MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of February, 1944

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		200
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	0	
(b) Other	200	
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	100	
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)		
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)		600
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	250	
c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b. (1)		800

	Number
2. Families rea dy for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	0
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	89
Individuals included	102
Applications approved	79
Average amount approved (including travel)	$48.98
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	510
(b) Pending action at center	167
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	2
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

The Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation is actively concerned with the dissemination of information and the promotion of relocation. Due to the absence of the Chairman during most of the month, there have been only two short meetings of the Committee and no special activities have occurred.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Information in regard to the general development of the relocation program and in regard to changes in relocation policies has been made available to all staff members.

The Staff of the Education Section has been working steadily on the integration of relocation education into the school program.

The Reports Officer lends all possible assistance in the preparation of material for the Center newspaper and in the distribution of printed material.

The Welfare Section is steadily working toward an extensive counseling program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Project Director has worked directly with the Community Council and the Association of Block Managers in explaining relocation.

The Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation confers on all matters with the Staff of the Relocation Division.

The Evacuee School Board works with the Staff of the Education Section on the relocation program in the regular school program.

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)

Copies of all informational material are distributed to all occupied blocks through the Block Managers. The Relocation Library in Block 35, the Center Bibrary in Block 19, the Vocational Adviser, the Curriculum Adviser, and the Night School Director also receive copies. The balance of the material isheld for use and distribution at the Relocation Office.

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

No special progress has been made in relocation although there has been an increase in the number relocating.

It is felt that the special problems are:

1. The 677 dockets in the "stop file" which cover many persons immediately interested in relocation or favorable to relocation.
2. The imminence of the draft which has delayed relocation for those families where the young man of draft age is the only bread-winner.
3. The stoppage of seasonal leave with a period during which no leaves can be granted while the new plans are being worked out.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. The speedy completion of review on leave clearance dockets will make those cleared available for relocation. Following immediately upon this, the completion of the segregation movement will eliminate many doubts and fears which have arisen from the present period of confusion. The elimination of these doubts and fears about individuals themselves and about their friends and relatives will result in an increase in the interest in relocation.

2. A revision of the regulations to permit the granting of short-term leaves for a maximum of four months, with the understanding that trial employment may be undertaken during this period, will encourage many to seek employment and, if satisfactoryadjustments are made, to convert to indefinite leave after the trial period. It is felt by many that it is better to invetigate on a trial basis first beforemaking a permanent decision. There is a deep fear that the regulations will be changed at any moment so that a person on indefinite leave will be permanently barred from return to the Relocation Center.

NOTE:

The Monthly Report for the Center Relocation Division, in tentative form, was received March 2, 1944.

Since it was not known that information on interviews was to be called for, no statistics are available. Estimates on a conservative basis have been made.

Due to the lack of supervisory personnel, the Welfare Section is just beginning the family counseling program. The first family summary was mailed on March 2, 1944. This has meant that no specific referrals on relocation have yet been made to the Relocation Division by the Welfare Section.

The Relocation Planning Commission held only two short meetings during the month of February due to the continued absence of the Chairman. it is hoped that he will be back in the Center in the near future and that frequent meetings will be hald during the month of March.

There is no Staff Relocation Committee:

There is no Relocation Executive Board.

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of March, 1944

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		422
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	7	
(b) Other	415	
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	141	
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Dividion)		
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)		587
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	434	
c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)		1009

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	Number 1
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	116
Individuals included	153
Applications approved	116
Average amount approved (including travel)	$66.78
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	605
(b) Pending action at center	19
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

No changes have been made in the organization of the Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation. Since the Chairman did not return to the Center until March 20, 1944, no meeting of the Committee was held this month.

Koh Hibutsu Murai, noted authority on agriculture and former publisher of SAN-GYO-NIPPO, has been lecturing throughout the month on practical agriculture. His meetings have been well attended and it is believed will result in some stimulation of relocation by farmers.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Changes in relocation policies have been made available to all staff members.

The Education Section continues to work on the integration of relocation education into the general school program.

The Reports Officer lends all possible assistance in the preparation of material for the Center newspaper and in the distribution of printed material and films.

The Welfare Section is making slow but steady progress toward an extensive counseling program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Project Director has worked directly with the Community Council and the Association of Block Managers in explaining relocation problems.

The Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation confers on all matters with the Staff of the Relocation Division.

The Evacuee School Board works with the Staff of the Education Section on the relocation program in the regular school program.

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)

Copies of informational material are distributed to the Center Library in Block 19, the Vocational Adviser, the Curriculum Adviser, and the Night School Director. Where the number of copies is sufficient, one or two are distributed to all occupied blocks through the Block Managers. The balance of the material is held for use and distribution at the Relocation Office.

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

There was a material increase in the number of indefinite leaves processed this month, over last month. It is noteworthy that a number of families left the Center.

It is felt that the special problems are:

1. There are still 624 dockets in the "stop file".
2. The draft and particularly the induction into the Enlisted Reserve Corps has practically eliminated relocation where one or more members of a family are likely to be inducted.
3. Through their shortsightedness and lack of information, too many of the young men of draft age are returning to the Center from indefinite leave.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. The speedy completion of review on leave clearance dockets will make those who are cleared available for relocation, provided, of course, that the ones who are cleared are not eligible for the draft.

2. The completion of segregation will leave the remaining residents to devote their thinking to relocation.

3. The completion of giving preinduction physical examinations to those acceptible for army service will enable those who are rejected to finish their plans for relocation.

4. It is still believed that a modification of the regulations to permit a short-term leave of four months to accept trial employment would result in greater encouragement to relocation than the regulations for indefinite leave (trial period).

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of April, 1944

   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 ____0____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section ____0____

         (b) Other ____0____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals ____0____

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

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals ____5____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed ____2____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) ____5____

	Number
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	1
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	88
Individuals included	114
Applications approved	88
Average amount approved	48.00
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	239
(b) Pending action at Center	10
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	1
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
7. Metings of Relocation Executive Board	0

Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

No changes have been made in the organization of the Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The Education Section continues to work on the integration of relocation education into the general school program.

The Reports Officer lends all possible assistance in the preparation of material for the Center newspaper and in the distribution of printed material and films.

The Welfare Section is making slow but steady progress toward an extensive counseling program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Project Director works directly with the Community Council and the Association of Block Managers in explaining relocation problems.

The Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation confers on all matters with the Staff of the Relocation Division.

The Evacuee School Board works with the Staff of the Education Section on the relocation program in the regular school program.

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)

Copies of informational material are distributed to the Community Library in Block 19, the Vocational Adviser, the Curriculum Adviser, and the Night School Director. Where the number of copies is sufficient, one or two are distributed to all occupied blocks through the Block Managers. The balance of the material is held for use and distribution at the Relocation Office.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Plans have been completed for larger quarters in Barrack of Block 42.

It is felt that the special problems are:

1. The draft and particularly the induction into the Enlisted Reserve Corps has practically eliminated relocation where one or more members of a family are likely to be inducted.

2. Through their shortsightedness and lack of information, too many of the young men of draft age are returning to the Center from indefinite leave.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program at this Center.

1. Utilization of the more commodious quarters.

2. Utilization of the Relocation Interviewers and cooperation with the Welfare Section in the Counseling Program.

3. Development of a better Relocation Library in the same building with the office of the Relocation Division.

4. Appointment and use of the Staff Relocation Committee.

5. Frequent meetings of the Relocation Planning Commission.

6. Expansion of the Adult Education Program on relocation.

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Interviews for Relocation During Month of May, 1944

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		138
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	2	
(b) Other	136	
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	325	
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)		
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals		302
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	215	
c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)		440

	Number
Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	1
Applications for leave assistance grants received	102
Individuals included	139
Applications approved	102
Average amount approved	66.51
Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	88
(b) Pending action at Center	33
Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	1
Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

No changes have been made in the organization of the Sub-Committee of the Community Council on Relocation.

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B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The Education Section continues to work on the integration of relocation education into the general school program.

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C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Project Director works directly with the Community Council and the Association of Block Managers in explaining relocation problems.

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Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

The larger quarters in Barrack 2 of Block 42 have been occupied. Personnel and equipment are badly needed.

The relocation process has been increasing in complexity. This means that two unfortunate results are achieved:

1. Some are discouraged from relocating because they are irked or bewildered by the forms, restrictions, etc.
2. Some are going ahead with their relocation with no intention of carrying out the instructions, giving lip service to the instructions in order to get out of the Center.

It is recommended that serious consideration be given to simplifying the entire procedure.

Recommendations for improvements in relocation program at this Center remain the same as for April. A little progress has been made.

1. Utilization of the more commodious quarters.
2. Utilization of the Relocation Interviewers and cooperation with the Welfare Section in the Counseling Program.
3. Development of a better Relocation Library in the same building with the office of the Relocation Division.
4. Appointment and use of the Staff Relocation Committee.
5. Frequent meetings of the Relocation Planning Commission.
6. Expansion of the Adult Education Program on relocation.

