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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 1, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

Two persons were processed on indefinite leave during the week, one to Chicago as his destination and the other to Altadena, California. Miss Aoto who left for California will enter the Pasadena Junior College.

Two citizens and one alien were given short term leaves to check up on properties, leaves and housing in California before their families will leave for residence. There were considerable inquiries during the week in reference to returning to the lifted zone and we can anticipate a goodly number going back within the next twenty days either on short term or indefinite leaves.

Advisory Board

The patterns of acceptance, resistance or indifference since the revocation of the exclusion order announcement have not developed sufficiently to afford us a true picture. Nor will we know until the pamphlets describing the procedures, now in effect, have been distributed and digested. In the important process of acquainting the residents with the procedures applicable in the post-exclusion program your plan of having the leaders understand it initially seems to be well conceived. As a result when the pamphlets are placed in the individual barracks there will be a competent leader or more in each block who is sufficiently enlightened so as to channelize all questions in written form to the Advisory Board which cannot be answered.

The evacuee composite of the Advisory Board has assumed a fine cooperative spirit and we may well expect good results. In having it consist of the Council Executive Committees, the Central Block Managers and two representatives of the Planning Commissions it will be compact enough to do business quickly and competently. By decentralizing the Advisory Board so that each community will have its own unit we will have added to its mobility.

These persons will act as liason contacts with our assistance among the three most important evacuee bodies in the project. And it is of utmost importance that information be given quickly and accurately to all members of these organizations.

We have stressed the necessity among the staff members and evacuee leaders to consider the Advisory Board as the prime authority on questions relating to the reopening of the restricted areas. We have impressed them with the fact that there are at present unanswerable questions, many of which will necessarily have to be referred to Washington for an answer. In the meantime there must be a great deal of caution used in giving oral replies to problems on which we have scant information. If residents are in a quandary on factors involving their futures a written question should be forwarded to their Block Managers or Councilmen or a member of the Relocation Planning Commission, which will be sent to the Advisory Board for its consideration. From time to time there will be bulletins prepared by the Advisory Board on these queries which staff members and residents may accept as authoritative.

Meeting of Canal Block Managers and Councilmen

An indication of what we can expect as a result of having the leaders first informed was demonstrated last Friday when the Block Managers and Councilmen of Canal met jointly on the problem of dissemination. There was a great deal of understanding and zest to perform their job as leaders. Questions were practical and to the point. It seemed sufficiently clear to them that there must be immediate planning in every household since we are in the final phase of our program. This is one of our needed antidotes in combating the philosophy of those give an air of resistance and insinuate that the problem is too big to be handled in a period of six to twelve months. A similar meeting is scheduled during the fore part of the week for Butte.

Meeting of Canal Commission

At a meeting of the Canal Commission last Thursday the problems anent to the reopening was discussed. The very fact that the members of both commissions have been very active in relocation planning during the last eighteen months makes them well equipped to become the nucleus of real leadership in assisting the residents in understanding the new program and providing us with suggestions for improvement.

The account of George Yamamoto's experiences at Great Meadow, New Jersey and in Pennsylvania has been prepared in the Japanese language by Mr. Ishikawa of our Butte office. It was proposed by the Canal Commission that this write-up be prepared for mimeographing and distributed widely under the sponsorship of the Relocation Division. Mr. Hamai has kindly consented to cut the stencils which should go to the Mimeograph unit this week. George Yamamoto is now visiting our project in an attempt to interest a group of farmers to return with him to Bucks County, Pennsylvania on crop sharing opportunities.

The members strongly urged that your suggestion of establishing a separate carpenter shop for the building of boxes and crates for relocatees be carried through. The arrangements for crating have been very unsatisfactory both from the standpoint of being meted out insufficient lumber as well as in certain cases being unable to construct their own boxing.

There was a complaint registered which concerns the service provided Canal residents in their property problems. Many residents, the members stated, have to wait a considerable while before they are taken care of. This, of course, reverts back to the old problem of being understaffed in Evacuee Property and especially will this problem become grave now when more people will make inquiries about their properties.

Meeting of Farm Leaders

Mr. Davidson very kindly invited me to attend the monthly farm meeting last Friday where there were about fifty persons gathered. The pamphlet on the Post-Exclusion Program was read and interpreted in the Japanese, after which there considerable questions asked about returning to California. Since the majority of these leaders are California property owners there were a number of pertinent questions asked which were quite delicate on matters ofleases, requisition of farm machinery, evictions, construction of needed housing and OPA regulations. Mr. Chamberlain had previously discussed matters of property.

Miscellaneous

There are about 600 initial interviews to be conducted in order to complete the Counseling Program. Outside of about 50 families the balance represents mostly bachelors. Realizing the need of doing follow-up work on families with some sort of plan for relocation we have

wired Washington for their attitude on its discontinuance or delay. We would of course complete the 329 forms on each person and family.

The Personnel office has been attempting to fill the vacancies of secretary and Assistant Relocation Adviser. It is urgent that these positions be filled at once because our load will be difficult enough even with our allotted positions.

The suggested form for distribution to Commission members concerning Tooele has been duplicated at the project and sent to all Councilmen and members of the Commissions.

Forty-four persons were called in during the week about translator jobs from a file of persons who had engaged in managerial occupations, or who actually had experience in newspaper work or in Japanese Language schools. While more persons are to be contacted on the three specific offers in this field the present interest displayed is almost negligible.

The Reinduction Request Committee has passed on all re-entry applications and submitted them to your office. The Leave Officer will during the week call in all visitors to determine their contemplated stays, working closely with the Statistician and Finance Officer in the matter of payment for food and lodging. I had suggested that the Reports Officer be contacted about the possibility of having a write-up on reinductions and visiting procedures which are in effect since the revocation of the restriction orders.

The Hiyama family who returned to their old home at Fowler, California on the 22nd of December forwarded us several clippings and a newspaper picture about their arrival. They expressed elation over the treatment that they had been accorded during the first week of their return.

The first indication we had about Excludees being barred from areas in the Eastern and Southern Defense Commands occurred after we had talked to a resident who had been excluded. The restrictions in the Southern Command apply as in the old EDC days to counties adjacent to the gulf while those of the Eastern Command apply now to Counties rather than to states bordering the Atlantic.

The Evacuee Property office has been busily engaged in giving advice to property owners who have leases in the Florin area in California. We met with these owners, who incidentally are all Jerome transferees, on general matters applicable to all of them. It was surprising to me to learn of the many leases which had unsatisfactory rent provisions and to find that there were several vineyards leased for the duration of the war for a mere pittance: the payment of taxes. Many of these persons cancelled their leases during the last week in December in order to renegotiate after the first of the year.

We are encouraging evacuees contemplating return to California to make application for identification cards well in advance of their departure for the reason that it may save time and embarrassment. There has been a delay in picture taking here in that our films are of the 36 exposure type and the photographer dislikes to develop the roll before it is pretty well filled up.

There is a problem in the handling of soldiers on furlough who wish to visit their relatives in camp. The provisions in Manual Release #158 under 150.1.C would not ordinarily take care of a request to enter the center.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
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GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 8, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

13 persons were given indefinite leave. Of the California departures one represented a complete family. The destinations were:

Selma, California	5
Parlier, California	2
Ft. Lupton, Colorado	2
Pasadena, California	1
Chicago	1
Buffalo, New York	1
Cleveland	1
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Minutes of the Advisory Board Meeting

The newly created Advisory Board met last Friday and all members were present except the two Central Block Managers. Mr. Bennett briefed his visit at Tucson during the early part of the week where he contacted Publisher Matthews and the local Chamber of Commerce in the interests of public relations and in the possibilities of some relocation in that area. Matthews, friendly as usual, is very interested in the program and his newspaper will continue its support as in the past. The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce seemed interested in the post-exclusion program and spoke of calling meetings of Dude Ranch owners as well as of the private school heads in order to sound out the feasibility of resettling vegetable farmers and gardeners in about Tucson.

Mr. Bennett advised the members of the Board that the Immigration and Naturalization Service would soon send representatives to the project for the purpose of interviewing about 300 aliens whose records need to be cleared up. In some instances registration books

need to be duplicated and in others there is some discrepancy in an alien's record which needs to be clarified.

I was asked to give a short resume of what the duties of the Board consists of and to stress its importance as the strategic board in building up an acceptance for the program among the evacuees as well as to interpret some of the phases which are apt to be misconstrued or which need clarification. A brief talk was given by Mr. Utz after which Mr. Bennett and Mr. Shelly talked about the handling of welfare cases, the assistance of other governmental agencies, the method of approving plans for return to the evacuated areas and the gradual reduction of center operations preparatory to final closing.

Mr. Nishimura of the Council asked why trial leaves had been eliminated. It was explained that since the centers were closing within 6 to 12 months that the element of time alone would preclude any retention of this type of leave. However, it was pointed out that those leaving on indefinite leave would be granted visiting privileges in cases of illness and in order to talk over relocation plans.

Mr. Hikida of the Relocation Commission requested that help for the Parolees be solicited. He stated that he understood that several in the Granada center had been freed from their parolee status while none had been given a release in Gila. Mr. Utz profferred to take this matter up with the Director. Mr. Hikida also inquired about the steps being taken to initiate an educational program for the benefit of the residents. Outside of the personal counseling given in Relocation, Welfare and Evacuee Property this will be handled by the organizations which compose the Advisory Board. It was suggested by Mr. Hikida that it would have a good psychological effect in the center were the operations to go on in a normal way during the first few weeks. Any drastic curtailment at this time would be misinterpreted when we are seeking to build up cooperation and confidence he said.

In the matter of the forthcoming visit of the Immigration officials Mr. Hamai wondered if they planned on declaring lists similar to those established by the Army. It was explained that these representatives will come to the project for the purpose of clearing up records, not clouding them, and that a great many of the Aliens can anticipate a great deal of assistance from them.

John Fukushima of the Butte Commission asked a question on housing and one relative to the closing of the centers. He wanted to know just how much assistance the WRA was able to give in finding homes both in the evacuated areas as well as in areas where we have been sending evacuees for relocation during the past two years. The offices outside of the evacuated zones will continue to give as much help as possible for those who need housing and the Cooperating Committees will supplement this assistance a great deal. These Committees are expected to lend a very substantial help on the coast. He also wanted to know what would happen to the residue of people who had not moved out of the centers at the time for closing. It was pointed out that the Bureau of Budget had not been requested for funds beyond six or twelve month periods which would automatically obviate any chance of having them stay open. And too of course the visible earmarks of closing such as the diminishing of farm operations, the closing of schools and the elimination of other activities will create a deep impression of those who cling to the hope that somehow they will stay on.

The subject of rumors was also discussed. There are a few rumors rampant which tell of beatings and in some cases of deaths resulting from beatings. Every member was asked to assemble the details of these rumors in order to identify names and specific places so that we can correspond with relocation offices in the areas where they are supposed to have taken place.

