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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending Oct. 31 194 2

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Yes Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2,000 Outside None TOTAL 2,000

Free Distribution per issue 2,000 Subscription List None

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 3 Advertising none Artists 1 Clerical 1

Translators none Circulation none Printing or Duplicating 1

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) _____

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

None

Press releases (number) _____ To what papers _____

Inquiries by press or other media _____

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.: _____

None

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name

Representing

Date

None

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA) _____

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>None</u>			

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: None

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

Press releases have been handled on regional office level, there being no reports officer at Rohwer. It is our intention to issue regular news releases to weekly papers in this vicinity and to state newspaper correspondents living in those towns.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>None</u>	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>	
Applications Pending							
Repatriated This Month . . .							
Total Repatriations To date .							

One woman asked for forms. Has not indicated whether she will apply.

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending Nov. 30 1942

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2,400 Outside 100 TOTAL 2,500

Free Distribution per issue all Subscription List none

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 0 Advertising none Artists 5 Clerical 1

Translators 5 Circulation 5 Printing or Duplicating 5

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) _____

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) _____ To what papers See "General Comment"

Inquiries by press or other media None

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

None

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name	Representing	Date
John J. Ward, city editor	Arkansas Gazette	11-4-42
Glovis Copeland, reporter, phtr.	" "	11-4-42
XXXXXXXXXXXX Reporter	Memphis Press Scimitar	11-1-42
A. P. Kinney, Barnett Correspondent	Arkansas Gazette	11-8-42

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Covered by weekly report submitted by project director.

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43

(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
Paul A. Taylor, director	Rotary Club	Dermott, Ark.	11-10-42

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer)

~~general first-visit subjects.~~
 Activities, candid shots, housing, panorama (still and movie), construction progress,
 individuals and work crews on the job, two funerals, department groups.

By Reports Officer:

~~the football game, administrative personnel permanent~~
~~press pictures.~~

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

All formal press releases during the month were issued on the regional level, with the exception that copies of the center bulletin were supplied to state newspaper correspondents in this vicinity. In several instances information therefrom was re-written for state coverage.

A resident of Dermott, nine miles from project, discharged a shotgun at a Japanese soldier in a restaurant of that town. He missed, and has been bound over to the grand jury. A neighborhood tenant farmer, armed because he was hunting deer, shot at three evacuees/ members of an engineering crew, wounding two of them slightly. His trial comes up in January. Center residents, fully informed of these happenings, realized their danger in leaving this vicinity.

Outside newspaper comment during the month was generally more favorable. There were no particular flurries of comment on any one subject.

REPATRIATION:

~~Issei-Nisei distinction is available at the project, and can be supplied if necessary. It would require considerable research.~~

	ISSEI			NISEI		
	Men	Women	Children Under 18	Men	Women	Children Under 18
Applications						
Pending	24	12	22			

Repatriated
 This Month These 84 persons have been transferred to the Holmer Relocation Center. All lists made available of possible

Total Repatria-
 tions To date repatriates have been exhausted. 84 signed for repatriation. Except for a few who refused to sign either way, the remainder signed statements declining repatriation. Detailed reports were forwarded to the proper authorities.

NARRATIVE REPORT FOR NOVEMBER

Japanese Relocation Papers
Bancroft Library

The greater part of the time during the month was devoted to clean-up and land preparation for next year. The only harvestings of any bulk are the green crops which required a small amount of time to furnish all the Mess Division can use.

Several new areas are being opened up for cultivation next year and additional stumps are being removed from lands which were cultivated this year. Plans are in the making for removal of almost all the stumps from cultivated land in order to more efficiently use this land and reduce breakage to equipment.

Approximately 75% of land not in growing crops has been disked and bedded in preparation for spring plantings. Hot beds are being cleaned and re-filled and prospects are for heavy early plantings when the season is most favorable for vegetable production.

For the first time, supplies of growing vegetables are in excess of Project needs to the extent that harvestings are having to be delayed until the vegetables are requested by the Mess Division. This applies to turnips, daikon, chinese cabbage and pumpkin. If the root cellar is not completed in time, a part of this crop will be killed out in high bayou bank land soon in order to protect it from freezing weather.

Although it is not exceptionally good, the cauliflower promises to give a fair yield. This is the first cauliflower produced in this locality and is very interesting to the outside public. The same is true of celery. A small acreage of the latter crops has made good growth since we have had cool weather and will produce a fairly good yield. Experience has shown, however, that both the above crops must be produced during the cool seasons and will not tolerate hot weather, no matter how much water is provided by irrigation.

Another group of 39 mules and horses are being declared surplus. Most of the winter's supply of wood is now in the blocks and due to high cost of feed it is felt that it would be cheaper to sell these mules than to feed them until next winter in case they are needed then.

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending Dec. 31 1942

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Association

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2,600 Outside 200 TOTAL 2,800

Free Distribution per issue all Subscription List none

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising none Artists 3 Clerical 1

Translators 3 Circulation 3 Printing or Duplicating 3

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued

Circulation (in center) Outside

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed)

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) To what papers See "General Comment."

Inquiries by press or other media

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.: One column of general background of the project, published in the Sunday, December 27, issue of the Arkansas Gazette, being first of weekly contributions to be written by Eddie Shimano, Editor of the center newspaper.

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name

Representing

Date

Paul Berg, Photographer

St. Louis Post Dispatch

December 11 & 12

Gene Rutland, LR correspondent, Memphis Commercial Appeal

December 28

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Covered by weekly report submitted by Project Director

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-RO04-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43

(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>O. L. Mays</u>	<u>Rotary</u>	<u>Bermott</u>	<u>December 1</u>
<u>W. C. Love</u>	<u>Rotary</u>	<u>Bermott</u>	<u>December 1</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Arrival of center fire truck, funerals, pass pictures for administrative personnel, USO show at Military Guard PX.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: All formal press releases were issued on the regional level. A group of five evacuees, driven to Little Rock to buy Christmas toys and candy for center children, met with friendly reception. Little Rock newspapers covered their presence in a favorable manner. Larger groups, composed of representatives from various crews, shopped several days in neighboring towns. They were received well.

A representative of the St. Louis Post Dispatch spent two days on the center. The inside double page of the paper's December 20 edition carried a comprehensive and creditable picture story of the center. About 2,500 copies have been purchased by center residents. Other copies will be sent out as public relations material and with letters of appreciation sent to donors of large Christmas gifts.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>
Applications						
Pending	<u>None</u>					
Repatriated						
This Month . . .	<u>None</u>					
Total Repatria- tions To date .						

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REPATRIATION

Month Ending Jan. 31 194 3

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2555 Outside 300 TOTAL 2855

Free Distribution per issue all Subscription List none

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial _____ Advertising _____ Artists _____ Clerical _____

Translators _____ Circulation _____ Printing or Duplicating _____

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) _____

None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) _____ To what papers None

Inquiries by press or other media Weekly Kansas City Star wrote for opportunity
to visit centers.