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Interviews for Relocation During Month of June 1944

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 — 137

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

(b) Other — 137

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 330

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals — 339

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 184

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 476

Number

Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 5

Applications for leave assistance grants received — 69

Individuals included — 106
Applications approved — 69
Average amount approved — 72.08

Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington — 50
(b) Pending action at Center — 15

Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0
Meetings of Staff Relocation Commettee — 0
Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

No changes have been made in the organization of the subcommittee of the Community Council on Relocation. The chairman, Chester Fujino, has been elected Chairman of the Community Council. He is planning to appoint a new committee chairman and assist in organizing a strong committee. During the month of June, however, his attention and that of the Council have been devoted almost exclusively to the problems arising out of the movement of some 2500 people from the Jerome Relocation Center to this Center. Since Mr. Fujino is a strong proponent of relocation, it will be a great advantage to the program to have him in as Council Chairman. He assures me that he will work with me this next month in the reorganization of the Relocation Committee.

It is also hoped that, with the filling of the vacancies on the administrative staff, the Relocation Program Officer will have some time to devote to planning and working with evacuee groups.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

With the attention of the members of the Administrative Staff concentrated on the movement from Jerome, here has been little opportunity for developing staff participation in relocation. Again it is hoped that the Relocation Program Officer will have more time in the coming months to devote this phase.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

Little can be done along this line until the Evacuee Relocation Committee has been reorganized and until the Relocation Program Officer can take time away from routine duties, to plan with the Project Director and the Council Chairman on a broad program of cooperation.

Program for presenting information to evacuees.

As soon as the Relocation Adviser reports for duty and the library equipment which has been requisitioned is received, it is planned to build up the Relocation Library in the Relocation Office. There has been constant use all month of the limited materials now on hand.

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The Community Council has recommended that machinery be set up to translate procedural releases into Japanese with a distribution to every apartment. The Council feels that the people know too little of the fundamental principles and plans for the relocation program.

Special progress made or problems incurred on relocation.

In spite of the increased interest in relocation evidenced in May and June, it has been impossible to increase the staff

due to the lack of equipment. It is hoped that sufficient equipment will become available from that transferred from Jerome.

Mr. Frank R. King has been on duty as Leave Officer throughout the month. He has done an excellent piece of work inspite of the fact that he has not had a desk. It is believed that he will take over in a creditable fashion all of the routine and the supervision of the clerical unit when he has a desk.

Fortunately there were three tables and some chairs borrowed from the Education Section so that the three Relocation Interviewers could work. On the other hand, the lack of equipment and the lack of personnel prevented the carrying out of an intensive interviewing program. It was the second week in June before a clerical worker was assigned to pull together the basic information on Forms WRA-329. These forms are now about one third completed.

With the heavy over-the-counter relocation business, the three temporary employees were used to interview those who were planning to go out either on indefinite or short-term basis. The volume of applications could not have been handled had it not been for these extra workers. Of course, during the course of these interviews, the basic documents for the relocation summaries were prepared. The accumulated records have now been turned over to the Welfare Section for further development and processing. It is felt that tremendous benefits will result from these unscheduled interviews in showing to the people that the counseling program is not a close-the-center plan. It is believed that the way is now open for completing the survey on all families.

Miss Emily Moores and Miss Polly Dewees were of exceptional help to the program. Both were fitted for their task by training and personality. They leave many friends behind them both among the evacuees and the appointed personnel. Mrs. Mary Lou Cochran is well trained and well qualified but suffered from a personality difficulty which made it difficult for her to work with the other two and tended to antagonize the evacuees with whom she came in contact. It was impossible to use all three interviewers as a unit and the Relocation Program Officer had to spend much time in smoothing out difficulties and keeping the work flowing through two different channels.

Impeding Reloc. Process

The Center is still "home" to the majority of the evacuees. The deep-seated fear of severing all connections with this "home" is increasingly apparent. They do not want to leave for employment under conditions whereby they cannot come back at any time. Short-term leave is attractive for this reason. The four months minimum on indefinite leave trial period frightens some. Seasonal leave with a definite contract time discourages some. Indefinite leave appeals only to those who have a complete relocation plan, usually including the entire family unit.

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It is believed that this fear can be combatted successfully only by simplifying the leave procedure and having just one type of leave for relocation, with no termination date. It is believed that the relocation applicant should be able to secure a permit under which he can stay out a week, a month, six months, or in-

definitely. It is believed that the person who is afraid of indefinite leave will actually end up with indefinite leave if he goes out without a definite termination date to his permit. He will find employment and will stay on month after month. He will never have to make that arbitrary decision that he is going out for all time - the arbitrary decision which frightens so many that they refuse to make it.

The applicant is interested in relocation. He wants to go to Chicago to look for employment. He is not sure that he will make a success. Now he applies for short-term leave intending to violate the regulations and work if he finds a job--he does not intend to convert to indefinite leave within sixty days unless his fears are completely disseminated. He is encouraged in working by the Relocation Officers. In many instances he asks for an extension beyond the sixty days. His request is denied and since his fears are still present, he returns to the Center. If he goes one step farther and takes indefinite leave, trial period, he comes back at the end of four or six months, unless his fears have disappeared. If he is bold and takes indefinite leave, in his heart he knows he is going to come back to the Center when he makes up his mind to. The restrictions have accomplished nothing in furthering successful relocation. On the other hand, the explanation of the restrictions and their enforcement may result in encouraging an antagonism to the entire relocation program. What American citizen likes to be told that he has to do this or he has to do that and this will happen to him and that penalty will be invoked?

On the other hand, suppose our timid applicant applies for leave to go to Chicago. There are no strings to his permit. He visits the Chicago Relocation Office and is assisted in finding employment, housing, community contacts, etc. He has nothing to occupy his mind except to make good since he knows he can pull up stakes and return to the Center any day., It is believed that he will have a good chance at success. If he fails the first time and returns to the Center, there is no bar to another try later on. He has tasted relocation and it has been a good taste. The next sample may turn out to be the real thing - permanent resettlement.

Make the relocation process simple and easy and successful relocation will be speeded up.

Recommendations for the improvement of the relocation program at this Center are to be found in the above comments.

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Interviews for Relocation During Month of July, 1944

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 — 19

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 5

(b) Other — 14

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 23

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals — 5

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 19

c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b.(1) — 24

	Number
Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	7
Applications for leave assistance grants received	131
Individuals included	184
Applications approved	131
Average amount approved	64.85
Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	39
(b) Pending action at Center	11
Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee Participation.

Due to internal problems within the Community Council, the sub-committee on relocation has not been organized. Principle difficulty is the resignation of the Chairman, Chester Fujino.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

All sections are responding when called upon to furnish cooperative assistance in relocation program.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities.

No further steps have been taken to coordinate evacuee and staff activities.

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

Several informal discussions have been held looking toward the preparation and distribution of a periodical summary of relocation opportunities and news items to be reproduced in both English and Japanese. The principle difficulty is going to be the lack of personnel and equipment. The mimeograph room has only one machine with which to run off all material for project operation and the project newspaper.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred in relocation.

Principle problem in divisional operation continues to be the lack of equipment. On July 11, a number of desks and chairs were transferred from Jerome. No typewriters, however, have become available. With only five machines in the division and with one of them usually out of order, it is very difficult to complete the necessary work. A requisition to purchase six typewriters has been made to the Washington office, and it is hoped that this requisition will be approved. Due to the shortage of typewriters the monthly report was not duplicated during July and was not distributed to other projects and field offices.

When the desks arrived on July 11, Mr. Frank A. King of the Leaves Office at last had a place to sit down and work. He has done a splendid job in improving the organization of the Leaves Section. Mr. Young M. Orsburn reported for duty as Relocation Adviser on July 19. He immediately began the organization of the Advisory Section and already has underway a planned program for the completion of relocation summaries. Miss Corinne Key reported as Assistant Relocation Adviser on August 1. She is ably assisting Mr. Orsburn. Personnel request has been submitted for Alton Colegn, and it is hoped that he will be assigned as Assistant Relocation Adviser by September 1. With the expansion of the Advisory Section, it appears that more office space is going to be needed, and tentative plans are being developed to take over portion of barrack 3 in block 42.

Mr. Robert A. Allison reported for duty as Assistant Relocation Program Officer on July 24. He has taken over the supervision of the office and works closely with Mr. Orsburn and Mr. King.in the reorganization of the division.

The figures for July show that 596 people left on Indefinite, Trial Indefinite, or Seasonal Leave. This includes 5 from the Relocation Division. The

number of applications has kept divisional personnel busy and the securing replacements for those who relocate is becoming increasingly difficult.

. Recommendations for improvements in the Relocation program.

It is still recommended that the relocation process be simplified.

It is also recommended that with the shortage of personnel, a secretary's position be established.

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Interviews for Relocation During Month of August, 1944.

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		212
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	6	
(b) Other	206	
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	71	
B. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)		
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals		84
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	26	
C. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)		296

	Number
Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	61
Applications for leave assistance grants received	106
Individuals included	128
Applications approved	106
Average amount approved	$55.24
Leave clearance dockets	
A. Awaiting clearance in Washington	27
B. Pending action at Center	11
Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	1
Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee Participation.