Joint Meeting of the Relocation Commissions

A joint meeting of the Commissions was held last Saturday. The evacuee-staff forthcoming relationship was described, showing how the Advisory Board would operate as the fulcrum for all important actions in the post-exclusion phases of the program.

Statistics on coast relocation since the reopening of the evacuated areas disclosed that while only 33 persons had been approved for relocation to California through the 22nd of January there had been a great deal of inquiry at the relocation offices. Indications pointed to a considerable number who would apply for indefinite leave during the next few weeks while many would move more cautiously on short term passes.

Because of the fact that there are admittedly a goodly number of persons in the "no movement" group who cling to the hope of receiving indemnity for losses because of evacuation before they leave the center I thought that it would be well to read the opinion of the Solicitor on this point. The members were very interested in having this memorandum read even though it represented only an opinion.

In reference to the difficult task of expediting the welfare cases it was explained how he hoped to take care of all families who because of indigence, illness or sub-normal earning ability needed some type of aid. The Relocation Memorandum #67 was summarized and the letter of acceptance by the Social Security Board was read.

The importance of the cooperating agencies in making it possible to resettle everyone was stressed by Mr. Shelly. He pointed out the different types of assistances which are available in matters of employment, housing, financing and personal counseling. In a brief talk Mr. Utz sketched some of the broader phases of the program and also mentioned the results of Mr. Myer's contacts with bankers on the coast during his recent trip there. Almost invariably he said did the bank executives speak highly of the Japanese-Americans as being good credit risks.

In the discussion that developed on the subject of rumors it was apparent that many people actually believe that they sign away their rights to indemnities (provided that they are legislated for) when they apply for assistance or sign any forms required for indefinite leave. This rumor will be brought to the attention of the Advisory Board in the form of a question so that the Board can answer it properly.

Mr. Marumoto suggested that it might be well to have a representative in each block or one in a designated area so that the residents, and particularily aliens who are unable to muster courage to come to offices with their problems, may secure correct information on their various problems. This will also be referred to the Advisory Board.

All of the members were disturbed over the translation of the Director's letter which was distributed

throughout the blocks. Their objections lay in the fact that few of the residents understood the Japanese translation. Shig Kubo stated that several of the farm foremen had complained about the grammatical construction after it had been read at a farm management meeting. Mr. Hikida suggested to Mr. Utz that this be brought to the attention of the Director so that we may have translations in better usage and idiom. The members felt that another translation should be made for consumption at the center.

Hamai and Hikida were chosen as the respective representatives of the Advisory Board from the Canal and Butte Commissions.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 15, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

The destinations of those leaving on indefinite leave during the past week were:

Tulare, California	2
Cleveland	2
Chicago	2
Pasedena, California	1
Detroit	1
Hammond, Indiana	1
Marshalltown, Iowa	1
Alamosa, Colorado	1
Phoenix, Arizona	1
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At the end of the week 50 persons will have had their relocation plans approved for return to California. Of this number 20 have already left. Seven residents took short term leaves to Penryn, Kingsburg, Fresno, Fowler and Parlier, California. Another left for Tooele to inspect that opportunity.

Relocation Staff Committee Meeting

The old Staff Relocation Committee has been reorganized so as to include the following appointed personnel:

James Shelly	Ass't Director, Community Management
Ben Runyan	Ass't Director, Administrative Management
Tom Sawyer	Supt. of Education
Ethel Fleming	Reports Officer
R. S. Davidson	Agricultural Chief
Joe Janeway	Project Engineer
Al Chamberlain	Evacuee Property Officer
Dr. Gordon Brown	Social Analyist
Evelyn Swiggum	Acting Supervisor Welfare
Tom Reynolds	Ass't Personnel Officer
Philip McVey	Principal Canal High School
Earl Goodman	Liason Officer, Canal
John Seater	Project Steward
Arthur Griswold	Community Activities Supervisor

This revitalized committee met last Wednesday afternoon with Jim Shelly presiding. While the agenda covered sundry phases of the program the most compelling reason for bringing this group together other than initiating the members to their first formal meeting was to impress every one with the fact that the staff must be convinced of the fact that the centers are going to close and that none of them will remain open for more than 12 months. The chairman stated that this must be reemphasized almost daily among division, section and unit heads and that these in turn should by their actions and planning insinuate if not declare that they are convinced that we are now in the final phase of the relocation center life.

Davidson and Janeway related their efforts in bringing their staffs around to think in the right orbit. The farm meeting included the evacuee leaders and foreman as well as appointed staff members. Leaders on the farm with some type of farm property on the coast are now eargerly awaiting the return of Mr. Kubo who is inquiring about conditions near Auburn. Mr. Seater said that he emphasized the closing in his buying and that the absence of watermelons during the coming summer had had a telling effect among his supervisors. In the matter of diminishing the farm operations Mr. Shelly thought that the spring plantings at Gila and Poston would delay the impression at these centers insofar as to convince a certain proportion of the residents that we were in earnest. The evacuee business men who are concerned with the operation of the Cooperative have coldly laid out definite plans in the liquidation of their enterprises. McVey thought that the students in the high school category were thoroughly convinced that the centers were to be closed. Mrs. Fleming pointed to the possible necessity of having schools for families who were in the center after August 30th. That drew a quick response from the chairman who said that that problem was Mr. Myer's. The constraining influence of outside Japanese papers, principally those being published in Denver and Salt Lake City, upon the center residents was brought out by Mr. Goodman. "Outside papers" he said "are saying that centers should close. Closing them is another thing."

The Reports Officer declared that many evacuees were saying that it was of not use to plan until the Army lists were fully disclosed. Goodman stated that in Canal many were waiting for larger government grants and quite a number felt that indemnities should be forthcoming before they left the center. At this point the opinion of the Solicitor was read which covers this problem. It will perhaps be necessary to bring this matter again to the attention of the Block Managers and Councilmen. One of the obstacles within this problem concerns some wayward thinking that the rights for indemnity (if any is to be declared) is forfeited when they sign the application blanks for leave assistance.

We discussed ways and means of expediting the program. When evacuees come to the various appointed personnel heads for counseling they can be given the quite obvious answers. However when the inquiries are of a slightly technical nature they should be directed or escorted in person to either Relocation, Welfare or Evacuee Property. Every member of the staff should consider their job as primarily one of doing something to aid in the relocation program and secondly as it pertained to their job description.

Quite a number say that it is a physical impossibility to liquidate the centers in this given time and ordinarily they come to this conclusion by observing other people's problems and particularily those where welfare assistance is necessary. Chamberlain said that we should avoid the work "welfare". Dr. Brown countered that it would not make any difference since the evacuees were cognizant of where the aid was coming from. The cooperating stand of the Social Security Board was at this time emphasized, and it was pointed out that the various assistance agencies were well equipped in personnel and finances to handle our welfare load.

Tom Sawyer spoke of his experiences on the coast when he contacted several high school officials. He believed that their attitudes were essentially wholesome and sincere. The members were given a short resume of what occurred during Tom Bodine's contacts with colleges and universities. Outside of perhaps the Universities in Oregon the school officials had anticipated the return of Japanese students and were providing the necessary means of expediting their return.

Mr. Chamberlain went into the problems of farm properties and leases. The evacuees he said were approaching their problems in a very practical way. Where leases were difficult to abrogate several were renogtiating or returning to properties as employees of their tenants. In the Selma district he said there were a few tenents who were offering to rent on a 20-80 crop share basis. Recently there had been an executive of a large vineyard association in the Fresno district on the project who had encouraged evacuees to return and had offered all the assistance that this corporation could give.

Miscellaneous

Dr. Pressman gave an interesting account of the responsibilities of the Health section in transferring bed to bed patients. In creating a hospital panel board which will develop schedules for medical examinations and check-ups necessary in completing welfare case plans, we feel that such a move is necessary and will obviate a great deal of unnecessary waiting. This was further discussed at our weekly Welfare and Relocation staff meeting. Presently the Welfare Section is engaged in interviewing 300-400 public assistance cases in an effort

to secure summaries which can be forwarded to the Relocation Supervisors.

The Commission members are anxious to have a report from Mr. Kubo who is representing Gila at the San Francisco conference at the request of Esther Rhodes. It is felt that the gist of his experiences will to a great extent influence the landowners who are waiting for the first reports to filter back to the center, prior any action on their part to make plans for a return.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 22, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

The destinations of terminal leaves who left on relocation during the past week were:

Tooele Depot	5
Chicago	4
Selma, California	3
Parlier, California	2
Los Angeles, California	2
New York City	2
Ogden, Utah	1
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Eleven persons went out on short term leave to California 6 to Selma and 5 to Sacramento.

Trend of Relocation

The number of inquiries and interviews at our offices during the past two weeks sound an encouraging note. During the first five days at our Butte office 252 persons made inquiries at the reception desk. Of this number 207 were interviewed and the number of members in their families totaled 641.

85 terminal leaves for return to California have been approved and these persons will have departed by the 6th of February. 27 already have gone. In addition to this number of leaves 25 persons have returned to California on short term leaves of whom nearly all will soon return there on terminal leave.

Meetings during the Week

The Coordinating Committee met last Friday and its agenda was largely concerned with the detterents toward relocation which is categorized later on in the report. It was the concensus of opinion among all members that we were providing enough news on the post-exclusion program, especially in view of the fact that the residents were not asking for general information but were rather making their own individual inquiries at the offices which are able to supply the answers.

Members of the hospital, social service and relocation staffs in a meeting during the week agreed upon a close working arrangement in the handling of assistance cases which need medical examinations or check-ups. The Chief Medical Officer through his panel board has tentatively arranged to have two afternoons for clinical service which will be set aside for Social Service referrals.

Translator Recruitment

We felt that Frank Nitta conducted a very satisfactory recruitment for translator and interpreter positions during his three day stay at Gila. We provided him with a car so he was able to speak to the applicants in their homes. He interviewed 20 persons and secured 7 applications. Those who are selected on the type of jobs he offered will not be assigned to overseas duty.

Bruce Rogers arrived on the project Saturday afternoon and was able to interview three persons from a list which he brought with him. The remainder had already relocated. These applications, we are told, are likely to be reviewed by at least three different governmental agencies which are seeking qualified translators. In view of the disastrous recruitment tour which Lt. Kleinman conducted at this and other centers we would like to see better correlation in this type of recruitment. If these agencies could agree on the same recruiters, preferrably a team of one Japanese-American and a qualified Caucasian, I believe that the results would be far better.

