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Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

October 20, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harry L. Stafford
Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - Relocation
(Week ending October 21, 1944)

I. Ordinance

Col. Preble and Capt. Figner were contacted October 17 and informed of difficulties encountered in recruiting families for the Sioux Depot. They have contacted Washington, D. C. for an adjustment on wage scale from 72¢ per hour to 77¢, the same as the prevailing wage at Toccole. Also, we asked them to seek adjustment in rents since the rent at Sioux is \$10 higher than Toccole. This is in the process of adjustment.

As of October 20, 1944, 29 families have signed for Sioux. Nine clearances have been received from Washington; and three disapprovals - C. T. Takahashi, Ed Osawa, and Shigemi Hamasaki.

Saturday, October 21, 1944, C. T. Takahashi and Ed. Berman are leaving for the Pocatello area to contact project residents in that area. They will return October 24.

II. Family Summaries

With the addition of Dan Chapman to our staff of interviewers we have been able to speed up completion of summaries. We have submitted a floor plan for the relocation building to re-arrange the space for interviews. As soon as we can get the engineers to give us an estimate of costs, etc., we will be able to move.

III. Seasonal Leave

We are still being asked to furnish seasonal workers to move the crops in this area. We have very few available. However, some workers are returning from completed jobs. Most of these are going back out on these seasonal jobs. We have shifted some

of the seasonal leave staff to family summaries. As of October 14, 1944, 1,823 were out on seasonal leave.

IV. Indefinite Leaves

Number leaving on indefinite leave is off about one-third since the heavy seasonal leave rush began; however, with a slight system in ordnance work we should soon be back to normal on indefinite leave departures.

V. Relocation Commission

No word has been received from the Community Council as to appointments.

VI. Staff

a) Evacuee:

We have added three more workers during the week and one worker returned from seasonal leave. We have 16 workers at present out of a 30 approval.

b) Appointive:

We now have three interviewers and need two more or one more, and a leave officer to release Mr. Hughey for interview work.

On prospect we have Dallas Newell, if and when, he can be released from Statistics Office. Also, Morris Roth has indicated that he would move into the division if we can effect a transfer.

VII. Things Needing Special Attention

Capt. Figner informs us that his quota has been increased from 48 to 75 cars daily. He is desperately in need of men.

If room was available, I believe we should add another interviewer to our staff. We have been trying to recruit an appointive secretary but no luck, as yet.

Reports from the Hospital have been received on cases needing special attention before they can be relocated. How-

ever, there are more reports needed from other sections.

Mr. Plank is to be ready with an estimate on remodeling of our building. This plan is based on the hope that we will be able to move the Western Union to another location; if that is done, we could then consolidate our whole division.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Acting Relocation Program Officer

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

October 28, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Division report for week ending
October 28, 1944

I. Sioux Ordinance

Takahashi and Ed Berman returned from Pocatello area on October 24. Reception of evacuees in that area was good and they got 16 applicants. Seven of these have been transmitted. Four more applicants were contacted in the Twin Falls area; two of these are definitely signed. We now have 40 applications, 13 clearances, and 5 disapprovals.

One family left October 25 for Sidney; another is to leave here October 29; two, November 4; and one, Nov. 5.

We have contacted the Army Reservation Bureau in an effort to obtain pullman space for families with young children. A representative of the army is due here to survey the situation and give us assistance in obtaining needed reservation. Lt. Collier was in the project October 27 and is to let us know what can be done.

Ed Berman and C. T. Takahashi have been doing yeoman service on this recruitment. We have been up against great difficulties because of lower wages and higher rent, but we have been progressing slowly.

II. Indefinite Leaves

Indefinite leaves are still off about one third. During the week ending October 21st, 25 left on indefinite leave, this included one family of 8 people. There is a pretty general stir among families, more interest is being exhibited because of reports of lack of housing on the coast, apposition of unions to Japanese American workers, etc.

III. Seasonal Leaves

Demand is still strong for warehouse workers. Harvest is completed in Idaho Falls and Aberdeen areas. The Burley section is still incomplete in spuds and beets have not been very well started. We have had a few requests for extension of school Harvest Vacation, but we do not anticipate any blank permission of extension. We are considering extension in individual cases. On October 14th, 1822 were out on seasonal; as of October 21st, 1696 were out.

Center population on October 14th was 5923; October 21st, 6038.

IV. Family Interviews

Progress is being made, but the major part of the staff is grounded because we have only one car. We believe we could become more efficient if we had adequate transportation.

It appears from records available that we have about 400 families yet to contact. However, this figure may not be very correct, as no new family numbers have been established for newly married couples.

Welfare and hospital records have been received for most of the cases needing special preparation for relocation.

V. Things Needing Attention

1. We have decided to rearrange the relocation building as best we can now until such a time as we can get carpenters to go to work on it.
2. We need two more interviewers badly and have requests in for Newell, who will be available for transfer within the next ten days.

Morris Beth has also been requested but no reply has been received on his case.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Program Officer

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Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

November 3, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Weekly Report for the week ending
November 4, 1944.

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE DEPOT

Applications for ordnance work are still coming in. To date, we have 52 applications, 18 clearances, and 7 disapprovals. We have appealed 3 of these disapprovals and requested a re-hearing. Two of the 18 families cleared are already at Sidney with one family leaving on November 4 and another on November 5.

There are a lot of minor details arising as we progress in the recruitment program, which may make or break the entire program. I am in hopes that Washington will approve George Anderson's visit to Sidney for during his visit he will be able to obtain adequate answers asked by the residents here before signing.

I feel that we have been able to clarify the difficulties arising from the lack of pullman space for families with youngsters. Lt. Collier has not given us a report of his findings as yet; however, Mr. Forsha, representative of the U. P. Railway was in here yesterday to discuss problems with us. He stated that there was no reason why folks leaving here could not retain a reservation all the way to Sidney.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During the week ending October 28th indefinite leave departures are still off about the same as last week. There were 16 indefinite leave departures during the week. During the last month we were able to complete and send out 54 family summaries. It is interesting to note that these 54 families have either already relocated or have made definite plans to leave within the near future.

III. SEASONAL LEAVES

There has been but small demand for seasonal workers during the past week. We have been able to transfer one third of our seasonal staff over to other work, either family interviewing, or into the Leaves Office.

We received about half dozen requests for extension of harvest vacation of students so that they might complete the harvest. However, by the first of next week all students should be in.

On October 24 there were 1574 out on seasonal as compared to 1696 of October 21. For the only three days of the week that we have population reports, the Center population shows a gain from 6,038 to 6,166.

In talking to Mr. Mewing today it was agreed that we would write no seasonal leaves to exceed December 31, 1944. At that time the W.F.A. is requiring employers to submit a new work contract and we will also require a new seasonal leave to be issued at that time if seasonal leaves are still in force.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING PROGRAM

During the past month we were able to contact approximately 50 families for initial interviews. These 50 were part of the 400 families mentioned in last week's report which still had to be contacted. We are still being handicapped in the interviewing program because of seasonal leave absence.

The increase in our staff of interviewers has given our program all needed impetus and it seems very probable that within the next 15 to 20 days far greater improvement that could have been shown before will be evident.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

I note in the monthly relocation letter from H. Rex Lee, Acting Chief, Relocation Division, that there have been received 64 applications for employment at Sioux Ordnance Depot, distributed as follows: Minidoka, 33; Central Utah, 22; Manzanar, 1; and 8 seasonal leave workers unattached. For the Toccole Depot there have been 124 applications received, distributed as follows: Heart Mountain, 26; Colorado River, 11; Gila River, 11; Manzanar, 1;

and 75 seasonal workers.

Also of interest in this monthly relocation matter is the fact that there were 203 cases from the various centers sent to the field offices of which 167 of these cases received health assistance furnished by outside agencies. This is encouraging to us in our interviewing program because we have a number of just such cases.

I have given up hope of the appointment by the Council of a Relocation Commission and am now organizing a group from the various church organizations to be appointed as a channel for conveying necessary information to the residents. I intend this group should be a rather informal group. It is the same group of folks that we have worked through all the time, but have never thought of them as an organized group.

On November 6 Mr. Newell is to join our staff. We already have enough work back-logged to keep him busy the very first moment he arrives in the office.

Mr. Roth is getting acquainted with the relocation problems and I think will make a very good addition to our staff.

Mr. Chapman is a very enthusiastic individual and has on couple of occasions, just about let his enthusiasm get the better of him. We have talked with him and cautioned him against irritating any of the folks who are interviewed.

Mrs. Alexander, in addition to her Selective Service work, is doing a very fine job interviewing some of the more difficult cases which we have to find relocation for. At the present time she is able to submit summaries a month or more in advance of the families leaving this center.

The carpenters have moved the Western Union from our building and are now ready to do a little work for us. Mr. Plank states that he can do the necessary work in our building in one day.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Program Officer

Relocation

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho
November 11, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Report for Relocation Division for week
ending November 11

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT

To date we have 62 applications submitted. Of these, 23 have received clearance, 9 have been disapproved. Of the 23 cleared, five are now at the Depot, one has been inducted into the Army, and one is called for induction, making a total of 7. Of the 16 remaining here they are for the H88¹ part groups in which one member has been disapproved. With disapprovals running 30% it is almost shymieing our all out effort to recruit more workers. During the week we received 10 applications; this is about average.