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

None

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name	Representing	Date
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Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

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WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-RC04-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43

(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>None</u>			

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Snow scenes and evacuee activity. Funeral pictures.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

See attachment.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending						
Repatriated This Month						
Total Repatria- tions To date .						

For attachment to Form WRA-125 - GENERAL COMMENT

The January 3 issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal carried a highly colored and completely unfavorable report of an investigation of conditions allegedly reported to the paper by engineers and contractors working at the project. The article was widely copied nationally by Scripps Howard papers. A formal denial of each accusation, as suggested by the Washington office, was released to all news sources of Arkansas through Little Rock OWI. State papers in general handled the Memphis story with restraint, but reaction on the center was volcanic until it was pointed out that the accusations were directed against the administration rather than the residents.

Relations with the town of Dermott, eight miles north of the center, remained unfavorable. Plans for courting that town's personal favor were considered at staff meetings. A one-sheet summary of "Facts of Relocation in Arkansas," (copies attached) was mimeographed and made available to staff members for individual, person-to-person, use. The proper person in each individual case handed copies of this publication to various newspaper men, business leaders, and other interested persons of public relations strength.

Other copies were sent to the Little Rock field office with the suggestion that proper handling, still on a strictly personal basis, might put copies in the hands of a few members of the Arkansas General Assembly. That body has considered several discriminatory bills, and in all probability will consider others, so long as running down relocation remains politically advantageous. It was felt that a little simple knowledge in their hands might inspire a few legislators to oppose the ranker type of proposals which reach the floor.

The Dermott and Lake Village American Legion Posts passed discriminatory resolutions against relocation, proposing that the War Department take over. The McGehee post refused to pass similar resolutions. The Arkansas Information Division of WRA, on the voiced opinion that relocation had thereby become a matter of state-wide legion interest, invited the State Adjutant, who edits the state legion publication, to visit the centers. The Adjutant, a personal friend of this division, will arrive at the centers early in February, and bring with him the State Commander, who also is commander of the state militia and therefore doubly interested.

Two or three Arkansas papers carried editorials favorable to relocation and the Dermott News remained friendly. The Arkansas Gazette carried several "letters from the people" which protested discrimination within the legislature. They considered various themes: effect of such actions on future peace plans, religious factors, their obvious refutation of the democratic principles for which we are fighting.

Bishop Reifsneider visited the center, and at one meeting was heard by several Episcopalians invited from nearby towns. The two state papers carried short items on his quoting Ambassador Grew's remarks considering repercussions of relocation at the coming peace conferences.

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Declaring of a work holiday so that all able bodied residents could help cut and haul fuel wood built up evacuee morale with the feeling that they had helped solve a center-wide situation. But still in their minds is the attitude that the administration said fuel would be provided and then did not deliver.

Delay in leave clearance has been detrimental to morale, but many who came to the center with the idea of staying for the duration have begun to change their minds and hope for a chance at the spring beet fields.

Announcement of opportunity for Army volunteers met with immediate protests of segregation and emphasis on the race idea. A second thought was beginning to temper this reaction. Morale was strengthened by the realization of official Army recognition of loyalty among the nisei.

Besides the considerable Japanese-American troops stationed at Camp Robinson there are roughly 17,000 persons of Japanese ancestry living in Arkansas, equally divided between the Rohwer Relocation Center in Desha County and the Jerome Relocation Center in Chicot and Drew Counties.

These 17,000 persons were among the 110,000 persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated, as a war necessity, from the West Coast military zone. Like the others, they spent some six months in hastily constructed assembly centers before removal to one of the relocation centers, set up under presidential order. Prior to evacuation they led normal productive lives.

Of these 17,000 persons, sixty-five per cent are American citizens by right of birth or because of service in the armed forces. In all probability many of the others would be citizens, had they not been denied the privilege, through naturalization, by the Exclusion Act of 1924. Many have sons, brothers, and husbands in the United States Army, some stationed at Camp Robinson.

Prior to evacuation, one-half of these 17,000 persons were engaged in farming. The other one-half lived in cities. They were engaged in practically every profession and trade.

Of these 17,000 persons, 6,000 are school age or under. About one-half of the 11,000 adults are women. Many of these are quite old.

It is the purpose of the War Relocation Authority to relocate these people in widely scattered localities where they can do their part in the war effort and lessen to their extent the nation's man power shortage.

They are allowed to leave the centers only to take definite positions, in communities where they will be accepted, after their names are checked against records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. None are being relocated in Arkansas.

At the two centers, these people are housed in frame barracks, an average of 250 persons to the block. Each block has running water in only two buildings, the community bath house and the community mess hall.

Through economies effected by these people, cost of their food has remained under the official allotment. Foods rationed on the outside are identically rationed within the projects.

No evacuee works unless he desires work and there is work available. Workers are paid either \$12, \$16, or \$19 per month. If they do not work, they are paid nothing. Practically every able bodied male is working.

One crew (at Jerome) is clearing right of way for a drainage ditch, in process of excavation, which will make available for cultivation some 25,000 acres of alluvial land. Other crews are clearing portions of the land thus drained, making the wood available for fuel. Others will raise a good part of the centers' food on this same land.

These people are victims of circumstances over which they had no control. They happened to be living in the Western Defense Command. Other persons of Japanese ancestry living elsewhere in the United States were not affected by evacuation. The government is endeavoring to make living conditions at the centers as normal as possible.

The centers are policed by an Internal Security organization of residents, trained in that work and supervised by Caucasian peace officers.

A company of trained military police is stationed at each center. They patrol the outer borders and have full authority over ingress and egress. The Army considers them adequate to any situation which should occur within the neighborhood of the centers.

April showed little change in neighborhood public relations despite announcement of the execution of American airmen. That announcement had practically no effect on the appointed personnel, most of whom long ago completely divorced in their minds America's Japanese from those who are our enemy. We heard little comment on the announcement from outside after the first two or three days.

About the middle of the month an employee of the Little Rock Bureau of the Associated Press spent a day and a night at the center. His real purpose was to acquaint himself with the program, but he did file a couple of stories tied in with the center's agricultural program and drainage operations, and he gave national coverage to a party at which the center's American Legion Post was host to our 33 volunteers.

For about 10 days a display of official 14 by 11 WRA pictures, with straight educational captions, was kept in the corner window of a book store on Main Street in Little Rock. The same display is now in the window of the Dermott News. They have attracted considerable notice but have caused little comment.

Resettlement seems to have become more or less the normal thing on the center and consequently there is little discussion of that subject. Especially the younger people seem to be getting fed up with life in the center. Good reports from those who have gone out continue to come in. There is still a certain amount of conflict evident between the Hawaiian group and the other residents. During the month there was some activity on the part of a small gang of young boys. Both of these subjects are being covered in a special report by the community analyst.

The general work attitude, excepting the considerable group engaged in more responsible jobs, remains inexcusably bad. Timekeepers will not keep actual time. Many of the work crews start late, quit early and accomplish very little during the time they are actually on the job. They display no indication of future improvement.