Deterring Factors in the Post-Exclusion Program

1. Housing: The Evacuee Leaders have registered great concern over the failure of the WRA to assume an appreciable amount of responsibility for housing on the west coast. This concern is prevelant in all the evacuee organizations and it is quite necessary to combat the effects of it. It is not yet materially influencing the making of relocation plans, outside of those being routed through Social Service, because employment opportunities precede usually the need for housing and we have not had any offers from the Field Offices on the coast. However, if it is to be the policy of the west coast relocation offices to offer scant assistance in housing we hope that the cooperating committees will be able to provide some type of help. When these committees are organized in the various towns the residents would like to know of their identities and would be extremely happy if they would be able offer some type of housing assistance.

   We have a number of Servicemen's wives, parents and dependents whose incomes are sufficient to get along in some of the smaller

communities where living costs, especially housing, are not too exorbitant. Many could balance a budget in communities where costs have not risen as they have in cities like Chicago, Cleveland or New York. Social Service has requested our assistance in this problem so we have written to several Relocation Supervisors to determine the possibilities.

Several persons have asked if hostel facilities are being expanded in cities like Cleveland and New York. These queries are of course practical when we recall that several hostels were unable last spring and summer to accomdate relocatees without waiting for reservations.

2. Restricted Movement of Aliens: The average Alien realizes that the current restrictions applied by the Justice Department or the Immigration Service will not be rescinded before the end of the war. However many have been led to believe that the travel limitations are flexible and therefore were disturbed when the Jan. 3rd issue of the Courier carried a JACL story about Aliens being confined to a five mile radius traveling area. Resident farmers who are contemplating a return to California and who own farms more than five miles from a shopping center are genuinely concerned and we should have some type of clarification in the matter. While it may be difficult to generalize on this question for the controlling Departments there should be some statement made because many have friends say in New York City who have written back that their travel radius is 25 miles.

3. Reports and Rumors from the West Coast Areas: Evacuees for the pastfew weeks have been writing their former Caucasian friends on the coast for advice before they lay their final plans. While their friends personally would welcome them back to their old homes they usually advise them to delay their homecoming for a period of several months to 2 years. If this advice would ordinarily spur them on to make plans to go elsewhere for the time being it would not impair the program but these people are waiting to see if those now returning are able to make satisfactory adjustments.

Although the majority of people returning from short term leaves are satisfied that the prospects are favorable on the coast there are a few who in a quandary. Those who expect to return to the Stockton, area, for instance, are dubious about the feeling of the Philippinos. A woman newly returned from French Camp is undecided whether she shall return there or reshuffle her plans so as to take her family eastward. Several members of the Coordinating Committee suggested that the WRA contact the Philippino leaders so as to promote an understanding for the evacuee problems. There was a measure of satisfaction in reading about Mr. Gonzales' speech at the Fair Play Committee conference at San Francisco but they fear that his statements do not

necessarily reflect the philosophy of the ordinary Philippino.

The Staff Coordinating Committee has tried to stifle unfounded rumors by acquainting the various leaders and organizations with the facts that it has been able to gather. It may be well to consider giving more space in the Japanese section of our center newspaper to the refutation of these rumors. As time goes on there will be additional rumors which we may be able to spike by having returning evacuees write to their friends.

4. Assurances for Assistance Applicants: I believe that it is pretty well understood by Block Managers, Commission members and members of the Council Executive Board that we are not in a position to answer categorical questions about the extent of assistance which will be given to residents who need financial aid in relocating. However many are wondering if the approved plans will provide housing. Others are concerned about the length of time that assistance will be given. And others are waiting until they learn of actual assistance relocations before they are willing to work out a plan with Social Service.

At our Cooperating Committee meeting last week both Central Block Managers proffered their assistance and will ask the managers to help direct assistance cases to the Social Service department. These contacts will be made with discretion in an effort to avoid any indication of pressure. The Central Block Manager of Butte offered to interview residents, who definitely need some type of aid, whom Social Service is unable to contact.

The first assistance summary was sent out during the past week on a young man who needs a definite type of rehabilation assistance. Social Service is now working on a considerable number of public assistance cases.

5. Eligibility of Nisei on White List for War Work: Nisei cleared by the Army are wondering about their future chances to work in war industries as other Americans do. Quite a few inquiries have come in lately about opportunities in shipyards, aircraft production and in the fishing industry. While many realize that the number of war plants in the midwest and east necessitating pre-clearance have been reduced by the War Department at the same time they are asking why they cannot be considered as Mr. Average American in view of the fact that the Army has deigned to place them on its white list.

6. Policy of the West Coast Relocation Division: We are cognizant of the difficult problems to be handled by the west coast relocation offices. Aside from the assistance they are providing residents as they return to their properties there must a terrific onus in the handling of

public relations. The evacuees understand this to a certain degree. On the other hand their liason responsibilities in reference to employment and housing has prompted them to ask if these offices will only serve those who return to properties or those who have bona fide hospitality offers. Quite naturally they note that there have not been any employment offers received from these offices and many are wondering if any determined effort will be made to solicit employment offers through the USES. They sense the differences between the relocation offices in the midwest, east and rocky mountain and those set up after the lifting of the exclusion orders on the coast.

7. The Problems of Excludees: Several of the residents in the excludee category have been looking forward to having the lists certified by the Western Defense Command so they could leave the center by Jan. 20th. Now it is apparent that their plans will have to be held in abeyance. There has been some confusion about the eligibility of visiting Excludees to return to their homes outside of the excluded areas. First the Commanding Officer at the local military post determined through his headquarters that these persons were free to leave the center. In the meantime the Army representatives at the project stated that they were not eligible to leave but subsequently determined that they were not to be restricted in this respect. A few days later we had a wire from the Director which prohibits their departure.

Post-Exclusion Bulletin No. 4 intimates that the restrictive features of the individually served exclusion orders as they pertain to the Southern Defense and Eastern Defense Commands may be rescinded. The inability to leave has of course created hardships for several who have been visiting on the project. In one case it has delayed the relocation of the entire family to Cypress, Texas because the head of the family is still waiting for a modification of the exclusion orders.

Excludees who were evacuated from Hawaii are particularily despondent because they are unable to be reunited with their immediate family members. They want to know that provided they accept terminal leave outside of the prohibited aread if their transportation to Hawaii and expenses enroute will be paid by some agency when the War Department allows them to return. There should be a definite clarification on this point.

8. Issei fear the Unknown in the Midwest and East: There are certain questions asked by the Issei such as what will happen to their jobs when hostilities cease which cannot be answered any more than one would answer the average American. However, there are certain known facts about acceptability, employment, educational facilities and other factors which are being brought to their attention. Yet it is

difficult to know just how much of an impression is being made. Additional proof of the existence of these facilities and conditions must be given and we feel that an exploratory trip by a highly regarded member of the Relocation Planning Commission will do much to erase their anxieties. If each center could send such a representative out and thereupon we are able to pool their reports for consumption at each center we believe that such an effort would bring about good results.

Tooele Recruitment

Four new applications were processes during the past week for employment at Tooele. One family left for the depot and another is scheduled to leave on the 5th of February. An applicant who went on the 10th to investigate employment conditions there was employed and will soon call for his family.

Miscellaneous

Miss Mae Cowden is being transferred from Education to our division on the 1st of February. She will be employed as an Assistant Relocation Adviser.

While we have been notified that four new positions have been created in our division, the Personnel Section confronts us with am employment ceiling which at the present time does not allow any more hiring. This condition should be corrected at once. In order to afford privacy for our Assistant Advisers we have asked Washington for permission to construct four more cubicles in the Butte office which actually amounts to a minor alteration.

Rev. Yasuo Oshita, a Christian minister, plans to apply for a short term leave to visit Pasadena and Santa Maria in order to settle some church affairs and to prepare the way for the return of several residents here from the latter locality.

I have an appointment with the Chairman of the War Man Power Commission this Tuesday to exchange views on the feasibility of having a USES representative come to the project in order to take applications for employment on the west coast. The Butte Block Managers are decidedly in favor of this move. However we will not enter into any committments until we have an answer to our inquiry on the matter from the San Francisco office. We have advertized a few offers received from various coast employers and one person is leaving on short term leave to determine if it is all right.

Additional space has been secured in Canal for the relocation office and we will perhaps reshuffle the office space there this week.

Mr. Myer-7-1/22/45

We inadvertently ommitted the name of Gertrude Smith as being a member of our Staff Relocation Committee last week. She has been unusually co-operative and will be able to contribute a great deal in this capacity.

William Huso

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

January 29, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

There were 79 terminal leaves during the week, of whom there were 15 Aliens. The departures indicate that 46 persons returned to California. A family of ten went back San Gabriel and another of six returned to Azusa. The Nakada family has been warmly welcomed by their former friends at Azusa who are cognizant of the fact that there are six Nakada boys in the Armed Services. Only two persons returned to the coast on short term leaves. The destinations of the terminal leaves were:

Ft. Douglas	14
San Gabriel, Calif.	10
Selma, Calif.	9
Seabrook	9
Azusa, Calif.	6
Florin, Calif.	6
Del Rey, Calif.	5
Detroit, Michigan	5
Parlier, Calif.	3
Chicago	3
Kingsburg, Calif.	2
Pasadena, Calif.	2
Sanger, Calif.	2
Los Angeles, Calif.	1
Phoenix	1
Wheaton, Illinois	1
	79

Relocation Tends

During the first five days of the week 238 persons were interviewed in our offices representing in aggregate 793 persons if all family members are counted. A total of 150 persons have been approved to return to the coast of which 68 have already departed. The letters and reports of residents returning to the west coast continue to be generally favorable, however, we find that a few of those returning are persons who have never been

out on any type of leave and it is naturally difficult for them to evaluate conditions realistically. The Doi incident has, of course, dampened some of the plans and although the buring of the Mukai dwelling has added to the general fears the fact remains that the Mukai family will proceed to Florin, California as previously scheduled and will live temporarily with an evacuee neighbor. In the matter of visits to the center where relocation planning is the motive we find that there is generally a sincere effort to work out some plan with family members. In admitting these visitors we find that a considerable number will emphatically insist that they were not forewarned about the necessity of getting clearance.

Flagstaff Ordnance Depot

The Flagstaff Ordnance Depot has submitted a particularily fine opportunity for either families or unattached individuals. The depot has presently a minimum of 25 openings which include jobs for truck drivers, auto mechanics, plumbers, diesel mechanics, fork lift operators, painters, gang bosses, clerk-typists, nurses's aides, stenography teachers and laborers. These jobs carry a civil service status with a per diem wage. Auto mechanics, for instance, are started at $8.16 per day and raised to $8.56 per day after the first month and $9.04 after sixty days. Captain Regester informed us that there were single rooms available in the dormitory and about 70 apartments presently unoccupied in the city of Flagstaff. There are two young men at the depot now who are investigating the opportunity for themselves. Although at first we were led to believe that it was not necessary to be cleared except in using the White List as criterion we were later advised that they were obligated to use the same type of clearance as used by the Tooele depot.

