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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending January 31, 1945Center CENTRAL UTAH

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A. Community Invitation.....	25	75
B. Advance Approval.....	7	21

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Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amt. of Assistance	Aver. Amt. Per Person
Received	70	107	\$6033.52	
Approved	70	107	\$6033.52	56.39

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B. Pending action at center.....	---
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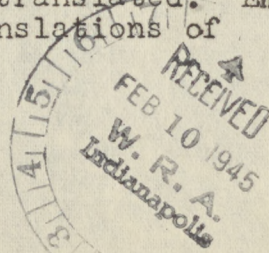
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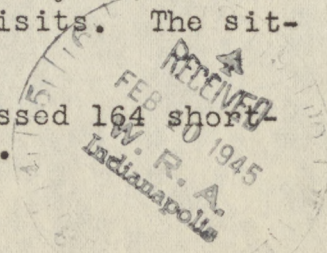
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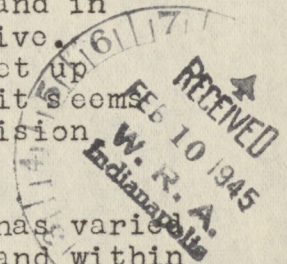
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A. Community Invitation.....	30 25	95 75
B. Advance Approval.....	71	21 21

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III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....		37
A. Community Invitation.....	30	90
B. Advance Approval.....	7	21

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amt. of Assistance	Aver. Amt. Per Person
Received	97			
Approved	95	129	\$6,934.88	\$53.91

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....	
B. Pending action at center.....	0
VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission....	1
VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee.....	0
VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board.....	

IX Narrative statement on Progress of center Organization for Relocation Planning

There was one meeting of the Staff Relocation Committee held during Mr. Myer's visit to the Center. Discussion at this meeting was lively and significant.

The Future Planning Commission has not yet been revived. Competition in the form of the All-Center Conference in February made it impossible to focus this activity.

There were three meetings of the Relocation Staff during February. One attended by Mr. LeGrand Dunkley, Relocation Office, Salt Lake City, dealt with problems with field offices. A second meeting was held for questions and discussion with an evacuee leader who had recently returned from the West Coast. The third was a meeting on procedural problems of our own.

Several other conferences on working relationships were held (each attended by one or more members of the Relocation staff) two with the Welfare Section; one each with the Statistician, the Chief Medical officer, the Student Relocation Counsellor, the Finance Officer.

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

During the field visit of Mrs. Vera McCord Welfare Section, Washington Office, many problems of inter-relationship between the Relocation Division and the Welfare Section were satisfactorily solved.

XI Narrative statement of program for presenting Relocation Information to evacuees

The Project Reports Division has given us very good service in presenting relocation information to the Center. Several sets of blown-up photos of relocated people have been posted in various parts of the center with English and Japanese captions. Materials received from the Field office has been give wide-spread distribution. Two translators are busy putting out Japanese translations of a large part of this material.

Special Progress made and Problems incurred on Relocation

February showed very little increase in the number of family units showing interest in relocation although the number of people "involved in relocation plans" increased. In our opinion, the expected All-Center Conference and word of Director Myer's visit were factors in causing people to wait until the results of both were known. It is too early to gauge the effect of these factors.

During this month, the Leave Office processed 101 leaves and 111 short term passes. Actual departures which includes 15 conversions, totaled 135 for the month. There are 50 persons out on trial indefinite -- and only one person still on seasonal leave. By the end of February, we have had 47 short term leaves and 71 terminal departures to the West Coast since December 17, 1944.

By the end of February this year, 515 complete Topaz families of two or more -- including 1723 individuals -- have relocated. This is 28% of our total number of families of two or more.

On the last day of February, there were 84 visitors in the center. We have not had too much difficulty with this procedure, except in a few instances of emergency where it was obviously impossible for the visitor to get advance approval before taking the train for Topaz. In these cases, the collection of two weeks board seems an unfair penalty, as the conditions relative to Relocation plans are often the same as those coming with Relocation Officer's approval but where emergency needs made that impossible to obtain.

XIII Recommendations for Improvements in Relocation Program

- a. We question the necessity of keeping this visiting control indefinitely. The Relocation Division at this center would be willing to take the responsibility for establishing the reason for the visit and regulating the length of the visit. If the reason is connected with relocation, or bona fide emergency, the visit might be approved by the Relocation Division at the center on a non-paying basis. If it is purely social, the length of stay could be determined and board paid except in cases of pre-military service visits and students.

Check in program

It is our conviction that there are far more important things for the Field Officers to be doing for us than this regulation of visitor traffic -- and since the Relocation Division at the center now has to do a double-check on almost all the visitors, we at Central Utah would be willing to accept this responsibility. Such procedure would also make it necessary for every visitor to come to the Relocation Office.

being changed

- b. We would appreciate it if Field Officers would give more careful attention to the matter of transportation assistance in cases of evacuees who are returning to the West Coast and stopping for a visit at the Center enroute. The transportation for that trip should be initiated in the Field Office. (60.13.8G) Yet several such visitors have arrived here without the transportation to which they are entitled from their place of relocation to the Coast, even though they visited a field office for the advance approval of the visit to the Center.
- c. There have been suggestions from several residents who have visited the WRA offices on the Coast that there is need for Japanese-speaking personnel in those offices for adequate interpretation. However this recommendation is being made through other channels and is only passed on here for what it may be worth.

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** John Miller 11/15*

Excerpts from Central Utah Monthly Report of Reports Office
February, 1945

(Comments and Suggestions:)

4. Plans being made with Relocation Division for special exhibit of relocation pictures and pamphlets about the South. An effort will be made to secure motion pictures to supplement the exhibit.

Excerpts from Central Utah Monthly Report of Welfare Section
February 1945

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(2. Main Activities during the Month)

Mrs. McCord emphasized the fact that the resettlement program is now and will be until the center closes, the most important phase of welfare work.

With Mrs. McCord's assistance a re-division of responsibility was worked out with the hospital and the Medical Social Service Unit. Under the revised agreement the medical social worker will be responsible for the relocation only of "bed to bed" patients. The families of these patients, if dependent, will be resettled through the offices of the Welfare Section.

In determining which cases should be handled by the Relocation Division, it was found that the most expeditious manner in which duplication of effort could be avoided would be for Welfare to send Relocation a complete overall list of known dependent cases. This list has been compiled from the basic family dependency cards and forwarded to Relocation. In order to keep the list current, any new dependency cases coming to the attention of Welfare personnel are listed daily for the benefit of Relocation advisors in order that they may be advised of the cases on which Welfare is active. A similar list is provided Welfare by Relocation so that we have a double check to preclude the possibility of both offices working on the resettlement of a single family.

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During the Month of February, eleven case summaries for the relocation of dependent persons were submitted to the west coast. None were submitted elsewhere. There are more than fifty additional cases in process, many of which cannot be completed until replies are received from field offices regarding contacts with relatives.

P.5 (Plans for Next Month)

It is planned that during March a great many of the resettlement cases which have been started in terms of interviews and planning, will be completed for referral to the field office covering the evacuee's place of original residence or proposed relocation. There will also be a few plans completed by the field office and returned to the center thereby permitting the actual relocation of the dependent family.

Handwritten: Copy
APR 12 1945

Mr. L. T. Hoffman
Project Director
Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah

Attention: Leah K. Dickinson
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the February Monthly report of the Relocation Division.