We have received no word of rent adjustments; however, in conversation with Charles Miller, WRA Denver, Colorado, he stated that a rent commission would be in Sidney Monday, November 13th, to consider adjustments.

George Anderson has returned from Sidney Friday, November 10th.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

Twenty-six left on indefinite leave this week as compared to 16 for week ending October 28 and 28 for week ending November 4. We have been trying to hold indefinite leave departures to 40 or above for the week, but have been unsuccessful during the past month. I think this is dur in most part because of the number out on seasonal, and also partly due to the fact that family relocations take more time and planning.

III. SEASONAL LEAVES

Little or no demand. The return of the aliens by W.F.A.

has had a bad effect. We have contacted some of the cooks who returned in an effort to line them up on a new job, but they are pretty well satisfied to stay here and have very little desire to risk leaving again at least for awhile.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Since November 1 we have completed and dispatched 21 completed family summaries, and were able to take 23 initial interviews. The residents have been generally very acceptable, and in most cases anxious to assist in completion of files. The interviewers have been confronted with many types of problems for which residents need a solution before relocation can be accomplished. This is slow work but it is being accomplished one by one.

Mr. Gee is being kept busy interviewing evacuees interested in the Detroit area.

V. ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our staff of interviewers is gaining experience rapidly and they are able to contact a number of new families every day. Some of the interviewing is being accomplished in the office, although the greater part is done in the homes.

Mr. Newell is contacting families, who have signified a desire to return to the coast, and completing summaries in preparation for transmittal if and when they are allowed to return.

Mr. Chapman is contacting those returning from seasonal and reports that the response is excellent. He states that the greater number of these are young folks, but he has been able to do quite well; also with the older folks. Due to the fact that population summaries are two weeks behind it is rather difficult to keep current on interviews for those returning from seasonal leave. It seems that there is a lack of adequate help in Statistics Office.

Mrs. Alexander is working on current cases and the submission of these cases to the field. Selective Service work is running heavy again and take a good share of her time.

Morris Roth is handling job referrals on incoming offers. He is getting a good percentage of acceptance.

We have rearranged our building and my office is now in Building 43; phone 411.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Program Officer

Relocation

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho
November 18, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Relocation Division Report for week ending
November 18

L. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT

Recruitment this week has been slow. Sixty-four applications have been received to date; 31 have been cleared; 7 workers are now at the Depot, 4 families are now packing and will be ready to leave early next week.

The draft has called two more of the group signed to go. Four altogether have now been lost to the draft. One applicant, Yone Nakao, is anxious to leave, but refused to release him. We are trying to clarify this case.

Eleven disapprovals have been received, still running 30%. This is the main reason why more have not moved to the Depot, as the group will not leave until they can all go together. To date, because of disapproval of Fred Takagi, Casey Kosai, Fred Takeuchi, and Frank Takemura are still here. Because of disapproval of Masanobu Kariya, Dick Yoshioka, Wayne Kariya and Roy Furuta will not leave. This makes a total of 8 families still waiting for two clearances.

Two beauty operators are ready to leave, but both are awaiting clearance for their husbands. After all is said and done we just can't take a pick handle and drive these folks out.

I have prepared for attention of Major Harbert, Provost Marshal's office an appeal on seven of these cases which I will air mail at the earliest opportunity.

George Anderson was able to clarify a number of problems during his trip and I feel that his visit was particularly beneficial from the standpoint of conveying to the personnel of the Depot the difficulties we are encountering here.

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II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

Twenty-seven indefinite leaves were issued this week. This is the approximate, the same as it has been for the past month. Three family groups comprising 8 people were among the departure -- one of these was a complete family; two were the remainder of families in which parts were previously sent out.

Sixteen complete families were relocated from October 1 to November 18. Forty-three evacuees left which completed 24 other family groups during the same period, making a total of 40 complete families relocated.

We are finding it more and more difficult to move families, or rather I should say, more time is consumed in the movement of a family. We are heading into the holiday season when there will be a more pronounced tendency to remain here at least until the 1st of the year or later. The return from seasonal work of the majority of the workers had had little noticeable effect on indefinite leave departures. In most cases they need a rest.

III. SEASONAL LEAVES

No demand. Have about 700 still out on seasonal. Population has shown a gain from 5923 on October 14 to 6991, November 14.

We have given the IRRIGATOR a complete explanation of the WPA terminations for alien cooks. WPA is of course coming in for lots of criticism because they think that they were ordered to return by this agency.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Mr. Geo, Relocation Officer from Detroit, is doing some fine work, interviewing and advising interested evacuees.

Family interviewing is hitting a steady rate and even though the interest is growing less as the holiday period approaches we are completing and dispatching a number of summaries which will require considerable time in planning.

Forty family summaries were completed for those signifying a desire to return to the Coast. I note that the relocation

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officers in about 8 offices are to be closed in the near future. These include Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, and Havre, Montana.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Program Officer

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

November 25, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Relocation Division Report for week ending
November 25

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT

We now have 66 applicants for ordnance work -- 41 approvals, 12 disapprovals, 8 workers and family now at Depot. No word has been received on any of the cases appealed.

Mr. Miller called from Denver November 24, 1944 requesting information on Sioux recruitment and to inform us that Mr. Lane from the Denver Office would be in the project December 4 to talk over the program with us. I am attaching a copy of a letter from Sam Kimura who is now at Sidney. It is not too glowing a report and more or less disconcerting, but I feel it is something that gives us a lead on how the program is going to progress unless the officials at Sioux get busy and give us assistance promised us.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

Twenty-seven indefinite leaves were issued this week -- the same number as last week. This included 4 families composed of 12 persons. Relocation is slow but is more substantial in that it is composed of families or parts of families completing the groups.

III. SEASONAL LEAVES

Small demand. Still about 700 out on this type of leave. Population figures are continuing to gain. We passed the 7,000 figure on November 13.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

It is becoming quite apparent that there are still quite a number of families to interview. We thought at one time we knew about how many we had left in this group, but new ones are showing up all the time whom we have never contacted.

Mr. Newell and Mr. Roth have completed over 200 summaries on those expressing a desire to return to the West Coast. We feel we are getting in pretty fair shape for the opening, if and when.

Mr. Gee will leave for Detroit November 29. His visit has been very beneficial to us, in that he was able to give first hand information to the residents. He has kept very busy during his entire visit.

The interviewers have been, more or less, bumping their heads on a stone wall in interviewing some of the bachelors as they have no intention of leaving this place for some time to come. In one case the interviewer worked out a plan for an old cook only to have the fellow tell him he had no confidence in WRA and would not go out.

Selective Service work is running heavy again with boards canceling out farm deferments, etc. We still have a bunch of young fellows here just waiting around because of uncertainty of their draft status.

We are getting an occasional application from residents 18 or younger. These are referred to Welfare without delay. A small number of this group are going out after proper arrangements have been made.

V. ITEMS OF NOTE

Ichiro Umino, an expatriate and draft evader, who claimed he had not been inducted, even though the army held that he had been inducted, was arrested for failure to report for active duty. The final outcome was that the army could not prove their intention and were forced to release the boy with an honorable discharge because of "erroneous induction", with \$100 mustering out pay. The whole thing is a nasty deal and is causing considerable resentment among other draftees, especially some who have received physical discharges with

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no mustering out pay.

I have talked to Selective Service Officials about the Umino and the Hino cases. They are not anxious to discuss either of these cases.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Program Officer

Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

December 1, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Relocation Division Report
For Week Ending December 2, 1944

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT:

Recruitment now shows 70 applications; 48 approvals; 15 disapprovals; and 14 families now at the Depot.

We have been able to solve the train reservation problem with the assistance of the Army Reservation Bureau in Salt Lake, and have been able to obtain reservations for all families that were held here awaiting accommodations.

On the eight cases, appealed for rehearing, all were again disapproved.

Recruitment is slow now, awaiting word from those now at the Depot. I feel that this is a tense moment in this program, as we now have enough workers at the Depot to give a clear picture of conditions there; and many are waiting here, until more favorable reports are received.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES:

Sixty-six indefinite leaves were issued this week; this includes eight complete families comprising nineteen people, and the completion of five other family groups of six individuals. This is the best week we have experienced for some time; and almost without exception, these indefinite leaves were issued to the mid-west or east. I am not at all certain that we can continue at the rate of sixty-six, but it would be a good goal to shoot at.

III. SEASONAL LEAVE:

We are below 500 out on seasonal, with a center population of 7235. It looks like we will easily reach 7300 population by December 15, 1944.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWS:

Figures still insist that we have 317 families to interview, representing 634 individuals. We are contacting approximately 50 new families a month for initial interviews.

We have referred back to Welfare approximately 1300 cases, which are classified as not interested in relocating, for them to work on; and keeping all interested and active cases in the Relocation Division. These 1300 families will be the major responsibility of Welfare, but as time permits, the Relocation Division will also work on these.

Mr. Gee left November 29th, having spent a very successful month here, judging from the number of people he interviewed and the number interested in relocating in Detroit.

Mr. Brenton, of the Chicago Office, is here now, until December 20th. He is getting acquainted now, and I feel his visit will be equally successful.

V. ITEMS OF NOTE:

Washington Office requested in Administrative Notice 187, November 14, 1944, that a Staff Relocation Committee be formed at each center. I feel that the first thing would be a Relocation Planning Commission, the ground work for which we should have pretty well completed as soon as the Council can get settled down.

