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WEEKLY INFORMATION SUMMARY

War Relocation Authority

San Francisco Regional Office

No. IV

Week Ending May 30, 1942

COLORADO SITE  
RECOMMENDED  
FOR APPROVAL

The report on the XY Ranch-Granada site, together with a recommendation it be approved as a relocation site for 10,000 Japanese, was airmailed last night to Washington.

At the end of the week, the situation with respect to the various projects was as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Population (x)</u>
OPERATING:			
Manzanar	Calif.	10,000	9,678
Poston	Ariz.	20,000	7,623
Tule Lake	Calif.	<u>11,000</u>	<u>447</u>
		41,000	17,748
UNDER CONSTRUCTION:			
Gila	Ariz.	10,000 10,000	
APPROVED:			
Minadoka	Idaho	10,000	
Heart Mountain	Wyoming	<u>10,000</u>	
		20,000	
RECOMMENDED:			
XY Ranch	Colorado	10,000	
Central Utah	Utah	10,000	
Cambridge	Nebraska	7½,000	
Tule Lake	Calif.	<u>5,000</u>	(Additional)
		32,000	



Total capacity (operating, under construction, approved and recommended .....103,000.

(x) Population figures are approximate, based on actual reports and anticipated WCCA movements May 29, 1942.

#### ARMY FORMALLY REJECTS BEARDSLEY

Formal rejection of the beardsley, Arizona, site by the army was received by the War Relocation Authority today. The Beardsley area had been counted on for a relocation area for 15,000. Verbal army clearance was given May 3, 1942, later rescinded upon the protest of the air corps because of the proximity of the projected relocation center to Luke Field.

Final refusal of the army to clear the Ft. Hall site in Idaho also was received this morning.

Word still is awaited on the request to the army to reconsider its rejection of the Pecos, Texas, area. The Pecos site is considered economically feasible to support a relocation center for 15,000 or 20,000 Japanese. Since the first army rejection, boundaries of this site have been readjusted to increase the distance from military installations.

#### BERYLE AREA CONSIDERED "OUT"

Mr. Cozzens' office reports the water situation in the Beryle area, lying between Modena and Milford in southwestern Utah, looks impossible for a relocation center.

The purported irrigation water supply was to have come from underground sources. Investigations disclosed that Karla Louise McGarry had filed applications with the state engineer for permission to sink 987 wells to appropriate 987 second feet of water for the



irrigation of 34,440 acres of land on the Escalante Desert. In rejecting these applications on May 17, 1940, the state engineer wrote:

"For many years there has been a limited use of underground water in the Beryle area. The state engineer has a record of 371 wells having been drilled, of which all but 87 were, due to insufficient water supply or adverse agricultural conditions, reduced to disuse in 1939. Of the 87 being used, only 23 produced 200 gallons per minute (.44 second feet) or more; one other produced more than 26 gallons per minute and the balance were all small wells sufficient only for domestic and stock-watering use. In view of this showing it is preposterous to contemplate that 987 second feet of water (444,150 gallons per minute) can be developed within the area.

".....In the light of the foregoing, the applications have been rejected....on the ground that (1) there is not unappropriated water available in the amount claimed; (2) the proposed use would impair existing rights; (3) the proposed plan is not physically or economically feasible and would prove detrimental to public welfare, and (4) the application was filed for the purposes of speculation and monopoly."

#### CAMBRIDGE LOOKS UNCERTAIN

Considerable uncertainty has been thrown around the Cambridge, Nebraska, project, which has been recommended for 7,000 because of the difficulty in obtaining priorities on twenty two miles of copper wire necessary to supply power to the site.

Requests have been made to the army to press the matter of pri-



orities but at the moment the situation appears uncertain. The military has been informed the Cambridge project is urgent because of army rejection of the Beardsley site.

CENTRAL UTAH REPORT MONDAY

The report on the purchase of necessary water stocks for the Central Utah project for 10,000 is due to be received in the regional office Monday. Latest reports are to the effect the situation looks favorable.

SITE BOARD VIEWS MULESHOE AREA

Members of the site board and representatives of the War Relocation Center today are inspecting the Muleshoe area in western Texas. Preliminary investigations have shown the area holds some definite possibilities for a relocation center.

MESA ORCHARDS SITE REJECTED

The Mesa Orchards site in Idaho is being formally disapproved by the economics division.

INCREASE RECOMMENDED FOR TULE LAKE

Recommendations have been made that the capacity of the Tule Lake Relocation Center be increased from 11,000 to 16,000. Present indications are this would involve the enlarging of the existing camp area rather than attempting to construct a separate camp west of the present site.