Relocation Planning Commissions

The Relocation Planning Commissions met jointly last Thursday to hear Mr. Shig Kubo's report about the Bay Area. The meeting was also attended by the Executive Committees of the Canal and Butte Councils. Mr. Kubo gave a very interesting report about the Fair Play Committee convention at San Francisco which he attended for two days and also about conditions in the Sacramento and Auburn localities. He found that the circumstances for returning to these areas were generally good but that the individual behavior of evacuees once they returned would in a large sense determine whether they could adjust themselves or not. His experiences included conversations with the Sheriff, a banker, several school officials, the manager of a produce firm, retail men and former farmer acquaintances.

Visit of Mr. Thorlaksson

Mr. Thorlaksson arrived last Thursday evening and will perhaps stay until Wednesday morning. He has conducted a vigorous recruitment at this project with very favorable results. He is particularily stressing the recruitment of Nisei for the translator openings for his agency. We will better able to summarize the results in the next weekly report.

War Man Power Commission

In my conversations with the Director of the Arizona State Man Power Commission last Tuesday I was assured that when the Employment Service representative has secured work applications that they will be forwarded immediately to the area office of the USES where the employment is desired. He naturally was unable to venture any committments about the possibility for evacuees to secure defense jobs but felt that the Employment Service would do everything possible to place the applications in the hands of prospective employers. We are now waiting for the agreement newly signed by the Western Relocation Division and the Regional War Man Power officials.

William Huse
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

February 5, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

81 persons left during the week on terminal leave, of whom twenty four were Aliens. Family relocation for the week was entirely satisfactory in that sixty persons went out in family groups. The destinations of those leaving were:

Parlier, California	10
Glendale, Arizona	9
Fowler, California	7
Fresno, California	6
Chicago	5
Cleveland	4
Selma, California	4
Del Rey, California	3
San Gabriel, California	3
Sanger, California	3
Crowley, Colorado	3
Tooele, Utah	3
Rochester, Minnesota	2
Detroit	2
Los Angeles, California	2
Palo Alto, California	1
Beverly Hills, California	1
Hammond, Indiana	1
Denver	1
Philadelphia	1
Tempe, Arizona	1
Minneapolis	1
	81

Relocation Trends

While there were 290 interviews involving a total of 959 residents there appeared to be a decided lag during the last three days of the week and whether this condition can be attributed to the expectancy brought to pass by talk of an all center conference we do not know. The Social Analyist has inferred that two-thirds of the population are

awaiting the outcome of such a confab and more or less hoping that concessions will be allowed and more assistance be given beofre any material movement occurs. The Planning Commissions have shied as yet from any active participation in this type of planning. Many members recall the impractical agendas submitted to the Director a year ago when a conference for all projects was at that time proposed.

Plans for 187 residents have been approved for return to California. Of this number 111 have already returned and the return of the Florin group this week will augment this figure by 21. Outside of those departing for Florin the number of terminal leaves for this week will not exceed thirty-five.

Evacuee Property

The crating, packing, marking and weighing of evacuee property prior to their departure will be handled by the Engineering Section whereas the requisitioning of GBL's and the shipment of the stuff will still be taken care of by Evacuee Property. There will be a close working agreement between Relocation, Evacuee Property and Engineering in order to facilitate the shipment of personal properties owned by relocators. A carpenter shop designed for the purpose of building boxes and doing crating has been set up in each community and there appears to be sufficient warehouse space available to handle the boxes from the time that they are recorded on GBL's until they are hauled to the depot.

Thorlaksson's Recruitment

The recruitment conducted by Mr. Thorlaksson for translators, interpreters, writers and speakers was according to his own statements as successful as on any project. Amont the twenty-eight that he interviewed he was able to secure nine applications. He conducted his interviews in a very business-like and practical manner. He feels that unless the hiring agencies are able to provide an answer to those who made applications within a period of six weeks that it will be impossible to do any further recruiting.

Miscellaneous

Mrs. Reed, formerly employed as Transactions Officer in the Personnel office at Topaz is scheduled to report today as Assistant Relocation Adviser. She will be detailed temporarily in the Leave Office where we have been unable to replace the loss in evacuee personnel.

The Salt Lake City office has informed us that it will permit families and unattached individuals, who do not have any dependents in the center, into all counties of Utah including the areas formerly declared restricted. However, we will counsel against any appreciable movement to this area beyond future placements at the Tooele Depot because of vaious factors which point to the fact that this region is ordinarily a surplus labor district during peacetime.

William Huse

William Huse
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

February 26, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

Of the 44 terminal leaves issued for the past week, twenty-six represented the relocation of ten entire family units. Fourteen aliens left the project. The destinations of the relocatees were:

Chicago	13
Los Angeles	8
Seabrook	6
Kingsburg	5
Selma	5
Parlier	3
Penryn (Auburn)	1
Philadelphia	1
Toledo, Ohio	1
Butte, Montana	1
	44

Trend of Relocation

286 individuals were interviewed during the past week on relocation planning. The number of family members whom this included totals 980. Although the departure flow for the week was substantially less than that of previous weeks it was encouraging to note that we scheduled over 90 people to leave the project in the ensuing weeks. You will note that this report is the first since the 13th of November which indicates that Chicago was the first choice of relocatees.

224 individuals have returned to California on terminal leave. 56 more have been processed for return to the west coast. During the past week there were eight persons who were given short term leaves to Selma, Glendale, Pasadena, Madera and Los Angeles.

Hostels in Los Angeles County

Telegraphic advice from G. Raymond Booth, Relocation Officer at Los Angeles indicates that the following hostels are now in operation:

Evergreen Hostel
506 North Evergreen
Los Angeles, California

Pasadena Hostel
305 Kensington
Pasedena, California

Reverend Imamura will return within the near future to Los Angeles in order to assist in the direction of the newly created Betsuin Hostel at 119 North Central.

It is our feeling that additional hostels should be created. In addition to the fact that hostels have assisted immeasurably in giving the needed impetus to relocation it is quite obvious that additional hostel facilities must be established onthe coast to provide temporary shelters because of the housing shortage alone. Several persons who have wanted to return to Los Angeles have not returned on any type of leave because they did not know of any acquaintance who could provide a room for a limited time.

Excludee Policies

While Post-Exclusion Bulletin #5 states that we may disregard previous instructions in permitting Excludees to leave under approved relocation plans to localities which may be within the prohibited areas of the Eastern and Southern Defense Commands, the local representative of the Western Defense Command states that he has never advised of such a policy change from Headquarters although the exclusion orders presently issued do not exclude individuals from areas other than the WDC. Fortunately the Commanding Officer of the local M. P. post will permit the egress of excludees even though their destinations are within counties adjacent to the Gulf or Atlantic Coast.

The Fresno Area

We have been in close touch with the Relocation Officer at Fresno. He advises us that despite the shootings and incendiary fire which occurred at the Bob Morishige home at Selma that people were generally friendly toward returning evacuees. He believes that he will be able to submit employment offers in farming. At the present time he is working on a plan to resettle 8 to 10 families in a group near Fresno of persons who formerly worked as farm laborers. In the matter of assisting evacuees in securing farm implements he is pessimistic because of the scarcity of farm equipment. Minor equipment he says can be purchased but of course at exorbitant prices. He advises the residents who need tractors or major equipment to get in contact with the district implement houses in either Los Angeles or San Francisco.

Lately he states there have been persons on short term leave who have called at his office in order to request assistance under the Resettlemen Assistance Program. They apparently had the wrong notion of what is available under this program.

Miscellaneous

Our offices have processed four new applications for Tooele during the past week. There seems to be new interest in the opportunity since the recent appearance of Jennings and Shiwota. When this period of indecision is over (we hope that it will be partially diminished after the report of the Salt Lake City conference is given) we feel that there will be a great deal more positive interest.

We received Administrative Notice 122 today, which does away with prior approval plans and restricted communities. Now we are able to provide relocation assistance to any person without regard to an approved or disapproved plan with the exception of cases given welfare assistance or in instances where families return either to Hawaii or Alaska. Whether the relocation of minors come under the welfare assistance plans or not was not entirely clear. We hope to have clarification on this point.

The War Hemp offer submitted by the Chicago office for 100 laborers appears to be attractive especially since Issei are preferred. The salary is 65¢ per hour for forty hours and presently there is 14 hours of time and a half overtime which a worker may get. Since there is only housing for single men we are directing this to the attention of our bachelors by translating the offer for posting on the various bulletin boards. We have wired for a recruiter to come to the project.

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

March 5, 1945

MEMORANUDM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

61 terminal leaves were processed during the week of which nineteen represented the relocation of nine entire family units. There were twelve aliens among the departures. The destinations of the relocatees were:

Seabrook	19
Chicago	9
Cleveland	9
Denver	5
Butte, Montana	3
New York	2
Selma, California	2
Davis	1
Fresno	1
Pasadena	1
Los Angeles	1
Minneapolis	1
Milwaukee	1
Toledo	1
Boulder, Colorado	1
Glendale, Arizona	1
Seattle, Washington	1
Austin, Texas	1
Honeyville, Utah	1
	61

Trends in Relocation

There were 251 contacts in our offices which resulted in 288 interviews involving 1077 family members. However, despite the fact that more interviews were given the past week than the previous one, the actual departure sign-ups were slower in that there were only fifty-two who picked departure dates.

There were nine short term leaves granted, destinations being Selma, Santa Barbara, Hillcrest, Parlier and Los Angeles.

In evaluating short term leaves to California we find that in nearly all cases that it leads to an early return to the coast. In a few cases plans have had to be remolded whereby persons are waiting a little longer to make sure of sentiment or are considering resettlement to the midwest or east.

Dillon Myer's Visit

Mr. Myer's appearance on the project over the week end will I believe have a definite effect on relocation movement. His sincerity and approach to the post-exclusion problems were commendable. The appointed staff was impressed and reports emanating from the real leaders of the communities indicate that a great many considered Mr. Myer's efforts as a forthright and sincere presentation of the issues involved in liquidating the centers. During his short stay at Gila Mr. Myer addressed the appointed staff, the combined Block Managers and Council bodies, open meetings of the Canal and Butte communities and the high school student bodies. In addition to this he met with the combined relocation, welfare and evacuee property staffs and the relocation planning commission.