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

December 9, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Weekly Report for week ending
December 9

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT

We have received to date 74 applications; 51 approvals; 14 disapprovals; 15 workers and their families are now at the depot. Two workers who were signed in the field have also gone to Sidney, making a total of 17 workers and their families now employed.

We have contacted all families, now cleared and still here, in an effort to find out if they are going and when they expect to leave. Five families have intimated that they are not going; we have to hear from about 8 others. Three families are preparing to leave next month.

Lt. Wiltrout, Mr. Lane, and Mrs. Keavney left December 8, and were able, during their visit, to get a pretty clear picture of the program. They contacted a number of the applicants who are delaying their departure in an effort to persuade them to leave at the earliest possible date.

News coming from the depot is more encouraging, and quite a number have contacted their friends telling them to sign up. A few want to go but do not want to take their families.

Halleck-Howard Lumber Company at Cascade, Idaho has shut down for the winter, releasing 3 of the families who signed for Sioux.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

32 Indefinite Leaves were issued this week. This includes 3 complete family units of 9 people and the completion of

6 other family parts of which are already out.

The reinduction from indefinite leaves have been running high due to the return of Halleck-Howard Lumber workers and some of the railroad workers from Spokane.

III. SEASONAL LEAVE

There are about 379 out on seasonal leave now with a center population of 7331 in December 1. There is still a little demand for seasonal workers. We are continually hearing that seasonal leaves are to be abolished, but nothing official.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

We now have interviews completed on 500 families who have signified their desire to return to the coast. We feel now that this is about half of the number desiring to return. In another week we should be practically completed.

Mr. Chapman was called home because of his wife's illness. He has not intiated whether he will return. I would like to have his decision soon as we need an interviewer in his place now.

The Council has completed a group to serve as Relocation Commission, and this should be functioning this coming week. They are interested in studying possibilities of return to the West Coast and are interested in information from the Coast. It will be well for them to settle this Coast business now as many will begin to plan relocation elsewhere when their questions about the coast are answered.

Things are slowing down a bit as the holidays approach. I do not care for this as it takes so long to start again after the first of the year. We may be able to hold a fair rate of departures if we can keep the ordnance workers moving.

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Act. Relocation Program Officer

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

December 16, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director
SUBJECT: Relocation Weekly Report for week ending
December 16

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE RECRUITMENT

Up to date we have received 82 applications; 52 approvals; 23 workers and their families now at the Depot. Of those approved, 3 have informed us that they definitely are not going to the Depot at this time. 3 others have relocated to other jobs; 1 has gone to Tooele and 2 have been taken by the Army, leaving a total of 22 who have been cleared but have not gone to the Depot as yet. 3 families have applied for reservations and will leave after Christmas.

In a phone conversation with Captain Figner, he said that he would visit the project sometime after Christmas and he seemed quite well pleased with the recruitment thus far. He asked us to keep bearing down as the need for workers is still very great.

The change in policy of Selective Service to the effect that they will call for military service those who are not holding some job now has caused a few to consider quite seriously employment at Sidney.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

Indefinite leaves inside this center total 45. This includes 3 complete families composed of 11 people and the completion of 5 other family units. This latter consists of 9 individuals making a total of 8 families relocated during this week. Included in this total of 45 this week, there are about 14 service men who were called for Active Duty. Aside from the service boys, the number of indefinite is about average to what we have been releasing each week.

The re-induction from indefinite leaves have been small. It seems that most of our re-induction during the past

few weeks have been workers from the Halleck-Howard lumber camp, Cascade, Idaho and a few from the Es-poniage railroad from Spokane. It might be possible to cut the re-induction down considerable if we could come out with a policy on Center liquidation in view of the possible West Coast opening. Until the time that we get definite information of the raising of the exclusion orders, it's hardly possible that we will be able to accomplish a great deal in changing the policy of re-induction.

III. SEASONAL LEAVES

Seasonal leave absents are possibly at one of its lowest figures that they have been for some time. On December 9, 340 were out of this center. It is beginning to appear that possibly we will have about 300 who will not return from seasonal. This should stabilize our center population at about 7350.

IV. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

We have been informed by Washington that Mr. Chapman was transferred to the Philadelphia office effective December 16. We have requested consideration of Mrs. Kaward for the position held by Mr. Chapman.

There are some 700 family interveiws now completed for those who have signified a desire to return to the West Coast. On December 15, the Nakano family consisting of 6 persons left for Port Townsend, Washington with the authorization of the West Coast Defense Command.

This report is necessarily curtailed because of the pressing duties this week. I had intended to give you a rather complete survey of what statistics show in a family interviewing program; but I will delay this report until next week. Also I had intended to mention the fact that the Community Council was to talk of the formation of a Resettlement Committee. No news has been received as to any change.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Relocation Officer

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

December 20, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Weekly Report for week ending
December 30

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE

84 applications have been received to date, with 52 cleared and 15 disapproved. 27 workers and families are now at the Depot. 1 worker and his family will leave here for Sidney January 3. No clearances have been received for over two weeks now, probably because of the Provost Marshal's Office being moved from Washington, D. C. to San Francisco. 16 are awaiting action on their applications.

News from those now at Sidney is both good and bad, some state that it is better than they expected, others say they can't make anything, especially in cases where they have a large family. Because of this news pressure is being brought on us to let the husband go and leave the family here. We are refusing to approve such departures.

We have received a number of photos of former Minidoka residents now employed at Sioux. We intend to display these as soon as John Graham can obtain a suitable space.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During the past two weeks the best we could do was 35 departures; however, included in this were 5 complete families consisting of 15 members and 6 others departed completing 5 other family groups.

We have discontinued reintroductions, and there will

necessarily develop a very strict gate control, if we are to maintain any record of visitors to this project. The news of no reinductions has caused a number of unauthorized returns to this project seeking reinductions. We have encountered no cases in which arrangements could not have been made if they had consulted the field offices prior to return.

We are adjusting our seasonal leave records to take care of either a change of status or extension depending on the decision of the field officer.

III. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Over 900 family summaries have now been completed for those who have evidenced a desire to return to the coast. About 20 have requested permission to make a short exploratory visit either to Seattle or Portland. Not over half a dozen families have made definite plans of returning to the coast immediately. The Kinoshita family has been offered employment and a place to reside in Seattle, and John Bigelow has requested that we send them as soon as possible for the sake of good publicity since Francis Kinoshita, a volunteer, has been killed in action. We expect this family to leave about January 10, 1946.

Most of the inquiries we have received have been from those already out. We are referring all such cases back to the field offices for processing.

James Sakamoto, his mother, and father are making plans to return to Seattle as soon as housing is available, and arrangements have been made for their old age and blindmen benefits.

A greater portion of those returning will need either farm loans or loans of other types; however, their return to former residence will have to be accomplished before application for loans and benefits will be considered.

We have been informed by our offices in Seattle and Portland that licenses will be issued on the same basis as formerly for those desiring to enter business or professions.

The Alaskan groups appear to be most anxious of all to

get back "home." There are four families ready to leave as soon as they are notified by the army that they may return. We have received word that these four families are cleared and army notification is being mailed. No advance approval is required for those going to Alaska, other than army clearance.

Victor V. McLaughlin
Act. Relocation Program
Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

In reply, please refer to:
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January 12, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Weekly Report for Week Ending
January 14, 1945

I. SIOUX ORDNANCE

To date we have received 90 applications for employment at the ordnance depot. 60 of these have been cleared, 15 have been disapproved, and of date 33 workers and their families are at the depot. Applications are still coming in at the rate of 3 or 4 a week. Among the most recent applications accepted were 4 from residents, who are aliens.

News arriving at the project from the depot is still good and during the past week we were able to interview a boy, who has been employed in the depot for about one month, who returned to this Center because of serious illness in the family. He stated that things were better than he expected and everyone there seemed to be well satisfied.

In my December 29th report I mentioned the fact that pressure was being brought to ~~bear~~ on us by some individual whose desire it was to leave their family here at the project and go to the depot alone. The individual I spoke of was cleared in October and has been more or less stalling since that time trying to get one concession or other. On January 8th he and his family left for the depot.

Another problem has arisen which is not only true of the situation at Sidney but seems to be pretty generally true in nearly all cases. That is the grant checks have not been arriving in a reasonable amount of time. I have taken this matter up with Mr. Nichols and asked him to revise



the procedure so that the dispatch of these checks can be made more promptly.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During the past two weeks we have sent out 58 people on indefinite leave, included in this 3 complete family groups consisting of 3 people (all bachelors) and 13 others departed completing 6 family groups.

We have released our first family for resettlement in the West Coast area since the raising of the exclusion orders. This family consisted of father and mother and 2 minor children.

In a telephone conversation with Harold Fistere, Relocation Officer, Seattle, Washington, he stated the reason that he had delayed in approving the cases forwarded to him was that he felt that no action was necessary on his part, since the cases were definitely considered good relocation and unless requested in all other cases to make some investigation, he gave us to understand the cases would be given automatic approval. I have confirmed by letter the telephone conversation and asked Mr. Fistere if there has been any misunderstanding on our part to please notify us by wire. In any case where there is a doubt in our mind as to the success of the relocation, we will ask for Mr. Fistere's approval before releasing the person. We feel that this understanding with Mr. Fistere will greatly facilitate action in cases where the relocation of the families are an assured success. We will continue, however, to forward summaries to him as far in advance as possible, giving him time to review such summaries and disapprove if he feels that more planning is necessary. He further stated that in the case of James Sakamoto, he would recommend that more time be allowed to complete plans in Seattle before Jimmy is allowed to leave.