The Tule area is considered feasible for a center larger than originally planned because of the availability of fertile, government owned land and ample water supplies.

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LABOR RECRUITING  
IS UNDER WAY  
AT FIVE CENTERS

Recruitment of labor for private employment in best thinning activities is under way at five assembly centers--Santa Anita, Sacramento and Marysville, California; Portland, Oregon; and Puyallup, Washington.

One hundred Japanese are ready to be moved from Santa Anita to Bonneville County, Idaho, for employment by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company. The sign-up was conducted by the U. S. Employment Service and representatives of the company.

About sixty five have been moved out of Portland for work for Amalgamated Sugar Company in Malheur County, Oregon. From Puyallup, nine went to Malheur County and thirteen to Blaine County, Idaho.

Recruiting at Puyallup was slowed by adverse newspaper publicity quoting Chase Clark of Idaho as saying at a Grangeville Lions Club meeting: "A good solution for the Jap problem in Idaho, and the nation, would be to send them all back to Japan and then sink the island into the sea. They live like rats, breed like rats and act like rats."

The Santa Anita signup was retarded somewhat by the fact there were no USES representatives on the ground when the recruiting was commenced Thursday--only a representative of the company. This situation since has been corrected.

In the process of being cleared are requests of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company for ~~250~~ 250 families in Montana and of the American Sugar Company for 100 families in the same state.

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100,500 JAPANESE  
WILL BE IN  
CENTERS JUNE 6TH

The Wartime Civil Control Administration estimates that by June 6th West Coast Japanese in relocation and assembly centers will total 100,500.

Movements under the various exclusion orders, including those already completed and those in progress, were reported as follows:

Exclusion Orders from 1 to 85----Completed, showing a total of 86,505 Japanese.

Exclusion Order 86--1,834 moved from Los Angeles to the Poston Relocation Center, including 941 moved yesterday; apparently 27 yet to be moved under this order.

Exclusion Orders 87, 88, 89, 90 and 91--A total of 971 to be moved from Oregon and Washington points to Tule Lake on June 1, 2 and 3.

Exclusion Orders 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, and 97--These orders affect 7,175 in several California counties for movement to assembly centers at Fresno, Sacramento, Turlock, Pinedale and Santa Anita. With the removal of 2,342 yesterday, this operation was completed.

Exclusion Order 98--Estimated 1,100 from Washington to be moved to Tule Lake and the Portland Assembly Center.

Exclusion Order 99--About 800 to be moved from Yolo County to Tule Lake. (This order only in posting stage.)

These orders practically complete the operation of moving the Japanese from their homes to assembly and relocation centers. Possibly, in addition, there are some 2,000 more to be moved.

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TANFORAN GROUP  
WANTS FIRST  
WORK CORPS SPOT

The following letter was received at the San Francisco Regional Office from the Tanforan Assembly Center:

"If you will give us, the Christian Group in Tanforan, the privilege and honor of being the first enlistees in the War Relocation Work Corps, we will be most happy to do our utmost for this great American cause."

The letter said the group has a membership of about 3,000 men, women and children. New Work Corps forms are being drawn up in the regional office.

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MOVEMENT TO TULE  
HANDLED SMOOTHLY

The movement of 447 evacuees, members of the advance detachment, from the Puyallup Assembly Center to the Tule Lake Relocation Center was handled smoothly and without incident. Included in the contingent was a large percentage of single persons and their housing required an area which should accommodate 900.

Arrangements are being completed to send three doctors and eleven nurses to the center immediately. Project Director Shirrell reported the hospital is being set up and progress is good.

A small fire starting from the hot water heater in the employees' quarters Thursday did slight damage to the building and some damage to the clothing and personal effects of the employees.

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EVACUEE SKILLS

VARY WIDELY

IN PROFESSIONS

Dr. Thompson completed a survey of professional skills among Japanese evacuees in all assembly centers, except Pinedale, and at Manzanar and Poston, showing excesses above minimum requirements among some professions and serious deficiencies in others.

The greatest deficiency appears to be in nurses and efforts will be made to train them as rapidly as possible. The report shows 65 physicians, 29 medical students, 56 registered nurses, 77 student nurses, 42 practical nurses, 27 dentists, 19 dental students, 9 dental technicians, 13 dental assistants, 79 pharmacists, 24 optometrists, 12 dieticians, 27 laboratory technicians and 2 x-ray technicians.

Under the supervision of the Wartime Civil Control Administration, an analysis of all trades and skills among the evacuees has been completed. This reveals that about 45 percent of all Pacific Coast Japanese were engaged in agriculture prior to their evacuation.