Coordination with Adult Education

In a discussion with Sawyer, Young and Marshall of the Education section it was agreed that the Relocation division would collaborate with adult education in conducting lectures or forums on the most important geographical areas. On the following areas we will prepare outlines on job possibilities, housing availability (including hostels) and rents, sentiment, resume of evacuee placements already made, type of industries and agriculture, racial composition, success of relocated evacuees, school facilities, working arrangements with welfare agencies post war possibilities and concentration of Japanese-Americans:

BUTTE	TOPIC	SPEAKER	CANAL
March 12	Chicago	Hart	March 13
March 13	Rocky Mountains	Cole	March 14
March 14	Michigan	McCarthy	March 15
March 19	Cleveland	Sills	March 20
March 20	New York	Butler	March 21
March 21	Central States	Cowden	March 22
March 26	Minnesota	Peddy-Hart	March 27
March 27	Southern States	Mayhan	March 28
March 28	Pacific States	Huso	March 29

Young Women's Christian Association, San Diego

The YWCA of San Diego has indicated to friends at the center who were evacuated from that area that it is willing to offer assistance

to those who are contemplating a return to the coast. They naturally will not be able to do much about housing but will assist in other practical means to hasten the return of residents. The following persons have proffered their services to those who would like to contact them personally::

Mrs. Clyde Roseberry	2208 Lawena Dr. (3)
Mrs. Helen Guest Knox	110 St. Joseph Ave (3)
Dr. Maud Wilson Dunn	155 St. Joseph Ave (3)
Rene Sebring Smith	Y.W.C.A. 550 Pacific Ave (2)
Mr. David Burcham	263 Mira Mar Ave (3)
Miss Ellga Shearer	3957 E. 3rd St. (4)
Miss Grace Richardson	First Congregational Church, 3rd and Cedar (2)
Mrs. Leslie A. Mayes	1234 Termino Ave (4)
Mrs. O. T. Ellis	115 E. 5th St. (2)
Mrs. R. Fred Roehm	YMCA, 600 American Ave (2)
Rev. Stuart Leroy Anderson	First Congregational Church, 3rd and Cedar
Miss Violet Sell	1709 Cedar Ave (6)
Mrs. Margaret Hathaway	YWCA 550 Pacific Ave (2)

Relocation Officer Lee Marsa's Visit

Lee Marsa, Relocation Officer from the Detroit office arrived on the project on February 25th, without any previous notice. In order to expedite recruitment on specific job offers which he brought with him and on general relocation opportunities in Michigan a mimeograph sheet was sent out immediately to all Block Managers, Councilmen and Commission Members announcing his arrival and condensing certain of the more favorable offers. A stencil was also cut in the Japanese and 300 pamphlets distributed to prospects. He has made his appearance at both Block Manager bodies and three bulletin boards have been posted with Michigan opportunities alone in both communities. In addition two films "Harvest Parade" and "Food for 2 Fronts" were shown in Butte and will be shown in Canal tomorrow night.

We have a few minor suggestions in regard to making the fullest use of this type of any other kind of recruiting efforts. It would assist us if publicity could be arranged previous to arrival so that valuable time will not be lost before we can acquaint the residents of their mission. Also greater success can be effected if there are more pictures and movies of actual opportunities displayed. Mr. Marsa has worked very diligently in trying to create some interest in Michigan but unfortunately little interest has as yet been evinced.

Fishing Opportunities in Louisiana

In a recent letter from R. E. Arne, Relocation Officer in charge of the New Orleans office it was disclosed that only residents of Louisiana are eligible for commercial fishing licenses and that it requires two years to establish residence in the state. This was in reply to Mr. Kaneo Nishi's inquiry about fishing opportunities there.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Ross of the San Francisco office advises us that the Pacific Electric Corp has openings for laborers and that it will consider applications of skilled journeymen in their plant. The president of the firm has shown an unusual friendly attitude and has stated that he will assist evacuees in securing clearance through the union hiring halls. This opening is significant and we are attempting to give the offer adequate circulation.

We receive a great deal of satisfaction from some of the contacts and influence which visiting relocatees are responsible for. Mr. Elmer Tanaka's visit during the past two weeks has resulted in a great deal of genuine interest both in the block where he formerly resided and among members of the PTA organization in Butte which he addressed last week. The creation of spontaneous interest such as occured in the case with Mr. Tanaka is very encouraging because he directed his attention to the Issei.

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

March 12, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

75 terminal leaves were processed during the week. This figure includes 21 families comprising 64 persons in which two or more members of the family departed together. 26 of the persons leaving were aliens. The destination of the relocatees were:

Bridgeton, N. J.	12
Chicago, Illinois	7
Fowler, California	7
Keensburg, Colorado	5
Selma, California	5
Florin, California	4
Los Angeles, California	4
Caldwell, Idaho	3
Fresno, California	3
Mesa, Arizona	3
Oakland, California	3
Tooele, Utah	3
Delta, Colorado	2
Idaho Falls, Idaho	2
Kingsburg, California	2
Logandale, Nevada	2
Sanger, California	2
Berkeley, California	1
Cleveland, Ohio	1
Fort Lupton, Colorado	1
Tracy, California	1
Stockton, California	1

Trends in Relocation

There were 267 interviews conducted in our two offices. These interviews involved the relocation plans 878 residents. It is also our observation that during the week there was less discussion but more people actually are making serious and final relocation plans than in previous weeks.

There were seven short term leaves to California issued during the week and five of these were to destinations in Northern California. For the most part, the reports from persons returning from short term leave appeared to be favorable with housing listed as the most important obstacle to resettlers.

Relocation Publicity

Mrs. Fleming has gone to considerable length to provide us additional space in the News-Courier for publication of relocation information in Japanese. Beginning next week a relocation supplement will be distributed with the newspaper. This material will be prepared by our office and the stencils will be cut in Japanese by Issei members of the Relocation Staff; mimeographing and distribution will be handled by the News-Courier staff. The News-Courier will continue to publish the same amount of information in the regular sections of their semi-weekly issues and our additional information will be published in a one or two page bulletin to be issued with the News-Courier once a week. This excellent spirit of cooperation on the part of the Reports Office is doubly appreciated because it is realized that the newspaper staff is working under severe handicaps because of their rapidly dwindling paper allotment and because their mimeographing equipment is running down.

We have requested that the Administrative Management Division seek to obtain authorization from Washington for the purchase of additional mimeograph paper which will enable us to continue to publish a relocation bulletin in Japanese by cooperation between the Relocation Division and Project Mimeographing Section of the Administrative Management Division. It is hoped that Washington will see fit to act favorably on this request before the News-Courier's present limited paper supply expires.

Miscellaneous

Mr. Marsa, Agricultural Specialist, from the Detroit Relocation Office, left yesterday after a two weeks' visit. Mr. Marsa was very active in contacting evacuee groups and individuals. He held several night meeting in each camp in which he showed motion pictures of farm areas in southern Michigan. These meetings were attended by from 40 to 120 persons. He was particularly gratified at the response he received from the students of the high school. He has made arrangements for one man to leave Wednesday on an exploratory trip to Kalamazoo to investigate group farm opportunities. Otherwise, it is impossible to determine the results of his visit in terms of concrete relocation

The first of the series of nine night school discussions to be conducted by the members of the Relocation Division in each camp takes place tonight. Mr. Huso will hold his discussions on March 28 and 29, and will give his impressions of relocation opportunities in California after returning from his trip. He left the Center March 9, and is expected back about March 24, after visiting all the California District Relocation Officers.

Plans for construction of the remaining four interviewing booths in our Butte Office have not yet completely materialized. It is believed that the confusion regarding the handling of this request will be resolved in the near future, however, and the construction work will be completed. Mr. Janeway is prepared to go ahead with his plans immediately as soon as he has proper authorization from Washington. Manpower and materials are available.

Mr. Derrickson of the Washington Relocation Division left the Project this morning after several days' visit with us. He has a very sympathetic and understanding attitude and we believe that we were successful in acquainting him with some of our problems.

The problem of visitors who have overstayed their authorized visit has greatly diminished during the week, largely as a result of action taken by Mr. Myer during his visit in authorizing us to issue leave assistance in some cases. Most of the few remaining unauthorized visitors are people who came here before January with the intention of seeking reinduction.

Wilson R. Hart

Wilson R. Hart
Acting Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

March 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. L. H. Bennett

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities for the Week Ending March 17th, 1945

38 terminal leaves were processed during the week. This figure includes 9 families comprising 29 persons in which two or more members of the family departed together. 14 of the persons leaving were aliens. The destinations of the relocatees were:

Newtown, Pennsylvania	8
San Jose, California	4
Parlier, California	4
San Francisco, California	4
Cleveland, Ohio	4
Pasadena, California	3
Minneapolis, Minnesota	2
Denver, Colorado	2
Selma, California	2
Fresno, California	2
Chicago, Illinois	1
Vermilion, Ohio	1
Detroit, Michigan	1
Total	38 - 19 Fam

Trends in Relocation

There were 264 interviews conducted in our two offices. These interviews involved the relocation plans of 958 residents. Although the number of terminal leaves decreased during the week, the number of short term leaves were greatly accelerated. There was a total of 31 persons leaving on short term leave as well as those visiting other relocation projects. Their destinations included three to Idaho, two to Colorado, five to Utah, six to Arizona, fourteen to California and one man who went to Michigan on an exploratory trip to investigate group farming opportunities. The short term trips to Arizona were to

Phoenix and Mesa and those to California included nine to Los Angeles County and four to Fresno County. It ~~was~~ is believed that virtually all these short term leaves will eventually lead to final family relocation.

Miscellaneous

Further progress was made on the program of unauthorized visits so that at the present time, the number of visitors in camp who have overstayed their approved visiting period is virtually negligible. It is believed that our procedure as it involves the Internal Security, the Leave Office and the Relocation Offices is now very well coordinated and working satisfactorily. It is believed that it should be continued as it is now operated, and it is hoped that no further changes in the procedure will be forthcoming. The present visitor's requirements offer us one of our best opportunities for conducting complete relocation interviews.

Mr. Robert Davidson has been very helpful in assisting the development of relocation plans for evacuee farmers. It is hoped that as the activities in the Project Farm Division decrease, Mr. Davidson will be able to devote more and more of his time to this type of work.

Mr. Rex Lee, Acting Chief of the Relocation Division, spent several hours with our staff on Saturday and Monday. He showed a great deal of interest in our program and appeared to be well pleased with the calibre of our present staff.

The first six of our series of eighteen Adult Education discussions were held during the week. The attendance varied from one to eighty-five. A complete report will be made on this experiment when the series is completed.

Approval was finally received from Washington for the completion of construction of our individual interviewing rooms in the Butte Relocation Office. Work is scheduled to recommence on this project during the coming week.

Mr. Huso telephoned from Oakland this morning and advised us that he expects to be back on the project by Friday. He appears well pleased with the results of his visit and it is believed that he will have a great deal of information on the California situation when he returns.

Wilson R. Hart
Acting Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

March 26, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

71 individuals were processed on terminal leave during the week of whom fifty-eight represented the relocation of seveteen complete families. Of this number seventeen were aliens. The destinations of the relocators were:

Fresno, California	12
Solma, California	9
Detroit, Michigan	7
Glendale, Arizona	5
Washington D. C.	5
Norwalk, California	5
Chicago	4
Tooele, Utah	3
Caldwell, Idaho	3
Columbus, Ohio	3
Minneapolis	3
Del Rey, California	3
Sanger, California	2
Des Moines	2
Cleveland	1
Clearfield, Utah	1
Lakeville, Indiana	1
Ogden, Utah	1
Sacramento, California	1
	71

Relocation Trends

During the past week 286 persons were interviewed in the Canal and Butte offices involving the planning of 1045 individuals. In the same period 3 persons went out on short term leave to Los Angeles and 2 to San Gabriel, California.