This telephone conversation was the result of the teletype I sent Mr. Fistere requesting him to give us immediate action on summaries forwarded to him, since we are being pressed by project residents to facilitate their departure. Reasons for this pressure in most cases were the same--that is renewal dates of leases are at hand or in other cases immediate action was essential because older members of the family were being persuaded not to leave this center.

By means of this telephone call this morning, we now have approval for 11 families consisting of 29 people, all of whom are anxious to return to the coast as soon as possible. These 11 approvals are a small fraction of the total number of summaries transmitted to the field since December 17th.

We have made a special effort to contact all former residents of

Alaska and Hawaii and requested them, if they are interested in returning, to immediately make application to return to that area. We feel that we have been able to contact the majority of this group already and have made such application for them or had them make this application personally. Fortunately the number of difficult cases for these areas are small--by that I mean cases where dependency allotments or other such allotments will be necessary.

III. OTHER ITEMS

Mrs. Caword has been added to our staff as Assistant Relocation Advisor, filling the position formerly occupied by Chapman. We feel that she is a much needed addition to our staff in that she is experienced in public assistance work and has lost little time in getting to work in our office in the Family Interviewing Program.

The situation in the Relocation Division has cleared considerably in the past week. As the residents now have a better understanding of the regulations that have been issued. As for those previously relocated, who were our biggest headache in the beginning, they have pretty generally settled down. In nearly all cases we have approved requests for visitor's permits and this has aided to relieve the pressure and excitement which developed because of change of regulations.

In regard to the Barlow Warehouse deal, Washington has promised that they will investigate the extensions given to seasonal leave workers in Ogden, Utah, and give us a decision very shortly. We have done nothing further in this Barlow case and at present are awaiting developments.

Before the first of February we are due to lose 4 of our key workers in this division. These are folks who have been in the Relocation Division upwards of 6 months. We have been fortunate in finding replacements for them and are now training others so that there will be no loss of motion as the other key workers begin to leave.

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Hunt, Idaho

In reply, please refer to:
Relocation

440.

January 27, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for two week period ending
January 27, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Stress is being placed on completion of records of all interviews made and what reactions were received from individuals when offered relocation opportunities. This will include reasons why opportunity was refused, what follow-up checking was done in cases where poor health was given as a deterring factor. We have been doing this type of checking in some cases but our intention is to work up a formidable record in our files as evidence of effort expended on families, jobs offered and resettlement opportunities proposed.

It occurs to me that in the vast number of cases now in Welfare's Dependency files that many of these are not cases in which real dependency exists. These files should be examined at earliest possible time and all cases where a job situation of a special type might solve the problem, or where the problem is imaginary these cases be referred to Relocation and job placement be attempted.

We would like to transfer another Relocation Interviewer into this division as soon as some one suitable appears. The work load is becoming greater with the increase of very attractive offers being received daily.

The Sioux Ordnance program is still moving slowly, no one has left since my last report. We now have over 95 applications.

The War Hemp Industry recruited 12 workers who left January 24. Fred Nomura was leader of this group and he plans to return in two or three weeks for further recruitment.



The Industrial Rayon Company has set no date when their recruiter will arrive. This Company will need 150 women between the ages of 18 to 40 textile workers. Housing is available near the plant.

We are keeping a close check on visitors who have come to this project for the purpose of assisting in family relocation. In at least four cases actual relocation of the family was accomplished, of about 35 such visits approved most of these cases are still in progress.

The Alaskan relocation is still a muddled situation due to the fact that one department passes the buck to another. We think we now have two people ready to return when reservations can be obtained.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVE

During the past two weeks we have issued 125 indefinite leaves, of these 57 were change of status in the field, completed families number 9 -- consisting of 23 people, 15 other individuals departed who left no family members in the project, only 5 indefinite leaves were issued to the evacuated area. We now have about 9 individuals who have been issued leave to relocate in that area.

We requested Mr. Fistere to investigate possibilities of employment with Haines Oyster, Longview Lumber Company, Seattle Glove Company. The replies were unfavorable from the Longview Lumber Company as housing is not available, the same is true of the Haines Oyster Company and Seattle Glove Company.

III. NEWS ITEMS

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has an interviewer here contacting cases in which there is to be effected a change of parole.

The Army team is still here making changes in orders as they are confirmed by the Commanding General.

We have had little interest shown in latest share crop offers from Utah.

Notice has been received from Minneapolis to the effect that several hundred service men are to be furloughed on February 17th to return to the project to assist in relocating their parents.

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February 10, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for two week period ending
February 10, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Attached report summarizing activities for the past ^{month} will give you an idea of what is being done by the Relocation Interviewers to push relocation. The interviewers are meeting with a great deal of indifference from the residents, who seem little interested in relocation opportunities. Reports from War Hemp Industry have been given pretty good distribution by the residents who say the work is too dusty and they are not interested.

The Ordinance has also fallen into disfavor because, "you can't make any money on the job".

We were able to find no "takers" on the Utah share crop offers. No special reasons are advanced by the residents for not taking offers, just a series of excuses such as: no money, "not ready to move now", "waiting until school is out", "heard that isn't too good", and "waiting until my friends go out". Not so much objection is raised against a resettlement opportunity or job offer, but a very determined effort is to place as many obstacles in their path of departure as possible. The efforts are all aimed at delaying their departure as long as possible, or at least until job opportunities disappear.

By next week we will be ready to put into action the plan of mailing weekly news letters to all residents, summarizing resettlement opportunities. We feel this will not be 100% successful but it is another attempt to obtain a more complete coverage of the project with first class opportunities.



II. INDEFINITE LEAVE

Since January 1, 1945, 14 families have left for the West Coast, 26 individuals were involved in this group.

During the past two weeks 90 indefinite leaves were issued, 28 of these completed 14 family groups, while 14 others left leaving no family members here.

For the month of January, 208 indefinite leaves were issued, 182 of these were issued outside of the evacuated area. The Coast remains poor relocation to date.

III. NEWS ITEMS

Lt. Hood is now in the project representing the W.D.C. Changes are still being made in the various lists, and people are still being called for interview.

Mr. Walters, Immigration and Naturalization Department, gave us a list of names of 21 individuals, who were served with deportation warrants. This action affects 37 residents, 16 being family members of the 21 cases.

Mr. Rawlings promises action on remodeling the Relocation Building soon.

We have been able to keep well staffed in spite of relocation. Our appointive secretary, Miss Thompson, is leaving to return to California the latter part of this month, no replacements are in sight.

IV. NUMBER INTERVIEWED FROM FEBRUARY 1 to FEBRUARY 8

Number of people interviewed during this period includes 145, referred to Welfare 8, referred from Welfare 4, Summaries sent to West Coast 14, Summaries sent to other relocation offices 54.

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In reply, please refer to:
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February 24, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for 2 Week Period
Ending February 24th, 1945.

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING PROGRAM

It is becoming more and more evident that the only thing restricting our number of interviews is the lack of more interviewers. The present staff of interviewers are taking care of just about a limited load. It would be of great assistance to us if we could transfer in one or two other interviewers. We have some in mind but at present they are in the school set-up, and will not be available for a month or so.

Four project residents have gone to Utah to investigate the farm offers made by the sugar company at Lawiston, Utah. These four individuals all have large families and if things work out favorably, we feel that others will become interested in these offers. There is still no general stir or movement among the farm group as yet.

We have instituted a plan of mailing "Weekly News Letters" to all residents and used the Irrigator Staff for distribution. This procedure may not show any results immediately but we feel that with so many attractive offers to present, it will give to every resident the necessary information concerning job offers.

We have had one interviewer working exclusively on visitors returning to this center for the purpose



of relocating other family members. This is not proving to be as successful as we thought from the earlier results we gained. Of the group of 70 to 85 Fort Snelling boys, less than a dozen of them came to talk over plans of relocating their families. Mrs. Caward reports to me that only 2 out of 10 were sincere in the effort to relocate remaining family members, the other 8 came for a visit. However, we will keep close check of these cases and hope that relocation may result a little later.

We have one family, consisting of three workers, preparing to leave for Sidney. There are quite a number of other interested individuals, but they are not willing to set an actual departure date. We are still planning upon sending a group of three project members for the purpose of investigating the situation there.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During the past 2 weeks, a slight increase was noticed in the number of indefinite leaves issued. During the 2 week period ending February 10, 90 indefinite leaves were issued, there was an increase ~~to~~ 118 in the two week period ending February 24th. During this period 22 people completing 9 family groups left, 13 complete families left making a total of 27 families either completed or entire families leaving. Another interesting factor in these indefinite leaves, is the fact that we issued 41 leaves to the West Coast during this two week period. This is a considerable increase over the number issued during January to the evacuated area. The figures for January shows 208 indefinite leaves issued, and a non-official check shows exactly the same number were issued for February. However, February shows a better trend towards the evacuated area than did January. We still are not hitting anywhere near our stride, but at that, we are gaining on nearly all the other projects with the possible exception of Gila River. As of January 1, 1945, we were third in the number of indefinite leaves issued in the projects and at the present time we have moved into second place, but we are still 500 indefinite leaves behind Gila River.