Based on 1940 census figures, the summary discloses 48, 691 employed persons over 14 years of age. Agriculture accounted for 22, 027; manufacturing for 1, 978; construction 96; mining 12; transport and public utilities 706; wholesale and retail trade 11,472; personal services 8,336; professional and related 1,326; amusement and recreation 251; government 126; and business and repair services 411.

The greatest deficiency, it appears, exists in construction work which accounted for only .2 of 1 per cent of the evacuees.

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NOTE FROM PROJECTS:

From Poston, Wade Head wires: "Urgently request 1,500 additional steel cots be rushed to Camp One. These are necessary to take care of full 10,000 evacuees. Health conditions much improved. ".....Dr. Thompson recommended against allowing Japanese to use own dishes at Tule Lake because of dishwashing problem involved.....Severe wind storm did some damage at Manzanar nursery.....The WRA opened the first community store at Manzanar, replacing army canteen, and did \$1.700 gross the first day.....In order to minimize incidence of respiratory illnesses at Tule Lake, sealing and covering of sidewalls of living quarters and mess halls was urged by Dr. Thompson ....Organization of a credit union at Manzanar and other relocation centers is under consideration by Mr. Coverley.....Several cases of illness attributed to the heat were reported at Poston.....Manzanar group asks permission to publish a monthly magazine....Construction work at the Gila center is ten days ahead of schedule and the opening date has been tentatively set for August 1.....AtManzanar, 150 families are states to be in destitute circumstances, unable to purchase many necessary incidentals, such as tooth brushes and the like.

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CAPTAIN ASTRUP ASSUMES DUTIES

During the week, Captain Astrup assumed his duties as the WRA's liaison with the WCCA. He will handle all business of the WRA that requires direct negotiation with the WCCA and all other divisions of the army, except that quartermaster procurement matter will continue to be handled by Colonel Foy.

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War Relocation Authority  
NO. 5

San Francisco Regional Office  
Week Ending June 6, 1942

TWO REJECTIONS:  
ONE APPROVAL

During the week, the Army rejected ~~clearance on the Pecos~~, Tex., site which gave every indication of being a satisfactory location from an economic standpoint. Also killed during the week was the Cambridge, Nebr., site because of the inability to get the necessary priority for construction of 20 miles of power lines.

During the week, the Western Defense Command announced the approval of the XX-Granada site in southeastern Colorado to accommodate 7000 evacuees.

Also approved during the week was the Rohwer, Desha Co., site in Arkansas to accommodate 10,000.

At the week's end, the War Relocation Authority was within arms reach of facilities to accommodate 100,000. The count at this time stands as follows:

Colorado River Project	20,000
Manzanar	10,000
Tule Lake	16,000
Gila River	15,000
Heart Mountain, Wyo.	10,000
XX-Granada, Col.	7,000
Gooding, Ida.	10,000
Rohwer, Ark.	10,000
Total	<u>98,000</u>

CENTRAL UTAH  
SITE ACQUISITION  
BEING PUSHED

In an effort to wind up the lengthy negotiations to acquire sufficient water stock for the McCormick site, Cozens will arrive at Utah, Monday, June 8, to look over the site and will survey the



situation on stock auctions with Army officials.

It is expected that the final recommendation on the McCornick site will eliminate the purchase of 3200 acres of privately owned land. This, however, will not reduce the capacity of the project to accommodate evacuees.

The McCornick site has dragged out for several weeks because of the tangled water-rights titles in that area.

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#### STUDY OF NEW SITES CONTINUES

Out of scores of suggestions for relocation sites which have reached the Regional Office in the past few months, a relatively small portion of these recommendations have offered enough, upon investigation, to merit a close field study. In most cases, Federal agencies have been asked for information on economic facts with reference to the area and in many instances it has been found that the sites were absolutely hopeless. Many sites, it should be reported, appear adequate for a community of from 1000 to 2000 people, but lack sufficient resources for a minimum of 5000.

The Black Canyon project is now being carefully investigated. If it continues to look as favorable as it now appears, a site board may be asked to investigate.

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#### THREE NEW MEXICO SITES REJECTED

During the week, three sites in New Mexico were rejected because of inadequate resources. These included Mirabal site near San Rafael, about eight miles southeast from the Blue Water site which was also rejected. Another site rejected in that state was the



Bosque Del Apache.

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SPECIAL CLIMATIC  
STUDIES UNDER WAY

Special studies are now under way in the Regional Office to bring together all important information with reference to climatic conditions at each relocation center. Although climatic factors were carefully studied in the selection of each site, the investigations now under way have to do with recommendations to be made with reference to housing, heating, and the construction of community facilities. Among other things, a study is being made of the maximum snowfall over the long period for which weather reports are available and also maximum and minimum temperatures.