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending 2-28 194 3

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2650 Outside 200 TOTAL 2850

Free Distribution per issue 2850 Subscription List _____

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising none Artists 3 Clerical 1

Translators 3 Circulation 3 Printing or Duplicating 3

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Plans being made for magazine When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) 322 posters made for: community dances, Vargette (recreation department money raising show), community singing, exhibits, music appreciation, gym debut.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 1 To what papers Dermott News

Inquiries by press or other media none

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

Al Pollard Arkansas Democrat 2-25-43

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

covered elsewhere

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43 (Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Paul A. Taylor</u>	<u>Rotary</u>	<u>Dermott</u>	<u>2-16-43</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) none

By Reports Officer: general documentary shots: powerhouse, exterior and interior; hospital laundry; water system pumps; evacuee "night club".

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

See attachment 1

REPATRIATION:

	<u>covered elsewhere</u>					
	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Repatriated This Month . . .	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Repatriations To date .	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Registration and its developments pushed other considerations from the minds of the evacuees and from the pages of local newspapers. Announcement of the forming of a nisei combat team brought favorable comment from most of the papers in this vicinity. The Arkansas Democrat printed portions of President Roosevelt's message but no comprehensive coverage on the subject was printed outside the center publication.

Early in the month and for several days after registration actually got under way its progress was hampered by many misunderstandings among the evacuees population. In spite of the fact that every conceivable question was answered verbally and made available in printed English and Japanese to every person who was interested in learning the truth, the feeling persisted for several days that signing the forms presaged being forced out of the center.

Five members of the appointed personnel were elected to membership in the Dermott Rotary Club. One of these, the project director, addressed the club informally on February 16 and opened the program to questions. Relations with that town, the center's closest neighbor, are slowly improving through individual contact and visits to the center.

Al Pollard, columnist and editor of the Arkansas Democrat Sunday Magazine, spent February 25 at the center, acquainting himself with the situation against possible need for comment in his column, "Run of the News."

Lt. Col. Hendrix Lackey, commander of the Arkansas Guard and commander of the Arkansas Department, American Legion, headed a group of Guard officers on a tour of the center. The party included the Arkansas Department adjutant, who is editor of the Legion publication in this state. Their reactions were very favorable.

Mr. J. N. Heiskell, editor of the Arkansas Gazette and a frequent public speaker throughout the state, indicated that he will visit the center next month.

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REPATRIATION

Month Ending March 31 194 3

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT Jerome Relocation Center

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2700 Outside 200 TOTAL 2900

Free Distribution per issue 2900 Subscription List _____

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising none Artists 3 Clerical 1

Translators 4 Circulation 3 Printing or Duplicating 3

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

Posters and pamphlets in Japanese supplied the WRA by the OWI, three

posters and twelve pamphlets per block

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) see above

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 1 To what papers Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Democrat, A.P., Dermott News

Inquiries by press or other media none

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

none

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

covered elsewhere

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43 (Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Ulys A. Lovell,</u> <u>Project Attorney</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Dermott, Arkansas</u>	<u>March 30, 1943</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) Hospital, attorney's
office, hot beds, and other documentary subjects.

By Reports Officer: evacuee identification pictures and general documentary
subjects.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: Following completion of registration on March 10, which period has been completely covered from the above angles in a previous special report, evacuee morale changed from a state of high nervous tension to peaceful relaxation. Appointed personnel turned around to face the Senate Investigating Committee, but the evacuees paid little attention to this visit or to subsequent newspaper reports. The last two weeks of the month, evacuees seemed particularly interested in their jobs on the center and for the first time really interested in the leave program. Outside public opinion, in spite of more newspaper comment than usual, seemed to be stifled by a complete unconcern. Newspaper comment in State and local papers included a few editorials, each of them reasonably accurate and not unfavorable. On March 7 the Arkansas Gazette carried an illustrated two-page feature story on life at Rohwer, which was weak and inaccurate in spots but doubtless of some educational value. Two days later unusually brief accounts of Jerome's two beatings were carried in the Arkansas Gazette, the Arkansas Democrat, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, and local papers. Several friendly "letters from the people" were published during the month and a short story in the Gazette reported the departure of 25 persons to the South Dakota sugar beet fields. The newspapers gave wide coverage to the Senate Investigating Committee, most of the headlines advocating segregation of the disloyal. Several follow-up articles representing further comment by the particular senators were written in more or less the same vein.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children</u> <u>Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	More than 800 persons, as indicated in our registration report, indicated their desire for repatriation. These signed one of the attached forms and a few had already made formal application by the end of the month. It is expected that the remainder will follow through.					
Repatriated This Month . . .	None					
Total Repatriations To date .	None					

Date

This is to certify that the following persons now residents of the Jerome Relocation Center have made application for repatriation and/or expatriation to Japan:

Name	Residence	Age	Sex
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The War Relocation Authority has no authority to approve or disapprove such applications. It makes no commitments of any sort regarding the applications. It assumes no responsibility in connection with the applications other than furnishing the application blanks; making available interviewers to assist in executing the applications; and of filing the completed applications with the appropriate agency of the Government of the United States.

Paul A. Taylor
Project Director

Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending 9/31 1943Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2750 Total Outside 250

Free

Paid noneDistribution: At Center 2750 Outside 250 Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed 11 Writers 4 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 2Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Condensor	High School Journalism Class	Bi-weekly	075

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Center bulletins distributed as needed, mostly concerned this month with segregation. Also, "A Voice that Must Be Heard" in Japanese; "Rocky Mountain News" article; and all the segregation material.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

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VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name	From	Representing	Date Arrived	Date Departed
Mrs. Beth Ward	Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas Democrat	8-27	8-27

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section none

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

none

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

It is hoped that two qualified persons can be recruited from Tulsa into transfers to compile data for special supplementary reports. The first of these will be of a historical nature.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 237 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Nine pictures were made for the Arkansas Democrat coop story of 8/29. One of these was used under a Democrat credit line. Prints are being sent to Denver.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 205 Number Taken To Date 3701

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

WRA Library Washington
WRA Library Washington

Month Ending April 30 1943

PROJECT Home

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op Association

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2,500 Outside 300 TOTAL 2,800

Free Distribution per issue 2,800 Subscription List

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 5 Advertising 0 Artists 1 Clerical 2

Translators 4 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name none When issued

Circulation (in center) Outside

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

none

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed)

none

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) To what papers No formal releases.

Inquiries by press or other media No formal inquiries.

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name Representing Date

R. Hendrix Chandler Associated Press 4-12/13-43

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Covered elsewhere.