The selection of members for the Relocation Planning Commission has been made and it is expected that the announcement of the appointments will be made within a few days.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

All sections are responding when called upon to furnish cooperative assistance in relocation program.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities.

No further steps have been taken to coordinate evacuee and staff activities.

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

Preliminary plans have been completed with the Reports Officer to prepare and distribute the bi-lingual relocation bulletins. With the activation of the relocation planning information, the plans will be consummated.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred in relocation.

Lack of equipment continues to be a problem. One additional typewriter has been transferred from the Welfare Section in order to handle leave assistance grant applications. It is still hoped that the requisition to purchase six typewriters will be approved.

Mr. Alton Cole reported as an Assistant Relocation Adviser on September 1st. The Advisery Section is turning out a considerable volume of summaries but is handicapped by the lack of office space. The plan to take over four rooms of barrack 3 has not gone through.

While the number of relocatees in August was less than that in July, it was sufficient to increase the manpower shortage. Additional persons are leaving this division.

11. Recommendations for improvements in the Relocation program.

It is still recommended that the relocation process be simplified.

It is also recommended that with the shortage of personnel, a secretary's position be established.

Mr. Ray Johnston
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Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

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Attention: Charles B. Price, Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This will acknowledge the September monthly report of the Center Relocation Division.

Since Mr. Wolter recently visited your center and had the opportunity to discuss this report with you in detail, we will not attempt to review it here.

We were glad to hear of the progress in providing adequate space arrangements for the Division. This will help improve the relocation advising work. Helping each family to make a relocation plan is the key job of the Relocation Division.

On page 1 of the report we find that the figure for Point I, 118 families does not agree, with Point II A2, which is 147. Point II A2, could not be greater than Point I.

We have been advised that a CAF 4 appointed secretary for the Division was authorized to the centers around September 15. We would suggest your reviewing this with your Personnel Officer.

Questions have been raised by some of the centers on filling out the statistics on page 1 of the new monthly report Form WRA-341. This will be covered in a separate Relocation Division Memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief
Relocation Division

cc: Reader's File
Center Liaison Section
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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending ~~September 30, 1944~~

Center ~~Rohwer~~

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 118

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 2

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 14

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 102

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	399	533
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	380	514
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(2)	(2)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(147)	(187)
** 3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(231)	(325)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	19	19

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III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 97 118

A. Community Invitation..... 85 106

B. Advance Approval..... 12 12

** This is accumulative total from July 19, 1944.

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	61	86	$4180.90	$48.62
Approved	61	86	$4180.90	$48.62

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 26

B. Pending action at center..... 4

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

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

Joint meetings were held with Welfare, Hospital, and School authorities to discuss each section's contribution to relocation. These discussion were not limited to general relocation planning but also included special problems as chronic medical cases, mental, child delinquency, underpriviliged children and also children whose education had been considerably neglected.

Follow-up discussions and planning meetings are planned.

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

All interviews including initial contacts and follow-ups totaled 428 for the past month. Many interviews on families where one or more members have relocated revealed considerable interest in the remainder of the family joining those relocated. Many are expressing only one desire and that desire is to return to California, or the West Coast. The advance approval plan is becoming a matter of routine as to the original blasts of disapproval from persons concerned. Welfare is working in close harmony with the Advisory Unit and all problem cases ~~all~~ are cleared through that Section.

XI. 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.)

There has been no change since last reported.

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

The problem of relocating "teen-age" youth has been eased considerably as a result of very close cooperation between the Advisory Unit and the Welfare Counseling Service. Prospective relocatees have begun to have a better understanding of the reasons why a sound relocation plan of youths is necessary.

The possibility of California being opened to relocation continues to be talked considerably among the center residents.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

approved It is repeated that a position be allocated for an appointed secretary for the Relocation Division.

It is again recommended that the relocation process be simplified.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MONTHLY REPORT

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RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending ~~October 31, 1944~~

Center ~~Rohwer~~

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 225

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 15

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 48

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 162

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	~~571~~	~~712~~
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	~~559~~	~~705~~
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(~~1~~)	(~~1~~)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(~~97~~)	(~~127~~)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(~~461~~)	(~~577~~)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	~~12~~	~~12~~

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 20

A. Community Invitation.....	13	~~13~~
B. Advance Approval.....	~~7~~	~~7~~

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	52	59	$2,655.91	$45.01
Approved	52	59	$2,655.91	$45.01

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 26

B. Pending action at center..... 4

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

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

The present Relocation Officer entered on duty the 16th of this month having been transferred from the Little Rock Relocation District Office. In conference with the predecessor, members of the staff, Project Director, and others, it was thought that the weakest part of the center program was that part pertaining to center organization for relocation planning. It was thought also that the job of the Relocation Program Officer for the next several months should be an active emphasis on this phase of the work. There have been at least two phases of this emphasis which have already begun. (1) We have spoken to the Block Managers in a group meeting and the Community Council in a group meeting. Many of the membe s of these two organizations have been seen individually. Briefly, the following policy was discussed. "The Relocation Division is a service organization. It is designed to help you carry out with your plans for resettlement. We have various units within the division with special service functions. It is up to the families in the center to make plans for their own resettlement. It is up to the Relocation Division to help them in every way possible to carry out these plans. (2) The second phase of this emphasis is to get our own house in order for the rendering of the service promised. Consequently, we have had numerous staff meetings with our own staff as well as jointly with Welfare to discuss ways and means of making the actual process of advising, inter-

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

The Advisory Section, this month, has carried out a very extensive program of efforts, efforts to no avail, to recruit evacuees for Sioux Depot. There simply has been no encouraging reaction and the center people have turned a cold shoulder. Good results have been noticed from the exit advising given to evacuees taking leaves. Thus the terms of all types of leave are thoroughly pointed out especially concerning conversion regulation and employment regulation. In the main this concerns the short term "leavers". With the understanding there usually is no breaking of leave agreements. Relocation summaries referred to district offices have been very light this month. This has been due to three reasons: (1)Presentation of the Sioux Depot Offer, (2)Over-the-counter business with requests to find their own jobs, (3)and in the main the bulk of interviewing has been concerned

XI. 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.)

During the month of October, distribution of printed and mimeographed materials on the subject of relocation was delivered through the Relocation Division employees to each Block Manager. An effort was made to impress each Block Manager as to the importance and necessity of correct distribution to each apartment. On materials of sufficient quantity, he was requested to place a copy in each apartment. On all materials of limited quantity, he was asked to make distribution to those persons, who, in his opinion, would make the best use of the publication. That is, depending on whether it was printed in Japanese or English, etc. Materials are now distributed twice each week. Distribution days now being Tuesdays and Thursdays. A random check was made in effort to find if our new plan is being followed. Result of this check showed that relocation material is being placed at the disposal of practically every

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

During this month, reinduction interviews were transferred from the Relocation Division to the Welfare Section. This transfer was for indefinite leaves only. By the third week in October, the Project Director held a meeting with the Chief of Community Management Division, Chief of Relocation Division, Statistician, and Welfare Counselor to discuss the readmittance of those persons who had broken their trial indefinite agreements and had returned to the center. It is felt that the Welfare Section, who now have sufficient counselors, will be able to secure a cross-section as well as more detailed information as to why these individuals are breaking their trial indefinite regulations. The Welfare Section has had this responsibility for approximately two weeks and it is hoped that they will be able to furnish the Relocation Division some definite and helpful information on this matter within another month.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain sufficient secretarial help among the evacuee personnel. It is suggested that a position be set up for an appointed secretary for the Relocation Division.

2. In view of indicated further developments making necessary more rapid relocation, it is recommended that types of leaves along with the whole relocation program be simplified.

IX. Continued -- --

viewing, filling out forms, checking evacuee property, etc. for the evacuee easier. We have moved the Leave Section and the Transportation Unit adjacent to each other to facilitate better and speedier cooperation. We have reallotted space to the Advisery Section which will afford more privacy for interviewing and advising. In short, several changes have been made in the physical set up to facilitate in the making and hadling family plans and summaries. Arrangements have been made to secure three extra apartment rooms in the adjoining barrack for additional space. Additional desks, typewriters, and office furniture have been requisitioned and already obtained to further facilitate the relocation program. The contemplated visit of Hugo W. Wolter has encouraged us to believe that he will be able to give us ideas, recommendations, and some help in this program. It is our definite plan to establish a relocation planning commision with the residents of the center and the other committees as set forth in the handbook.

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main the bulk of interviewing has been concerned, with families presenting no plans or expressing no interest in relocation. The present monthly report form fails to show a complete picture of progress of the Advisery program. No record of follow-ups are shown.

