separate narrative, it may be well to touch briefly on some of the outstanding features. We find at the close of the quarter that the planting season is successfully completed, largely because the job was assisted by volunteer crews from the schools and other sources, and by crews being transferred from other divisions and sections to devote time to this particular job.

Most ambitious expansion yet ahead of the agricultural section is a development of its beef cattle herd. This now stands at 150 head but a program is under discussion which would enlarge this to 1000 head so that the hay crops from this project may be used to feed them and the beef raised can be shipped to other centers, while produce from other centers are shipped here in exchange. It is noticeable that an acute shortage of building materials has delayed the poultry production program and has hampered some of our farm activities.

The lack of farm work on a permanent basis is a "tough nut to crack," and with the advancement of the season it seems to be growing harder as the relocation program depletes the center.

Throughout the season mosquitoes have proved to be a serious pest, making it difficult for workers to stay in the fields and is working as an obstacle to the procuring of other laborers. Hundreds of workers, however, have proved their deep interest in the farm by devoting long hours of overtime to their jobs.

EMPLOYMENT

As of June 30, there were 3,767 persons employed within the center. While there is a shortage of manpower in every section, it has been necessary to curtail many of the functions and to set up priorities. The first priority is in agriculture, and all divisions are contributing to the labor supply for this activity. The future labor policy of the WRA will be based on a principle of giving employment only to the number of persons absolutely essential to carry on the project activities. These activities will be studied as to their essentiality. For those who will not be employed within the project, the answer is relocation.

As of June 30, 512 indefinite leaves and 378 seasonal leaves were issued during the second quarter.

COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT

Community government in Topaz advanced materially during this quarter, the events of the three months' period culminating with the naming of the first issei to the council in this election--issei candidates having won 22 of the 34 positions.

Outstanding features of the period included acceptance of the Merit Rating Board by the council; acceptance of the Fair Employment Practice procedure forms, and the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of the community of Topaz whereby any resident 21 years of age or over are eligible to hold elective office.

The council was also active in other departments of the community playing a part in the settlement of the Topaz hospital problem, organization of a Manpower committee to eliminate labor problems within the center and so forth. It also created the election board and adopted a nomination and election procedures; adopted traffic rules and regulations prepared jointly by the council and the administration and initiated the community cooperation movement. During the period, the council met with Dwight Young, representative of the State Department on matters pertaining to the Wakasa incident and discussed community government problems with Dr. Solon Kimball, head of Community Organization from the Washington office.

EDUCATION

Culminating event of the quarter in the educational section was the first annual graduation from the Topex High School when 196 seniors received their diplomas. This event has been documented in a supplemental report.

Perhaps a better picture of the educational program during this period may be had by beginning at the bottom and narrating developments of the various units in order.

In the pre-school department the Teacher Evacuation Program was conducted in April. Lectures on common childhood diseases and communicable diseases were given to the teachers by the public health nurse. Weekly discussions on problems of the pre-school work were held. Also, the third pre-kindergarten school was instituted in May. In June open house was held in each of the pre-school rooms.

In the elementary schools, activities ranged from the instituting of a nature study program, through the presentation of an operetta, to the planting of flower gardens with seeds which were donated by the Seventh Street Methodist School in Kansas City, Kansas.

The "Pageant of America" which was presented May 13 proved to be immensely successful, attracting a great deal of attention. The elementary schools also engaged in a project of collecting mails for national defense with huge success. Achievement tests were given to all students with excellent results.

At the high school level, an institute was held during the week of April 7 in connection with the Education Division at which Dr. John T. Wahlquist, Dr. Roald F. Campbell, Dr. Horsfall and Miss Caroline Dobson of the University of Utah were guests.

In April a talent show from the high school was taken to the Millard County seat at Fillmore where it received enthusiastic commendation. Also, the high school track team attended a track meet at Delta as spectators.

On May 6, 7, and 8 a joint Educational Conference was held at which many of the problems confronting this center were discussed. In May the high school pupils were hosts to the Delta High School band which presented a concert in the plaza.

One of the constructive projects of the high school was the enthusiastic participation of hundreds of students in the

farm crop program where they assisted in the setting out of several million plants, specially onions. In this way, they have made a real contribution to the food production problem facing Topaz.

Another outstanding event of the period was the visit to the high school of the advisory council from the state of Utah which occurred on May 10.

The agricultural department of the high school participated in the Delta stock show as an educational experience and an association for the advancement of science was set up in the high school, sponsored by the department of science and mathematics.