We are pleased to know that you have had several conferences and are developing working relationships with the Welfare Section and Health Section, including the Statistical Officer, Student Relocation Counselor and the Finance Officer. It seems to us a very good idea.

We are glad to learn that the project Reports Division has given your program such good service. With the new plan to make the Reports Officer primarily responsible for the dissemination of relocation information, we feel sure that the handling of information at your center will continue to be done effectively and that you will continue to work very closely with the Reports Officer.

Although the month of February did not show as high a number of families relocating as we would all like to see, we believe that the increase in the number of people involved in relocation discussion will bear fruit in the very near future.

In regard to your recommendation for the improvement of relocation program, we would like to make the following comments:

We believe that the new visiting policy which you should have received by this time will clear up most of the problems that you have been having in regard to the visiting procedure.

Mr. L. T. Hoffman-2

Your recommendation that Field Officers give more careful attention to the matter of transportation assistance in cases of evacuees who are returning to the West Coast and stopping for a visit at the center enroute is a very good point and we are passing it along to our Field Supervision Section.

Your suggestion concerning the employment of Japanese speaking personnel in WRA offices on the West Coast is something that has already been arranged. Approval has already been made for the employment of one Issei on the staff of each of the West Coast Area offices.

The overall situation as reflected by your report seems to be very encouraging and we shall await your March report with interest.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

Robert Dolins
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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MONTHLY REPORT

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III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries
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A. Community Invitation..... 43 97

B. Advance Approval..... _____

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Approved	121	189	\$10,291.71	\$54.45

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

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Narrative statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning

The new Council has finally appointed standing Committees and instead of a Relocation Committee, a "Future Planning Committee" of five members was appointed. There has been no meeting of this committee yet.

The chairman of the Council has agreed to appoint an Information Committee soon to work with the Administration on Relocation matters.

There were two meetings of the Staff Relocation Committee held during the month - both dealing with current trends and problems in the relocation program.

One meeting of the Relocation staff and several inter-departmental conferences on matters of mutual concern were held. Two meetings of residents were held in connection with Mr. Holland's visit on Mid-west recruiting - both rather poorly attended.

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

The family interviewing as such has stopped, but now all cases handled by Welfare have been classified into Dependents and Potential Dependents. Those who are complete dependents, the Welfare Section handles alone. The Potential dependents are considered in the Joint Review Committee. After considerable discussion it was decided that these border-line cases would be handled by the Relocation Division or Welfare Section according to which has had the longest or best contact with the family.

XI Narrative statement of program for presenting Relocation Information to evacuees

Most of the suggestions outlined in the March 14 letter entitled "The Reports Officer's Part in Disseminating Information at the Centers" have already been the practice in Topaz. Further refinement of a co-operating procedure is under way with excellent relations existing between the Relocation Division and the Project Reports Officer.

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After careful preparation for the visit of Mr. William Holland on Mid-west farm opportunities, we were disappointed in the lack of interest shown on the part

of residents. Part of the reason for this poor showing may have been the increased hope of returning "home" to California which has been evident in the rising percentage of terminals headed Westward this past month.

Ordnance Depot recruitment has been slow in spite of the fact that Tooele has been opened for Topaz residents. The fear of P.M.G.O. disapproval seems to be the most important deterrent. The percentage of disapproval has been around 45% and even includes persons on the Army clear list. Mr. Jennings of the Salt Lake City WRA office and an evacuee recruiter spent a week at the Center with little success in recruitment.

A trip to Texas for representatives of a group of twenty farm families is being arranged. Permission was requested from Washington to pay all expenses for two persons. One of these is considered a genuine and sincerely interested leader who is unable to speak English fluently. The other is a person who can speak English and who will serve mainly as an interpreter. They plan to visit Deaf Smith County in Texas, the area immediately south of Houston, and the Rio Grande Valley.

24 complete families of two or more which includes 68 individuals, were relocated in March. This makes a cumulative total of 539 families of two or more including 1791 individuals. This is 29.5% of our total number of such families.

Mrs. Elizabeth Garrison who entered on duty as an Assistant Relocation Advisor on March 12 has fitted into the program very well. This is also true of Paul McConnell, who was an assistant Relocation Advisor until April 1, when he assumed the duties of Leave Officer.

The Relocation Office is open every Monday night for people who find it impossible or inconvenient to come during the day. In March this convenience was not used much, but we will continue it into the warmer months before deciding whether it is valuable.

During this month, the Leave Office processed 195 terminal departures and 234 short term passes. Actual departures which includes 10 conversions, totaled 168 for the month. There are 36 persons out on trial indefinite and none on seasonal leave. By the end of March we had had 77 short term leaves and 158 terminal departures to the West Coast since December 17, 1944.

Short term leaves to the West Coast remain about same but terminals to the coast increased from 27 in February to 83 in March.

Conversions from short term to terminal have dropped off. The tendency seems to be for the head of the family to go out on a scouting trip and return to apply for terminal leave rather than converting in the field. There were no involuntary conversions because of over-stayed leaves except for four boys who were accepted by the army.

Transportation problems are smoothed out this month due to a meeting with the officials of the Union Pacific Railroad held on the Project. The services of the Government Reservation Bureau, an organization which controls the bulk of pullman reservations, were made available for residents who through physical disability or age are entitled to pullman service. It now takes minutes to make reservations which formerly took weeks.

XIII Recommendations for Improvements in Relocation Program

Because of the predominance of small business people among the residents of this Center, we are anxiously awaiting developments toward a more comprehensive loan program. There is a real need for unsecured long-term low interest loans for re-establishment of small businesses and operating loans to citizen and alien farmers for the purchase of equipment, seed, fertilizer, etc. Probably majority of the Issei evacuees are going to be reluctant to make loan applications either on their old established credit or in new localities. Yet the possibility of a loan is uppermost in their thinking regarding future plans, and they need encouragement in following through along this line. It is our opinion that there would be no flood of loan applications but if a few of the more substantial business men who have lost their capital were thus assisted to re-establish themselves it would bring about a greater sense of security among the entire groups.



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

MONTH April, 1945CENTER Central Utah

NUMBER BASIC

NUMBER INDIVIDUALS

FAMILY UNITS

INVOLVED IN RELO-
CATION PLANS

I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE

A. FIRST DAY OF MONTH

21285621 *

B. LAST DAY OF MONTH

20675438 *

II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH

61185 *

A. NUMBER OF WELFARE REFERRALS

(RELOCATED)

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B. NUMBER OF OTHER FAMILIES RELOCATED

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DISCUSSION (OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS...
FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH252506A. NUMBER REFERRED FROM WELFARE
SECTION FOR RELOCATION ADVISING
DURING MONTH12B. NUMBER REFERRED TO WELFARE
SECTION FOR COUNSELING DURING
MONTH412IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO
FIELD DURING MONTH52105

A. COMMUNITY INVITATION

52105

B. ADVANCE APPROVAL

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* Includes persons on short term leave and trial indefinite

* Including conversions from short term leave



V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

ITEM	NUMBER	NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED	AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE	AVERAGE AMT. PER PERSON
RECEIVED	124	182		
APPROVED	124	182	\$11,406.31	\$62.67

VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

0

VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE

2

VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

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IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE).

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

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NARRATIVE REPORT

May 8, 1945

X. Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning

In April there were two meetings of the Staff Relocation Committee. The agenda of the first covered routine matters; in the second there was a discussion of the Resettlement Assistance Program, Ordnance Depot Recruiting, Civil Service Examinations and Dependency Cases.