XI. Continued -- --

Result of this check showed that relocation material is being placed at the disposal of practically every family in this center. The Isseis particularly are reading all materials printed in Japanese. No doubt, part of this can be attributed to lack of sufficient literature written in Japanese. We feel a definite need for more material presented in the Japanese language -- especially so since we are stressing family relocation which usually involves the Issei.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending November 30, 1944

Center Rohwer

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 172

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 12

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 109

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 51

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	867	2018
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	864	2009
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(2)	(2)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(172)	(419)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(690)	(1588)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	3	9

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 46

A. Community Invitation.....	27	29
B. Advance Approval.....	19	30

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	52	68	$3,163.12	$46.52
Approved	52	68	$3,163.12	$46.52

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 20

B. Pending action at center..... 9

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

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

Refer to attached narrative.

IX. Mr. Hugo W. Wolter visited the center during the week of November the 6th. We held numerous conferences and were aided materially by his visit. The outstanding results of his visit are enumerated below:

1. We are now planning to establish a central file which will present a total family picture. Details are not yet complete as to location, sources, etc. but it is definitely in our plans.

2. A strong Relocation Planning Commission is now approaching a reality.

Numerous conferences have been held with the potential chairman as to plan for the cooperation and functinning of the commission and Relocation Division. The delay is due to a delayed Community Council election which is now completed.

3. The announcement of the eventual opening of the West Coast and the closing of the centers have tended to remind the residents that resettlement is a necessity. Also that it is important to start making plans for the family and that cooperation with the Welfare Section and the Relocation Division is desirable.

4. It has been emphasized that there are outside community resources available to aid families in successful resettlement. The Social Security Board and other governmental and private agencies are able and willing to help.

We are receiving every cooperation from the administration and other divisions of the center. It seems to be recognized by the appointed personnel that Relocation is to receive priority and that we must all "get together" for the eventual job of resettling the residents and closing the center. As an example of this cooperation, we can cite the readiness with which we have been able to obtain needed furniture and equipment for the "streamlining" and expanding of the division.

In last month's report we stated that we had been able to secure the promise of three additional rooms in the adjoining barrack. We are now able to say that we have secured the entire barrack of six rooms and that the carpenters are already at work. This is an illustration of the cooperation and planning ahead being done by the Project Director and the administrative staff.

As a further indication that we all recognize the importance of planning and working toward a definite accomplishment is that the Personnel Officer and the Relocation Program Officer with the Assistant Relocation Program Officer confer often on personnel matters with the result that favorable progress has been made toward completing the appointed personnel and evacuee staffs as soon as possible. We are trying desperately to complete the advisory staff so that the initial interviewing and family planning may speed ahead. There are prospects

that we may have a Leave's Officer soon to replace the one now in the position who has been detailed elsewhere.

The Relocation Adviser was called to the army on the 15th of this month. His position has been filled with one of the Assistant Advisers since November 10th.

With the additional barrack we will be able to route those coming for planning and interviews through one of the barracks, and by means of two cat-walks, route them for processing through the adjoining one. This will make a circle (so-to-speak) of the process and diminish confusion and crowdedness. It will also provide more privacy in all departments especially the Advisory Unit. The evacuee property officer has agreed to move his office into the setup.

All in all we think we have an idea as to what needs to be done and are trying to obtain the personnel and physical setup. adequate enough to do it. The attitude and spirit of the staff both appointed and evacuee are exceptionally good.

In cooperation with the Adult Education Section we are working on the committee of Occupational Information and Guidance. There are some good results expected: (1) A course for prospective relocatees which will be called "World Problems". The purpose of the course is to acquaint the residents with conditions on the "outside". Various resources may be used such as visiting officials, relocation officers, YM and YWCA officials, staff members who are acquainted with various cities and sections of the country, etc., maps. relocation kits, various kinds of literature pointing out the aids available to resettlers to be found on the outside such as Social Security Board benefits, etc. may be used as source material. (2) Various technical courses using the schools and operations division, etc. designed to better qualify individuals for specific jobs may be organized. For an example, there is a dearth of barbers particularly in Chicago. If we could have a course in the center which could in part be reciprocal with Barber Schools it would save a great deal of time for certification, etc. Another case, when Mr. Johnston was here in connection with the Vocational Department of the Schools, investigation was made pointing toward the attendance at the Arkansas Trade School of Little Rock by the evacuees. (3) Through this committee we are going to be able to locate and catalogue Relocation Library materials scattered over the center. Also we will be able to make up a roster of qualified counselors on various occupations to whom we may send prospective relocatees interested in these fields.

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

The Advisory Section is continuing to center attention on the initial interviewing of families who have one or more members relocated. On November 27, 1944, we made a check of the file and we found that we have 213 families left to be interviewed. These families have been invited once and some of them twice to come in for an interview but for various reasons, they have not reported. This monthly report shows a low figure on initial interviews. Since November 10, we have had two persons on our advisory staff and we have been unable to schedule as many interviews as we would like to have had. We continue to have a large number of follow-ups.

A splendid spirit exists between our advisory staff and the Welfare Section. We feel that the regular twice-a-week meetings of our Joint Case Review Committee are very helpful.

XI. 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.)

No change in our procedure for distributing bulletins and reading materials other than we are now planning to make use of the Relocation Planning Commission which is now being established.

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

For sometime this office has felt the need of employing a man with knowledge of making small loans; such as, Feed and Seed, FSA, Federal Land Bank, Production Credit Association, Reconstruction Finance Corporation and other loans. We have now added an Assistant Relocation Interviewer who has had thirty years of experience in making this type of loans as well as advising persons regarding their problems. It is hoped that within the near f uture that we will be able to supply our new interviewer with sufficient materials to enable him to be able to advise the Issei as well as the Nisei regarding the financial facilities which are available to them. Even though our new adviser is an Issei, he has an excellent command of the English language and is very much interested in relocation. We hope that in the future we will be able to report progress made in this field.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It is still recommended that the relocation process be simplified.

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JAN 30 1945

Mr. Ray D. Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: C. B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This will acknowledge the November and December monthly reports of the Relocation Division. Since Mr. Wolter and Mr. Marks have had an opportunity to discuss the contents of these reports with you on their recent trips to your center, we will not review it further in this letter. Your written reports and the reports of Mr. Wolter and Mr. Marks have given us a good picture of the operations at your center.

We will look forward to a report of relocation activities in January in light of the Post-Exclusion Program and any further developments in evacuee planning for Louisiana and other parts of the south.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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DEC 6 1944

Mr. Ray D. Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Mr. C. B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This will acknowledge the October monthly report of the center Relocation Division.

We are glad to read of the progress that has been made in developing cooperation with the evacuee community and in developing better staff and housing arrangements for the Division. This is especially important in view of the discussions on relocation at the recent Project Directors conference in Denver.

We note that you are making extensive use of the "exit interview" in preparing evacuees for handling their adjustment on the outside. This will help them to make better use of the resources available in the district offices and the various local agencies cooperating with the WRA.

When the Welfare Section has had sufficient experience with their interviewing of persons applying for reinduction, we would like to have any report that is available for use in planning here in Washington.

We have been advised that a CAF-4 appointed secretary for the center Relocation Division was authorized to the centers around September 15. We would suggest you review this with your Personnel Officer.

Every effort will be made in Washington with the cooperation of the Reports Division in supplying a steady flow of material for relocation purposes in the Japanese language.

In preparing the new monthly report form, it was decided to eliminate the count on the number of follow-up interviews since an adequate picture of the load of the Division could be secured from

knowing the number of families that had had some contact with the Division during the month. We know from the past experience of the centers that family planning now requires a great number of interviews before a plan is completed. We have a general idea as to what this number would be, so that the count of families will give us a sufficient index for purposes of monthly reporting. If, however, at any time you feel that the number of follow-up interviews required is significant, please feel free to report this and any comments you wish to make in the narrative section of the Report on Progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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11/30/44

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO:

November 29, 1944

Walter Moore
Ack. Dec. 11, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
910 - 17th Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Ottis Peterson

Dear Mr. Myer:

This is in answer to your letter written for Mr. H. Rex Lee on November 18th in regard to our September monthly report. We thank you for suggestions which were made therein. Our staff has experienced difficulty mentioned in the fourth paragraph of your letter. We are glad to know that there will be a separate Relocation Division Memorandum covering page 1 soon.

In the meantime let us give some explanation as to the reason for the figure in Point II A2 being greater than in the figure Point I. Point I in which we listed 118 families represent what we call Group III scheduled interviews. Point II A2 in which we listed 147 families includes those families whom we interviewed who were not in our Group III files. That is, those who may have come in who were not scheduled for an interview but who merely wanted to make a family plan or to ask questions concerning relocation. As we understand it both Point I and Point II A2 should be the same figure which in this case would be 147.

Also we would like to have an explanation of Point II A3. Is this to be an accumulative total? Since A1, A2, and A3 totaled A; and A and B totaled the number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during the month, it seems that we are putting the wrong interpretation also on A3.

We are now keeping a ledger in the light of Form WRA-341. The bookkeeping involved takes a great deal of our time.