III. NEWS ITEMS

Nothing has been heard from the Army Hearing Board which was supposed to conduct hearings in this project sometime during this month. There are still few changes being made in the various list, however, the lists have stabilized considerably during the past 30 days.

Mr. Rawlings and his assistants, completed the remodeling of the Relocation Building, and we are able to accomplish a great deal more since the work has been done.

Miss Thompson left us on February 24th, but we were able to replace her with Miss Smith from Jerome, who will be able to fill the position very well.

We received Administrative Notice Number 221, informing us of the suspension of requirement of approved relocation plans. This will mean a great deal to us in that we will be able to release individuals immediately on request for indefinite leaves. This notice includes all areas of the United States. We, of course, will still require advance approval on youngsters and those cases where public assistance will be necessary.

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March 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending March
3, 1945.

I. INDEFINITE LEAVES

The number of indefinite leaves during the past week showed another increase. During this period 68 leaves were issued out side of the evacuated area; during the 2 week period for February 10th to February 24th, 118 indefinite leaves were issued. The grand total of 467 were issued to the evacuated area, a total of 392 were issued out-side of the evacuated area, since January 1, 1945. Survey of figures, since January 1, 1945, shows 90 families relocated, consisting of 175 people, only 16 of these families relocated in the coastal area. The increase is very gradual and shows no immediate indication that it will begin to grow to any great proportion during the month of March.

We have now passed the 5,000 mark but still have a population of over 7,000 in this project. Figures released by E. J. Palmer, Relocation Officer at Boise, to the Idaho Daily Statesman and Times News, stated that 500 individuals were relocated from Minidoka Project during the past week, that is the week ending March 4th. These figures are only 432 out of line. No such release came either from the Reports Division nor Statistics Division in this project. I feel that such reports should be official, since sooner or later our population figures are going to prove such reports entirely false.



II. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

There has been no great increase in the number of families actually making plans to relocate, though there has been a slight increase since Mr. Myer's visit. We still have plenty of attractive re-settlement offers and able to find a few "takers". It seems that the Lewiston Sugar Company, Lewiston, Utah, has come to an agreement with the residents who made a trip to that area to investigate share crop offers submitted to the project about a month ago. The agreement should arrive by March 5th, and we will know definitely, whether the agreement is acceptable to the group of evacuees, who were interested in relocating in that area.

The Welfare Agency in Twin Falls has received and passed two cases submitted to them by this office during the latter part of February. In an effort to keep this from becoming another "gravy train" for some of the relocated evacuees, we are trying to do a very close check on their financial status before we submit such applications.

According to Administrative Notice 221, issued February 20th, 1945, the requirement of approved relocation plan, has been suspended for all areas. We are of course, asking prior approval on all minors and those cases which will need immediate and continued financial assistance at their destination. It is interesting to note in this same notice the following quotation, "Field relocation offices now become chiefly service units which prepare communities to accept evacuees on the same basis as other individuals and serve as a coordinating agency to assist established agencies to welcome newcomers into the community." It is not the community acceptance that seems to bother the prospective relocatees or the welcome they will receive in the community, but they want to know what definite assistance they will meet upon arrival. Such as advice on housing, assistance in job placement, advice as to what agencies they should contact for necessary financial aid, and especially readjustment to their new life and community.

III. NEW ITEMS

The Army Hearing Board is non-existent as far as this project is concerned. The list, however, has stabilized but they still have served no order except Exclusion Orders.

In one of our assistance cases submitted to Chicago for old age assistance for Mr. Yorita, the best possible arrangement that they could submit from the Chicago office was assistance offered by the Salvation Army. Miss Carper, of Welfare Section, interviewed the family and this plan of assistance was rejected by Jack Yorita, the oldest son. We feel that it is a very weak sort of assistance and apparently there was no effort on part of the Chicago office to contact public welfare agencies. The Welfare section is again submitting this case to the Chicago office to contact public welfare agencies for such assistance.

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March 10, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending March 10, 1945

I. INDEFINITE LEAVES

We are gaining gradually in the number of indefinite leaves granted as 74 were issued during the period March 4th and 10th, compared to 68 the previous week. In the departure last week, there were 22 families, who either left in their entirety or completing the family group. These 22 families consisted of 45 people, and only 6 of these 74 departures were issued to the West Coast.

Of course I realize that we are running way behind, with 74 issued terminal leaves, but the figures are gaining gradually and showing an encouraging gain. On Monday, March 12, there were 86 departures booked for the week of March 11 to March 17th.

Washington has been requesting for the past 3 weeks, that we give them a report on the number of seasonal leaves outstanding. Sometime ago we asked the Statistics Office to prepare a list according to their records of all outstanding seasonal leaves, as the Leaves records only shows 1 outstanding seasonal leave. Today we received another teletype requesting that this information be sent immediately. However, Statistics shows some 90 seasonal leaves against our 1. It seems that this was caused because seasonal workers were transferred into this project but have never resided here. As soon as the Statistics Division can align themselves and give us the names of individuals now outstanding in seasonal leave, I will be able to give the names and clear all of this.

The population as of March 8, 1945, was 7,054, by the end of this week it should be below the 7,000 mark.



II. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

There is beginning to be a noticeable stir among the residents and an increasing interest in relocation possibilities. It seems that we have pretty definitely settled the Lewiston Sugar Company share crop offers and possibly have a "taker" for every contract sent to this project.

The first break in the Hood River situation appeared last week in that the Noji family has set their departure date as March 15th, and the Suzuki family will leave later in the month for Parkdale, Oregon. Also the Itami family, consisting of 7 people will leave Monday, March 12th, for Portland, Oregon, to resume operations of their greenhouse. On March 13th, the Matsudaira family consisting of 12 people is scheduled to leave.

We have decided to zone the project and assign each interviewer to definite number of blocks, in an effort to give us a thorough covering of the project, so that no family will be missed, and also in an effort to bring our family summaries up to active status. This will be a little tough for awhile, at least until we will be able to augment our staff to full strength.

We have sent one family to Sioux Ordnance Depot on March 10th, and one is scheduled to go on March 14th and another March 19th. There are about half a dozen other families who are still interested in employment at Sioux and plans may develop any time for their movement.

Mr. Nomura, recruiter for War Hemp Industry, is contacting a few individuals but recruitment is very slow. I anticipate that he may get 10 or 12 men again and will be very surprised if he gets more.

The Relocation Commission has named a committee of 3 to investigate the Sioux Ordnance Depot again. They are to leave here March 13th and will be gone in all probability a week.

III. ADDENDUM

According to latest reports from the Leave Officer, there were 96 changes of status from seasonal leave to indefinite leave, making a total of 179 indefinite leaves issued for the week ending March 10th.

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March 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending March 17, 1945

I. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During this week a total of 209 indefinite leaves were issued, 96 of these were mentioned in my last week's report as changes of status for delinquent seasonal workers, however, this makes a total of 113 departures during the week. In these departures there were 34 families who left, either completing the family group or families leaving no members in this project. 37 of these indefinite leaves were issued to the evacuated area.

We now have only 1 outstanding seasonal leave, which will expire April 1st. Since January 1st, this project shows a reduction in population of 5.1 percent. This is the best record of any project as Heart Mountain is next with 4.4 percent. In the first 2 weeks of March we issued 283 indefinite leaves. Figures show that since January 1st to March 3rd, 459 terminal leaves were issued. March has and will probably end up as a pretty fair relocation month, we have also a goodly number of signed up for departure next week.

II. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

We have zoned the project and assigned Interviewers to the various sections. Zone 1 -- Block 1 to 8, zone 2 -- Block 10 to 19, zone 3 -- Block 24 to 34, zone 4 -- 35 to 44. There are approximately 1500 people in each of these zones, representing close to 500 families. We have assigned Mrs. Isom to one of these zones and if we can complete our staff of 8 Interviewers, we will be able to cut these zones in two, making the load for each interviewer approximately 750 people.

Mr. Nomura has had very little success in recruiting workers for the War Hemp Industry. He had one individual definitely ready to go out, only to find this individual was on the segregee list. He is planning to leave the project next Wednesday, but his chances of taking anyone with him look



very dark at this time.

We have two families set for departure for employment at the Sioux Ordnance Depot. This recruitment goes very slow but we are able to send one or two families a week.

Mr. DeSmidt from the Chicago office is visiting this project, and is trying to interest some of our fruit farmers in farms in and around Lake Michigan. He is to contact and speak to the Hood River Group early next week, and has been able to contact a number of individual farmers, however, most of them are now thinking over the offers.

III. NEWS ITEMS

There is a possibility that, if the people continue to move at the same rate as they moved this week, we will be crowded for space on the railroad. I have talked to the railroad man at Shoshone and he has requested that we give them a survey on the number of people expected to move within the next few weeks. The movement of people has been in almost every direction and would not make up a car load, as they are going ~~either~~ ^{west} to the East & West. We may have to ask for special cars and pool people and dispatch them out possibly one or two days a week. However, we feel that we will be able to work this out quite satisfactorily with the railroad.

The prospect of losing over 50 percent of our present evacuee staff in the Relocation Division is very imminent. We have been able to obtain a few replacements for the folks now booked to leave.

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March 24, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Harry L. Stafford
Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending March 24th.

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

We have between 4 and 6 families, either already left or preparing to leave, to take share crop offers at Lewiston, Utah; these families total close to 40 people. In the last trip that the men made to Lewiston they were able in most cases to get a much better deal than previously offered. Most of the group are very well satisfied with agreements they received.