The Relocation Program Officer met twice during the month with the Welfare Committee of the Community Council, using this group for a discussion of Resettlement Assistance. There was also a meeting of a Committee of Block Managers on the same subject.

The Relocation staff met jointly with the Welfare Staff on the general subject of "Border-line" dependency cases.

During the month the relocation staff was represented in conferences on Vocational Education, Evacuee Property, and Gate Procedure.

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

There was a 33% increase in the number of families interviewed in the month of April over the number in March, although the number of applications and departures were substantially the same. These additional interviews will probably be reflected in May applications.

XII. Narrative Statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees

Field office literature is coming in rapidly and is being distributed as promptly as possible. Bulletins explaining the Resettlement Assistance Program are being published by Project Reports in English and Japanese at the request of the Block Managers.

"New Orleans" week, for all the planning that went into it, was not an outstanding success. The film "Dixie" which was presented as a benefit for the high school Year Book drew a capacity audience; however the general effect was entertainment rather than relocation. The educational reels on the south drew over 150 persons who appeared to have a serious interest. However Mr. Arne of the New Orleans office did not have a great number of interviews.



as a result of the program. While we feel the effort was of value for general stimulation, we are not at present enthusiastic about arranging another "Week".

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

The last week in April along with the visit of Mrs. Vera McCord and Mr. Robert Dolins of the Washington office brought about a great change in our program, namely the merger of the Welfare Section with the Relocation Division. This suggestion was made by the Head Counselor of the Welfare Section. Plans were worked out for submission to Washington. On April 27 the plan was announced to both staffs. On April 30 the actual work on the merger began.

The merger, in short calls for the districting of the center and the assignment of one worker who may be either a CAF-7, Assistant Relocation Advisor or a P-2, Junior Counselor to handle all types of welfare and relocation cases within that district. There will be four Area Supervisors (who may be either Relocation Advisor, CAF-9 or Assistant Counselor, P-3) who will each supervise a group of district workers. The Head Counselor becomes the Assistant Relocation Program Officer and has the responsibility of supervising the entire counseling section. The routine processes such as the processing of leaves, grants, rationing, housing, clothing, etc. are to be consolidated into an Administrative Unit headed by the Leave Officer, whose title will probably be changed. The plan calls for a complete reorientation of both the relocation and welfare staff members to familiarize them with their new duties.

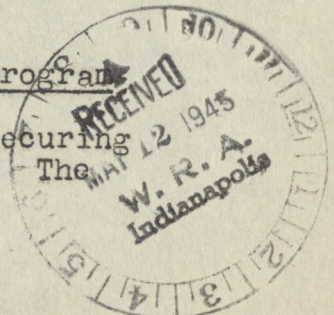
Transportation problems have arisen anew. Crowded trains have left our relocatees standing on the platform and our pleas for extra coaches have not been met by the Union Pacific. We are planning special reserved cars westward and eastward every week during the next month.

Family relocation continues --a total of 29 families of two or more including 151 persons during the month of April.

In April 214 short term leaves were processed by the Leave Office. One-third of these appear to be directly connected with relocation plans.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

We shall have to have Washington assistance in securing additional personnel for our counseling section. The



district plan calls for 14 district workers which is a combination of the Welfare and Relocation positions. Districts will be left uncovered until our staff is complete. We feel that for best results we should secure persons with public assistance background on a leave of absence basis from their permanent agencies.

We believe that a cash settlement at the center before departure of all cash and clothing allowances would aid relocators in their first few days of adjustment. Also it seems that the need is past for mailing subsistence allowance checks to field offices. There is always a large number of complaints about delayed checks and the inconvenience of constantly checking with the field office to find out whether it is in. People say "For only \$25.00 you should not make it so hard". We recommend that the subsistence grant be given in cash as a routine matter.

The division was very much "visited" during the month -- eighteen persons in all, ten of whom came during one week! This number included three from the Washington Staff; three from field offices; two from the War Manpower Commission; one railroad representative, one teacher-observer and eight miscellaneous recruiters. While we welcome visitors and in most cases profit by their visits, we urge that all possible advance notice of their proposed visits be given us in order that we may make the best possible scheduling and preparation.

The need for better information exchange on the sale of properties, furniture and equipment on the west coast has been brought to our attention several times recently. Center residents would appreciate the opportunity to consider purchase of such items being put up for sale by other center residents and internees. This seems to call for an inter-center service for exchange of such information. We recommend that some consideration be given to this problem.



APRIL MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

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

627

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

109

(b) Other

518

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

169

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

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

396

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed

113

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

1023

Number

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

0

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

118

Individuals included

122

Applications approved

116

Average amount approved (including travel)

\$64.03

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

329

(b) Pending action at Center

49

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

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| 6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee | <u>4</u> |
| 7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board | <u>4</u> |
| 8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. | |

A. Evacuee participation.

During the month of April, several meetings were held on a formal basis with the Council Committee on relocation and three informal meetings with the Chairman of the Committee. There is evidence of increased interest and participation on the part of the Council Committee on relocation, and it has been particularly stimulated by the announcement regarding Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans.

For the first time a bulletin has been prepared on the subject of relocation by this committee and is being circulated among residents. There is still a very difficult situation so far as activity on the part of Community Council is concerned but it has been certainly more active than it has been for some time.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

The Welfare Section and the Relocation Division have been working closely together both in the planning and carrying out of relocation discussions with the families in the center. However, responsibility for the conduct of the program still rests with the Welfare Section. Through the Staff Relocation Committee meetings, efforts and interests of the various operating sections and divisions on the project have been brought to the surface, problems discussed and ironed out, and all functions brought more closely together toward the facilitation of the relocation program.

- C. The Executive Board on relocation consisting of representatives from the Community Council and representatives of appointive personnel have met weekly and reports have been made to clarify the status of the relocation program and plans have been worked out through this channel for more complete dissemination of information to the entire evacuee population.

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

The major change made during the month was in the routing of all job offer digests, information series, and new instructions regarding relocation to the Council Relocation Committee for distribution to the residents.

The Relocation Library and reading room has been maintained and no other new innovations have been made in addition to those presented in the March report.

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

There is a definite tendency among the young men subject to Selective Service to relocate before they are called in order to experience civilian life prior to induction. This, however, has been offset by cancellations of applications for indefinite leave on the part of some people who are hesitant to take their families outside and leave them in a precarious economic situation when the breadwinner is inducted.

Some members of the resident staff of the Relocation Division have relocated during the month and this is presenting a personnel problem inasmuch as replacements are very difficult to obtain. The authorization of three temporary appointive personnel staff people is of great benefit and it is felt that during the coming month the whole program will improve as a result.

The issuance of the new regulations on movement of property and the announcement regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans, as well as the Director's letter on Social Security assistance, etc., has been of a great deal of help.

The Leave Office has spent the month of April clarifying the status of all residents whose leave clearance has been in doubt. At the end of March there were 528 persons in this category. By the end of April, this number was reduced to 359. Hearings have been held or will be held during the next week for all persons not now completed. This includes all adults scheduled to be transferred to Tule Lake or Crystal City.

Although the number of leave clearance received during April was less than the number received in March, the pressure on the Leave Office has been considerably reduced since many of the clearance received during March were for individuals who had immediate relocation plans. However, pressure has increased during the last few days due to interest in seasonal leave. Five persons were relocated to Hawaii by the permission of the Navy, and the authorization for issuance of relocation assistance grants to these people was particularly valuable in making for good relations with the residents.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Further efforts are being made to obtain more office space for the Leave and Relocation Office but so far little progress has been made. This situation is becoming more and more acute.