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NEW ENLISTMENT  
FORM

Contracts will be let on Monday, June 8, for the printing of 25,000 revised enlistment forms. These will be printed in duplicate on a good quality of paper, one copy going to the enlistee, the other to be held in the files of the War Relocation Authority.

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MANZANAR REPORT  
COMPLETED

The report on the Manzanar center as of June 1, when WRA assumed charge, has been completed and will be airmailed to Washington today, June 6. The report was prepared by Mr. Roy Nash, Manzanar director, with the assistance of Mr. George Dean of the Information Service staff.



EVACUEES AT RELOCATION  
CENTERS NOW MORE THAN 18,000

A total of 18,700 were in the three relocation centers at the weeks' end. Count showed 9,679 at Manzanar, 7,641 at Parker and 1,380 at Tule Lake.

MANZANAR STORY  
GETS PRESS AND  
MAGAZINE ATTENTION

During the week Manzanar was the subject of considerable attention from newspaper and magazine writers. Arthur Caylor, prominent San Francisco columnist, published three articles in the San Francisco News on Manzanar following a trip to the center on Sunday, May 31. The Caylor stories are regarded by regional staff members as good, objective reporting.

The current issue of the American Magazine is scheduled to carry an article on Manzanar, arrangements on which had been handled by WECA officials before WRA assumed control.

Collier's Correspondent, Jim Marshall, visited Manzanar last week; his article has been passed by WCCA and is described as "a splendid job".

Reader's Digest has ordered an article on the Owens Valley area in which the author, Frank J. Taylor, will give considerable attention to the Manzanar center.

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WEEKLY INFORMATION SUMMARY

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War Relocation AuthoritySan Francisco Regional OfficeNo. VIWeek Ending June 13, 1942DELTA, UTAH, SITE  
RECOMMENDED  
FOR APPROVAL

The report of the Site Board, together with a recommendation that the Delta, Utah, site be approved as a relocation site for 10,000 Japanese, was airmailed to Washington today. It was also recommended that no further consideration be given to the McCormick site in Central Utah.

At the end of the week, the situation with respect to the various projects was as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Population</u>
OPERATING:			
Manzanar	Calif.	10,000	9586
Peston	Ariz.	20,000	7646
Tule Lake	Calif.	<u>16,000</u>	<u>1906</u>
		46,000	19,138

UNDER CONSTRUCTION:			
Gila	Ariz.	15,000	
Heart Mt.	Nyo.	10,000	
Gooding (Jerome)	Idaho	<u>10,000</u>	
		25,000	

APPROVED AND ANNOUNCED:			
X-Y Ranch	Colorado	7,000	
Kelso Farms	Arkansas	<u>10,000</u>	
		17,000	

RECOMMENDED:			
Beardisley	Ariz.	15,000	
Delta	Utah	<u>10,000</u>	
		25,000	



<u>Project</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Population</u>
UNDER INVESTIGATION:			
Black Canyon	Idaho	10,000 (x)	
Cambridge	Nebraska	<u>7,000 (x)</u>	
		17,000	

(x) Estimated probable capacity

Total capacity (operating, under construction, approved, being investigated) ..... 130,000

FIRST MAJOR MOVEMENT  
TO RELOCATION CENTERS  
TO BEGIN JUNE 15

Orders have been issued by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt for the first major movement inland of Japanese evacuated from strategic Pacific Coast areas to temporary Assembly Centers during the past 11 weeks to begin Monday, June 15.

Approximately 4800 Japanese will be moved from the Sacramento Assembly Center to Tule Lake at the rate of 1000 every two days. This transfer will virtually empty the Sacramento Center. A second transfer to Tule Lake will begin June 24, when approximately 2400 Japanese from the Marysville Assembly Center will be moved at the rate of 500 a day. This will bring the population of the Tule Lake Project to about 8600.

A third transfer will begin June 28 with the movement of approximately 3600 Japanese from the Salinas Assembly Center to Poston. This transfer will also be at the rate of 500 a day.

WRA DIVIDED INTO  
TWO REGIONS

Announcement was made by Director Eisenhower this week that the field work of the WRA has been divided into two administrative regions - the Pacific Coast and Central Regions. The former, to be administered from the San Francisco Regional Office, comprises Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona,



Nevada, Idaho, and Utah. For the present the Central Region, embracing all territory outside of the Pacific Coast Region, will be administered directly out of Washington by Mr. Eisenhower. The San Francisco Office will not only direct the work in the far western region, but will be responsible for directing liaison with the Western Defense Command and for directing the transfer of evacuees to relocation centers, either in this region or elsewhere. The regional staff also may be called upon to review and examine proposed project sites outside the region.