Very sincerely,

Chas B. Price
Charles B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

November 29, 1944

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Very sincerely,

Charles B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

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DEC 11 1944

Mr. Ray Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Mr. Charles S. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

We have your letter of November 29 giving further explanation of the figures appearing in your monthly report for September.

In filling out the monthly report form, if you will keep in mind the main difference between Points I and II, I think the figures requested will be clear. Point I asks for statistics on initial interviews held by the Relocation Division during the month, and A, B, and C, under I indicate the disposition of each case following the interview.

Point II refers to all other relocation advising which would necessarily relate to formulating relocation plans for families who have decided to relocate either with or without the benefit of an initial family interview. A and B show the breakdown of those who ask for advice on relocation plans: A being those who had previously had an initial interview and B being those who, without initial interview , are ready to discuss definite relocation plans. 1, 2, and 3 under IIA merely show the time and source of the initial interview which eventually led the family to request relocation advice. If the date and source of the initial interview appear on the Basic Family Face Sheet, there should be no difficulty in determining which of the families coming to discuss relocation plans was: (1) referred from Welfare during the month; (2) had been given initial family interview by Relocation Division during that month; or, (3) had had initial interview either with Welfare or with Relocation at some date prior to the month in which the relocation advising discussion was held.

Unless all families having initial interviews during the month also have discussions on relocation plans, there is no reason why Point I and Point IIA2 should be the same figures. It is more likely that Point IIA2 would be a smaller figure since all those having initial interviews are not necessarily ready for relocation advising immediately. You are correct in assuming that A1, A2, and A3 should equal A. I think the explanation given above points out the proper interpretation of these figures.

A copy of Relocation Division Memorandum No. 74 dated November 30 is enclosed. We hope that the information in this letter and in the memorandum will answer all your questions regarding the statistics in the monthly report form.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending December 30, 1944

Center Rohwer

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 72

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 6

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 58

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 8

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	62	97
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	39	57
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(1)	(1)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(15)	(23)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(23)	(33)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	23	40

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 35

A. Community Invitation.....	11	17
B. Advance Approval.....	12	18

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	42	66	$2,916.55	$44.19
Approved	42	66	$2,916.55	$44.19

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... _____

B. Pending action at center..... _____

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 2

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 2

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

The Resettlement Planning Commission is now functioning. The interest is good and the attitude reflects a desire to be helpful to the Center residents in all matters of resettlement. They will serve in at least 6 capacities in corporation with the Relocation Division:

(1) Serve as an advisory committee to individuals and groups.
(2) Disseminate information in both languages (leave procedures, policy, Social Security benefits, etc.)
(3) Evaluate and circulate job offers.
(4) Help select representatives and arrange for scouting trips.
(5) Interpret community attitudes to the Relocation Division.
(6) Counsel on methods and center policy as it relates to resettlement.

The commission will occupy special quarters provided in the Relocation Division setup. There will be a desk for the chairman and a clerk-stenographer. Tables will be provided for commission meetings. The quarters are located adjacent to the Relocation Library.

Plans have already definitely been made for Mr. Chester Fujino, the chairman of the Resettlement Planning Commission, and three other representatives to go on an inspection trip to the New Orleans area. Mr. Koh Murai, an agricultural expert, Mr. S. Ito, chairman of the Block Managers, and Mr. K. Hattori, evacuee manager of the Rohwer Farm, will accompany Mr. Fujino. The trip was postponed from December the 18th to January 2, 1945, due to the lifting of exclusion orders.

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

The number of initial interviews has decreased during the month of December. We feel that the lifting of the blanket exclusion order and the holiday activities have caused some of this decrease. The last week of the month we had better response from invitations to come in for interviews. Several families made appointments for their interviews for the first week in January.

Working together with the Welfare Section, we have completed our Central Card File which is proving to be very helpful to us. Our regular joint meetings with the Welfare Section continue to be very beneficial to both groups.

With the addition of two assistant advisers, who will report January 2, 1945, we will be able to speed up our initial interviewing. We will also be able to handle easier those people who come in for further advising and for exist interviewing.

XI. 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.)

No change from last month's report except that the Resettlement Planning Commission is to be used as a medium of disseminating information.

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

Progress has definitely been made in at least two respects:

(1) Our new quarters have been completed, freshly painted, and stoves installed. Plans are made to move immediately. We are now waiting telephone installations.

(2) Beginning the first of the New Year, our appointed personnel staff will be complete with the exception of one assistant adviser and an appointed clerk-stenographer. Definite plans will be consummated within two weeks for the addition of the fourth assistant adviser. The chief problem confronting us now is the lack of enough evacuee personnel especially clerk-stenographers. The Personnel Section is cooperating in alleviating this problem.

The attitude of reluctance on the part of some of the center residents toward returning to the West Coast has begun to make itself felt.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It is felt by great many evacuees that a more definite assurance of help from the services which may be secured from the Social Security Board, Federal Land Bank, and other institutions on the West Coast should be made more evident.

Rohwer — Hunt Colony

figure — Agent of month,
way in advance.

Keeping in touch with
population.

172 responses after
interview. High correlation.

Hope Family Dynamics
will increase.

Planning good. Now
go ahead.

Important that Japanese
translators available in
Adm. Program.

Dope on Communication
letter.

Outdated
1/22/45

of trial indefinite
returned. How many
going on again, etc.

El. Moore

Reply to monthly rept. & info. in Mr. Price's let of Dec. 11.

You will be interested to know that, according to another statistical reports, the Reloc. Div. at Rohwer ~~did~~ held for more relocation advising discussions than any other center. This ~~was~~ indicates that Rohwer is keeping in close touch with the center population on people on their relocation plans. ~~We hope that by this time you staff~~ With completion of staff, we hope the advisers will be able to complete more Family Interviews & get them out to the fields so that there will be no long lags between advising interviews & completing plans.

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You seem to have made excellent organizational progress, ~~and Mr. Hagerty's visit. We appreciate the fact that~~ along perc. lines in recent months. the entire administrative staff ~~is~~ recognizing the importance of pulling together on relocation matters, any further adjustments necessary to increase the efficiency of the ~~reloc~~ program should be speedily accomplished.

FEB 26 1945

Mr. Ray Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Charles B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This will acknowledge the January Monthly Report of the Relocation Division at Rohwer.

We note with considerable satisfaction that your report is, on the whole, quite encouraging. The activities of the Resettlement Planning Commission, the interest in Louisiana, progress in interviewing and the response to invitations to schedule interviews, as described in your report seem to be most promising.

We appreciate your need for more material printed in Japanese and we hope that in the very near future we will be able to supply you with more of ~~them~~.

Mr. Russell C. Derrickson of the Center Liaison Section will be in Rohwer next week for the purpose of discussing in detail your Relocation Program.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief
Relocation Division

cc: Readers File
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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending January 31, 1945

Center Rohwer

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month	468
A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling	99
B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising	369
C. No further interviewing indicated at present	0

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	159	238
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	129	202
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	(0)	(0)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	(79)	(132)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	(50)	(70)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	30	36

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers		44
A. Community Invitation	23	29
B. Advance Approval	21	51

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	144	189	$10725.81	$56.75
Approved	144	189	$10725.81	$56.75

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... Not applicable

B. Pending action at center..... Not applicable

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 4

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 2

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

More and more evacuees in general and the Resettlement Planning Commission in particular are assuming responsibility for planning for themselves the matter of resettlement. This is evident in many ways. The fact that the advisers are getting almost 100 percent response to invitations sent out for appointments for interviews is one indication. The fact that more people are coming in for help on their plans than are being called in is another indication.

The Resettlement Planning Commission are having more frequent meetings and are calling in the Relocation Program Officer, the Coordinator and others is a very welcome indication of stepped-up interest and responsibility. The Commission is now meeting in their new quarters and are now asking for personnel help and are making definite plans for cooperation with the Division. We have worked out a plan for presenting job offers and information to the residents by means of a Resettlement Planning Commission Bulletin both in English and Japanese to be a supplement of the OUTPOST.

The investigation trip to New Orleans has begun to pay dividends. Mr. Murai has spoken to three or four thousand people since his return and many people have been interested in exploring possibilities. Two men went to New Orleans this week-end and came back with definite propositions in mind. Mr. Murai and Mr. Hattori are leaving the 5th of February for New Orleans to make a definite deal with Mr. Danziger for the 7,200 acres Ellington Plantation. Miss Key, the adviser, spoke to the Junior Matron Group (evacuees) recently on the subject of Resettlement.

Mr. Dillon Myer held conferences with the Relocation Staff and Welfare Group in which problems were discussed. He also viewed the Physical setup of the Relocation Division.

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

January has probably been our best month in interviewing. The response to invitations for scheduled interviews has been much better and follow-ups have increased greatly. The follow-ups figure has easily reached 450 and many of these interviews are pointing definitely to final plans for family relocation.

Two assistant advisers began work on January 1, 1945 and another one began January 15, 1945. With the increase in staff, we were able to increase our load and we were also able to take care of the over-the-counter business more satisfactorily.

