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CENTER REGULATIONS

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1. INTRODUCTION

- A. The following are abstracts of various paragraphs of the War-time Civil Control Administration Operations Manual, which covers pertinent information relative to instructions and regulations governing the individual conduct and business procedure of all evacuees during the period they are inhabitants of the various Assembly Centers.
- B. The information contained herein will be read to, or by all evacuees. This is of paramount importance, as it familiarizes the individuals with the extent of their liberties, restrictions and rights, as set forth by the Wartime Civil Control Administration.
- C. The regulations as published herein are subject to change and addition, and any changes or additions herein, or promulgated hereafter, shall be enforced immediately on posting in each Assembly Center.



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I. UNDERTAKING AND INTERMENT FACILITIES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. VII)

- A. The U. S. Army will contract for undertaking services required in connection with deceased evacuees. Services furnished will be those provided for by AR 30-1830 which allow \$85.00 for undertaking services and, in case of necessity, an additional \$50.00 to the family or administrators of the deceased to provide cemeterial services.
- B. The U. S. Army will provide, on request of the family of the deceased or on request of the Center Manager for those evacuees having no family or other administrators, a plot for burial or facilities for cremation as indicated by the circumstances or requested by the deceased or his family or administrators. It will be understood that the furnishing of a burial plot or provision of facilities for cremation will be a responsibility of the Army only in the event it can be definitely proved that resources of the individual or his family or administrators are not sufficient to provide such facilities.

II. RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. X-D-5)

- A. Evacuees will be permitted to promote religious services within the Assembly Centers, and to request such Caucasian assistance for coordinating religious activities as may be necessary.
- B. It will be the responsibility of the Center Manager to arrange with the religious orders for such service; to provide such facilities as are available for the conduct of such services; and to insure that such services are conducted properly and are not used as a vehicle to propagandize or incite the members of the Center.



C. Due to the unusual situation of temporary settlement and military significance, certain limitations are necessary and are outlined as follows:

1. Permission will not be granted Caucasian religious workers to reside within the confines of the various Centers.
2. Japanese religious workers will conduct all services and activities wherever possible. In those instances where the above are not available or not qualified in this field, the Japanese concerned may request assistance of Caucasian workers in conducting religious services.
3. It is of prime importance that only Caucasian workers who have a constituency among those located at Assembly Centers be permitted entry in such Centers.
4. Permission will not be granted for transfer of Japanese religious workers from one Assembly Center to another for the purpose of carrying on activities of this nature, except where there is a religious constituency within a Center without a director or leader. This request for transfer will be made in writing to this office.
5. Any materials intended for release in religious publications other than routine matters will be cleared by the Press Relations representative of the Center involved. The above routine matters include notices of church services, prayer meetings, and activities of such nature.
6. Japanese will not be spoken in connection with religious services or activities except where the use of English



prevents the congregation from comprehending the services.

The use of Japanese in this respect will be only with the sanction of the Center Manager.

D. No recognition will be given any church federation, committee or group as to the authorized representation of its so-called members by this office until that representation is authorized in writing by the members concerned.

E. Due to the fact that educational and recreational programs are being coordinated at all Reception and Assembly Centers, no attempt will be made to include any educational program within the scope of religious activities.

F. It is the desire of this office to adhere to the American principle of religious freedom regardless of sect or denomination, race or creed, and to tolerate no discrimination against any religious denomination which the Japanese constituency or group within the Center have requested.

### III. COMMUNICATION FACILITIES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XI)

Installation of telephones for communications within the Centers will be limited to that required for the successful operation and management of the Center. It is not intended that there will be any widespread telephonic installation for the use of evacuees. Telephonic or telegraphic communication of evacuees with localities outside the Centers will be allowed only in case of emergency and then only with the express approval and under the direct supervision of the Center Manager. The Center switchboard and teletype will be operated by a Caucasian member of the Center staff.



IV. LAUNDRY AND CLEANING FACILITIES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XIII)

The U. S. Government will not provide power and machinery for the laundry and cleaning for the Japanese evacuees. The facilities installed in the Centers by the construction engineers will be used to the fullest extent. The Center Store is authorized to enter into contracts with civilian agencies located outside the Centers for cleaning and laundry service for evacuees requesting same, provided the evacuees have the funds available to pay for such service. It is understood and agreed that the U. S. Government is not to be a party to these contracts nor obligated therein in any manner.