It is suggested that each Field Relocation Office be asked to furnish the project with 125 to 150 copies of the semi-monthly job offer digests. It is, also, suggested that the various Field Offices shape their information to appeal to or to furnish guidance for Issei.

It has been found that there is very little interest in the new indefinite trial leave period. The general complaint is that this provision is useless unless they can be considered eligible for an assistance grant at the time they leave for their trial period. It is felt that this subject has considerable merit and that it could undoubtedly result in considerable increase in relocation.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

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MONTH May, 1945

CENTER Central Utah

NUMBER BASIC
FAMILY UNITS

NUMBER INDIVIDUALS
INVOLVED IN RELO-
CATION PLANS

I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE			
A. FIRST DAY OF MONTH	<u>2067*</u>	<u>5438*</u>	
B. LAST DAY OF MONTH		<u>5172</u>	
II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH		<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
A. NUMBER OF WELFARE REFERRALS RELOCATED	<u>70</u>	<u>166</u>	
B. NUMBER OF OTHER FAMILIES RELOCATED			
III. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION (OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH			<u>**</u>
A. NUMBER REFERRED FROM WELFARE SECTION FOR RELOCATION ADVISING DURING MONTH	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	
B. NUMBER REFERRED TO WELFARE SECTION FOR COUNSELING DURING MONTH	<u>5</u>	<u>19</u>	
IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO FIELD DURING MONTH		<u>136</u>	<u>376</u>
A. COMMUNITY INVITATION	<u>118</u>	<u>354</u>	
B. ADVANCE APPROVAL	<u>18</u>	<u>22</u>	

* Includes persons on trial indefinite and short term leave.

** Not recorded during May. Are being tabulated in June for June report.

V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

ITEM	NUMBER	NUMBER	AMOUNT OF	AVERAGE AMT.
APPLICATIONS		INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED	ASSISTANCE	PER PERSON
RECEIVED: 162		256		
APPROVED: 162		256	\$14,050.64	\$54.88

- VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION 0
- VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE 2
- VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 0
- IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE) 0
- X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (INCLUDE STATEMENTS ABOUT EVACUEE PARTICIPATION, STAFF COORDINATION AND JOINT PLANNING OF STAFF AND EVACUEES.)

RECEIVED: 162
APPROVED: 162
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Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning

There were two meetings of the Staff Relocation Committee in May for discussion of current problems and trends in relocation. Minutes of each have been forwarded to Washington.

There was no formal meetings with evacuee committees during the month. The chairman of the Community Council and the chairman of the Block Managers were out of the center on a short term trip to the West Coast. However there was contact with both of these groups in interpreting the merger of the Welfare Section with the Relocation Division. Mr. Pratt and Mr. Sekerak met with the Block Managers twice during the month to discuss plans for closer relationship with the blocks. These discussions were very helpful and the general plan has been well received by both groups.

The relocation staff met almost daily during the first ten or twelve days of the month in training sessions. One general staff meeting was held on May 31st.

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

Relocation advising is going on at such a rate that no one recently has had time to do any real re-capitulation. However through a new statistical device, this will be taken care of in future reports.

XII. Narrative Statement of Program for Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees

Several issues of a new Topaz publication, "Relocation News" published by the Reports Division has been given distribution to each occupied apartment. Printed in both languages and containing only relocation items, it has been well received by the population.

A set of four reels on New York, Chicago, Baltimore and Washington D. C. was shown in eight different dining halls to a total of approximately 1,000 persons. At each showing a "district" or "area" worker from the Relocation-Welfare Division was introduced as the worker for the blocks covered in the showing. The movies were good for general stimulation value. Other similar showings will be planned by Relocation, Reports and Community Activities (who furnish the projector and projectionist).

A full-time evacuee librarian and assistant receptionist has been added to the staff and an appointed staff member, detailed from education, will be added soon to oversee the library work as well as handle some walk-in interviews. The library is being used more and more by the public.

Special Progress made, or Problems incurred on Relocation

The merger of the Welfare Section with the Relocation Division has been accomplished during the month. The counseling unit and the administrative unit have been moved so that they each now occupy two facing barracks in block 2, under the over-all supervision of Claud Pratt as Assistant Relocation Program Officer. The center has been divided into four areas and 12 districts. Each area supervisor is responsible for the district workers and one or more evacuee interviewers. The district workers have been introduced to their districts and are holding office hours there each day.

An intensive course of in-service training (of more than 15 hours) was given to all workers to acquaint them with all new functions. Supervisors meetings are being held twice a week now.

Those districts which because of staff shortage do not have an assigned district worker are being left uncovered until the staff is complete. The area supervisor handles all office interviews for districts within his area, when the district worker is out. So far 21 of the 34 blocks in the center have assigned district workers. With staff additions now in process, the center should have very nearly complete coverage by July 1st.

Files have been moved to another barrack in block 2 where they are under the supervision of the Central Statistics Section with messenger service. The administrative unit which includes all processing of public assistance grants, relocation and travel grants, rationing, clothing, housing and special services is under the direct supervision of the Leave Officer at present. This unit also includes a stenographic pool which is operating fairly satisfactorily. With the exception of the secretary of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer and an evacuee time-keeper clerk, there are no clerical staff located in the counseling unit barracks.

The Relocation Library is located at the main entrance of the counseling unit and the evacuee in-take worker and the evacuee hostel worker, (who also assists with in-take) are stationed there. All reference material manuals, etc. for the use of the counseling staff is in the Relocation Library.

The Evacuee Property Office has been moved to the administrative unit barracks and the ex-Leave Officer now acting as Assistant Evacuee Property Officer will share some of the responsibilities of the newly-appointed Leave Officer--- (particularly transportation arrangements) in order to relieve the increased burden of the Leave Office.

Although the Assistant Relocation Program Officer is also responsible for the administrative unit, every effort is being made to strengthen this unit so that he can devote the major

Transportation and baggage handling are major problems and will probably continue to be. We find the use of special coaches the only solution. Part of our difficulty is the train schedule which necessitates departure from the center at 4:00 A.M. for a large percentage of the relocatees. A night shift is practically necessary to assist large group movements.

- XIV. We are finding it increasingly difficult to enforce the provisions of Manual 150.1.9C (1) in the removal of evacuee property from the center warehouses. The same conditions - lack of family housing, a contemplated second move and other personal reasons - as are outlined for the possible 90 day extension through the area relocation supervisor - pertain also to evacuee property stored in the center and yet if we interpret our manual correctly, it states firmly that no extension beyond the 60 days may be made for property at centers.

We need provision for the same 90 day extension for property stored at the center or we are going to run into the penalty clause and cause considerable hardship to evacuees who have already had their property in storage at the center for 60 days and still are not in position to remove it.

In our April report, we suggested some inter-center clearance of private evacuee property sales transactions to enable center residents to know of opportunities to buy or sell personal or real property before it is put up for sale outside of the centers. We still think this a good idea and see evidences of its value every day, but from one center it seems impossible to set up such machinery and feel it should be done through Washington or the Evacuee Property Office in San Francisco.