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43 (Turn Up and Over)

6-1531-BU-EP

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>U. A. Lovell</u>	<u>Jefferson County Bar Association</u>		
		<u>Pine Bluff</u>	<u>4-15-43</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) none

By Reports Officer: Identification pix, straight documentary
subjects.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

See attached sheet.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>Covered in special report.</u>					
	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Repatriated This Month	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Repatriations To date	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending May 31 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project 2,500 Outside 300 TOTAL 2,800

Free Distribution per issue 2,800 Subscription List _____

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising 0 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 4 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Magnet When issued first week of May

Circulation (in center) 1,000 Outside 100

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

Collection of press clippings--100.

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) OWI Poster No. 9--100.

Poster relating to President's Executive Order No. 8802--5.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) _____ To what papers none

Inquiries by press or other media none

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:
none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

Pliny Castanien Kansas OWI 5-6-43

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Covered elsewhere

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43

(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
Paul A. Taylor	Lions Club	Monticello	5-6-43
Miss Beryl Henry	Rotary Club	Hope	5-21-43

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Straight documentation--athletics, drainage construction, agriculture.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale. The subject of evacuee moral is covered in the attached report of the Community Analysis Section, organization of which is included therein.

State and local newspaper comment was largely limited to wife stories concerning; investigation by the Dies Committee; transfer of DeWitt and Emmons; preparation against possible flood; mutual repatriation plans; possibility of segregation; recommendations of the Senate Committee; OWI article on resettlement; pampering in the West.

Strictly local comment in the Arkansas Gazette, The Arkansas Democrat, the Memphis Commercial Appeal, the Dermott News and the McGehee Times, touched: the visit of Rohwer girls at Camp Shelby; the unconstitutionality of Arkansas' ban on Japanese owning land; the governor's refusal to allow Arkansas resettlement; a couple of bitter letters from the people; statistics on resettlement; progress; (cont.)

REPATRIATION: Covered elsewhere

	ISSEI			NISEI		
	Men	Women	Children Under 18	Men	Women	Children Under 18
Applications Pending						
Repatriated This Month						
Total Repatriations To date						

GENERAL COMMENT: (continued)

A Sunday magazine article of Jerome's consumer enterprises; support of Manaha O. Bennett; personalities in Christian Mission Week; agricultural criticism from the superintendent of the Desha County schools.

The people of Dermott are increasingly friendly with the center's appointed personnel, but their attitude toward the evacuees has changed little. A few merchants still refuse to wait on evacuees, but their stand is getting weaker as they realize they are in the minority, that they are losing business and that we do not care how they feel. There is a lot of idle talk about the center in Dermott--50% inaccurate and 90% futile.

Work habits remain bad. Resettlement remains popular. The most important trend inside the center, in my opinion, is one which I cannot explain. I refer to increasing manifestation of the contempt with which the lower class evacuees look upon the administration and the appointed personnel. I have seen resentment based on the fact that personnel apartments are more livable than barracks quarters. I saw a young boy spit on a toy wagon belonging to the child of an appointed employee. I saw two men spit on a staff member's automobile. I have heard other staff members relate similar incidents.

Please see appended note to analyst's report on evacuee attitudes and morale.

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas
May 31, 1943

SUMMARY OF REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION
Jerome Relocation Center
for
May, 1943

1. Organization

The Community Analysis Section staff was organized the first of the month. The head of the section, Edgar C. McVoy, arrived at the Project the last week in April and the staff and work of the section were set-up about May 1. Some time was spent getting settled in the offices at 36-12-F. The staff, besides the Community Analyst, is comprised of two field workers, one secretary, and one clerk-typist. Three of these workers were transferred from the Documents Section.

2. Report of Trends of Opinion Within the Center

The weekly reports formerly prepared by the Documents Section are now prepared by the two sections in conjunction, with reports sent to both sections in Washington. In the report covering the two weeks period of May 2 to May 15, evacuee opinions were obtained concerning the resettlement program, the new working hours, satisfaction of school children with the schools at the center, and the relations with the appointed staff.

3. Population Analysis

As a continuing project, the section began an analysis of the composition of the population of each block. By the end of the month, most of the tabulations were made and preparation of maps was begun.

4. Resettlement

During the first three weeks the work of the section was related primarily to a study of evacuee reactions to the resettlement program. Several reports on this subject were prepared.

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5. Post-Graduate Plans of Seniors

Questionnaires were given the graduating seniors of Denson High School concerning their plans following graduation. Tabulations were made and a report was submitted on this study.

6. Special Projects

Several special projects were carried out at the request of the Project Director or Washington officials. Reports were made on the Fence at the Center, on the Christian Mission Week program, and on conflict between certain factions within one of the blocks of the center.

7. Projects planned

The population analysis will continue for another month. The next major project which this section expects to work on, is a study of the significant social groupings in the center and the relationships between these groups. Another project which is contemplated is a study of the employment conditions at the center.

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COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas
May 31, 1943

EVACUEE ATTITUDES AND MORALE

The turmoil in the center which was stirred up by registration has largely subsided. There have been no further incidents such as the assault on the two men in March. As people have had more time for mature thought concerning registration and repatriation, significant numbers have changed their original statements. The prospect of separation of loyal and disloyal groups, previously a matter with explosive possibilities, is now anticipated by all groups as the normal course of events. There is, however, considerable apprehension as to just how this separation will take place. Rumors have been current that residents of Denson will be moved en masse to other centers. The uncertainty of the future has led to various types of anxieties and spreading of wild rumors.

Attitudes toward resettlement have become more favorable as the number of people leaving the center has increased. The sentiment favoring resettlement has improved. People seeing their friends leave become anxious to find outside employment themselves. Anxiety and resistance on the part of parents has been a large factor in retarding departure of Nisei. However, as a few children have gone out in opposition to their parents' wishes, the parents have become defenders of their actions and have thereby convinced themselves of the desirability of resettlement. Few of the Issei or of the Hawaiians seem to be planning resettlement. The Hawaiians have little acquaintance with the mainland and fear trying to make their way on it. Issei from California cling to the hope that they may return to their homes soon. There seems to be considerable wishful thinking concerning relaxation of the restriction in the Western Defense Command. All family men hesitate to leave the comparative security of the center for the unknown prospect outside.

The work morale of evacuees has continued to be for the most part indifferent. The attitudes vary considerably, however, with the supervisor and with the type of work being done. In many of the offices, evacuee morale and efficiency is very high. In certain skilled manual operations such as the Cabinet Shop, the same attitude prevails. Generally, work is comparatively efficient where it directly and immediately effects the welfare of the evacuees themselves. Work habits of the majority of unskilled manual labor projects continue to be lax. There is a shortage of workers for the Agricultural Division and other divisions where hard manual labor is involved. There was considerable negative reaction on the part of evacuees to the newly instituted practice of signing time cards. But this practice appears to have improved the punctuality, somewhat.

(See note below)

Two strikes occurred during the month. The first was in the Motor Repair Shop. Evacuees almost unanimously appear to support the position of the strikers as against the superintendent in this instance. The other strike was of a short duration and was instigated among the agricultural workers, as a result of the change in working hours which gave them less time between the end of work and the evening meal. This matter was straightened out within a short time.