Of unusual interest was the publication of the high school annual, "Ramblings '43", a beautifully printed volume that will compare favorably with that published by any high school anywhere. Also, the final edition of the high school newspaper, "Topazette," which has been appearing in mimeographed form came out as a printed paper.

In the adult education section, the basic English department reported an attendance of 123 residents.

The Art School presented a student exhibition in connection with the Fourth of July city-wide celebration. The Topaz Sewing and Needlecraft Schools also held an exhibit which attracted a great deal of attention.

Under the sponsorship of the Music School, a choral group was organized for the young kibel of the center.

Perhaps the greatest problem facing the school system at this time is that of procuring appointive teachers to replace the large number who have resigned or transferred. This is a major problem which is now being worked out by the educational section.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

This section has been steadily coordinating its endeavors to offer to the residents the most complete service possible, with the result that during the quarter it completed a drive for \$20,000, which resulted in a total of \$29,628.50 being subscribed; re-organized the operating department with the board agreeing to place full responsibility and authority in the hands of the general manager; established a photographic studio, and inaugurated a weekly Cooperative News Bulletin that is sent to every home on the project.

With the coming of hot weather the most popular activity of the section would seem to be the soda fountains which do

constantly increasing business; also the establishment of an ice house in the center has met with community-wide patronage.

The section now operates for the benefit of all residents, a general store, a dry goods store, shoe store, administrative canteen, services including beauty shop, barber shop, photographic studio, cleaning service, laundry service, shoe repair department, movie department, radio repair service, newspaper and magazine subscription department, mail order department and personal services department.

During the quarter the general store did a business of \$77,915.98, the dry goods store \$44,726.13, the shoe store \$4,731.30 and the service department \$12,306.35, for a grand total of \$139,667.56.

INTERNAL SECURITY

During the quarter the happening of greatest importance to the Internal Security Section was the shooting by a military police sentry of a resident, James Matsuki Wakasa, on April 11. This unfortunate incident which caused more concern within the center than any other one thing which has happened has been separately documented and supplied to the Washington office.

Re-organization of the police department with the appointment of a new resident chief and his captains and lieutenants provided a smoothly-working organization.

The Associate Internal Security Officer was detailed to Heart Mountain Project as chief of the section, and was replaced here by an assistant detailed from the Gila River Project.

Late in the quarter, the first group of 11 young men from this center were sent to Leupp, Arizona. These men had said they would commit sabotage against the United States if given the chance, when questioned by the FBI. Near the end of June, two more young men were also ordered to Leupp.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Fire Protection Unit gradually decreased its personnel during the period until it is now functioning with 65% less members than in the previous quarter. However, fire instruction is being given to 73 volunteers who will be available if an occasion should arise.

Considerable new equipment was added during the period and more is expected, including a new 500 class modern fire engine and a quantity of fire hose.

The modern type sprinkler system for the hospital buildings has now been completed and installed.

During the quarter, there were no fires of any consequence. Attached are the regular quarterly drill reports.

HOSPITAL

April, May and June were busy months at the Topaz Hospital during which time, 7,058 out-patients were treated; 460 patients hospitalized; 60 major operations and 94 minor operations performed.

There are now four resident doctors and a chief medical officer, with 7 caucasian registered nurses. A total of 78 nurses' aides are employed with an additional personnel of 48 in the diet kitchen and 10 in the formula kitchen.

Ten resident dentists treated 4,809 patients during these months and three resident optometrists cared for the orders of 2237 residents.

In the X-ray laboratory, 1388 medical patients and 405 dental patients were given service. The eight registered resident pharmacists filled 6700 prescriptions.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

The spring quarter showed expansion of the Community Activities throughout the center with significant developments in the recreational field--the average weekly total attendance has increased approximately 20 per cent.

To fulfill demands of the baseball program, 17 softball diamonds were completed and a league schedule instituted. The softball program has proved to be the most popular of all the sports activities and has now developed into a group of eight separate leagues comprised of 50 block and industrial work teams, with a total of over 1200 players.

A 9-hole golf course was approximately 90 per cent completed and is now being used. Also, four tennis courts have been completed and are now operating at capacity throughout the daylight hours.

An outdoor stage was erected on the high school plaza and may open-air programs are being presented for the entertainment of the population.

The adult activities are well organized and are now serving approximately 5000 persons weekly.