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GERMAN AND ITALIAN  
ALIEN EVACUATION  
A POSSIBILITY

Washington - Evacuation of German and Italian aliens from the West Coast probably will begin shortly after all Japanese have been placed in assembly centers, according to advice received by E. R. Stauber, chief of the Relocation Planning Division, from the War Department. This evacuation would be handled on an individual basis rather than a mass basis, but no definite plans have been announced. The War Department is also considering evacuation of Japanese from Hawaii to WRA relocation centers on the mainland, but no decision has been reached.

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PLANS APPROVED FOR SCHOOLS

At a meeting held June 10 officials of the WRA and FSA approved plans for school buildings to be built at the projects. A 10,000-population center will have two elementary schools and one junior-senior high school. Since the buildings will be composed of a series of units, they can easily be adapted to local conditions. Each junior-senior high school will have an auditorium or gymnasium and one elementary school at least will have an assembly hall. Construction at Manzanar will be started shortly under the supervision of the FSA.



#### FIRES AT TULE LAKE

Five fires in boiler room installations have now been reported from Tule Lake by Project Director Shirrell. Studies to determine whether the fires are due to defective installations or faulty operation are under way. A sixth fire occurred in the contractor's planing mill.

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#### FUNERAL POLICIES ANNOUNCED

In Circular Letter No. 12 to Regional and Project Personnel, Regional Director E. R. Fryer stated the obligations of the government regarding funerals. If the family or community is financially unable to assume responsibility, the government will. At the time each project opens the Project Procurement Officer will solicit bids on a contract for funeral services. The Project Director will establish a project cemetery. It will be the responsibility of the Project Health Officer to file the death certificate, to ascertain that the provisions of the funeral contract are met, and to keep a record of all funerals.

Some of these policies are intended to meet emergency requirements. Later, when a project is organized and functioning, as a responsible community, it should assume all financial obligations.

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#### NEW HEAD OF INFORMATION DIVISION

Mr. John Baker this week succeeded Mr. John Bird as head of the Information Division. Mr. Baker was until recently on the staff of the Office of Facts and Figures and previously had been in the radio service of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. Mr. Bird has accepted a position with the Curtis Publishing Co.

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991 WORKING IN BEST FIELDS

The regional employment division reports that as of June 12a total of 991 evacuees are now privately employed in the best fields of Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. 5409 persons remain to be released under present authorizations. Of these, 129 were recruited at Manzanar and the remainder at assembly centers at Portland, Puyallup, Santa Anita, Sacramento, Marysville, Merced, Fresno, Turlock, Stockton, and Tanforan.

Idaho now has 507 evacuees working in Bonneville, Twin Falls, Bingham, Rupert, Minidoka and Madison Counties; Oregon, 298 in Malheur County; and Montana 186 in Blaine, Dhinook, Glasgow, Malta, Phillips, Townsend, and Broadwater Counties.

The Amalgamated Sugar Co. has employed 501 evacuees in Oregon and Idaho, the Utah-Idaho sugar Co. 445 in Idaho and Montana, and the American Crystal Sugar Co. 45 in Montana.

From the various assembly centers have gone the following numbers: Portland 289, Santa Anita, 179, Stockton, 125, Merced, 64, Puyallup, 47, Turlock, 45, Sacramento, 53, Tanforan, 13, and Marysville, 8.

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STATUS OF CAMOUFLAGE  
NET WORKERS AT  
MANZANAR STILL UNSETTLED

Mr. Nash, Project Director at Manzanar met yesterday with block leaders to discuss the failure of workers on camouflage nets to show up for work on the project. Only 65 out of an expected 150 reported for work yesterday. The question of whether this project is to be classified as one for skilled or unskilled labor is under discussion. A decision is expected the first part of next week when U. S. Engineers will go to Manzanar from Los Angeles.

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BRIEF NOTES

The Works Corps Enlistment form is now being printed..... Quantities of vegetables to be produced in relocation centers, over and above subsistence needs, will depend on processing facilities available.....Tentative plans call for plantings on about 2200 acres at Tule Lake this year.....Copies of a tentative ~~policy~~ statement of policies and activities of the War Relocation Authority were received.....Permission was granted for recruiting of Japanese in Military Area No. 2 and was scheduled to begin today.....The evacuation of some 100,000 Pacific Coast Japanese from Military Area No. 1 was completed on June 8....Almost a quarter of a million dollars worth of equipment was bought for Poston, half of it already having been delivered. This was second-hand, heavy equipment bought directly by Mr. Gosline, chief of the public worksdivision.

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