Generally speaking, evacuees have considerable resentment toward the Caucasian staff. This resentment seems to stem from several sources: First, the higher living standards of the Caucasians. Second, supervision which evacuees consider unduly dictatorial. Third, the fact that the Caucasian staff represent the United States Government, which many evacuees consider to have deprived them of their rights as citizens.

For the most part, evacuees have received unfavorably the announcement that the WRA would no longer finance community activities. They argue, in view of the small wages they receive, the Government should furnish such services free of charge.

Evacuees consider it very difficult to get action by the WRA on requests for improvements in the center. They attribute the delay in the construction of such things as mess hall ventilators to differences between divisions in the center and to slowness of officials in taking action.

On the whole, the month of May went fairly smoothly at the center and there was some improvement in evacuee attitudes and morale over the previous two months.

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Reports { The situation referred to in the Motor Repair Shop is one which dates from April 22 and one which has been referred continually in the Project Director's weekly reports. It is a strike. The situation has become better during the past few days with realization of some success in the building of a new organization around one or two individuals who feel that the repair shop should be operated.

Officer { The situation in the Agriculture Department referred to here could not correctly be called a strike. Several groups of the workers were late leaving one morning. The night before, because of some transportation difficulties and a change in mess hours, certain of them had gotten back to the center too late to get their supper. On the following morning these groups remained at the center until they had assured themselves that there would be no repetition of the previous day's experience.

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EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT Jerome

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Association

Frequency of Issue (name days) Tuesdays and Fridays

Circulation: At Project Outside TOTAL

Free Distribution per issue Subscription List

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising 0 Artists 1 Clerical 1

Translators 4 Circulation 0 Printing or Duplicating 1

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued

Circulation (in center) Outside

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

OWI pamphlets sent from Washington office were routed through the
newspaper and the library.

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) "The Stars and Stripes,"

12 copies.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) To what papers none in project level.

Inquiries by press or other media none

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name

Representing

Date

none

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

covered elsewhere

WRA-125:

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(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>R.E. Arns, Chief Community Services</u>	<u>East Baton Rouge Parish Ministerial Association</u>	<u>Baton Rouge, La.</u>	<u>June 8, 1943</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) Began taking identification pix of everyone before he is allowed to leave the center. Continued regular leave pictures.

By Reports Officer: Continued with straight documentation work.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: The reports officer devoted most of the last 10 days to preparation for Bohmer's Press Day, June 30--July 1. A trip through Southern Arkansas, Louisiana and Western Mississippi found paper and radio editors almost completely ignorant of WRA, but reasonable and interested enough to listen. I had a long session with the New Orleans OWI man, wrote some copy for the Alexandria paper and made a record for station WNOH in New Orleans.

REPATRIATION: Covered elsewhere.

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Repatriated This Month	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Repatriations To date	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending 7-31 1945Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op___ Issued: M___TXW___T___FRS___S___CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2,760 Total Outside___

Free

Paid noneDistribution: At Center 2,760 Outside 125 Circulation: At Center___ Outside___STAFF: Total Employed 14 Writers 4 Production Dept. 3 Artists 1 Clerical 2Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other___ In Reports Office___

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Issued By</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Circulation</u> (Ave. Per Issue)
<u>Condensor</u>	<u>High School Journalism Class</u>	<u>Bi-weekly</u>	<u>875</u>

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

None

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This center shared in the benefits of the Rohwer Open House which made the paper early in this month. That affair occasioned favorable stories in many papers. In most instances, larger papers used quite a few illustrations. Stories written by a representative of the Associated Press who attended Open House were evidently carried in many states including California.

Segregation stories including statements made by Mr. Myer at Denver and later in California were carried consistently in most papers in this area. The regrettable idea that the nine relocation centers would be closed within a short time was prominent in state papers, causing some confusion among the residents of the center and generally creating a false impression outside. The July 27 State meeting of American Legion passed a resolution; that after the war all Japanese be returned to Japan; that relocated evacuees be fingerprinted and required to report to Federal Court authorities every 60 days; that they be prevented from buying food in nearby towns. A good part of this resolution is attributable to the Legionnaire at Dermott, Robert Gordon, who quite obviously is yelling about the Japanese in an effort to build back some political prestige lost recently in a state campaign. He also has some personal animosity for some of the administrative staff.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

N O N E

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 0

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: **It is hoped that two qualified persons can be recruited to compile data for special supplementary reports. The first will be of a historical nature, such broad subjects as agriculture being broken down into several reports.**

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 237 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 75

To Whom Released High School Annual

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

50, high school annual; 7, funeral.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 657 Number Taken To Date 3,396

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Activity designed to establish closer connections with news mediums previously served by the OWI is being planned in conjunction with the Rohwer reports officer.

News releases and other informational work at this center, it is felt, could be in most instances handled in conjunction with similar material at Rohwer. The two centers are so close together that they represent one program in the minds of the Arkansas public and surrounding states. Because of this fact, the reports officers at the two centers are planning a basis for cooperative activity, especially in the publicity field. Actual efforts along this line will probably be delayed until after segregation has been accomplished.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R004
Approval Expires: 6/30/44

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For Month Ending 9/31 194 9

REPORTS OFFICE

Center JapanTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2750 Total Outside 300

Free

Paid 2000Distribution: At Center 2750 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed 11 Writers 4 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 2Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Condenser	High School Journalism Class	Bi-weekly	875

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

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VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

Mrs. Beth Ward

Little Rock, Ark.

Arkansas Democrat

8-27

8-27

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section none

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

none

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

It is hoped that two qualified persons can be recruited from Tulsa into transfers to compile data for special supplementary reports. The first of these will be of a historical nature.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 337 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Nine pictures were made for the Arkansas Democrat story of 8/29. One of these was used under a Democrat credit line. Prints are being sent to Denver.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 305 Number Taken To Date 3701

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)



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REPORTS OFFICE

Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op___ Issued: M___TxW___T___FxS___S___CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 3,250 Total Outside 300

Free

Paid NoneDistribution: At Center 3,250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center___ Outside___STAFF: Total Employed 12 Writers 4 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 1Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other___ In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Co-op News	Co-op Enterprises	Not established	
Denson Outside Employment News	Leave Office	Not established	

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed) **Senate document No. 96; six sets of newspaper reprints; Bulletin's announcing relocation films; Employment Division material; segregation regulations.**

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Twenty-four (24) copies of the Denson High School Annual were sent to relocation offices, mostly in the areas where Jerome residents have been relocating.