MAY MONTHLY REPORT -- TOPAZ RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below) 352

(a) Referred from Welfare Section 42

(b) Other 310

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals 88

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) 381

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed 173

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)) 733

Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers 0

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 149

Individuals included 161

Applications approved 149

Average amount approved (including travel) \$63.61

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 80

(b) Pending action at Center 44

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 0

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 5

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 4

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

A. Evacuee participation.

The Council Committee on Relocation on May 1 issued the first Relocation Bulletin. This was a translation in Japanese of Director Myer's letter of April 11 to the Community Council regarding family counseling, new Evacuee Property regulations, trial indefinite, etc.

Subsequent issues of this bulletin covered the subjects of group relocation (in Japanese only); family farming opportunities (Administrative Notice No. 63) in

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Japanese and English; brief digests of procedures regarding issuance of indefinite leave to persons hospitalized in the evacuated area and government transportation for group representatives. Bulletin No. 5--in process now--will be a translation in Japanese of the recent "Issei Opportunities" issue of job summary bulletin from the Chicago Area.

The distribution of these bulletins is carried on by the Council through the Block Managers--200 copies of each issue. They have created considerable interest among the Issei.

The Council Committee is a very small group of men who hold other positions of responsibility in the Center activities. So far we have not been able to persuade them to increase their numbers or draw in representatives from other groups in the Center. However, their interest has increased and they are proud of this new Bulletin plan. They also may take credit for the Japanese translation of the Topaz Relocation Manual for the Japanese translation of the Topaz Relocation Manual which has just been released for Center-wide distribution.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

The regular weekly meetings of the Staff Relocation Committee serve to keep the Appointive Staff currently informed of new developments in the Relocation Program.

The Appointive Staff have been exceedingly and increasingly cooperative and helpful in encouraging their own resident staff to relocate, even when it entails staff turnover and labor shortages. The Welfare Section and the Relocation Division are working very closely together in the family interviewing program with a joint case review committee which meets weekly.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Relocation Executive Board, a joint committee of Appointive Staff and Council Committee on Relocation, meets weekly to discuss details of policy and procedure in the relocation program.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees.

Facts about America Series are very popular. Our supply of "Ohio" and "Illinois" has been replenished as requested. More material has been received from the high school students accumulated in making their community surveys. Very little new material is being received from the field offices.

A new Relocation Manual has been translated into Japanese and distributed to every family in the Center. A revised version in English has also been prepared and distributed (copies enclosed). The copy of Chicago Office's "Over 40" issue of May 15 has been translated into Japanese for distribution. This is an especially desirable digest since it gives particular attention to Issei relocation. It is suggested that other district offices publish a similar digest.

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

There is an increased interest in relocation throughout the Center and much less adverse criticism of the relocation program. Many of the younger leaders in the Center are

making definite plans for relocation. A number of Issei businessmen are taking trips on short-term leaves to explore business possibilities--some as far as East Coast. The more experienced stenographers are relocating rapidly: Selective Service is fast depleting the number of boys of this age group in the Center.

More people took indefinite leave on May 24 than on any other day in our relocation history. Twenty-four persons left. There was no special reason why there should have been concentration on that day.

There has been some increased interest in trial-leave on the part of older Nisei and the Issei. However, a clarification is needed about whether short-term leave can be used to find a relocation community to "try" and whether short-term can be converted to trial-leave in the field. We strongly urge that this be permitted. Such an arrangement allows reluctant persons an opportunity to move gradually toward full indefinite leave.

There is a great deal more interest in seasonal leave on the part of Issei this year than last. We expect this to result in increased interest on their part in permanent relocation.

Three Relocation Interviewers began work on the first of May. Tied in closely with the Welfare Section on family interviewing, these workers are giving most of their attention to following up family discussions as initiated in the Welfare Section. However, in addition to their follow-up work, they are handling regular relocation interviews at the office. They have made a real contribution to the program.

The Assistant Relocation Program Officer left on the 27th to spend the month of June in the New York Area Office. During his absence, the Acting Relocation Advisor is handling Selective Service along with other duties. By the end of May, 216 men had been called for preinduction physical examination; 41 called into active duty from the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Two boys volunteered for service.

At the end of May, 96 persons in the Center were in need of leave clearance. Almost all of the necessary hearings for leave clearance, repatriation or expatriation have been held. There are 130 persons scheduled to be transferred to Tule Lake on the basis of these hearings. We hope that June will see the end of the leave clearance problem.

New gate control procedures going into effect June 1 have given us an opportunity to revise some of the routine of the office. A considerable amount of typing and routing of forms will be transferred from this office to Statistics; the business of getting out of the Center on leave will be simplified for residents; and the Leave Office will no longer be responsible for statistics on leaves.

Reinductions increased with 14 during the month, nine of which can be traced to Selective Service. The other five were due to inability to make satisfactory adjustments on the outside, and to illness. There seems to be no particular area from which the unsatisfactory adjustment group is coming. Very few applicants consult the Relocation Offices before returning to the Center, which, perhaps, accounts for the adjustment factor.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Office space still presents a problem. A move is contemplated as soon as details can be worked out.

More pictorial literature would be an asset to our library, also, success stories about Issei and photos of them in their homes and at work.

We would again urge travel districts specified on indefinite leave trial period be liberalized as far as possible. We also urge that a procedure be devised which will enable a person on a short-term leave to convert to indefinite trial period in the field.

Having experienced some difficulty in getting any detailed information as to Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans, we would appreciate the Washington Office clarifying this issue for us.

We are concerned about the provision which requires repayment of the entire leave assistance grant in cases where persons have not gone to their designated destination but have found themselves employment en route. When they write us the joyful news of their employment, and in good faith return the unused portion of the ticket, we are loathe to follow them up with punitive action. We request a review of this procedure.

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RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

Month	<u>June 1945</u>	Center	<u>Central Utah</u>
		Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals involved in Relo- cation Plans
I.	Number in Center on the		
	A. First Day of Month	<u>1967*</u>	<u>5165 *</u>
	B. Last Day of Month	<u>1809</u>	<u>4645</u>
II.	Number Relocated during Month		<u>533</u>
	A. Number of Welfare Referrals Relocated	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	B. Number of Other Families Relocated	<u>162</u>	<u>366</u>
III.	Number of Families Repre- sented in Discussion (or discussions) of Plans for Relocation during Month	<u>437</u>	<u>1139</u>
	A. Number Referred from Welfare Section for Relocation Advising during Month	<u>** *</u>	<u>** *</u>
	B. Number referred to Welfare Section for Counselling during Month	<u>** *</u>	<u>** *</u>
IV.	Number of Family Summar- ies sent to Field during Month	<u>176</u>	<u>441</u>
	A. Community Invitation	<u>165</u>	<u>413</u>
	B. Advance Approval	<u>11</u>	<u>28</u>

* Includes persons on short term leave

** Not applicable in Topaz since merger

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount Assistance	Average Amt. per person			
Received	329	-	591	-	\$43,029.23	-	\$72.81
Approved	329	-	591	-	\$43,029.23	-	\$72.81

VI.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
VII.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	2
VIII.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0
IX.	Meeting of Coordinating Committee	0
X.	Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuee.)	

X. Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning

There were two meetings of the Staff Relocation Committee. In the first, Resettlement Assistance was the main topic. The second dealt chiefly with Director Myer's teletype on Center closure dates. Minutes of both were forwarded to Washington. One meeting was held with the Block Managers at which Mr. Pratt and Mr. Sekerak explained Resettlement Assistance. There are more daily informal contacts with both Block Managers and Councilmen under the district plan, which appear to be constructive and positive on the whole.