V. CONTRABAND ARTICLES AND POSSESSION OF LIQUOR AND DRUGS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XVII)

A. No Japanese evacuee will be allowed to take into any Center contraband articles as described in Public Proclamation No. 3, paragraph 6, Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, dated March 24, 1942. These items are:

1. Firearms
2. Weapons or implements of war or component parts thereof
3. Ammunition
4. Bombs
5. Explosives or the component parts thereof
6. Short-wave radio receiving sets having a frequency of 1,750 kilocycles or greater, or of 540 kilocycles or less
7. Radio transmitting sets
8. Signal devices



9. Codes or ciphers
10. Cameras

Any item of contraband as aforesaid found within the Center will be confiscated.

B. No alcoholic beverages of any kind will be allowed in any Center, with the single exception of sacramental wine for use at religious services.

1. The sacramental wine will be kept only in the custody of the Mess and Lodging Division of each Assembly Center, and issued, when necessary, to the proper person.
2. Any member of the Center staff found under the influence of intoxicating liquor will be discharged.
3. Any member of the Center staff, with the exception of the Mess and Lodging Division, having in his possession any alcoholic beverages will be discharged.

C. The use and possession of drugs, except as authorized by Federal statute, is prohibited.

VI. IMPOUNDING OF AUTOMOBILES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XVIII)

All motor vehicles in the possession of Japanese evacuees at any Center will be impounded. The impoundment of motor vehicles of Japanese evacuees is at the risk of the owners.

VII. POSTAL SERVICE (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XIX)

A. The nature and extent of postal service at Centers must necessarily depend upon the local conditions. Postal authorities have signified their intention to establish Post Office Branches or classified stations wherever possible.



- B. At those Centers where no branch or classified station is established, the Center manager will designate mail orderly to distribute mail within the Center.
- C. The Center Manager will arrange to deliver to and pick up from the nearest Post Office all incoming and outgoing mail.

VIII. MAINTENANCE OF EVACUEES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XX)

- A. The Army will furnish without cost to the evacuees the following:
1. Subsistence, shelter and hospitalization, medical and dental care.
  2. On application, a controlled clothing issue with a money value allowance per month not to exceed the following:

	<u>Cost per month</u>	<u>Cost per year</u>
Adult male	\$ 3.82	\$30.50
Male, 6 - 18 years	2.15	25.00
Children, 1 - 5 years	2.60	27.57
Adult female	4.61	42.19
Female, 6 - 18 years	2.85	26.81
- Total cost per family of five	16.03	162.07
Infant to one year	2.25	27.09

- B. The Army will make available, upon application, the following allowance for evacuees:

\$2.50 per individual per month  
 4.00 per couple per month  
 1.00 for each individual under 16 years old  
 7.50 maximum allowance any one family

1. a. A couple is considered to be a man and wife, legally married, or common-law.
- b. An individual is considered to be 16 years of age or over, whether or not living with parents.
2. The above allowance will be issued in the form of a coupon.



book, which will be obtained from the Center Manager, having a cash value good for purchase of merchandise at the Center Stores.

3. Any evacuee may purchase a coupon book or books for cash, at any time.

IX. WAGES AND HOURS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXI)

- A. The following schedules of grades and wages, based on a forty-four hour week, will be applicable to evacuees performing work at Assembly and Reception Centers operated by the Army:

Unskilled	\$ 8.00 per month
Skilled	12.00 per month
Professional and technical	16.00 per month

B. Definitions:

1. Unskilled - which include common laborers, dishwashers, tray service at mess halls, junior clerks, assistant playground directors, cooks' helpers, and other similar occupations.
2. Skilled - which include nurses, accountants, senior clerks, playground directors, motion picture machine operators, cooks, et cetera.
3. Professional and technical - which include physicians and surgeons, dentists, chemists, engineers, teachers, et cetera.

- C. Payment for work performed will be made from appropriated funds retroactive to first assignment of evacuee to work after arrival at the Center.