The tempo of leaves has not been accelerated to the extent we had hoped for now as we are drawing toward the end of the first quarter. However, it appears that positive factors are increasing

to make the prospects for greater movement a bit brighter. This seems to be borne out too by observations made by our Community Analyist.

Exploratory Trip to California

I will attempt to relate in subsequent reports some of the experiences encountered during my recent trip to California. The cooperation given me by the Relocation Officers in very office was exemplary. Appearances have been already made at both Block Manager bodies and on Wednesday and Thursday night a report will be given to the Parent Teacher and Adult Education on conditions in California. The contents of this speech is as follows:

I have, as many of you know, during the past 15 days visited every relocation office in the state of California. During that time I talked to scores of people, many of them your old friends, to determine what the conditions are and to evaluate in terms of future relocation there what the actual prospects are for those who wish to return. It meant a great deal to me to see your homesteads and former surroundings and to be able to talk to Californians who knew you prior to evacuation and to find that there is a great measure of understanding there as there is in the various areas where most of our people have resettled during the past two years.

The first thing you want to know about is the sentiment of the people. Are my old neighbors going to be friendly and is it going to be safe for me to return. I find that Californians too have rationalized during the past three years and unfortunately many of them have not assembled the facts in their right correlation due to a portion of the press which has been malignant and to certain rabble rousers who are gradually being discredited in their own back yards. Sentiment in California today reminds me of several flags caught in a whirlwind. Some are liberal and others are not but when they are confronted with the facts they have a different outlook in many cases and as farm property owners and employees return and others go back into the cities I feel that acceptance will be gradually improved.

You are aroused by the various disturbances in districts where our people have returned. And rightly so. The sound thinking people of California consider this a sad mark on their history. I am reminded of a statement made by a gas and store owner who was servicing the car belonging to Howard Hatayama who formerly lived at Gila. As Howard was in the process of tearing gas coupons out of his ration book, he introduced Mr. Fisheer, the Relocation Officer from Fresno, and I to Mr. Hughes who operated the country store and station. Hughes a man

of about 40 greeted us with unusual friendliness. He said: "These are the best people in the world. This shooting is a disgrace to our community." And in other contacts I talked to many who are friendly to our cause who deplored the acts of lawlessness. Persons who are not particularily friendly otherwise have become alarmed over the turn of events and have said in no uncertain terms that such action must stop. The rank and file of Americans are steadfast in their belief that democracy must work in America and once public opinion is aroused over the defects that may arise there will be concerted action to make things right as there already has in the case of the lamentable happenings in Hood River, Oregon. As you know the names of those fine young Americans have been restored to the honor roll plaque and conditions have improved to the extent that more and more evacuees are returning to Hood River. But however let it be said that this unthought action has discredited Hood River far more than it has hurt our cause or the welfare of those who originally came from Hood River. Already repercussions have occurred to the business of this community because buyers in the various parts of the country have begun to show reluctance in buying their most famous product: the Hood River apple. For many weeks they have spread themselves over the headlines of the leading newspapers in the country. Now the story changes. THEY ARE ASKING THAT NO FURTHER PUBLICITY BE GIVEN THEM. This is a definite sign how democracy works. Public opinion has reacted.

There have been a number of shootings and fires of incendiary origin and attempted arson in the areas of Fresno, San Jose and Sacramento but there has not been a single evacuee who has been bodily harmed. As we examine these acts we know that they originate in the lower elements who are not even classed as 10% Americans. The Governor and Attorney General of the state of California are emphatic in their convictions that law will be preserved. They have shown a determination to assist us in every possible way. I am informed that the Attorney General recently called together all the county sheriffs to inform that returning evacuees must have protection and that they must see to it that they also have access to any supplies that they need for living needs and for the operation of their farms or businesses. You will recall the events in Placer County near Auburn. According to reliable reports the police protection in Placer County is better today than at any time. The state highway police, the county sheriff's office and state officials have joined in a united effort to give every resident the security which he is entitled to.

In a great many cases we do not have to look very far to find the reasons for prejudice and discrimination that has resulted in violence. Some of your tenants have said that it is unsafe to come

back just now. I happened to talk to one of these fellows near Parlier. Three years ago he worked as ordinary laborer and today he has title to nearly a hundred acres of productive vineyards which he hopes to clear from debt at the end of the year. Naturally it would be advantageous to him to have you stay away so that he can reap the benefits of crops high in demand and selling at good prices. And it is not only this element which has been loud in protestation. Powerful land interests have visualized evacuation and continued living in centers as their means in consolidating their power with the only purpose in mind to break up your holdings and thereby bar your return. They have not been dormant during the last three years and they visualize the time when they can pick on other minorities like the Chinese, Filipinos and the Negroes. You know there were Sons of the Native West in California a hundred years ago when they sought to drive the Mexicans from their own land.

Outside of a certain chain of newspapers who have not been friendly to our cause there are many newspaper editors in California have shown a very fair and liberal attitude. There have been considerable editorials which have espoused the cause of we who are still in the centers and those who are relocated on the outside. I would like to quote an editorial which appeared in the Selma Enterprise and Irrigator issue of February 22nd subsequent to the fire which destroyed the house of Robert Morishige. I quote: "Nor do we believe that the blaze was set by anyone who knew Mr. and Mrs. Morishige personally. Two more loyal American citizens never lived in Selma than this couple. They were thoroughly Americanized, took an active part in many community affairs, were members of the First Baptist Church and fulfilled every obligation of citizenship to the best of their ability. Their friends will assure them that the destruction of their home and its contents would not represent the attitude of the large majority of the people of this community." I also talked to the editor of small weekly in the Fresno area who would bend the last straw in seeing to it that the Japanese-Americans would be given every right and privilege as they returned to the area. There are you know voices in the west outside that of Ray Richards!

Some of your friends may have written you that they have been refused services at food and other stores. There have been merchants who have thoughtlessly put up signs in their windows and who are vocal in their philosophy that they will not cater to returning Japanese. A few of those who have returned to the Fresno area have been refused service. Mr. Hiraoka did not get what he wanted at a plumber shop but he wryly remarked to me: "Those fellows are 10% Americans and they don't scare me a bit." Mr. Kubo of Penryn told me about a Chinese businessman who had one of these obnoxious signs out. He paused a bit before he entered the store but resolutely walked up

to the operator and asked him if it was all right to purchase some articles. The reply was: "sure, come in as often as you are in town. You know the Okies made me put up that sign." The Relocation Officer at Fresno related to me that no one to his knowledge had ever been refused the sale of gasoline although in one case where a large allotment was requested for farm operations from the ration board the request was scaled down considerably. While several had gone into stores who were unfriendly to them I was able to talk to many who had never been denied any type of service.

During my sojourn I also talked to bankers in Santa Maria and at Reedley. They were both in accord that the Japanese had been thrifty people and that their relationships with them had been extraordinarily good. There may be caution in certain localities in the matter of loans but to my knowledge there has not been any discouraging policies laid down by the larger chain of banks in California.

There have been many inquiries about the ability of evacuees to secure various types of insurance. This has perhaps been our most discouraging obstacle because of the fact that Japanese insurance has been regarded in certain insurance circles as target insurance. I learned in Fresno that an agency operated by a Mr. Kempenish of San Francisco would insure for wind and fire and that coverage would be given automatically by return wire. While in San Francisco I was told that the Metropolitan Insurance Agency would insure automobiles for citizens of Japanese ancestry. I can say this that the WRA is making a very concerted effort line up companies who are willing to write insurance on our houses, store equipment and our automotive equipment.

The Longshoremen and Warehousemen unions in San Francisco are very friendly and have displayed a positive interest in hiring evacuees. The Longshoremen have already said that they will hire dockmen immediately. Some of the local unites of the AFL teamster unions have shown resistance but the titular head of the teamsters has shown a friendly attitude toward our problems. We know that a labor commentator in Los Angeles has in several broadcasts focused the attention of the listeners about the return of the evacuees and his comments have been very friendly and helpful.

While at San Francisco last week I accompanied Mr. Fred Ross Relocation Officer at San Francisco to a meeting with the regional War Man Power Director, Fay Hunter. I happened to know Mr. Hunter for a number of years. He attacked the problem as a true liberal and as a result I believe that the cooperation which we will have from the employment service offices will be relatively satisfactory. There will be a close working arrangement between the Relocation Officers and the interviewing and placement sections of the employment offices.

It appears as though WRA will have access to the employment offers and will therefore be able to contact employers who are in need of workers. An arrangement of this sort will make it possible for an evacuee to be referred to a job on which groundwork has already been laid by the Relocation Officer. According to the officers in various districts there is an increasing number of jobs coming up amongst which are those offered by a large corporation like the Pacific Electric Company of San Francisco. While I was in Fresno the office there informed me that they were presently recruiting 80 workers from the Granada camp for a large employer who had previously hired Japanese. While in Stockton I talked to two large operators, Zuckerman and Lacey who are anxious to secure an aggregate of 200 workers of which a large number can represent families who would be employed on both wage and crop share deals. Large operators like the California Packing Corporation and the Half Moon at Fresno may soon place their orders for workers when the critical season commences. At present there are a great number of openings for stenographers in various government agencies and businesses. Two young women from Gila are being employed for Mills College at Oakland and at the YMCA in San Francisco.

The housing problems are with us on the coast as in other defense areas although the shortage is more accentuated. There are many localities that we will not recognize as we return to our old homes. The Bay area has musroomed to tremendous proportions and places like Gardena have grown beyond recognition. It is useless to kid ourselves about the housing situation. However hostels are appearing in various cities like Los Angeles where there may be six or seven within the next 90 days, in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Pasadena. Some are being delayed because of the shortage of beds and blankets but this problem is being studied and dealt with.

During this trip I was able to talk to several evacuees who had resumed their businesses again, and learned of a few more whom I was not able to interview. A nurseryman in Beverly Hills had started up his operations again and appeared to be able market his products. Mr. Nakamura of Rohwer was again raising flowers 5 miles east of Whittier. Bill Ishizu and Toshim were doing nicely in their nuseries at San Gabriel and Tom Shinoda had started anew in his flower business at Monrovia. I visited Mr. Nakada, the Chrysanthemum grower, at Tracy who seems to be off to a fresh start with thousands of plant growing in his own green house. While in San Francisco I learned of a man who had taken over the mangement of his apartment house again and there are undoubtedly others whom I do not know of.