The Relocation-Welfare staff met three times during the month, plus the regular supervisors meetings twice each week.

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

Face sheet tabulation will show progress in this area. District workers are measuring their progress by case cards and by block maps on which they code their contacts with families in each apartment. Their acquaintance with their districts and the problems therein is most easily measured by the latter visual device.

XII. Narrative Statement of Program for Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees

The Relocation News continues to be circulated center-wide once a week and is read with interest by the residents.

The recent special bulletins from the Great Lakes Area on Central Ohio and Cincinnati were read with much interest. The list of relocatees shown is especially interesting along with well-reproduced pictures. We recommend this kind of publicity from other districts.

XIII. Special Progress made, or Problems incurred on Relocation

The new program of Resettlement Assistance was put into operation with a minimum of confusion since the merger of Relocation and Welfare had been accomplished and the new procedure could be handled on a united front. We have been most conservative in our handling of applications-only 12 applications (including 58 persons) were approved with a grant total of \$1571.27 during the month of June.

Our block coverage has been increased by four new district workers added during June. Three additional interviewers

were secured by detail from the Education Section. A new Leave Officer was appointed and an assistant Leave Officer was secured by detail. The former Leave Officer was detailed as Acting Assistant. Evacuee Property Officer with the chief responsibility for transportation and baggage handling. A new Acting Evacuee Property Officer arrived during the last week of the month. With the additional block coverage and the strengthening of the Leave Office and Evacuee Property Office, we feel better equipped to double our load. However, interpreters and additional interviewers are still needed.

Project visitors during the month included George Young from the Center Liaison Section of the Washington Office and John H. Ives, co-Chairman of the Bridgeport (Conn) Resettlement Committee. Both were well-received and very helpful in their activities.

XIV. A. We have received no reply to our request for extension privileges on evacuee property stored at the Center. We are making a complete study of this situation and expect to find a great many persons already caught in the "penalty clause" of Manual 150.1.9C(1). The fact that we had no regular Evacuee Property Officer since March 1st leaves us in this predicament.

B. Rationing has presented a problem because of the many complaints from evacuees that we have "tailored" their ration books too severely. We were ready to discard the system of issuing ration books at the Center and substituting a letter to O.P.A. for outside issuance of books, when we discovered that those Centers which had been using the latter system were setting up panels to issue books at the Center. We appreciate that the issuance of ration books at the Center is a service which will ease the way of the relocating evacuees but we despair of ever explaining adequately that we are tailoring the books according to O.P.A. regulations. We suggest that this problem be referred to the O.P.A. on the national level. There is no doubt that this shift from institutional to civilian rationing causes a great deal of hardship on families in their first month or two of relocation.

C. The Visiting procedure is causing more and more complications and is now one of the most time-consuming procedures we have. Here are some of many questions and problems which arise on refunds--how many visiting persons are entitled to refund in the relocation of one center family? How far does the family relationship extend in this privilege? What to do with refunds on a broken visiting period?

How to control the signatures of refund slips by relocation staff? How to check back on the final relocation of a family for whom a refund slip is signed--so the check may be forwarded? The matter of permanent mailing addresses for these refund checks? The amount of small-check writing involved. The amount of time consumed in interviewing visitors to secure the necessary information. The amount of time consumed in the investigation for non-paying visitor's status and the checking of over-stayed or repetitive visits for extensions or exceptions.

While we are aware of the opportunity this gives us for taking part in the planning of a family relocation, it has reached a point where it is entirely too time-consuming and the Relocation staff now is ready to recommend that the refund system be done away with, that all visitors pay and come as often and stay as long as they please--granting that we will investigate the few unreasonably over-stayed visits and the few cases where an emergency has arisen which may call for a non-paying status. We are finding that a large proportion of visitors are directly involved with relocation plans of Center residents. We feel that they will not in most cases abuse the privilege if they have to pay for meals at the Center. The refund for short visit do not amount to much and the possibility of refunds, we feel is encouraging longer visits.

D. We are recommending that qualified evacuee interviewers be employed in civil service positions for assignment on the Relocation staff during the final months of Center operation. They should have been successful relocated for at least six months prior to Center assignment. We need them urgently as interpreters in the Relocation offices and for field work in the Center.

JUNE MONTHLY REPORT -- TOPAZ RELOCATION DIVISION

1.	Interviews for Relocation During Month (Excluding Seasonal Leave)	
a.	Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1)	Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below	<u>285</u>
(a)	Referred from Welfare Section	<u>94</u>
(b)	Other	<u>191</u>
(2)	Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>188</u>
b.	Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1)	Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)	<u>300</u>
(2)	Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>165</u>
c.	Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)	<u>585</u>
2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>Number</u> <u>10</u>
3.	Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>162</u>
	Individuals included	<u>187</u>
	Applications approved	<u>162</u>
	Average amount approved (including travel)	<u>\$66.24</u>
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
(a)	Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>135</u>
(b)	Pending action at center	<u>24</u>
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>0</u>

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| 6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee | <u>1</u> |
| 7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board | <u>2</u> |
| 8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning | |

A. Evacuee participation

The Council Committee on Relocation aided by our excellent translator in the Reports Division issued three relocation bulletins: Bulletin #5 "Issei Opportunities" from the Chicago Area; Bulletin #6 "Farming in the State of Michigan" from the Cleveland Area; Bulletin #7 "Midwest Need Seasonal Farm Workers" from the Chicago Area Office; Bulletin #8 "Kansas City Job Summary of June 10.

These bulletins have been given fairly wide circulation and have been received with interest by the residents, particularly, the issei.

There were two informal meetings of the Council Committee on Relocation with the Project Director and the Relocation Program Officer during the month.

The Council Committee will be reorganized after the induction of the new council which goes into office on July 1.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

In June there was only one meeting of the Staff Committee on Relocation. In place of these usual meetings there were more meetings of the Relocation Staff on questions of current procedures and policies. There were several meetings of the case review committee of the Welfare Section and relocation interviewers and a meeting of the Relocation Division interviewers at which a discussion on public assistance was presented by the Welfare Section workers. There continues to be good cooperation with all members of the Administrative Staff.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Due to the pending reorganization of both staff and council committees, there has not been much activity on this line during the month of June.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees.

There has been a great deal of distributive material sent out through the Council Committee, mostly the Japanese translations of job summaries incorporated in the Relocation Bulletin of the Council Committee. A great many more copies of the "Facts of America" series were also distributed.

It is difficult to organize a suitable library because the space provided is not adequate and because of the problem of binding materials of different sizes in the same volume in any durable fashion.

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

A. Leave Office

During the month of June, the Leave Office processed 978 applications: 18% were indefinite leaves; 29%, short-term leaves; 50%, seasonal leaves; and 3%, trial indefinite leaves and conversions. The seasonal leave program, as usual, caused a great deal of confusion and duplication of work in the Leave Office because of cancelled contracts, changes in departure and termination dates.

There has been an upswing in a number of short-term leaves during the month, and a great effort has been made to keep this type of leave under control. A check has been made to clear the status of persons who had overstayed their short-term and seasonal leaves.

In fact the Leave Officer is making a great effort to clear the status of all types of leave, leave clearances and transfers.

There are now 76 persons in the Center needing leave clearance and more than half of these are pressing for clearance to go on indefinite or seasonal leave. The Revised 258 gives us a much better picture of the status of the cleared individuals so far as E.D.C. is concerned, but far more urgent than this is the necessity for finally clearing the leave status of these 76 persons who are waiting.