We have noticed a great difference in the amount of information recevied this month on our scheduled interviews. Although the families interviewed may not have had a definite plan, they have responded to the invitations and have given tentative plans.

Preparation for the return of our first families to the West Coast (over)

XI. **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 plan we have already reported for distribution of relocation material through the Block Managers is working satisfactorily. However, during the month of January, we were able to secure a room for our Relocation Library. A limited number of pamphlets and other material are now being placed in the Relocation Library Materials printed in Japanese are very much in demand in this Center. It is hoped that more material printed in Japanese can be secured for use at this Project.

XII. **Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.**

During the last half of January, we moved the Leave Office into an adjoining barrack. The building also houses the Evacuee Property. By this move, we have been able to relieve the over-crowded condition that has existed in the Relocation Division for several months. We have been furnished with sufficient telephones and also a buzzer system.

XIII. **Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.**

1. This Project has prepared a letter to Mr. Myer recommending changes in the procedure for handling visitors at this Project. It is hoped that the chief of the Relocation Division will have access to this letter and that our recommendations will be considered as this letter was written with the idea of promoting relocation. 2. It would be a great help to the Relocation Office if the WRA could assist in speeding up the releases of the army excludee lists.

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has been very interesting and the discussions that have taken place among the advisers have been very helpful to all of us. General enthusiasm of the advisers is especially noticeable at this time.

Rohwer — Rt Lee
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SUMMARY

1. INTERVIEWING PROGRAM

Families in the Center to be interviewed as of middle of December. 2473

Families to be interviewed who were the responsibility of the Relocation Division . .1754

Number of families interviewed as of today. 888

Families remaining to be initially interviewed. 866

Scheduling on an average per week. 115

At present rate time required to finish initial interviews. . . . . 2 months

With additional staff time required to finish initial interviews. . . . . .1 month

2. RESETTLEMENT THUS FAR THIS MONTH

Through Saturday, January 27th, terminal leaves. 127

Of the above figure, number going to the West Coast. 26

Through Saturday, January 27th, number of short term leaves. 64

Estimate based on interviews for terminal leaves throughout the month of January. . . . 150

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RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending Feb. 28, 1945

Center Rohwer

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 500

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 49

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 451

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 0

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	184	320
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	158	286
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(26)	(40)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(47)	(71)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(85)	(175)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	26	34

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 51

A. Community Invitation.....	19	22
B. Advance Approval.....	32	66

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	166	220	$11,168.89	$50.77
Approved	166	220	$11,168.89	$50.77

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 0

B. Pending action at center..... 0

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 7

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 4

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... _____

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

(1) THE RESETTLEMENT PLANNING COMMISSION continues to function actively which I believe will show results in the whole resettlement program. They are very willing to have visitors from the outside to present their relocation possibilities and cooperate in every way with the Relocation Division.

(2) NEW ORLEANS. There is more and more interest in the New Orleans Area. It is now in the stage of visiting for inspection purposes. Arrangements for housing while in the city of New Orleans is progressing with accommodations now for as many as 12 or 15 people at any one time.

(3) TEXAS. An organized group under the direction of the Resettlement Planning Commission visited the Rio Grande Valley for 10 days during the last of this month. Group is now reporting to the center residents. We do not expect any immediate results of this trip since that part of Texas will have to be "worked" from the standpoint of public relations and farming opportunities.

(4) RELOCATION. As this report is written, Mr. Charles T. Moon from the Middle Atlantic Area is here and has appeared before several groups and has seen a great many people individually. And I am sure, he has created an interest in the Middle Atlantic Area. Mr. Russell C. Derrickson is also here and has been very helpful in discussing problems relative to relocation. During the month of February, there have been 177 terminal leaves, 41 of which went to the West Coast.

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

Initial interviewing has held up exceptionally well this month. We have averaged 25 families daily for initial interviews and 15 follow-ups. Some of our interviews have turned out to be initial, advising, and exit, all in one interview. We are planning to complete all initials by March 15, 1945. We have another Assistant Adviser coming to our staff on March 1, which will bring our total up to 5 Assistants. The evacuees continue to respond almost 100 percent to invitations to come in for an interview. Those who have not reported have telephoned for another appointment. The entire Advisory staff is enthusiastic over the progress that we have made this month and the splendid response of the people we have interviewed.

XI. 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.)

We continue to circulate information among the center residents with the help of the Block Managers. In addition, we are making a wider use of pictures. We have noticed an increased interest in the library. As was reported previously, we have a special room set up for library purposes adjacent with the Resettlement Planning Commission office. We are doing a better job of presenting job offers to the people of the center but as yet do not have a Resettlement Planning Commission Bulletin which will be attached as a supplement to the Outpost. When the Resettlement Planning Commission is able to add enough staff, obtain a typewriter and a secretary, this will be done immediately. At present, we are routing a summary of all job offers that come into the office to the Resettlement Planning Commission, and to our Advisory Staff where they are filed in two categories: (1) state and city (2) classification of job. We are also sending the job offers to the Counseling Section of the Welfare and to the Relocation Counselor of the

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

The two problems which are arising are: (1) With all the interest in the New Orleans Area, there has been some unfavorable publicity in the New Orleans papers which has caused the relocation officers there to encourage a "slow down" of visitors, particularly in too large numbers. This has caused a rumor that the State of Louisiana is closed for relocation. (2) We are also getting rumors of bad sentiment on the West Coast which is, I am sure, keeping hundreds of people from going there almost immediately.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

(1) We are still recommending the change in visitor's regulations which we have been assured is forth coming.

(2) Curtailment of center activities as soon as possible to allow transfer of appointed personnel to replace evacuee personnel when they resettle. This should be gradual, of course, to allow for a continuous training program as far in advance as possible.

XI. (Continued)

high school. The original job offers are filed in our office and coded so that reference can be made to them readily. Besides the Resettlement Planning Commission Bulletin, both in English and Japanese, which we hope to have soon, we want to obtain a roster of the various skills, trades, and professions of the residents of the center. Then when job offers are received, we will do some personalized recruiting for these jobs.

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APR 12 1945

Mr. Ray D. Johnston
Project Director
Rohwer Relocation Center
McGehee, Arkansas

Attention: Charles B. Price
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Johnston:

This will acknowledge receipt of the February monthly report of the Relocation Division at Rohwer.

We note with considerable satisfaction that you have completed your family interviewing program which we believe will prove valuable as the relocation program develops and our plans for reaching every family get under way. The number of family units represented in discussion of plans for relocation seems to us quite good and we hope it continues on an increasing scale.

Our plan to place the primary responsibility for information with the Reports Officer, we believe, will be helpful and we know that we can count on your assistance and cooperation in helping him work out a sound and adequate plan for the dissemination of relocation information.

We sincerely hope that you will do all you can to keep any unfavorable rumors from hurting the interest in Louisiana and Texas that exists in your center. We hope this interest will reflect itself in the completion of definite relocation plans by families who are interested in the South themselves.

We recognize that rumors of bad sentiment on the West Coast is discouraging and that many people only hear and talk of the relatively few unfortunate incidents without considering them against the background of the many favorable instances that have taken place. In the very near future you may expect to get reports and bulletins from the West Coast Area offices which will assist you in presenting a full and accurate picture of conditions on the West Coast.

By now you have probably received the new visiting regulations which we feel sure will do a great deal to eliminate most of the problems that we have had in this connection heretofore.

We are greatly interested in the information you have recently sent us concerning the interest in the Wilson Plantation and hope that by now there have been favorable developments.

We shall look forward with interest to the future reports concerning progress of the relocation program.

Sincerely yours,

Otis Peterson
Acting Chief
Relocation Division

Excerpts from Rohwer Summary of Monthly Report, Feb, 1945

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Additional display photographs of evacuees who have relocated in the southern region have been received and are being prepared for display. We have asked the Relocation Planning Commission to translate the captions into Japanese and as soon as this has been done, the pictures will be mounted on cloth panels, as we did the first group of Rohwer pictures which we received.

Excerpts from Rohwer Monthly Report of Reports Office, Feb., 1945

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending March 31, 1945

Center Rohwer

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 211

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 14

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 197

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 0

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	258	388
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	258	388
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(21)	(33)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(21)	(24)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(216)	(331)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	0	0

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 91

A. Community Invitation.....	76	122
B. Advance Approval.....	15	28

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	230	346	$17850.40	$51.59
Approved	228	340	$17791.39	$52.32

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... _____

B. Pending action at center..... _____

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 5

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 3

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 2

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

The Resettlement Planning Commission is now working full time and is earnestly trying to get the job done. They have numerous meetings discussing problems and working out plans for the resettlement of the residents. In my opinion, they have accepted the responsibility of impartial dissemination of information and are actively engaged in educating the people concerning the necessity of making immediate plans for resettlement.