I want to say a word about the schools. You are wondering how your children will be treated when they enroll in the grammar and high schools. According to what fathers and mothers told me in towns like

San Gabriel, Whittier, Santa Barbara, Parlier, Selma, Fowler, Florin, Auburn and Oakland I was not able to find where there had been an unkind word spoken to any of the children. The parents were high in their praise of teachers and superintendents and many children preferred their new schools a great deal over those they were used to in the relocation centers. The education department in California has anticipated the problem of return and as a result has devoted considerable time to orienting the school personnel throughout the state. I asked Fred Wakita the leader of the Florin group to tell me about their experiences. This is what he said: "My oldest daughter is attending the Elk Grove High and the younger ones are in grammar school and they experience no racial prejudice whatsoever. I was afraid my children would find very little opportunity for companionship or friends and might be subject to unkind and unwarranted remarks but all this is to the contrary." Taki Asakura's boy was chosen the captain of the soccer team within a week after they had returned to Santa Barbara.

You have my friends in California who have been writing you that the time is not right for your return. Some of you have been guided by their counsel because you felt that they were in better position to advise you than anyone. For the past few months this has puzzled me especially when I found out by correspondence and by actually talking to evacuees who returned that they are happy in their old homes. This has occurred in many cases where they had previously been advised not to return at the present time. I think that I have a partial answer to this dilemma. In talking to a very close friend of a respected evacuee in this center I asked him point blank why he would not like to see his friend return at this time. He was honest and sincere when he answered: "It would break my heart to hear that one solitary unkind word had been spoken to him."

I have sketched briefly what I saw and heard in California. The facts that I have recounted to you are some of the positive things that I found in your old localities. You are accustomed to hear and read only about some of the obstacles that we have to overcome and it naturally affects your plans for the future. I can truthfully say that each community presents a different problem from another and some families have different problems in the same community. Problems must be solved on an individual or family basis so that what appears the logical course to for one family to pursue may not be the expeditious for another to do. I shall be very glad to discuss individual localities with any one of you personally. Please feel free to call on me at any time.

In closing I want to emphasize again that I did not talk to anyone who thought they had made a mistake in returning to their homes. I

cannot forget the parting words of Mr. Hiraoka as he waved good-bye to me: "Tell them all to come out."

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

April 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

60 left this week on terminal leave representing 12 families in family relocation totaling thirty four members. Of this number sixteen were aliens. The destinations were:

Selma, California	7
Buffalo, N. Y.	6
Philadelphia	5
Carpenteria, California	4
Hanford, California	4
Detroit	4
Pendelton, Oregon	4
Cleveland	3
Chicago	3
Albuquerque	3
Tooele	2
Pasedena, California	2
Newcastle, California	2
Altadena, California	1
Reno, Nevada	1
Milwaukee	1
Minneapolis	1
Brooklyn	1
New York City	1
St. Paul	1
Phoenix	1
New Haven, Connecticut	1
Hammond, Indiana	1
Overland, Missouri	1
	60

Relocation Trends

Since December 17 and through the 31st of March there have been 715 terminal leaves. While the net reduction in population has been relatively small there have been two factors to account for this, namely: the reinduction of 106 trial leaves and the non-existance of

seasonal leaves to be converted to terminals as has been the case in many centers.

During the past week we conducted 311 interviews involving 1219 family members. In addition to the terminal leaves there were 14 who went out on short term passes to Kingsburg, Fowler, Sanger, Selma, Fresno, Pasadena, Los Angeles and Tule Lake.

339 residents have returned to their old homes in California and an additional 56 have picked departure dates. There is a considerable number who are waiting for the end of the school term before making final plans. An encouraging sign since my return from the coast is that leaders of the several communities are confabbing to determine the prospects and manner of returning to their homes. At the present time six or seven leaders from Stockton are in a huddle and several of them are corresponding with residents of the Rohwer project. The immediate incentive in this case was the transmittal of the Zuckerman and Lacy peat land farm offers.

Infomational Data from Relocation Offices

The current Field Bulletin issued by the Great Lakes Area office is entitled "Jobs for Issei". We believe that it will appeal to the Issei and we do our best in giving it the desired distribution.

The leaflet entitled "Introducing New England Farming to Issei" is also timely and well done. The opportunities there are good but the difficulty lies in making them appeal to families who have only known warm climate farming and vegetable growing.

The Resettlement Council of Japanese American Organizations in New York City has just sent an advance copy of their booklet "When You Arrive in New York." The work of this Council, composed of Nisei and Issei, is highly exemplary. They have worked diligently on assimilation, housing and public assistance.

250 copies are also being sent on the project of a new pamphlet entitled "Facts about Northern New Jersey". While it may appeal to the Nessei it is questionable if it will create much excitement among the Issei.

Bulletins directed to the attention of the older people should play up the activities of respectable Issei and an an occasional letter from them may well be reproduced provided that they do not appear in the English previously. In this connection an Issei confronted me once with a letter appearing in one of the English digests, written by a friend of his. His comment was: "He couldn't have written this letter."

Resettlement Assistance Program

There has been much skepticism at this center about the workability of the resettlement assistance program and this stems not from the fact that the Social Security Board is unwilling to go all the way, since this is demonstrated in Administrative Notice 230, but because the people do not understand that it takes time to create a uniform interpretation at the county levels.

The Western Plains Relocation Supervisor for instance advises us that most states and counties are willing to cooperate on emergency assistance but that it is difficult to get them to think with them in regard to resettlement assistance. However he feels that this feeling is gradually broken down. The Northwest Area office at Seattle points out one example of what the assistance program can provide. In one case a family of twelve from Minidoka returned to their home in Seattle to find that their furniture had disappeared. Through public agencies they received assistance quickly and as a result were pretty well supplied with necessary household equipment. Prudence Ross, Acting Relocation Supervisor of Chicago under date of March 22 presents nine actual examples of assistance afforded families and individuals through Social Security funds and through the aid of the Family Service Bureaus, Farm Credit Administration, American Red Cross and Service Command Dispensaries. Dorothy Barber, Relocation Officer at Cleveland reports that resettlement assistance for evacuees in Cleveland had been assured by the Cuyahoga County Commissioners after they had overcome some technicalities. As a result several applications for assistance in Cleveland will be processed at once. We also note that the current Field Bulletin from Salt Lake devotes space to the resettlement assistance program.

It seems to me that our problem at the center in this respect will be to point out actual cases where assistance was provided and to distribute more pamphlets similar to the one prepared by the New York Area office. The residents should be informed that we are striving towards the optimum.

Working Agreements with the USES

In a letter from Lessing we are informed that a Relocation Officer in the Chicago office spends most of his time in the 16 branch offices of the Chicago Employment Service. A Nisei interviewer from WRA is being detailed in the main office of the USES. It appears that most of the Relocation offices outside of those in the Western Division have been able to arrange a cooperative working relationship whereby the USES relieves the WRA of placement work and at the same time gives the evacuee more facilities in finding his job. It is hoped that as a

result of a meeting with the Regional War Manpower Director at San Francisco approximately the same type of arrangement can be obtained in coastal areas.

Mr. Yutani's visit to Gila

Occasionally a relocated resident returns with rich experiences and in the case of Mr. Yutani it may be fitting to recount what he has to say about his year of relocation in Detroit. First he feels that Detroit is a good spot for Issei in that the residents there are tolerant on race matters. Aliens are able to secure licenses in the city and are able to acquire ownership to land since Michigan does not have an alien land law. He knows that the resettlement assistance program works because considerable aid was given one of his acquaintances for hospitalization. He praised the Nisei girls who have established good reputations in offices of the ODT, WPB, City of Detroit and in many business firms.

His efforts in establishing a business is timely as far as interest is concerned. He solved his housing problem by locating a two story business building in which he intends to set up a food processing business. It was necessary to make contact with the Zoning Board, the Inspection Section of the Building Department and the Board of Health which handles sanitation and individual health permits. A request was then made to the Police Department for a license. Priorities were the most difficult to secure and on his second attempt was able to get a A-J priority which he soon found out was practically worthless as he sought to buy cellophane bags and other supplies. Two additional attempts to secure a higher priority met with success and now he will be able to commence his business operations. He wants to go into it on a broader scale than his own finances will allow so at our suggestion he will on his return make an application with RFC agency which he had never heard about.

Perhaps Relocation Officers could give us stories of how evacuees have been able to reestablish themselves in business. We need a certain amount of stimulus in this field and we on the project should point out that it may take a year or longer as in the case of Yutani in which to get into business.

Reflections as a Result of Exploratory Trip

The short term leave has cast a shadow over relocation to the coastal states. In too many instances, and particularily among the young Nisei, have the parties breezed into localities and being unable to evaluate conditions in their true light have returned with distorted

reports. Oftentimes the relocation offices are over looked entirely while at other times there has been an expectancy that somehow the Relocation Officer would be a combination lawyer, realtor, notary public and banker. As a result of these conditions a memo has been prepared for my staff which points out the limited services that relocation office can perform and suggests that the reasons for a short term trip be transmitted to the respective offices before their departure.

It is hoped that the balance of the planned relocation offices can be opened within the very near future. A number of evacuees from centers and elsewhere are returning to their homes before any public relations are cultivated among some of the civic or business leaders. While the importance of such advance overtures may not be as important for a farm family to return I feel that it is decidedly important to anyone returning to a town, especially in the farm areas. The success of the first family to reestablish itself in a community determines often the tempo of future relocation.

In the matter of housing there is a concerted feeling that something must be provided and whether it results from negotiations with Federal Housing Authorities or agreements with the Army for excess housing units may not matter. It is especially important that a great number of hostels be set up immediately. If the problem of providing cots and mattresses or the moving of personals from temples or schools are the real obstacles then they should be dealt with.

It would be very helpful to have Relocation Officers with farm backgrounds detailed to various areas in order to assist in the initial adjustment. Sometimes amicable settlements can be made with tenants without resorting to the courts and this is encouraged. Assistance is often given farmers who need to round out their implement needs, however those who return to areas where the offices are not set up or in communities where Relocation Officers are too busy to devote enough time to such a request, they are not so fortunate. Evacuees need help in locating dealers and often times in the actual purchase. If there was a feeling among residents that some one would assist them in getting priorities or lend a hand in evictions it would make a great deal of difference at the centers. Such Relocation Officers could also be employed to contact larger vegetable and fruit growers in an effort to get farm offers and transmit them to the applicable project. It is important that these offers come to the center from certain sections during the next ninety days.