The Boy Scout Council has been soundly organized and four troops have been chartered with three Cub Packs for the younger boys. Likewise, the Girl Scouts have enrolled approximately 75 girls.

Various private agencies are also organizing programs which will appeal to large groups of young people, such as the YMCA and YWCA, Red Cross and Girl Reserves.

The arts and crafts department has continued to sponsor many activities on various occasions, such as the hobby shows and other features which have been big drawing cards.

The special events also have attracted many spectators to witness prepared programs.

Since the Community Activities Section has now merged with the Education Department, it seems that the progress made during the past quarter has been a fitting climax to the activities of this section.

PUBLIC WORKS

Steady progress has been made the last three months in the Public Works Section. Staff housing is now 56.2% completed, the high school buildings are under way, poultry farm buildings are 10% completed and the hog houses are started. A considerable building program looms ahead, however, to complete these various housing project.

Some 85 miles of irrigation ditches were cleaned, 42 turnout gates were constructed, and in other ways the vast irrigation system for the Topaz project were put into good working order in preparation for the essential needs in irrigating the growing crops.

COMMUNITY WELFARE

Relocation was the major effort of the Welfare Section. While general relocation was stressed, the relocating of entire families became the goal of this section in an effort to establish the permanency of those who are going out. At the same time, considerable stress was placed on student relocation, the main effort here being to find employment which would assist students in maintaining themselves in schools.

The housing unit during the quarter made 839 adjustments.

The establishment of a relocation unit in its own building required the removal of several units of the Welfare Section into this building to facilitate the movement of those who were going on leave.

PROJECT ATTORNEY

The Project Attorney found himself and his staff of 6 resident buried under a rush of business which included Community Government, Community Enterprises and Internal Security, handling cases from juvenile delinquency through criminal hearings before the state court. He was also called upon to sit in as representative of the project at hearings on the irrigation district and other pertinent activities in connection with Topaz.

He was active in the military hearing into the case of the guard who shot James E. Wakasa and was required to go to Fort Douglas, Utah, as a witness at the general court-martial.

Among projects completed by him during the period were the ordinances proposed by the Community Council, the organization of the Topaz Credit Union; negotiations of operating and rental agreements between Consumer Enterprises and War Relocation Authority, and the drafting of the operating manual for the project.

FINANCE

The Finance Section instituted the new system which it reports is operating satisfactorily.

At the same time, the section undertook the streamlining of its work whereby savings in clerical effort will be made.

A proposed procedure providing for the payment of clothing allowances at the same time cash advances are paid, both payments to be included in one check was forwarded to the Washington offices with a request for authority to place the plan in operation as of July 1.

PROJECT REPORTS

During the quarter, a number of important documentations were completed or gotten underway. Among these is the history of the Topaz Hospital which is now in its final stages of preparation; documentation of the registration period; documentation of the volunteer program in this center, and several special documentations which will serve as appendix to this quarterly report.

During the period, the agreement was drawn up between the Project Reports Office and the Community Enterprises for the preparation and publication of a printed booklet which will serve as a permanent history of this center up to the present time. Carefully selected material is being

prepared by the historical section and it is hoped that the project will be completed by early fall.

The June issue of "Trek", the literary magazine sponsored by this division, was distributed early in the month with approximately 3700 copies being released. This will be the last issue of "Trek" inasmuch as the entire staff has relocated.

During the quarter, the Reports Officer made several trips to Salt Lake City in the interest of furthering relations with the newspaper editors and radio stations. In May, he prepared a script for a radio transcription which was recorded by the Project Director in collaboration with Ottis Peterson of the Office of War Information and which was released over the Inter-mountain network and other stations.

Mr. C. L. Eddy, state editor of the "Deseret News" of Salt Lake City, spent three days in the center during which he gathered material and took many pictures for a series of eight articles which appeared in his paper. These clippings are being sent to the Washington office under separate documentation.

At various times during the quarter, groups of army volunteers were called up for induction. News releases to the newspapers of the state covered a variety of current news subjects.

The outstanding events of this division during the quarter centered around the relocation program. The Reports Officer has sat in on all stages of this all-important effort and has assisted with the general public relations program, seeking to broaden the acceptance of residents in communities and in developing a desire on the part of residents to accept outside status. All facilities of the division have been turned over to further this program. The "Topaz Times" has issued various extra numbers and has devoted many columns of its space to the relocation effort.

The Reports Officer has participated in the activities of the Board of Review and has been an active member of the Relocation Committee.

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