The local press cooperated in the segregation operations by disregarding center activity and contenting itself with wire stories of a general nature.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

NONE

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

NONE

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

Subjects of a historical nature are outlined. Preparation will get under way this month.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 242 No. Received This Month 5 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Forty-six (46) segregation pictures, three (3) funeral pictures.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 266 Number Taken To Date 3,967

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending 10-31 1943Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op Issued: M T x W T F x S S CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center Total Outside

Free

Paid NoneDistribution: At Center 3250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed 14 Writers 4 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 2Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other . In Reports Office 1

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Co-op News	Co-op Enterprises	Not established	
Denson Outside Employment News	Leave Office	Not established	

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed) "The Relocation Program" in Japanese and English was distributed through the block managers. Three sets of clipping reprints. Four sets of relocation posters and letters prepared in the field were posted. Relocation photographs are being displayed.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

News articles in this area were limited primarily to brief handling of wire stories. Dr. Collier addressed the Dermott Rotary Club, showing moving pictures he took in Siam. An evacuee minister preached at a little Rock Christian church October 17. The reports officer contacted the Arkansas Gazette, the Arkansas Democrat and the AP in Little Rock and maintained good relationship with the Dermott News.

During the month the Tribune lost its last experienced staff member leaving only very young personnel. It is expected that an experienced and responsible editor will be recruited within a few days.

Public relation work suffered because most of the key personnel are devoting a large part of their time to leave clearance hearings.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Joe Sitlington	Dermott	Dermott News	10-31-43	10-31-43

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Parent-Teacher Organization and its standing.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared: **A report covering community government is nearing completion. Another, which will be the complete story of drainage, is under way.**

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 247 No. Received This Month 6 Photographs Released none

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

28. Agriculture, accident, funerals

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 59 Number Taken To Date 4,026

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) **It is our plan to limit the Tribune Japanese section to one page of straight news, and to add once or twice a month a regular Japanese supplement to the paper. This supplement, which will require several pages, will include relocation opportunities, reprints of newspaper acceptance stories, Americanization material, poetry, et.**

The Reports Office is clipping ideas from other center papers and directing them to the interested division head for consideration.

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REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending Nov. 30, 1943Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA x Co-Op Issued: M T x W T F x S S CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center Total Outside

Free

Paid None

Distribution: At Center 3250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed 17 Writers 5 Production Dept. 2 Artists 2 Clerical 4Advertising On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other . In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Co-op News	Community Enterprise	Not established	
Elementary School Paper		"	
High School Paper		"	

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

2 sets of clipping reprints. One Kansas City news letter.
Last of the relocation movies.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

It is not felt that Mr. Taylor's departure and Mr. Whitaker's arrival will have any particular effect on local public relations. Mr. Whitaker is well known and highly respected in this section. Mr. Taylor made a conscientious, and I believe, definitely valuable effort during the last few days of his time at the center toward maintaining our present pleasant relations. He spent considerable time saying his adieus in Portland, Dermott, and Lake Village.

With one exception there has been very little newspaper comment other than that arising from the Tule Lake situation. None of this seemed to have any particular effect upon local outside opinion or on the residents of the center. Rumors and discussions about the situation were so conspicuous by their absence that we refrained from publishing anything about Tule Lake in center newspaper.

The ARKANSAS GAZETTE, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT, and DERMOTT NEWS carried one story released during the month by the center. It covered completion of the main drainage ditch and although it included very little educational material, it had a definite value in reporting actual improvement to the project and surrounding lands. All three papers carried paragraphs to the effect that ^{the} administration was proud of the work which had been done by the evacuees, stated that the increased value of the land would be greater than the expense of the drainage project, and reported that the center's agricultural program had been successful beyond project needs making possible transfer of food stuffs to the other centers and to the army.

(Continued)

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magaz or radio writers, photograp

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

None

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

"Community Government"

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

A study showing the various administrative and individual efforts made toward furthering relocation.

A complete report on the center's drainage system.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 254 No. Received This Month 7 Photographs Released 2

To Whom Released Arkansas Gazette, Arkansas Democrat

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

10; Completion of big drainage ditch; Kindergarten; Funeral; Internal Security group.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 110 Number Taken To Date 4,136

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) (Continued)

W. O. Melton, Assistant Project Director in charge of operations, carried an imposing display of vegetables which are still in the fields to Dermott November 30, and told the Rotary Club about the success met with each crop. The club is predominantly agricultural and its members were highly interested in the experimental findings as displayed by Mr. Melton.

Mr. Whitaker's appointment has been announced as strictly permanent upon every occasion.

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REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending Dec. 31 1943

Center Jerome

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op _____ Issued: M T W T F X S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 3250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center _____ Outside _____

STAFF: Total Employed 17 Writers 5 Production Dept. 2 Artists 2 Clerical 4

Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other _____. In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Co-op News	Community Enterprise	Not established	
Elementary School Paper		"	
High School Paper		"	

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

All relocation pictures have been posted in the center Relocation Headquarters. 100 copies of press reprints were distributed to the block managers, mess halls, schools, and large offices.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

A little handbill furnished by the Camp Savage representatives was colored in the Leaves Office and distributed to each apartment.

The State press during December printed very little about local projects although the bathtub developments received wide coverage through wire stories.

The project attorney and the chief medical officer addressed the Dermott Rotary Club but stayed off the subject of relocation.

Miss Beryl Henry, Curriculum Supervisor, addressed the Women's Society of the Methodist Church in Hamburg, Arkansas, December 6. This address was general educational material on W.R.A. and its problems.

The day after this center received its new military police company the officer in charge was furnished informational material about W.R.A. and the residents of the center. He agreed to educate his men to the extent of that information.

The center received no unfavorable reaction from the Christmas shopping of evacuees outside the center. The number was limited to 100 per day for 8-day period prior to December 18, after which O.D.T. regulations were complied with scrupulously. One neighboring town sent a truck to the center for several days supplying free transportation for the evacuees. An evacuee committee chartered a bus which made 2 trips to the second town. Others who went out used common transportation. The daily average of those leaving the center was about 35.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived Departed Date

Japanese Relocation Papers
Bancroft Library

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Study on U.S.O. development is nearing final form.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

Administrative activity designed to further relocation.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 254 No. Received This Month None Photographs Released None

To Whom Released

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

6 funerals

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 59 Number Taken To Date 4195

WRA Photographer Visited Center From To Visit Scheduled (date)

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

If possible I would like for the Washington office to get clearance for a localized story on our Camp Savage volunteers which could be made available to the State press. The captain who was here would not reveal how many volunteers he found but he was very pleased at the respond. A little information about the schools and about the valuable service these men will make to the war effort and some personal information about them should make good reading.