X. BANKING FACILITIES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXII)

- A. There will be no banks established in any Center, nor will any of the civilian staff of the W.P.A. act as trustee for the evacuee.
- B. Any bank wishing to do so is authorized to provide armored car service to the various Centers for the purpose of transacting business with any of the evacuees. Arrangements for such service will be made individually by the Managers of the various Centers.
- C. Banking by mail should be encouraged.

XI. NAMING OF STREETS, BARRACKS, ET CETERA. (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXIV)

No store, highway, public road, building, site or other object in any Assembly Center will be named after any living military or naval person of the United States of America, nor after any foreign dignitary or notable, including military and naval persons.

XII. USE OF THE PRINTED JAPANESE LANGUAGE IN ASSEMBLY CENTERS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXV)

- A. No news publications of any kind will be prepared or issued in the Japanese language in any Assembly Center which is under the jurisdiction of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army.
- B. Necessary fire, sanitation and police regulations may be printed in the Japanese language upon approval by this Headquarters. Proposed instructions will be submitted to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, this Headquarters, and necessary approval secured prior to posting in



any Assembly Center. After approval by the Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Japanese translations will be returned with authorization for reproduction and distribution within the Center. Each such translation, authorized to be posted or distributed within the Center, will be accompanied by a literal English translation of the contents at the time of distribution thereof or pasted in juxtaposition thereto at time of posting.

C. Japanese print of any kind, such as newspapers, books, pamphlets, periodicals or other literature, with the exception of approved Japanese religious books (Bibles and hymnals) and English-Japanese dictionaries, are not authorized in the Center at any time, when in possession of evacuees, and are hereby declared to be contraband and will be seized by Assembly Center authorities.

1. Japanese print of any kind directed to evacuees and transmitted by U. S. mail will be turned over by Center postal authorities to the internal police at each Assembly Center for delivery to the evacuees. Center Post Office authorities will notify the addressees of the disposition of the articles and the evacuees may take delivery of such from the Center police. Upon completion of delivery, Center police will immediately relieve the evacuees of the articles delivered.

2. When evacuees are relieved of books or other literature in



volume form, receipts for same, identifying the owners, will be given to the evacuees by the Center Manager. These articles will be held by the Center Manager, and copies of the receipts will be placed with the articles seized. When the evacuation of an Assembly Center is accomplished, such articles, including the receipts, will be boxed and shipped to the director of the relocation project to which the evacuees have been transferred.

3. Visitors, including Caucasians, will not be allowed to carry into the Center Japanese print of any kind, excepting approved Japanese religious books (Bibles and hymnals) and English-Japanese dictionaries. Such articles will be picked up by the military police outside the Center, upon application for entrance to the Center by the visitor, and returned to the visitor on departure from the Center.

- D. When absolutely essential to the administrative operation of the Center, Center Managers will apply to this office for permission to use other English-Japanese publications not included within the purview of these instructions. Application for the use of such publications will be made directly to the Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division, Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco, California, and it will be understood that they are not to be used until such time as specific permission is received.



XIII. CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH PASSES MAY BE ISSUED (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXVI-B)

A. To visit hospitalized relatives. Evacuees may be authorized to visit relatives hospitalized in an outside hospital or other institution in the following cases only:

1. Where the relative is one belonging to the immediate family or one who has been dependent on the member of the family presenting the request,

AND

2. Where the Center Manager has definite knowledge that the person to be visited is hospitalized and is in such condition that a visit from a near relative is advisable.

B. Business matters requiring personal attention. Ordinarily arrangements will be made so that business matters can be taken care of at the Center, however in extreme cases where this can not be arranged, passes may be issued for a period of not to exceed eight (8) hours, to visit only local state and federal offices.

C. To answer subpoenas and court orders. Evacuees subpoenaed or ordered to court may be granted permits to leave the Center for a period not to exceed eight (8) hours, only after the Center Manager has satisfied himself that the matter cannot be handled between the court and the evacuee within the confines of the Center.

D. To take professional examinations. Evacuees who have prepared themselves for, and have been officially called before a board



of examiners for purposes of entering upon, or qualifying themselves to enter upon a professional career as physicians, dentists, pharmacists or attorneys, may be granted permission to be absent from the Center for the period of the examination and necessary travel time. Center Managers will be responsible for determining the validity of requests made to take the above mentioned examinations.