Fred Nomura, recruiter for the War Hemp Industry took 3 men back with him. There were very few interested in his offer and not many of the family men were interested *since because* of the inability of the company to furnish housing.

Interviewers have just barely been able to keep abreast of the current cases. They have been unable to do very much follow up work on visitors coming into the project for relocation purposes.

It appears that Mrs. Alexander may be back on the job March 26th, but if the number leaving continues to be as great or greater than it has been the past 3 weeks, our staff will be very inadequate, especially where the number of active cases continue to occupy the time of our interviewers, not allowing them sufficient time to make regular visits down in the project.

Coupled with this is the prospect that on the first of April, we will lose the following girls who are now doing secretarial work for the interviewers; Chickie Ishihara, Yoshiko Deguchi, Hiroye Hisata, Hisako Nakamura, and Grace Kawata, all of whom are leaving for Chicago, April 6th. By the middle of April we will have only 2 girls left of our present staff of secretaries. To fill these vacancies we



have only been able to transfer into this Division one clerk-typist. Unless we are immediately able to fill these vacancies with either evacuee personnel or appointive secretaries, we will have 2 secretaries typing for our staff of interviewers.

At Mr. Dollins suggestion we are transferring one more interviewer in from the New York Office. According to Mr. Dollins she should arrive before the first of April. There still seems to be no immediate relief in sight to complete our staff of interviewers.

Beginning to appear for relocation interviewing are quite a number of folks who have previously done no planning at all. Some of these are from groups such as the cooks group, certain farm groups, and a few mechanics. We have a very urgent call for Japanese American farmers in the Hood River area for farm help. They are offering 85¢ an hour and housing is available for families. The need is immediate because there is pruning to be done. We have been pushing this in an effort to find necessary help for these farmers; we have nobody ready to go immediately but we feel that we will be able to work up a small group who will be willing to assist the few farmers, we have in Hood River at present.

II. INDEFINITE LEAVES

During the week we issued a total of 112 terminal departures, consisting of 38 families either leaving in there entirety or completing the family group, 75 individuals were involved in family movement. We issued 26 terminal leaves to the evacuated area. Next week we will also release over a hundred. I have a feeling that this movement we have at the present time may be an early spring thaw, but the Leaves Officer tells me that they are planning up through April about the same as during this month of March.

According to the Weekly Telegraphic Report from Washington for the week ending March 10, 1945, Minidoka has reduced its population 7.4 percent since the second of January, and we show 575 terminal leaves issued since the same date. Between the weeks of March 3 and March 10th we increased the percentage in population reduction by 2.3 percent; we are not only leading all other centers in the percentage but also in actual number of individual leaves issued during the above named period. Whether we can hold this percentage or not, definitely depends on our ability to keep the Relocation Division sufficiently manned.

III. Addenda

At the present time we have been able through our own efforts in this office to obtain most of our own help but the time has definitely arrived when this recruitment will be up to the responsibility of the proper Division.

Union Pacific Officials were visiting on the project on March 21st, in an effort to determine project needs in the movement of our people in the next few months. We were able to make pretty definite arrangements for the movement of bedfast patients and obtained definite commitments from the railroad as to the movement of both people and property. Miss Grem tells me that we have approximately 25 bedfast patients, which will take special consideration and special accommodation. Railroad officials definitely felt that they were in a position to take care of all movements of people during the next few months. We have also contacted Sun Valley Bus Lines and requested a change of departure time for the 11:30 A.M. Shoshone bus, in order to give the people more time to purchase their tickets and check their baggage. Mr. Shwinn, manager of Sun Valley Bus Lines, is to be in the project early next week to talk over possible bus changes and also make arrangements to take in all baggage. For the past few days of this week we were forced to call the Motor Pool and request trucks for transportation of baggage which the bus could not hold. Mr. Shwinn states that he will make necessary arrangements to accomplish this movement in the future.

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March 31, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending March 31, 1945

I. Family Interviewing

Towards the end of this week a noticeable decrease in relocation was noticed. Thursday, Friday and Saturday the interviewers had very few interviews, giving them a chance to check up on some of their back work. We are running into tougher and tougher cases, ~~not~~ cases where they need *not* only assistance, but cases where there are actual and real problems to be solved.

E. Price Steiding of the New York Relocation Office is being detailed to this project beginning April 9 for several weeks to assist us in family planning. Mr. Harding from Eden, will also be available about the same date.

During the past week it was decided that because of the enormous load of work in each of our four zones, we would divide the project into two zones and have 2 interviewers in each zone. This will give us an opportunity to use our workers more advantageously, and also to have in the office at all times at least one interviewer from each zone to take care of the people coming into the office.

Shig Osawa and Mr. Kaneko returned Friday from Sidney, Nebraska and Chicago, Illinois. Their report of Sidney was very favorable, and both report that there are favorable opportunities in the Chicago Area. Mr. Osawa is assisting us in trying to recruit some workers for the Ryerson Steel Company. This company is sending a recruiter to this project sometime next week. Mr. Osawa is lining up some individuals for him to interview.

I have asked Mr. Osawa and Mr. Kaneko and Mrs. Watanabe to give a report to the Relocation Commission this coming week. Our last meeting this group was attended by only 3 evacuee members due to the fact that 3 members of this group were out of the project on that day and 3 others informed me prior to the meeting time that they would not be able to attend because of other meetings. I intend to



call this group together this week and ask them to add other members to fill the vacancies created by relocation. With the assistance of one member of this group, Reverend Fukuyama, we now have a small hostel setup in Seattle. This has been one thing the Commission has been very desirous of accomplishing at the earliest possible date.

Our planning for the relocation of 2 families has met with severe reverses since both were very difficult families to relocate. We were attempting to join one family with the son in Cleveland, since he was the only wage earner in the entire family. However, this boy was inducted into the Armed Forces this week, upsetting the plan. Another case where the wife is an invalid, we planned to send the family to Salt Lake City and had sent the husband to that city to establish ^{home} in that city, however, after 2 days ~~of~~ his arrival, he was hospitalized for a serious condition caused by stomach ulcer. At the present writing I understand that he is very seriously ill and it is doubtful if he will live.

Clarence Arai's report on his trip to Hood River is very encouraging and I understand that 2 more families are preparing to return to that area.

II. Indefinite Leaves

During this week 104 terminal departures were issued consisting of 32 families, making a total of 66 people for this group. 29 indefinite leaves were issued to the evacuated area. For the month of March, we issued 500 indefinite leaves to all areas.

The latest figures which we have from Washington, Weekly Telegraphic Report, shows that the Granada Center is now leading the percentage of population reduction, having issued 580 indefinite leaves in this period for a percentage in reduction of 8.9 percent. However, we have issued 685 indefinite leaves since January 2 for a percentage of 8.8. There is indication that we are going to hold terminal departures to 100 a week for the next few weeks, also there is indication that it will remain thus until school closes on the project.

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We have secured the necessary changes in the bus schedule for our needs at Shoshone. There is still some question about the movement of baggage from here to

Shoshone, as Mr. Shwinn feels that he can not take all this baggage but will have to charge for the transportation of this baggage. I informed him that there was no way WRA could reimburse him for both checkable and hand baggage, and that it was my feeling that he should make arrangements to take care of all baggage leaving this center with the relocatees.

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Relocation

May. 12, 1945.

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report Covering Period from April 1, 1945
to May 12, 1945

I. Family Interviewing

Since my last weekly report to you on March 31, we have filled our staff with interviewers and now have these interviewers working in teams of two. This arrangement allows one interviewer to remain in the office while the other interviewer is in the field. This arrangement has been very successful in that we are able to contact all families regularly. Since we have zoned the project, we find that quite a number of families were missed in the family interviewing program. As rapidly as possible we are completing files on all families that we have not previously contacted.

One of the most difficult tasks we are facing at the present time is that of combating rumors arising within the project. It seems that the residents are definitely planning on relocating for the most part but are very susceptible to the slightest rumor irregardless of how unreasonable it may seem. Reports coming from relocated evacuees are good in nearly every case.

With the assistance of Miss Cram we have to date been able to relocate six of our bed patients since my last report to you. Three of these have been returned to the Firland Sanitarium in Seattle, one to Tacoma, one to Portland, and one to the Sacramento General Hospital in Sacramento, California. The railroads have been very cooperative with us and gave us every assistance possible in arranging transportation for these patients. These were some of the cases which looked so hopeless earlier in the year but now that we have been able to move a few of these, we feel that the rest is not so difficult.

One of the most amazing factors now evident is that the great majority now leaving the project can be classified as the older residents. By that I mean people fifty years or older. We are anticipating a step up in the movement of younger folks as soon as school is completed. On May 9 we dispatched a special car to Portland with 35 people and on May 23 we have requested another special car to Seattle. We already have 40 people booked for departure on this car. We are having difficulty in obtaining reservations going east. We are trying to group enough together to request a special car to the east some time during the next week.