In cooperation with the Adult Education, we are holding panel discussions under the leadership of the Resettlement Planning Commission on various sections of the United States. These panel discussions include (1) geography, (2) resettlement opportunity and (3) readjustment into community life. The schools have the responsibility for the geography part, the Relocation Division presents resettlement opportunities and the Welfare Section discusses the elements of community adjustment; such as, rationing, housing, the resettlement funds, public and private agencies, etc. Another feature of these panel discussions is that we are using visiting personnel, those who come from Washington or the various relocation offices, and recruiters, both Caucasian and people of Japanese ancestry. For instance, last Monday night, we had a panel discussion on the Middle Atlantic Area using Mr. Charles Moon, who is here from the Baltimore Office. We shall use others as the time goes on. The Resettlement Planning Commission is planning a series of district meetings using the Welfare Section staff in discussing community resources.

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

We completed our original load of initial interviewing on March 15. Immediately afterwards we met with Welfare Section to review the joint clearance file as to responsibility. In this review, we found 65 families charged to Welfare which should have been charged to Relocation. We have taken responsibility for them together with 41 other families referred us by Welfare since March 19, 1945 making a total of 106 families.

We feel very encouraged over our initial interviewing. Now we are able to add actual plans to family summaries which we considered very meager before. The increase in the number of families planning to return to the west coast has been very noticeable. Short term passes, issued this month, promise early completion of relocation plans for a large number of families. People seem more inclined to volunteer recent information for their summaries. There is much more freedom on the part of evacuee in giving necessary information.

XI. 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.)

We continue to distribute pamphlets, bulletins, and other information to the blocks as has been reported previously. The Resettlement Planning Commission is also planning a series of bulletins containing information on community resources; such as, aid and grants, resettlement funds, etc., and job offers and other information which the residents should have.

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

Early in month of March, announcement was made through the Project newspaper that a special car to California would be provided if enough people requested that mode of transportation. On March 28th, a seventy-two passenger, air conditioned, individual reclining seat coach departed McGehee, Arkansas for Sacramento, California carrying fifty-eight indefinite leaves and two short terms. Four additional persons were assigned to the same train but not to this car. The car was placed at Rohwer allowing the people an opportunity to inspect the car two days before the departure. The special car was routed by way of St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Ogden and to Sacramento. Sacramento was used as the terminal point. The returning evacuees were well pleased with the car and the Relocation Division has been congratulated on numerous occasions for their efforts in securing this car. The second car has been scheduled to leave April 20th.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

As previously mentioned, the revision of visiting policy.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month April 30, 1945 Center Rohwer

	Number basic family units	Number ~~individuals~~ involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	2215	6260
B. Last day of month		5933
II. Number relocated during month		364
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	23	83
B. Number of other families relocated	83	281
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	343	1211
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	29	96
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	2	10
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	216	1100
A. Community Invitation	212	1083
B. Advance Approval	4	17

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	285	473	$26551.77	$56.34
Approved	282	457	$26236.87	$56.19

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 7

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

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.) .....

Evacuee participation in relocation planning became more evident in the month of April than in any other month. On April 1, Fred Nakamura, who through the assistance of Mr. Charles T. Moon, took 16 persons with him to Philadelphia, Pa., for employment on the Becker Farm. This was a rush offer and required the all out participation of the Relocation Division, Mr. Moon and unquestionably the hard work of Mr. Nakamura. On April 27, George Hisaka departed for Stockton, California for employment on the R.C. Zuckerman ranch. Art Hisaka has now completed plans to depart on May 3 with 20 people for employment with W.B. Lacy farm, Stockton, California. Even though the Relocation Division did complete all negotiations for this relocation, the evacuee participation was paramount. Assistant Advisers were assigned to the Becker, Zuckerman and Lacy offers. They were given all the details and worked very closely with the evacuee recruiters. The significantpart of this recruitment was that each of the recruiters was a center resident, who was interested in arranging group relocation for his friends. The 2 Stockton, California groups have completed plans for 20 additional people, who will leave Rohwer about May 30 to join their friends.

During the month of April, the new visiting procedure was put into effect at Rohwer. As outlined in the manual instruction, visiting is controled by the Project Director at the gate. The Relocation Division and the Welfare Section now have a coordinated program of interviewing visitors in regards to relocation plans for their family. As the new procedure did not go into effect until April 16, we are not in position yet to make any statement re-

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

We are pleased that the new Relocation Progress Report gives a truer picture of the Advisory Section. If follow-up interviews could be shown, we would find that each family relocated average at least three interviews during the month, and those whose plan were not completed during the month equaled as many follow-up interviews. In cases where only one family member relocated, we find that we have approximately as many follow-up interviews as we have on the other cases. It seems that each month we have one or two individual to relocate who make daily visits to their adviser during the time of their preparation for departure. Although this takes much time

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XII. 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.)

No change has been made in the matter of distributing bulletins and materials to date. The Relocation Division continue to distribute the bulletins in cooperation with the Reports Division. Plans were completed during the last week in April for the first Relocation Bulletin which will be published during the week beginning April 30th.

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

On April 20th, special car no. 2 departed McGehee, Arkansas for California. This car was routed by way of St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, and Ogden. Special car no. 3 departed April 27th carrying 55 persons. At St. Louis, Miss Brooks in cooperation with the Nisei Council and various church organizations entertained our travelers so elaborately that a stopover in St. Louis is now looked to as part of relocation planning, and numerous reports regarding the all out cooperation at the St. Louis Office have been received. During this month, we also completed arrangements for our special car scheduled for Seabrook Farms on May 1. Also we completed plans for special car no. 5 which is to leave May 3 for California.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Recommendation for improvement of relocation program. When and wherever possible, the relocation officers should prepare recruiters coming from their district as to the conditions in camps. It is highly important and should not be overlooked.

XI. and the interview may be unnecessary, we always manage to see the individual.

Our section has worked very closely with the recruiter from Seabrook Farms this month to see that the relocatees were well informed concerning the housing situation and the other unusual features of the Seabrook offer. The special cars to the West Coast this month have required extra interviewing in our section as well as the Leave Section.

On April 15, utilizing the same geographical districts that are used by the Welfare Section, an Assistant Relocation Adviser was assigned to each district and made responsible for the completion of resettlement plan on family units living within that district. Naturally some advisers have to carry cases outside their geographical district because of former contacts with the family. We have found out that this system is working out very satisfactorily. It's very helpful to the advisers to have a Welfare Counselor with whom he can work closely. Each Assistant Adviser is now working on those families who have not visited our office recently and they are attempting to bring all summary material up to date.

We are adding, June 1, 1945, three Assistant Advisers to our staff. All of them are coming from the Education Section. We will give them their training the month of May.

X. garding progress on this matter. However, preliminary reports are more than encouraging and we feel that this visiting interviewing program will bring good results.

The Adult Education through cooperation of the Welfare Section and the Relocation Division continues the series of meetings regarding geography, resettlement opportunities and readjustment into community life. Even though, the turn out at these meetings have not been as hoped, those that do attend no doubt are very much interested in the life outside of a relocation center.

Mr. Charles T. Moon representing the Middle Atlantic Area was well received and liked by the center residents. Mr. Moon's visit impressed a number of center residents on the fact that relocation office is as interested in their welfare after leaving the center as the Relocation Division is in closing the center.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month May Center Rohwer

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	2109	5933
B. Last day of month	1927	5486
II. Number relocated during month	182	541
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	45	134
B. Number of other families relocated	137	407
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	492	1812
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	36	162
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	2	5
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	292	1228
A. Community Invitation	290	1226
B. Advance Approval	2	2

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	314	522	$29,066.62	$55.68
Approved	314	522	$29,066.62	$55.68

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 5

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 2

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.) .....

1. Continued cooperation between Welfare and Relocation staffs is evident.

2. The committee on Social and Economic Adjustment of Relocatees, which is a branch of the Adult Education Committee, continues to meet once or twice a week with representatives of the Resettlement Planning Commission to formulate ways and means of disseminating needed information to the residents of the center. This same committee plans the Monday night forum which is still being held. This committee is composed both of Appointed Personnel and evacuees.

3. Evacuee cooperation and participation is sought and has been very helpful in the matter of arranging for the special cars pullman. Car captains are elected and suggestions are made and matters discussed relative to seating arrangement, box lunches and travel problems. These matters are discussed by mass meetings held by prospective occupants of the cars. Car reporters are also appointed who write logs of the trip and send them back to the Relocation Office for our information and as a guide to future travel.

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

We are quite pleased with the progress in our section this month. With 541 departures and anticipated departures for June, the interviewing load was quite heavy. Very little time was left for dictation.

All advisors attended special meetings in their geographical districts with the welfare counselors. The meetings were well attended, and center residents took an active part.

Interviews with the visitors have been very helpful in gaining more information on family plans.

Early in May we prepared a manual for advisors which explains fully

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XII. 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 Relocation Division is working closely with the Reports Division in the distribution of materials and information to the center residents. All materials now come to the Reports Office; however, the Relocation Division has assumed the job with our messenger service of delivering the material to the blocks. We are also cooperating with the Reports Office in submitting material for the RELOCATOR - the new bulletin.