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REPORTS OFFICE

Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center Total Outside

Free

Paid

Distribution: At Center 3250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed 16 Writers 6 Production Dept. Artists 2 Clerical 2Advertising On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other . In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Co-op News	Cooperative Enterprises	Not established	
School paper	Schools	Not established	

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Several administrative notices displayed

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Following press and radio releases of Philippine atrocity stories all types of leave, with the exception of indefinite, were temporarily curtailed because it was feared they might give rise to an incident of some sort in neighboring communities which would harm the entire program. We released a statement by Frank Arakawa, chairman of the Community Council and veteran of the last war, in which he expressed his indignation for the residents in general, hoped the guilty would be punished, took pride in the fact that there are Nisei in the army and asked the public to remember that there are good Americans with Japanese faces. This was carried in all the state papers of any size, and got on the Blue network, through the Associated Press. Ulys A. Lovell, project attorney, addressed the state meeting of the American Association of University Women January 4 at Fayetteville, Arkansas. The Relocation Team was well received, as reported previously.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
None				

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

It has so far been impossible to secure the services of a research worker capable of preparing satisfactory supplementary reports, or to find capable assistance for completion of special reports already undertaken.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 260 No. Received This Month 6 Photographs Released none

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
One funeral picture. Series of pictures showing operation of a cooperative store organized in the Elementary School. Processed films and prints for the Relocation Team.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 120 Number Taken To Date 4215

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

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REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending Feb. 29 194 4Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T X W T F X S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center _____ Outside 3250 Circulation: At Center _____ Outside _____STAFF: Total Employed 16 Writers 6 Production Dept. _____ Artists 2 Clerical 2Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other _____ In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Elementary Echoes	Primary School	Once a week	1200
Condenser	Secondary School	Twice a week	1200
Coop News	Jerome Coop Enter. Inc.	Once a week	2500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Administrative notices displayed. News reprints distributed.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Neighborhood relations slipped back to normal quickly after the January atrocity stories, and temporary short term pass restrictions were lifted early in the month. Reinstatement of the draft for Nisei caused little comment by the state press but occasioned considerable discussion at the center. Every effort was made to secure and make public all particulars of the draft and its procedure, which included a conference with State Selective Service Headquarters in Little Rock, attendance at a Selective Service meeting in Monticello and several discussions with Dermott businessmen and members of the Chicot County Board. The center newspaper and the project director's executive staff adhered to one constant theme -- 'It is the privilege of any individual to complain of anything as loudly as he desires, but it is very unwise for one man to complain about selective service in the name of and for the benefit of another.' Announcement that the center would be closed was made February 22 to appointed personnel and a representative group of evacuee leaders. By that time the thing had become practically an open secret, and announcement was in no way a shock to the residents. The news caused little interest outside the center. Most papers carried Secretary Ikes' statement together with a few facts and figures having to do with construction and agricultural accomplishments realized so far.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

None

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Selective Service reactions and arrangements

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 308 No. Received This Month 21 Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

6 Funeral pictures. 14 passport pictures. 12 documentary pictures

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 78 Number Taken To Date 4293

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

This center's project attorney has consistently refused to complete the monthly report prepared for his office, on the grounds that his weekly reports to Mr. Glick cover all such information in full and that statistical records of number of conversations held is meaningless.

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For Month Ending March 31 1944

REPORTS OFFICE

Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T X W T F X S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free

Paid

Distribution: At Center 3250 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center _____ Outside _____STAFF: Total Employed 16 Writers 6 Production Dept. _____ Artists 2 Clerical _____Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other _____. In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Elementary Echoes	Primary School	Weekly	1200
Condenser	Secondary School	Semi-weekly	1200
Coop News	Jerome Coop. Ent. Inc.	Weekly	2500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

The 442nd Combat Unit movie "Go For Broke" was given a center-wide showing with a total attendance of 2600. One news reprint and copies of Sergeant Kuroki's speech before the Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, were distributed to the schools and block managers and other organizations.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Public relations at this center remained on a favorable basis. The visit of Mr. Forta and Mr. Barrows evoked comment by some local papers. Mr. Whitaker's speech before the Agricultural Club in Memphis, Tennessee, was commented upon by the Commercial Appeal and the Arkansas Gazette at some length. Relocation of qualified evacuees and the fact that the center is as self-sustaining as possible were given special mention in the write-ups. The release of Secretary Iokes' report on the W. R.A. was given space by most papers, with selective service statistics of the centers given special emphasis. One reader of the Gazette wrote to the editor of her misconception of the relocation program.

VISITORS (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

Japanese Reference Papers
Bangkok Library

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Movie "Go For Broke"

Use of W.R.A. pictures in center and suggestions for further use.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 364 No. Received This Month None Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

1 funeral picture, 21 passport pictures, 15 documentary pictures.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 52 Number Taken To Date 4975

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit
Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Mr. Lynn was detailed to Washington and left March 16. Mr. Melton is taking over his duties in addition to his own.

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For Month Ending March 1944

REPORTS OFFICE

Center Heart MountainTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 4200 Total Outside 1150

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 300 Outside 200 Circulation: At Center 4200 Outside 550STAFF: Total Employed 30 Writers 10 Production Dept. 6 Artists 0 Clerical 4Advertising 2 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 10 In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Sentinel Supplement	Reports Division	three times weekly or as needed	3100

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Regular dissemination of bulletins, pamphlets, posting of clippings and other matters of interest.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

March was an extremely slow month in public relations, due in a large degree, to unfavorable publicity and public reaction to reluctance of many nisei to selective service. During the month authorizations for shopping in Cody and Powell were held to a minimum. Marked copies of The Sentinel were sent to West Coast papers whenever "success" stories of evacuees were published. The marked copies going to former home towns of evacuees. Success of this experiment cannot at present be measured since we do not subscribe to any coast papers. The Heart Mountain girls' basketball team played two games with the Powell, Wyo., GAA team while the center all-star team played a game with the Lovell, Wyo., Indians. Several delegates from the Camp Fire girls attended a conference in Denver. The Red Cross drive here netted \$1896.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>	<u>Departed</u>
Alice Binby	Cheyenne, Wyo.	Baptist Missions	March 10	April 3

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 0

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: **Community Analyst's report on Fair Play Committee. study of center's first one hundred deaths.**

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

Unable to get qualified worker for the Documentary section.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 368 No. Received This Month 61 Photographs Released none

To Whom Released U.S.C., Relocation Office

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Visiting army personnel, photos for school annual; total: 120

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 180 Number Taken To Date 3275

WRA Photographer Hikaru Iwasaki Visited Center From 3/4 To 3/23 Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Releases received from Washington and from field reports officers have been most helpful and assist greatly in rounding out the general coverage we like to have The Sentinel publish. With the decline of more competent members of the newspaper staff, it is necessary to depend more and more on other WRA services.

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REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending April 30 1944Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T X W T F X S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2900 Total Outside 300

Free

Paid

Distribution: At Center 2900 Outside 300 Circulation: At Center _____ Outside _____STAFF: Total Employed 15 Writers 9 Production Dept. _____ Artists 2 Clerical _____Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other _____. In Reports Office 2

* In order to conserve paper

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Elementary Echoes	Primary School	Monthly	1200
Condensor	Secondary School	Semi-monthly	1200
Co-op News	Jerome Co-op Ent. Inc.	Weekly	2500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Besides eight news releases, copies of Mr. Myer's speeches before the Tuesday Evening Club, Pasadena, Calif. and the Civic Organizations meeting, Salt Lake City, Utah, were distributed.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

On the "pro" side of the public relations ledger for April was an editorial in the Arkansas Gazette condemning Governor Bricker's attitude toward Japanese relocation. Considerable space was devoted to Secretary Ickes' defense of the WRA against the remarks of Governors Bricker and Edge and Mayor LaGuardia.