The number of reinductions have increased to 27 during the month of June. 18 of these approved reinductions were men awaiting army induction; 8 were reinducted because of illness in the family or the relocatee himself; one reinductee is remaining here until her permit to Hawaii arrives. In spite of a clearly-worded teletype from Washington stating the necessity for reinducting men who have come back after their preinduction physical to await induction or giving them the alternative of retaining the status of visitor and paying for their meals, we feel that somewhere this procedure is not consistent with the intentions of the Administrative Notice 37 and we suspect that we may be the only Center who is following this procedure so literally. 18 reinductions on this basis and the subsequent issuing of indefinite leave when the man is called into active duty is causing a great deal of what seems to us unnecessary paper work.

The boys do not have too much ready cash and quite naturally choose to be reinducted for this indefinite period rather than to face paying for meals as visitor for too long a time. We request clarification or reconsideration of this procedure.

B. Relocation Office

Two temporary Relocation interviewers were of great assistance during the month of June. A third Relocation Interviewer was added in the last two weeks of the month. Together the group of Relocation interviewers conducted 267 interviews during the month and prepared 39 relocation dockets. 146 were follow-up interviews. Since the Relocation interviewers were working in the Relocation Office during this period, a great many of these interviews were not a natural follow-up of the family discussions conducted in the Welfare Section but were just the "walk-in" persons who were interested in relocation.

Some progress has been made in organizing the family folder file and the procedures around this file. Handicapped always by lack of adequate space, there is still obvious improvement in this feature.

We regret that we are still inexcusably tardy in sending out family relocation summaries to the

field offices. The rush of seasonal leaves and the absence of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer during this month have been the main reasons for the delay. We hope to do better when our staff is completely organized in July.

Four resident members of the Relocation Section staff terminated as of June 30. Three were clerical workers and the other was one of the most experienced resident interviewers.

In June two specific cases were submitted to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Chicago for consideration. These are still in the process of being clarified, but at the present time it seems that they may result satisfactorily. When these negotiations have been concluded, we plan to make a report to the center explaining "how it works."

Selective Service activities in the Relocation Division have become more routine and less pressing as the information concerning these processes has become better known throughout the Center. A Selective Service Manual is being compiled by the Selective Service Committee of the Council which will be valuable material. Forty-seven were called for pre-induction physical examination; five for induction into Enlisted Reserve Corps; and nine called for active duty during the month of June.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

- (1) We would like again to request more detailed information on the Reconstruction Finance Corporation as a relocation resource. We have businessmen in this Center with experience, resources and credit which might be used if this avenue were opened to them. Our information concerning it at present is most meagre.
- (2) There is considerable interest in the possibilities of relocation in the southern states, particularly Florida and Texas. We hope detailed information will soon be forthcoming. It might stimulate relocation during the winter months.
- (3) We urge that one last big drive to complete leave clearances be inaugurated. Lack of leave clearance is still a factor deterring relocation of members of about fifty families in our Center.

- (4) Having just gone through the throes of relocating a family consisting of man and wife and six children, we would like to urge field offices to make a special effort to secure opportunities for the larger family groups. This family is relocated on a farm outside of Omaha, Nebraska and we appreciate the efforts of the field office in this case. However, most farm opportunities designate one or two children. We have some large families eager to relocate.

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WRA RELOCATION AUTHORITY
RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

Month July, 1945

Center Central Utah

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals involved in Relo- cation Plans
1. Number in Center on the		
A. First Day of Month	<u>1809</u>	<u>4645</u>
B. Last Day of Month	<u>1659</u>	<u>4131</u>
II. Number Relocated during Month	<u>150 *</u>	<u>472 **</u>
A. Number of Welfare Referrals Relocated	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Number of Other Families Relocated	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
III. Number of Families Repre- sented in Discussion (or discussions) of Plans for Relocation during Month	<u>352</u>	<u>935</u>
A. Number Referred from Welfare Section for Relocation Advising during Month	<u> </u>	<u>Merged</u>
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for Counselling during Month	<u> </u>	<u>Merged</u>
IV. Number of Family Summar- ies sent to Field during Month	<u>170</u>	<u>398</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>55</u>	<u>98</u>

* Completed family relocation

** Individuals, families and family remnants

VI. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount Assistance	Average Amt. per person
Received	248 -	409 -	\$20,296.73	- \$49.63
Approved	248 -	409 -	\$20,296.73	- \$49.63

VI.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
VII.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	1
VIII.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0
IX.	Meeting of Coordinating Committee	0
X.	Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuee.)	

X. Narrative Statement of Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning

There was one meeting of the Staff Relocation Committee early in the month. Mr. Rex Lee, Chief of the Relocation Division, Washington; Mr. Ray Haight of the Salt Lake Area Office were present. Discussion centered around resettlement assistance, center closing date, and visiting procedures. Minutes of this meeting had been forwarded to Washington.

One meeting was held with the Council Committee on Future Planning and Welfare, dealing mostly with resettlement assistance and the care of the dependency cases. Mr. Lee met with the Community Council during his visit to Topaz.

There were three meetings of the Relocation-Welfare Staff during the month. The first was attended by Mr. Lee and Mr. Haight; the second by Mrs. Marie Lane of Welfare Section, Washington Office; the third by Bishop Riefsnider and Mr. Castleberry, Evacuee Property Officer from Washington. All of these meetings were helpful and full of lively discussion. The Area Supervisors meet regularly twice a week.

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

Block maps show real progress in contacts with families. District workers are concentrating on getting answers to destination plans according to Mr. Myer's memo of July 25.

XII. Narrative Statement of Program for Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees

Both the Relocation News and the Topaz Times have been giving excellent coverage to relocation publicity. In addition the Reports Division keeps displays on bulletin boards alive and current. Literature distribution blankets the entire center.

XIII. Special Progress made, or Problems incurred on Relocation

The number of resettlement assistance applications almost doubled during the month of July. There were 23 applications and a total grant of \$3,301.25 during the month of July, making a total of \$5,115.03 granted since June 1. There are signs of increased appreciation of this program and the help that can be received in cases of genuine need, although there is still much of the feeling that standards of financial eligibility are still too strict. The relocation staff are of the opinion that the maximums might be

raised slightly very soon - particularly in the larger families.

During the month we have lost one Assistant Relocation Advisor by transfer and gained no more workers. We have sufficient positions but it is difficult to recruit workers for this short period. We have about exhausted possibility of transfer from other divisions on the project. We are desperately in need of interpreters and are endeavoring to recruit relocated evacuees on a Civil Service basis.

The Leave Office processed during the month of July, 701 leave applications of which 456 were for terminal leave. There were 245 short-term leaves of which 204 were to the west coast. Terminal leaves to the west coast totaled 237. There were 40 conversions from short-term to terminal.

The average grant per person to relocation assistance for this month was \$49.63 as compared with our high average of \$72.81 during June. The reason for this difference appears to be closer destinations. In June we had many more eastern relocation than we have had in July. The trend of relocation toward the western coast is definitely rising.

Our three Washington visitors; Mr. H. Rex Lee, Mrs. Marie D. Lane and Mr. Castleberry gave us a great deal of help on problems during the month.