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

This month we had five special cars depart McGehee, Arkansas. A coach on May 1 was routed to Philadelphia, carrying relocatees to Seabrook Farms. On May 3 a coach went to California. On May 30 we ran a coach and pullman, coach going as far as Sacramento and the pullman to Los Angeles. On May 31 a coach went to Sacramento.

We do not anticipate too much trouble with special coach transportation before August 1; however, pullman transportation is becoming very hard to secure. It is hoped that the Washington Office will do everything possible to secure approval for bed space in California for our tuberculosis and bed-to-bed patients.

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XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We hear more about the housing difficulty than about any other single problem connected with relocation. If some progress could be made especially on the West Coast in establishing a sufficient number of hostels and in otherwise generally relieving the housing situation, it would, in my opinion, greatly increase immediate relocation to the West Coast.

X. (continued)

May has been our best relocation month. It has been interesting to follow the trend since the first of the year. Each month has been a better relocation month than the preceeding one. During May 541 went out on terminal leave; 225 went to California. During the last week in May and the first two days in June 241 went out on terminal leave, which is our highest number for any one week. 140 of these went to California. Since the first of the year, we have had 1505 terminal leaves; 502 of these went to California, which indicates that about one-third of all those who have gone out have gone out have gone to the West Coast.

We have had eight special cars leave the center and have two scheduled thusfar for June.

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the procedure and responsibility of our section. This is not only helpful to the old Advisers but serves as a job breakdown for the new Advisers.

XIII. (continued)

The only feasible means of moving these patients is by special pullmans, and they should be moved not later than July 15. It is hoped that they will be moved before July 1.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month June Center Rohwer

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	1927	5462
B. Last day of month	1785	4931
II. Number relocated during month	143	528
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	32	95
B. Number of other families relocated	110	433
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	577	1783
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	52	173
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	2	7
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	314	1199
A. Community Invitation	312	1197
B. Advance Approval	2	2

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	293	545	30135.38	55.29
Approved	287	537	29706.98	55.32

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 5

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 2

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 1

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.) .....

There has been considerable planning and thinking, discussing and conferring concerning relocation in general; housing and attitudes of the residents in particular. Three surveys which will give some indication of trends, but by no means in my opinion accurate or adequate enough upon which to base a program.

Survey No. 1 was made by the Community Analyst, copies of which you probably have received by this time. If not, you will soon. They attempt to discover the number of those going out by October 1st, by December 31st and those who are going out, but have no plans and those who are making no plans to relocate.

Survey No. 2 was made by the Resettlement Planning Commission to determine the probable destination of the people who are in the center. I am not sure whether the Resettlement Planning Commission has sent a copy to Washington, but here are some of the highlights. Los Angeles is to get 421 families, involving 1,222 persons; Fresno 160 families, involving 442 persons; Stockton, Lodi, San Francisco and other nearby towns 329 families, involving 1073 people; Salt Lake City, Ogden, Lincoln, Omaha, Minneapolis, Des Moines, Kansas City and St. Louis 40 families, involving 115 people; Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, Washington, D. C. and New York, 160 families, involving 449 people. Those going to places other than those mentioned 147 families, involving 400 people. The total is 1,225 families contacted which represents 3797 people. This indicates, of course, that more than half of the people in this center are planning to go back to the West Coast. The housing problem would then really be accute if the story in the other centers is the same. (Continued)

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

Every possible device is being used to stimulate interest on the part of the residents in availing themselves of the services of our section. Relocation teams made up of Assistant Advisers and Junior Counselors are conferring with block managers and councilmen to work out plans for getting inert families to come to the office to discuss their problems.

XII. 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.)

We are now able to say that we have a very good library set up. Some time ago Miss Moore from the Washington office drew a blue print of the present library, using available space which we had. We have followed the blue print and now have a Librarian who assists with the reception work. She speaks Japanese fluently and is ideal as a receptionist and librarian. She has two evacuee helpers. Themes are used each week or two wherein pictures and special information is displayed on the walls and on the bookcases. For instance, for two weeks we have had "Visit the Southland", where the pictures are arranged on the wall in an attractive arrangement. Coincidental with these pictures, we have a Relocation Officer visiting the center from the South for a week or so. We have two rows of bookcases which are filled with nothing but "take away material". (continued)

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

During the month of June, four special cars departed McGehee, Arkansas for California. Special car No. 9 departed on June 8; No. 10 on June 15; No. 11 on June 22, and No. 12 on June 26. Also, we were able to schedule six special cars for the month of July. The departure dates for the six special cars are July 6, 12, 18, 24, 27 and 31. Center residents are beginning to have a better understanding of the transportation problem.

We are requesting pullman space only for those whom our local hospital recommends. We are not requesting pullman space any longer for those pesons who prefer to travel by pullman. (Continued)

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We want to add to last month's recommendation which was more adequate housing, especially on the West Coast, ~~and~~ Some active work toward priorities ~~in~~ transportation should be begun at an early date. We also believe that announcing the closing date would be helpful in arrousing the lethargy of some of our center residents.

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Survey No. 3 was made by the Resettlement Planning Commission to try to determine the number of families who would qualify for Resettlement Assistance under the instruction, Administrative Notice No. 263. It was the opinion of the Resettlement Planning Commission that a very few people would qualify under the instruction. Whether this opinion influences the survey or not, I do not know; however they received reports from 32 blocks and found that 119 families would qualify and that there were 45 questionable families. If this survey is reliable at all, it indicates that a little more than half of the funds allotted to us would be used. The survey and much discussion concerning the questions of resettlement indicate to me a very healthy awakening and assuming of responsibility on the part of the residents of this center.

XII. (continued)

I believe our library is working efficiently now. Other materials coming into the center are being distributed to Block Managers and to people in the center as usual.

XIII. (continued)

The project and railroad relationship is excellent. We feel that the good-will of the railroad company is an important factor in the closing of the Rohwer Center.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month July Center Rohwer

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	1785	4931
B. Last day of month	1545	4116
II. Number relocated during month	240	785
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	49	172
B. Number of other families relocated	191	608
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	611	1905
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	63	203
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	1	3
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	235	755
A. Community Invitation	235	753
B. Advance Approval	0	2

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	363	763	45814.66	59.92
Approved	363	763	45814.66	59.92

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 4

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 3

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.) .....

There has been no new progress since last month's report. The attitude continues to be good, and I believe it is definitely better since the beginning of the train movement. Members of evacuee population good. The Resettlement Planning Commission with Mr. Muraoka as the Executive Secretary appointed by the Council meets with various members of the Appointed Personnel staff to consult concerning Arkansas City project.

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

The advisers are attempting to make a breakdown of their interviewing load in order to be able to know the exact destinations of all families by Septemberl. They are also begining to interview center residents who are property owners in the Los Angeles area in cooperation with the Los Angeles office in determining possible housing for returning evacuees. It happens that the majority of our property owners from that district have already relocated.

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XII. 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.)

Reports office and Relocation Division still cooperating in the presenting of relocation information to evacuees. The Relocation Library is completely set up and is functioning excellently under the supervision of a former school library staff member. In spare moments she helps in the reception work. We feature continuously pictures of relocation in various parts of the country. We present each week a complete new gallery in the reception room. For instance, Mr. Arnold Hyde, Relocation Officer in the New Orleans area, will be in the center during the week August 20 to August 25. We will present at that time a complete picturization of the New Orleans area.

XIII. Special progress made or problems incurred on relocation.

We are making progress, in my estimation, on the following matters:

1. Development of a better attitude of the evacuees toward closing of the center.
2. Eliminating departmental kinks in Advisory section, Leave section, and Transportation unit.

Problems incurred on relocation are the following ones:

1. Lack of stenographic help.
2. Too much useless correspondence between field and relocation centers.

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XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. This center will perhaps have to adopt the method of Minidoka in using more forms instead of writing so many letters, although it may be necessary to form a pool for stenographic help.
2. Eliminating as much correspondence as possible. We welcome job offers, but they should come in regular letter form in complete detail which will prevent a great deal of further correspondence.
3. Centers should follow Mr. Robertson's plan in Los Angeles for the use of evacuee property. Arrangements

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The cancellation of the special cars to the West Coast and preparing for the special train of July 26 brought about extra interviewing of all families scheduled to depart to the West Coast this month. In spite of the many changes, the interviewing program moved along smoothly. The change of dates did cause the advisors to have to write more letters to the Field Officers notifying them of changes.

XIII. Continued

3. Housing, of course, but I believe this is improving.
4. New regulation from Welfare concerning the payment of travel preventing relocation until advance approval is received.

XIV. Continued

should be made with government housing authorities as it has in a case or two that has been called to my attention to put aside a section of the project for evacuee occupation. Church groups can be used, I think, to a greater advantage than they have been before in taking a responsibility in seeing that everyone who comes to a city obtains housing if at all possible.

4. Personally, I believe the new regulation to the Welfare preventing the payment of travel until approval is received will retard relocation a great deal. In fact, we are expecting a great many cancellations from our August 17 train due to the new regulation.