Arkansas Representative Norrell's mandate to the WRA "to leave only three Japs in Arkansas when the war is over.", headlines the "con" side with articles in three of the local papers, and some space was devoted to draft violators at Rohwer. One columnist in the Pine Bluff Commercial went into a lengthy discussion as to the reason for these boys' action.

The Easter egg hunts held at both Jerome and Rohwer through the kindness of the 442nd Combat Team and their friend, Mr. Earl Finch, was the subject of a joint press release from the reports offices. of the two centers.

A baseball game between the Pine Bluff (Ark.) Cardinals and the Jerome All-Stars played at this center was covered completely and favorably in the Pine Bluff paper.

Two delegates each from this center and from the Rohwer and Poston centers attended a YWCA Conference in Little Rock, Ark. from April 11 through April 14, which encompassed thirteen Southern states. During a "workshop" discussion, the group had ample opportunity to tell the delegates about center life and relocation.

On April 29, a group of twelve Christian church members presented a play at a young people's meeting of the Methodist Church in Little Rock. This play, "The Exit We Search",
(continued on reverse side)

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date.

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

Japanese Relocation Papers
Bangor Library

None

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

None

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 367 No. Received This Month 3 Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 104 Number Taken To Date 5079

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

was written by Miss Mary Nakahara of this center, and depicted the people's feelings at being evacuated, the birth of the 442nd Combat Team, and the ultimate hope of most center residents to be relocated. The play created a favorable impression and the young people who participated were welcomed into the church members' homes and were taken on sight-seeing trips in the city. The play was repeated the following night before a still larger audience which filled the hall of the Pulaski Heights Christian Church, North Little Rock, and was just as enthusiastically received by them. Both the Democrat and the Gazette mentioned the latter meeting in their church news.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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For Month Ending May 31, 1944

REPORTS OFFICE

Center JEROMETHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T X W T F X S SCIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2800 Total Outside 300

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2800 * Outside 300 Circulation: At Center _____ Outside _____STAFF: Total Employed 15 Writers 9 Production Dept. _____ Artists 2 Clerical _____Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 4 Other _____. In Reports Office 3

* Circulation reduced further as of May 19 to this figure due to segregation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Elementary Echoes	Primary School	Monthly	1200
Condensor	Secondary School	Semi-monthly	1200
Co-op News	Jerome Co-op. Ent., Inc.	Weekly	2500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Besides one news re-print and two news releases from the WRA Chicago office, copies of the article "Our Racial Refugees" and "The Displaced Japanese-Americans" were distributed to various groups within the center.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Activities connected with the closing of the center prevented much effort in the public relations field. The town of Dermott, Jerome's closest neighbor, is pretty well concerned over the fact that they are losing the center and that so far no further occupation of its facilities is assured.

State papers published very little which concerned WRA. There was one item reporting that 90 boys from the center had been processed at the Little Rock induction center in one day. The three Little Rock papers had previously been advised that the large number of boys would be in town. Copy and photographs concerning a 5-star mother were sent to the Washington office for release.

The project had a distinguished visitor in Rt. Rev. R. Bland Mitchell, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Arkansas, who spoke to the graduating seniors on the subject of "New World" at their baccalaureate services.

The sport fans of Jerome had the satisfaction of seeing both baseball teams which visited during the month lose to the Denson All-Stars. One nine, the Pine Bluff Cardinals, which had previously visited Jerome last month, lost by a score of 4-3. The Stuttgart Army Air Field team lost 9-6.

21 girls from Jerome visited Japanese American soldiers at Camp Shelby over one week-end.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

Departed

NONE

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3*

- * One part-time worker was employed to aid in the compilation of the final report.
Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

The final historical report of the center is in the process of being prepared under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Lynn and Miss Eleanor P. Moore of the Washington office. The various divisions and sections, on the whole, have been very cooperative in spite of the demands made upon their time by the imminent closing of the center.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 369 No. Received This Month 2 Photographs Released 2

To Whom Released 5-star mother's photographs were sent to Washington for release.

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

3 funeral pictures

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 170 Number Taken To Date 5249

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

On May 3 Mr. Lynn was journalized into the Washington office and on that date he returned to this center. Since then, he has been occupied with the writing of the final report and also other activities incident to closing the center.



Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

For Month Ending 6/24 194 4Center JeromeTHE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA X Co-Op Issued: M T X W T F X S S CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center Total Outside Free Paid Distribution: At Center Outside Circulation: At Center Outside STAFF: Total Employed Writers Production Dept. Artists Clerical Advertising On Japanese-Language Section Other In Reports Office

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Issued By</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Circulation</u> <u>(Ave. Per Issue)</u>
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Limited to public and individual notices concerning transfer operations.

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The Acting Reports Officer was at the center Until June 26th on detail from Washington. A great deal of time during the early part of the month was devoted to determination of individual transfer destinations. The remainder of the period was devoted to collecting, editing, and re-writing of the final unit, section, and division reports. An office for this purpose had been set up in May. Eleanor P. Moore of the Washington Office remained at the center until June 26th, devoting most of her time to the final report and the balance to duties ordinarily expected of the Reports Office.

The Tribune "30" edition was distributed June 6th. No further bulletins or notices were required. The staff began leaving under center transfer a few days later. Each individual remained on the payroll, many of them assigned to work in other divisions, however, until they were required to transfer. Four members of the staff remained as members of the final contingent. One of these, the editor of the Tribune, devoted full time to assisting with the preparation and checking of the final train lists and trip manifests. Another cleaned out the Tribune Office, checking supplies and equipment to Property Control and converting old files under the direction of the Washington office to paper salvage. The other

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

Name

From

Representing

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REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

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two final contingent members devoted full time to typing in connection with the final report and to some of the normal activity of the Reports Office. Missing copies of the Tribune and other center publications were in nearly every instance supplied to various universities and libraries upon request.

The photographic laboratory was turned over to photographers of the Denver office early in the month. These men took some 200 pictures which should represent very comprehensively the efforts of closing operations, and returned to Denver June 23rd. The laboratory was closed on that date. All equipment was transferred to other centers by that section prior to the end of the period covered by this report. Open supplies of film paper, flash bulbs and some cameras were given to the Denver photographers. Film for the official WRA camera was transferred with the camera. A small supply of flash bulbs was sent to the Washington photographer.

The office issued two news releases, one of these submitted by telegraph covered the details of this center's first and only Selective Service delinquent. The second telephoned to the Associated Press and the Arkansas Democrat was a very brief account of the center's suicide.

The final report, about 50% of which had been typed in final form together with files necessary for knowledge of that which had not been written, was shipped to the Washington Office for final compilation. A few particular reports required by the Project Director of section heads who were unable to complete the assignment because of too extensive activity in the closing operations will be mailed to the Washington Office by direction of the Project Director in due time.