We are organizing to bring real pressure to bear on the problems of Evacuee Property stored at the center. The many problems of freight, express, baggage handling are amounting each day. Other divisions are assisting in every way possible to give us help.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
CENTRAL UTAH RELOCATION CENTER
TOPAZ, UTAH

JULY MONTHLY REPORT -- TOPAZ RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below 209

(a) Referred from Welfare Section ---

(b) Other ---

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals 279

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) 252

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed 145

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) 461

Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers 73

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 97

Individuals included 112

Applications approved 93

Average amount approved (including travel) per grant 79.00

Average amount approved (including travel) per individual 66.38

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4. Leave clearance dockets
 - (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 70
 - (b) Pending action at center 21
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 1
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 3
8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Due to the fact that a new community council was coming into office in July and the officers and committee organization was only temporary, there has not been much activity during July through this channel.

There were two informal meetings of the temporary Council Committee on Relocation with the Project Director and the Relocation Program Officer during this month. No minutes were kept of these meetings as they were merely discussions of plans and trends, and the committee was not in a position to make final decisions. The permanent committees had been appointed toward the last of the month and will be in action during August.

It may be significant that the newly elected Chairman of the Community Council is a member of the Relocation Division staff.

There were three relocation translations during the month; however, due to the lack of permanent committee setup, these were not all issued as Relocation Bulletins. "Work and Play in Cool Wisconsin" and "Travel of Aliens" were distributed. "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" was Relocation Bulletin No. 9.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

There was one meeting of the Staff Committee on Relocation during the month of July, at which there was a discussion of the reorganization of this committee for the coming season and a presentation and discussion of matters concerning evacuee property; evaluation of health service and community activities in relation to relocation.

There were two meetings of the Relocation Staff, at

one of which the feature was a talk and good discussion by Mr. Carter, Assistant Relocation Program Officer, on his experience and impressions in the New York Area during the month of June. Mr. Carter also discussed the organization and functions of a W. R. A. Field Office at the weekly staff meeting of the appointive staff.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Due to the pending reorganization of both staff and council committees, there has been no joint activity in this line during the month of July.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees

"Relocation Want. Ads" were publicized in project papers on some of the best job offers with an occasional feature story on job openings. Job briefs have been distributed in offices, to Council and block managers, and posted in mess halls, etc. We have recently endeavored to give more variety in the weekly job summary sheet which is distributed. There had been two public meetings for the residents, at one of which Mr. Carter discussed his recent experience in the Field Office in New York; and at the other, Dr. Henry Carpenter, Vice-Chairman of the Citizens Committee in the New York area, discussed relocation opportunities in that area and extended an invitation for relocation in New York and Brooklyn.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

A. Relocation Office

We have made considerable progress toward establishing a family folder file and eliminating the old individual folder file. The family file now includes 640 family folders including 1023 individuals over 17. Only 350 are left in the individual file for future consolidation. A master card file for family folders has been made up. There is now some discussion of the possibility of controlling through one central index the leave and relocation files. Efficient operation of this unit, however, will depend upon obtaining physical space to set up a more adequate arrangement.

On the face sheet of this monthly report will be noted that the two categories "referred from Welfare Section" and "other" have been eliminated. In

our procedure now, we make up a family folder for each new individual interviewed and obtain through Welfare Section the face sheets and family discussion information.

July brought about a slump in indefinite leaves. Exact reasons for it are hard to analyze, but the following seems significant:

- (1) Hot weather made the visits to the Relocation Office and the idea of packing one's baggage a tremendous effort and, furthermore, reports concerning heat and humidity in other sections of the country caused people to delay in completing their plans.
- (2) There are over 700 adult residents out on seasonal leave.
- (3) Continued rumors concerning the reopening of California to the evacuees may have caused some to delay.

Both families who have been interested in Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans in Chicago have made definite plans to relocate in August. Correspondence was at first encouraging but showed necessity for on-the-spot discussions. The Chicago Office will be asked to follow developments closely and submit a report which can be used as a guide to future relocation plans involving Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans.

One of the prominent nisei leaders, who majored in agriculture at college and has considerable farm experience, has completed plans for a tour of the East and South, particularly the Gulf Coast Region. Being highly respected for his ability and integrity, his report of findings is being eagerly awaited by other farmers in the center, including some with considerable capital.

The staff of the Relocation Office is now made up of Acting Relocation Advisor and two Assistant Relocation Advisors aided by three resident interviewers. There are still two positions of Assistant Relocation Advisor to be filled. The supervision of this part of the program has been the responsibility of the Relocation Program Officer during the months of June and July in the absence of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer.

The importance of relocation summaries is now understood by most of the staff, and 73 relocation summaries were sent out during the month of July. 41 of these were sent to New York City in a joint plan between the New York City Office and project to concentrate on working out plans for relocating additional members of families already represented in the New York District.

B. Leave Office

During the month of July, the Leave Office processed 125 indefinite leaves; 145 seasonal leaves; 15 trial indefinite leaves; and 169 short-term leaves. There were also 24 conversions to indefinite leaves. We have succeeded in cutting substantially the number of short-term leaves, particularly those which have seemed to be less promising in the matter of relocation.

During this month, since the pressure of routine work lessened, the Leave Office has been able to do considerable clean-up work in the records and files in preparation for the expected Fall upswing.

There has been considerable difficulty in connection with the new gate procedure in checking back on expired seasonal and short-term leaves. There is also a great deal of work necessary in the follow-up of persons out on seasonal or short-term leaves which had expired. At the end of July there were 16 persons still out of the center on expired leaves.

There were in all, 24 reinductions during the month; 19 of these being returned selective service men. Four of the other reinductions were due to health conditions. The fifth was unable to find suitable work.

On July 20, the Project Director announced that E. D. C. is a thing of the past. Leave clearance is not the problem it was two months ago although there are still a few things to do to absolutely clear the status of all residents.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

Through her recent struggles with the matter of short-term leave, the Leave Officer makes a recommendation that short-term leave regulations be thoroughly studied and adjusted on the project level. As a working basis, she suggests that:

- (1) visits to relatives, friends, etc., be limited to two weeks with no extensions.
- (2) business and shopping trips be limited to one week with no extension.
- (3) trips to survey relocation opportunities be limited to thirty days, if in a radius of 500 miles; to sixty days, if beyond the radius of 500 miles.
- (4) the number of short-term leaves for any one person for any purpose, except emergencies, be limited to three per year.
- (5) travel time be allowed in addition to the one week, two weeks, etc., limitation.
- (6) bona fide, proven emergencies be the only exceptions.

We are studying the matter of seasonal leaves very closely this year to see if we can really evaluate it in relation to possibility of indefinite leaves. Our present impression is that it is more interference than help to the program of indefinite leave. However, we are withholding our opinion until we have gathered a few facts in connection with the present seasonal leave group.

We also recommend further study of the trial indefinite leave. It now involves as much counseling and preparation and more paper work than does indefinite leave. It presumably reaches those who are still afraid of the outside, yet all who leave the center on indefinite leave are beset with some kind of fear. We suggest that trial leave be abolished entirely and that the option to return to the center at the end of the first six months be incorporated into the indefinite leave regulations. Evacuees would then have the freedom of movement of indefinite leave and the security of trial leave, both of which are desirable.

The policy which makes college and university students ineligible for relocation assistance grant needs explanation. On the surface it seems unfair that these individuals be denied grants when so many of them need the money, especially the transportation. If this policy was made because it was assumed that students would ask for reinduction, we believe that survey of student records is indicated. It is our impression that only a few students are returning. During June and July, we had only two student reinductions out of a possible 98.