The Community Analysis Notes No. 8 on Sacramento County and City is very helpful to those on the staff who are not familiar with

the community patterns of some of the larger localities on the coast, prior and subsequent to evacuation. More of these studies will be welcomed at the project.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

April 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

There were 67 terminal leaves during the week. Of this number forty-four represented the relocation of thirteen entire family units. There were twenty-three aliens who were processed for leave. The destinations were:

Mesa, Idaho	12
Denver	8
Chicago	8
Parlier, California	8
Kingsburg, California	6
Lomita, California	4
Detroit	4
Seabrook	3
Pittsburgh	2
New Orleans	2
Sacramento, California	2
Los Angeles, California	1
San Francisco, California	1
Pasadena	1
New York	1
Bingham Canyon, Utah	1
Minneapolis	1
Cleveland	1
Tooele	1
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Roland Barnard's Visit

Relocation Officer Roland Barnard of the Boston office arrived at Gila on the evening of the 2nd on special detail for the balance of the month. The importance of his visit lies in the fact that the thirty odd offers in his briefcase have been personally solicited. He has interviewed all the employers and inspected the working conditions of each opportunity. While these offers are devoid of crop

share arrangements many should appeal to those interested in poultry, dairy, vegetable and domestic wage deals. New England films were shown last week on regular movie nights and colored silent films will be displayed at the Butte high school assembly this afternoon and in Canal tomorrow morning.

Miscellaneous

Miss Drake has arrived to take over the secretarial duties in our division, after a five month's effort in filling the position. As the correspondence load is rapidly increasing due to an upward swing in sending out summaries and inquiries we are greatly relieved in filling this opening. This comes at a time when three of our most valued evacuee clerical workers are out on short term leaves to determine relocation possibilities.

During Mrs. Peddy's absence in Canal Mrs. Butler has been detailed to assist Frances Hart. Mrs. Reed will continue to function as transportation aid and assistant to Mr. Freeland in the Leave Office.

There are six or seven Stockton leaders who have met with the residents evacuated from this area to determinothe prospects for an early return. A wire has been sent to Washington to secure approval for an exploratory trip since it is possible that over a hundred people would accept offers such as transmitted by Zuckerman and Lacy. Both of these employers have notified Robertson the Relocation Officer that they are eager to meet two of the leaders and come to some agreement on crop share or wage deals. There appears to be formidable interest which may be due to the fact that the real leaders of this group pushing this group relocation.

As a result of a favorable degree of interest among Suisun and Vacaville residents we have written up group relocation summaries for transmittal to the San Francisco office. We are hoping that a Relocation Officer may be detailed to this area in hopes of securing farm offers from some of the influential agricultural operators.

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April 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

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Departures

There were 73 terminal departures during the week. Sixteen complete families representing forty-six people was the score on family relocation. Twelve short term leaves were processed for persons going back to California. Twenty-five aliens left the project on terminal leave. The destinations for the week were:

Chicago	10
Detroit	7
Fowler, California	7
Seabrook	6
Philadelphia	5
Selma, California	5
Los Angeles	4
Pasadena, California	3
Tooele	3
Milwaukee	2
Kersey, Colorado	2
St. Louis	2
Mesa Orchard, Idaho	2
Hagerstown, Maryland	2
Rochester, N. Y.	2
Ogden, Utah	2
Grosse Point, Michigan	2
Redwood City, California	2
No. Platte, Nebraska	1
Brooklyn	1
Bingham Canyon, Utah	1
Allentown, Pennsylvania	1
Elgin, Illinois	1
	73

There has been a considerable amount of planning among homogeneous groups in an effort to return to their former homes. This has occurred among the Stockton, Suisun, Vacaville and Walnut Grove residents whose leaders have cooperated nicely with our offices and who have made many individual inquiries of their own. Actually most of these people have nothing to return to in the form of properties

but they are anticipating that several of the larger farm operators will submit offers, whether on wage or share-crop deals, enticing enough to encourage the Issei leaders to go back. While these leaders know the type of crops raised and the market conditions there have been so many changes occur in their absence that they are in most cases unwilling to accept offers until they have visited their old surroundings. In the case of the Stockton Opportunities sent to this center there is the unsolved problem of providing educational facilities for youngsters in high school. It would appear that WRA should acquiese in certain requests for exploratory trips to the coast where people are not returning to their own properties but are as a group definitely interested in accepting new and specific job offers.

For some time now we have had at least one page on relocation in the Japanese section of the Gila News Courier. We have a special sheet in the Courier almost every week. Numerous job offers appear in these Japanese write-ups and items on sentiment, housing, school facilities etc. are written up from clippings, pamphlets and Field Bulletins. We have had excellent cooperation from the Reports office in getting this type of information out.

Civil Service examinations will be held on Monday and Tuesday this week for applicants who may desire to accept specific government jobs at Tooele or for those who may want to have civil service status for relocation elsewhere. Publicity on the exams appeared in the Saturday issue of the Courier and it is hoped that all prospective applicants learn of the tests in view of the short notice. James Jennings, Relocation Officer, detailed on the Tooele recruitment arrived on the project early Friday morning to assist us and was accompanied by Kegs Shiwota who is making numerous contacts in the interests of ammunition handler recruitment.

Roland Barnard, Relocation Officer from the Boston Office has interviewed a considerable number of evacuees during the past two weeks. It is too early to appraise his success at this time. However many have become interested. He showed films at the Canal and Butte high school assemblies and spoke at a Christian church assemblage on Sunday night.

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Civil Service examinations will be held on Monday and Tuesday this week for applicants who may desire to accept specific government jobs at Tooele or for those who may want to have civil service status for relocation elsewhere. Publicity on the exams appeared in the Saturday issue of the Courier and it is hoped that all prospective applicants learn of the tests in view of the short notice. James Jennings, Relocation Officer, detailed on the Tooele recruitment arrived on the project early Friday morning to assist us and was accompanied by Kegs Shiwota who is making numerous contacts in the interests of ammunition handler recruitment.

Roland Barnard, Relocation Officer from the Boston Office has interviewed a considerable number of evacuees during the past two weeks. It is too early to appraise his success at this time. However many have become interested. He showed films at the Canal and Butte high school assemblies and spoke at a Christian church assemblage on Sunday night.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

April 23, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

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There were 54 terminal departures during the week of whom 23 were Aliens. Nine complete families went out totaling thirty-five persons. The destinations were:

Acampo, California	10
Freeport, Illinois	7
Detroit	6
Cleveland	5
Chicago	5
Midvale, Utah	5
Rochester, N. Y.	3
New York City	2
Phoenix, Arizona	2
Ogden, Utah	1
Bingham Canyon, Utah	1
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1
Caldwell, Idaho	1
Grosse Point, Michigan	1
Denver, Colorado	1
Dinuba, California	1
Los Angeles	1
San Gabriel, California	1
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The weekly total of departure schedulings has for the past three weeks averaged eighty so we may expect that actual departures will approximate this number beginning with this week. And there are definite signs that this figure will increase shortly.

Among those returning from short term leaves there exists a mixed reaction about relocation prospects in California. In the case of Mr. Kogura, Commission member, we feel indebted to Mr. Edmiston, Relocation Officer at San Jose, for personal attention he was able to give. The results of Mr. Kogura's leave were very positive, and since his return several families from this area have received enough encouragement to actively plan a return to

their old homes. His experiences appeared in the Japanese section of the Courier as related to Kay Kuwada who has been handling the relocation supplement.

Those who returned from an exploratory trip to the Suisun and Vacaville areas reported that they found many positive aspects for returning evacuees but felt that the aid of the WRA was necessary before any movement would occur. Tom Osada and Mr. Nishioka talked with many of the large farm operators who were friendly including Mr. Mangeles who was ready to hire three or four families on one of his ranches. While Suisun was relatively quiet in its attitude towards the Anti-Japanese fomentation, Vacaville on the other hand had more active agitators. However they felt that if a Relocation Officer had been able to explain the Post-Exclusion program to the civic and business leaders it would be relatively easy to arrange for employment offers. People they said did not generally know that the centers were going to close and that it was imperative that they resettle somewhere.

There appears to be definite possibility of having a hostel in Stockton. Relocation Officer Robertson states that 32 person have volunteered to work on the newly projected committee. The efforts of the Stockton Christian churches to create a hostel appear to be bearing fruit since Mr. Kanada of Canal is anticipating shortly to make a trip to order to complete the plans. I am told that Kanada has been approached in regards to its management. He has been a hotel operator in Stockton for 23 years.

The matter of securing approval for the transportation of trucks or pickups to California has occasionally been a serious problem. However Mr. Corbell state ODT director has rendered us every assistance he was able to. Our working relationship was strengthened further when Mr. Vinson and Mr. Derrickson discussed with him the problems which are common to both Gila and Poston.

The detail of Mr. Martin to the Los Angeles office is commendable. He has contacts which are valuable in Los Angeles relative to doing something about housing. If the integral parts of his plan can be correlated it will as a result create new housing.

The evacuee leaders of the Councils, Block Managers and Commissions are taking a more active part in planning the program. Mr. Nishimura of the Butte Council spends a great deal of his time on relocation problems and is enlisting the support of the various council members. Mr. Asami of the Butte block manager group is desirous of participating to an added degree. His cooperation in the past has been decidedly exemplary. In Canal Mr. Yahanda and other commission members have during the past week solicited support

in the blocks for financial aid to send two representatives to the New England area on an exploratory trip. Their efforts may be successful but in the meantime added support from other leaders would certainly be a contributing factor.

There were two cancellations in Canal today which reportedly came as a result of reduction in the carpenter force detailed to crating and packing. I do not know all the details of these cases but as a matter of suggestion it would appear that these carpenter crews should be kept status quo in view of the anticipated load.

One of the finest pamphlets ever issued by a field office arrived at the project during the past week. It is entitled "Business Opportunities for Issei in the Midwest." There is enough substance in this booklet to set a great number of Issei a thinking. If it were not for the paper shortage I should suggest that it be distributed in Japanese to every family who previously had been in business.

We have been trying to evaluate the Field Bulletin, terms of present needs. There have been rumors indicating that they may have perhaps outlived their usefulness. In my recent contacts with Block Managers at their individual offices I have noted an added interest in these publications, and while their contents may well be altered it is believed that it would be inadvisable to entirely obviate them. We feel that a Field Bulletin should accentuate types of job in a given area rather than break the area into component parts and relate what exists in given cities. For instance job titles such as Domestic Service might be given a heading and the types of jobs in this category would disclose in what area they were. Perhaps it might be well to recapitulate in these bulletins the scope of jobs engaged in by evacuees. This would give prospective relocators a perspective of the probable fields of employment they might engage in.

We have only two typewriters which can be used for outside correspondence. Oftentimes this has resulted in a two day backlog. You can readily see that unless this situation is corrected that we will not be able to handle our outgoing mail.

Gordon Berryman Relocation Officer from New York City will be detailed to our project until about May 22nd. Homer Hill arrived at the center last night and plans to stay for a period of a week when he leaves for Poston. He will return here the following week.

Two meetings were held last Friday and Saturday with Canal elementary and high school teachers. It is evident that a great

deal of time is being spent by teachers in an attempt to direct the thinking of students towards family relocation

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