II. Indefinite Leaves

Following is a recapitulation of terminal leaves issued since my last report:

Week ending	April 7	107	Terminal leaves
"	" April 14	85	" "
"	" April 21	97	" "
"	" April 28	139	" "
"	" May 5	167	" "
"	" May 12	166	" "

Following totals for the first four months of 1945 look something like this:

January and February	447	Terminal leaves
March	511	" "
April	456	" "

In order to keep the Leave Office functioning we have transferred Mrs. Isom from the Interviewing Section into the Leave Section for a period of two to three weeks. There is an acute shortage of help both in the Leave Office and Interviewing Section. It has reached the stage where we are unable to transmit family summaries to the field office because of the lack of secretarial help. During the month of April we attained a new high in the total amount spent for travel assistance grants. During that month we assigned over \$21,000 towards relocating.

According to the Weekly Telegraphic Report from Washington for the week ending April 28, we show a reduction in population of 17.2%. This reports a total of 1331 people relocated since January 2. Population summary for May 10, 1945 shows a population of 5973.

III. News Items

Mr. Aldrich, the Relocation Office at Minneapolis, is now in the project on detail for a period of thirty days.

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Relocation

May 19, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending May 19, 1945

I. Family Interviewing:

The worst set back suffered in the family interviewing program was the disapproval of the Washington Office of our proposed reorganization plan. Following is the teletype received from Washington:

"REURTT 5-15-45 RE ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAL POSITIONS IN RELOCATION DIVISION, YOUR PROPOSED REORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION DIVISION SUBMITTED 5-3-45 DISAPPROVED. OUR PERSONNEL CEILING REPORT AS OF 5-15-45 SHOWS YOUR CENTER 9 PERSONS UNDER AUTHORIZED CEILING OF 185. IN LIEU OF ESTABLISHMENT OF ADDITIONAL POSITIONS, RECOMMEND YOU FILL ALL EXISTING VACANCIES IN AUTHORIZED CLERICAL POSITIONS THROUGHOUT CENTER AND DETAIL THOSE PERSONS TO RELOCATION DIVISION UNTIL HEAVY WORK LOAD COMPLETED. NECESSARY HOWEVER TO KEEP WITHIN PRESENT CEILING. WHEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSE RECOMMEND PRIORITY BE GIVEN RELOCATION DIVISION FOR TEACHERS REMAINING FOR DETAIL. /S/ EARL BROOKS."

It is quite evident that a short detail is not going to help solve the situation and enable us to keep ahead of relocation with family summaries. The situation will be slightly eased this coming week in that Mr. Nichols has detailed a secretary from his division to our Interviewing Section and it is my understanding that we are to have another girl on duty beginning Monday morning.

The interviewers have all been kept very busy and are still finding a goodly number of families in each block who were not previously contacted. In nearly all of their contacts they find that the people are interested in relocating and for the most part have pretty definite plans already made.

Mr. Piper of the FCC has been in during the past week recruiting for his agency. We have found a number interested in this type of work and we feel that we will be able to fill some of these positions.

We are still receiving many very attractive relocation possibilities and have been quite successful in placing our cooks in excellent positions.

II. Terminal Leaves:

During the past week a total of 169 terminal leaves were issued. Many of these were issued to the area in western Idaho and eastern Oregon. It is quite encouraging in that the number of people leaving are family members rejoining the wage earner who has already relocated. We have also received considerable assistance from members of the armed forces who have returned to the project to assist their parents and families in relocating.

On May 26 Mr. Hughey, Acting Leave Officer, is to report for induction. There is some possibility that he may be rejected. In the event that he is not rejected, we have requested Mr. Barber of the high school be assigned to this division as Leave Officer. We still have Mrs. Isom detailed to the Leave Officer as Travel Counselor. However, some of the teachers are to report to this division for detail some time during the next week and within the next week or ten days, we should be able to assign Mrs. Isom to her regular position as relocation advisor.

III. News Item:

Mr. Fistere has been in the project during the past week and is to leave this project May 19 to return to Seattle. His visit has been quite brief but we feel that he has been able to accomplish quite a bit. He also informs us that Mr. Linville will probably visit this project about June 1.

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Relocation Program Officer

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Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

Relocation

June 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

SUBJECT: Relocation Report Covering Period from May 20, 1945
to June 2, 1945

Since it was impossible to issue a report last week, this report will cover the two week period.

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING:

The volume of work in the Interviewing Section still continues. Mr. Roth has been almost exclusively occupied by the group of cooks to Antler's Hotel. We have received new orders from this hotel for additional cooks and helpers. We expect to have Mrs. Isom back in the Interviewing Section by June 4. Miss Lambert, who has been detailed to this division, has now taken over the Travel Counselor's position.

The interviewers tell me that they are running into three things which are being discussed in the project and are more or less deterrent to relocation:

1. The new resettlement assistance procedure is being interpreted as a reimbursement grant for loss suffered due to evacuation.
2. There is a very definite feeling among the residents that there will be school on this project because WRA is retaining a skeleton staff of teachers to take care of those remaining here after September.
3. We are meeting harsh criticism against the policy of packing of evacuee property. It seemed for a while that this was dying down, but this week three families were due to depart and when advised of the policy, one man said, "I'll be god damned if I'll send my stuff to the warehouse to be packed." Fourteen other people in his group cancelled out also.

The last week of May was a small week, we feel, due to the three points mentioned above. It might be mentioned further at this point as another deterring factor, that there is quite a group of younger individuals in this center staying here because it is quite profitable for them in that they have connections in some sort of gambling ring. I have it on reliable authority that at least one Caucasian woman from Twin Falls has been coming in here participating in this gambling ring.

We have been able to distribute practically all of our summaries on which there was typing to be completed. As of May 28 we had one clerk-typist detailed from Finance, and June 1 Miss Davis started to work in our division. Mr. Nichols has one more secretary to be detailed

to Relocation, possibly by June 4.

We have been able during the past twenty or thirty days to return more of the Alaskan families. We do not have too many more of these Alaskan problems on our hand at the present time, with the exception of the Eyon family which is an assistance case.

We received procedure for resettlement assistance grant on June 1. On Monday, June 4, we have arranged for a joint staff meeting with Welfare to discuss the new procedure.

II. TERMINAL DEPARTURES:

During the week of May 20 to 26, 193 indefinite leaves were issued while 176 left from May 27 to June 2. The month of May was the best month so far with 746 terminal leaves issued. Only about 1/4 of the entire total were to the evacuated area. Travel grant expenditure jumped from \$21,000 during April to \$33,300 for May.

Special cars have been arranged for June 6 and 7, one each way.

We have now relocated 25% of our population since January 2. If the month of June lives up to expectations, we should relocate at least 800.

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Minidoka Project
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June 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director
FROM: V. V. McLaughlin, Relocation Program Officer
SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending June 9, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

There has been little or no change in the number of people interviewed by the advisors this week over last week. However, the actual planning has slowed a bit and many are coming in merely for information. A misunderstanding among the residents concerning resettlement assistance has been pretty well corrected and they have settled down after their first flurry of excitement.

We have had two teachers detailed to the Interviewing Section, bringing our staff of interviewers to ten. The increase in the staff allows us now to divide the project into smaller zones. The closing of high school has not brought about an increase in relocations in proportion to the increase which materialized after the closing of grade school. It may be a little too early to notice any effect of the high school closure, but the anticipated departures for the next week are not up to par.

During the past day or two since it is apparent that we are doomed to failure in our efforts to obtain more secretarial help for the Relocation Division, we are revising the family summary form so that it will be possible to transmit it with a minimum amount of typing. It will be considerably more brief than the forms transmitted previously and will be more a check chart system than narrative. It is not an improvement, but it certainly is an essentiality. We have been able to obtain a few clerk-typists in both offices since the closure of schools but are still in need of some clerk-stenos.

II. TERMINAL LEAVES

During the week ending June 9, 193 terminal leaves were issued. Friday and Saturday of this week 9 departures were recorded. Two special cars sent out this week were factors in bringing this week's total to the above figure. We are planning to schedule an east bound car for June 15.

According to the latest report from Washington, Minidoka shows a total of 2012 relocated since January 2 to March 26. This represents 26% of our project population. Total percentage relocated by all projects since January 2 is 13.5%.

III. NEWS ITEM

Mr. Palmer, Boise Relocation Officer, is apparently quite alarmed about the situation at Nyssa and Ontario, Oregon. He feels that that area is over populated with evacuees and is fearful of adverse action. However, at the present time the need for labor is so great that there is not much reason to fear any trouble. Another factor which Mr. Palmer has failed to take into consideration is that that area has always had a number of Japanese-Americans.

We still have quite a number of relocatees leaving for Nyssa, Ontario, Weiser, and Payette regions. Many of these folks are not planning on permanent residence but are merely waiting for opportunities to open on the coast which will enable them to return to their former homes. While Mr. Peterson of the Washington Office was here, Mr. Palmer requested closing the Malheur County. Mr. Peterson stated that this could not and would not be done.

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Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

June 18, 1945

MEMO TO: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director
FROM: V. V. McLaughlin, Relocation Program Officer
SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending June 16, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

This week has shown a marked decrease in the Interviewing Section. The number of people coming in is less than previously. There is quite an accumulation of circumstances causing this lull. Those mentioned in my last weekly report and the previous week's report are still causing us difficulty. The interviewers are encountering more and more difficult cases and each succeeding family takes a little more time and a little more planning. Almost every type of person is encountered, from the one who has imbibed too freely of the spirits of alcohol to the person who is dissatisfied with the amount allowed under the re-settlement procedure. This latter type of person was quite prevalent earlier in this week, but I feel that their numbers are decreasing. The entire relocation staff has been advised that once a decision has been made by welfare it is final and that we are to give them our assistance in advising the person that that is the only computation that can be made with the evidence submitted.

There was a noticeable decrease in the number of attractive job offers this week and also it was quite noticeable that the few job offers we did get were closed almost by succeeding teletype.

The picture, however, is not entirely dark as we have many families that are talking relocation and making definite plans and even setting departure dates. It might be stated here also that some of the appointive staff have been doing very well in assisting us with the people who work either under their supervision or in their section. That is, we have had cases where the appointive person has completely worked out relocation plans for their people and merely requested us to assist them in their final stage of departure. It is hoped that this type of cooperation will become much more prevalent in the near future by all staff members.

The dispatch of the east bound car on June 15 of this week went very smoothly and approximately 30 people left for the mid-west on this car. There was some comment as to the age and appearance of this car since it did seem a little decrepit but not too decrepit to keep up with the rest of the cars as it left town. The car was furnished with porter service and after the people had looked the train over, they found that there were cars in the train just as old and decrepit as the one boarded. We have a car scheduled for Seattle on the 20th of this month. Every reservation is occupied on that car. Tentatively we are planning a car to the east some time the last week of June and

another car west either in the last week of June or some time July 6 or 7, so that we will be able to stay away from the July 4 holiday. It seems that the special cars are the answer to pullman reservations since individual reservations are almost impossible to obtain. The railroad men advise me that they have been ordered to see us through and furnish necessary cars. To date the cooperation of the railroad men has been 100%. They have actually gone out of their way to obtain special and necessary accommodations as needed. However, with the serious shortage of pullman cars at the present time, we may expect reservations to become more and more scarce.

II. TERMINAL LEAVES

During the past week 145 terminal leaves were issued. This is the smallest number in the past 7 weeks. 34 of these departed for the West Coast. Expenditures for travel grants amounted to over \$33,000 for the month of May. Approximately 800 people were relocated during that month and the average expenditure per person was \$38.00. In checking our expenditures with those at Topaz, for 256 people relocated during May they spent over \$14,000 or an average of \$54.00 per person.

During the past week or so we have had a few individuals removed from the detention list and placed in list No. 4, an excluder list. At least one of those removed from the detention list has left the project on terminal leave. Another one is leaving on short term to look over relocation possibilities for himself and family.

All in all the Leave Office has been quieter this last week than it has been for months.

III. NEWS ITEMS

Mr. Aldrich is to return to Minneapolis on June 22. Mr. Ives from Hartford, Connecticut is due to arrive on this project on June 18 for a short visit.

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Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

June 25, 1945

MEMO TO: Mr. Harry L. Stafford, Project Director
FROM: V. V. McLaughlin, Relocation Program Officer
SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending June 23, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

We have experienced another quiet week both in the Leave Office and the Interviewing Section. It seemed that toward the end of the week things picked up slightly, but we are still very much below par. The interviewers tell me that nearly all the families are planning and preparing for leave. However, they are at a loss to explain the continued slump.

Job offers received this week were in greater number than last and also there were more attractive offers. However, we lose very many good job offers because of the residents' lack of ability to make up their mind to accept the offer. By the time they decide that they are interested in the offer, it is usually closed.

Mr. Ives of the Central and Southern Connecticut Resettlement Committee of Hartford visited in this project for three days this week and he seemed very well pleased with results obtained during his visit. His visit was so brief that it was hard to judge the real value.

Dr. Hiroshima of the Seventh Day Adventist group has quite an attractive offer from the Loma Linda Feed Company at Loma Linda, California. It seems that they have about 9000 acres of land and need 200 or 300 workers but at the present moment we have been unable to obtain housing for the families. We have wired the Los Angeles office on June 13 asking them to look into the offer and examine the possibilities of housing in and around the vicinity.

The project is still alive with rumors of all sorts and kinds and there is still a tendency among many of the residents to put off the departure as long as possible. We have experienced a few difficulties in the transportation as our east bound car scheduled for the 26th was cancelled and re-scheduled for the 29th. At the last minute six of those who were scheduled to leave on this car cancelled their reservations. We have a west bound car scheduled for the 29th which will probably be a coach as we have 46 people signed for this car. It seems that we may have to shift over and make more use of the two morning trains since the afternoon trains have been pretty well filled up. On Friday some of our folks were not able to board the west bound and also others were left on Saturday. We have been taking a few

people over to the morning train and in every instance they have been able to find seats. We have talked to the Sun Valley Bus Co. regarding a morning schedule, and we will be able to work out something if the occasion calls for it.

II. TERMINAL LEAVES

During the past week we issued 142 terminal leaves with 51 of these going to the West Coast. This is the biggest movement to the evacuated area to date. We anticipate for the month of June about 620 terminal leaves. This is nearly 200 off of what we issued during May. We have approximately 35% of our population relocated to date.

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Relocation Program Officer

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

OFFICE FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

DATE: July 27, 1945

FROM: V. V. McLaughlin, Relocation Program Officer

SUBJECT: Relocation Report for Week Ending July 28.

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING:

Since my last report to you of July 23, quite a number of things have been brought to my attention by the interviewers. After a serious decline during the first week of July, we were able to pick up almost to our figures of May and June. The interviewers have been kept very busy completing the re-interviewing of our Project residents. Noticeable resistance to relocation is still prevalent, approximately in two distinct groups:

1. The bachelor group.
2. The repatriation and expatriation group.

Resistance or lack of planning is most noticeable in Blocks 24 to 32. Block 12 is also noticeable in its antagonistic attitude to relocation. Much of the interviewers time is being consumed running down people who apparently are unwilling to be interviewed and using every means to avoid the advisors. By September 1, we feel that we will be able to give Mr. Myer a complete description of attitudes and trends prevalent in this Project. By that time, we will have approximately two or three groups:

1. Those planning definitely to relocate and have no deterring factors in their plans.
2. Those planning to relocate but who are hindered by health factors or some other deterrent.
3. Those refusing to make any plans whatsoever either because of Army stop-orders or ~~inertia~~ inertia brought on by their own mental attitude.

Beginning August 2, a recruiting team from the Sioux Ordnance Depot at Sidney, Nebraska, will be in this Project to recruit ammunition handlers. They can use 200 workers immediately. With this team will be one of our former residents now employed at the Sioux Depot.

We are still obtaining special cars each week. The Washington office has requested that we limit Pullman reservations to Hospital memo cases. We have been quite successful during the latter part of July and in obtaining individual Pullman reservations. Between July 1 and 15, we were unable to secure any reservations.

We are receiving many attractive job offers from the field and are having only fair success in filling these offers.



During the week of July 22 to 28, the Leave Office was hit with a group of cancellations of people who had set departure dates. In a few of these cancellations, we found that housing difficulties brought on ^{some} these cancellations but for the most part, we could find no special reasons. We have talked to Mr. Smith, Community Analyst and asked him to look into the matter for any special reasons that might be causing such cancellations.

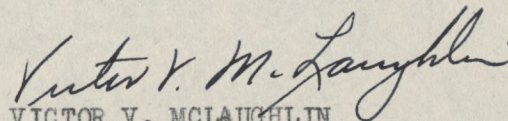
II. TERMINAL LEAVE

During the past 5 weeks, Terminal Leaves have been as follows:

June 24 to 30.....138 with 61 to the evacuated area.
July 1 to 7..... 66 with 20 to the evacuated area.
July 8 to 14.....144 with 57 to the evacuated area.
July 15 to 21.....178 with 68 to the evacuated area.
July 22 to 28.....128 with 37 to the evacuated area.

We are still receiving a few changes of status from the field of people on Short-term leave.

We, at the present time, have the Leave Office fully staffed with Evacuee help and we will continue with Evacuee help in this office as long as it is possible to obtain such help. We have, however, discontinued all Evacuee typists and file clerks in the Interviewing Section and have assigned Appointed Secretaries to each team of Interviewers. We feel that it is better to make this move now than in the middle or latter part of August. We have transferred the Evacuees from the Interviewing Section to the Leave Office and Evacuee Property.


VICTOR V. MCLAUGHLIN
Relocation Program Officer

Mr. Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

August 4, 1945

V. V. McLaughlin, Relocation Program Officer

Relocation Report for Week Ending August 4.

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING:

During the last week I have asked the interviewers for a complete list of all residents in their zone, so that by September first, we will know very definitely which residents have completed plans and also those who are unwilling to make plans. The list of those unwilling to make plans is exceptionally *expanded*, since they tell the interviewers it is their desire to return to Japan and in many of these cases no formal request has been made for repatriation.

We still have many people making definite plans and still delaying their departure date for one reason or another.

The Recruiting Team from the Sioux Ordnance Depot were on the Project from August 2, to August 4. They interviewed a number of individuals and made a special visit to each block manager on the Project. The residents were not *interested* going.

II. TERMINAL LEAVES

Records show that 116 terminal leaves were issued during the week ending August 4. Seventy-four of these to the evacuated area. We are having no difficulty obtaining railroad accommodations and have special cars set for August 7, 14, and 21. All of these set for the above date are filled the capacity. The eastbound moves are showing considerable decline, partly because of hot weather in the Middle-West and better opportunity for resettlement on the coast.

We have adequate staff in the Leaves Office at the present time to move 300 people per week, however such moves have not materialized to date and some of the Evacuee members of the Leave staff are making plans to relocate in the very near future.

VICTOR V. McLAUGHLIN
Relocation Program Officer