- E. To attend funerals. Evacuees who are members of the immediate family of the deceased, or who are physically or mentally dependent on the deceased or the immediate family of the deceased, may be granted permission to be absent from the Center for the purpose of attending funeral of the deceased. In addition, any accredited religious representative(s) designated by the family to conduct funeral services for the deceased may be granted permission to be absent from the Center for the purpose of attending and conducting services at the funeral. Immediate family is defined as including husband, wife, their children, and the mother and father of the husband and/or wife, and their children.

#### XIV. VISITORS - POLICIES GOVERNING (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXVII)

- A. In order to clarify the procedure regarding visitors at the various Assembly and Reception Centers, the following basic policies will be followed:
1. Evacuees will be allowed to receive visitors, providing the approval of the Center Manager is received, it being



understood that except for cogent reasons, the normal practice will be to grant such permission.

2. Dates and hours for the reception of visitors to be at the discretion of the Center Manager and so posted on Center Bulletin Boards and at entrance gate.
3. Approved visitors to be received at the time and place designated by the Center Manager.
4. Suitable reception rooms or areas for visiting will be provided by each Center Manager within the boundaries of the Assembly Center. Under no circumstances will visiting be allowed through boundary fences.
5. Except for purposes of discipline, there will be no prohibition against visiting among evacuees residing within the same Center.
6. Visitors who are not occupants of the particular Center will not be allowed to visit barracks or living quarters of the evacuees, except that permission to visit evacuees confined in hospitals may be granted by the Center Manager on approval of the doctor in charge of the hospital.
7. All packages for evacuees delivered by visitors to be subject to inspection to insure that contraband articles are not allowed into the Assembly Center.
8. When necessary in the interests of good discipline, the Center Manager may revoke privileges of an evacuee, however such evacuee is to be advised thereof at the time such decision is made.



9. Workers or individuals engaged in public work, work projects or other authorized religious educational or recreational activities to confine their visits to those places authorized by the Center Manager and to not be allowed in living quarters except when the nature of their business so requires.

XV. POLICY GOVERNING TRANSFER OF EVACUEES UNDER JURISDICTION OF W.C.C.A.  
(WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXX)

A. General:

1. The instructions contained below will govern for the transfer of evacuees between W.C.C.A. Assembly Centers and to W.R.A. Relocation Projects, except for those evacuees transferred to W.R.A. Relocation Projects under official numbered Transfer Orders issued by the Civil Affairs Division, Headquarters WDC and Fourth Army.

B. Conditions under which transfers will be authorized:

1. Except as noted in Paragraphs B-2 and B below, transfers will be made only for the purpose of reuniting immediate families, the members of which resided together prior to evacuation (See Paragraph 4 below for definition of the term "Immediate Families").
2. Consideration will be given to transfers of individuals who do not come within the classification given in B-1 above, only when such individual or individuals are physically or mentally dependent upon the family for maintenance.



3. Transfers between Assembly Centers will not be authorized when both Assembly Centers involved will be evacuated to the same relocation area within a reasonable length of time.
4. An immediate family is defined as follows: "Husband and wife, their children and such other relations as actually resided with the family as a member of such family prior to evacuation". Except as indicated in paragraph B-2 above, this does not include persons unrelated to the family. Neither does it include married children who prior to evacuation maintained a separate household.

C. Applications for Transfer:

1. Individuals desiring transfers for any reason coming within the purview of Paragraph B above, and Paragraph D below, will make application only to the Center Manager of the Center in which they are residents. In order to insure that applications are made only to Center Managers, the provisions of this paragraph of the Operation Manual will be placed on Center bulletin boards and otherwise disseminated so that all evacuees are acquainted with the contents thereof. At that time evacuees will be informed that requests received in this office from sources other than through the Center Manager will be returned, without action, to the Center Manager for proper investigation and submission.
2. Applications forwarded by Center Manager to this office will include the following information:



- a. The name, age, sex, family number, height and weight of the individual or individuals concerned.
  - b. The reason why transfer is desired.
  - c. The point to which transfer is desired.
  - d. A statement as to whether or not those requesting transfer can and will meet the expenses of such transfer, including transportation costs of an escort.
  - e. The approximate date on which transfer is desired.
  - f. The approximate weight of household goods and personal impedimenta in use by the individual or individuals at their present location, and which will be involved in the requested transfer.
  - g. If practicable, information as to the storage location and approximate amount of household goods and personal impedimenta (other than that in use in the Center).
3. On receipt by the Center Manager the application for transfer will be carefully reviewed and where the reasons for transfer are other than those enumerated in Paragraph B, or when action as indicated in Paragraph D does not appear to be warranted, will be returned to the applicant disapproved. When approved by the Center Manager, the application will be forwarded to the Chief, TSO Division through the Chief, Operations Branch, TSO Division, for appropriate action.
- D. When reasons for transfer other than those authorized in Paragraph B above are presented to the Center Manager, and when in



his opinion such reasons have merit, the application may be forwarded as set forth above for consideration,

XVI. ACCEPTANCE OF FEES FROM JAPANESE EVACUEES FOR MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICES PROHIBITED. (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXXII-I-1)

Fees shall neither be charged nor accepted from Japanese evacuees by Japanese or other physicians for medical, surgical or dental treatment, or for material employed in such treatment accorded Japanese evacuees. The cost of medical, surgical or dental services and necessary appliances or supplies and the cost of the hospitalization will be borne by federal funds allotted for that purpose.

XVII. INTERIOR SECURITY REGULATIONS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXXV)

- A. All criminal and civil laws, local, state and federal, are in full force and effect in all Assembly Centers. All of these laws and the following Assembly Center Regulations will be strictly enforced by the Interior Police. All violations of criminal laws or Center Regulations are to be promptly reported to the policeman on duty at the Interior Police Station.
- B. All radios and lights of every kind in all evacuees' quarters shall be turned off by the occupants not later than 10:30 P.M. Lights shall remain off throughout the hours of darkness. Exceptions to lighting regulations will be permitted in case of fire, sickness, pregnant mothers, mothers with young



children, and other necessary cases, with the written permission of the Center Manager.

- C. All evacuees shall be in their own living quarters between 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M. Exceptions will be permitted for persons going to and from the nearest lavatory, or when necessary in caring for sick persons. The Center Manager may issue written exceptions in other cases which in his opinion are warranted by the circumstances. Evacuees, when assigned to any work between the hours of 10:00 P.M. and 6:00 A.M., shall be provided by the Center Manager with a written exemption from this ruling, giving the evacuee's name and address; the duties to which he or she is assigned, and the hours and location of duty.
- D. Evacuees are prohibited to contact directly or indirectly, either in writing or verbally, any military police personnel assigned to duty at Assembly Centers except for official business, and then only when such contact is initiated by military personnel.
- E. All evacuees are required to stay at least ten feet back from all outside fences, including those which separate Military Police areas from evacuee areas.
- F. Unnecessary noises or disturbances are prohibited.
- G. Loitering in or around the buildings or areas in which any of the business of the Center is carried on is prohibited, but this shall not be construed to interfere with any legitimate business an evacuee wants to conduct with the staff of



the Center Management or the Interior Police.

- H. Alcoholic beverages, excepting sacramental wines in the possession of persons authorized, will be confiscated without compensation and turned over to the physician-in-charge of the Center hospital who will destroy all alcoholic beverages not suitable for medicinal purposes, retaining that which is suitable. All such proceedings will be made a matter of record in writing, including the names of those persons involved; further the physician in charge at the Center will account for such retained confiscated liquor on his stock record account. The destruction of alcoholic beverages not suitable for medicinal purposes will be witnessed by a Caucasian member of Center staff and a certificate to this effect completed. This certificate will show what was destroyed, listing quantity and brand.
- I. Tools which may be used as dangerous weapons, including knives with blades three inches or more in length, that are necessary to evacuee artisans in their assigned duties, shall be placed in the custody of a person designated by the Center Manager who will check them out and in each day they are used, maintaining a record thereof. This will not apply in mess halls or shops in daily operation.
- J. The use of bicycles by evacuees in Centers will be limited to the restrictions imposed by the Center Manager. Such restrictions shall be published and posted on all bulletin



boards in the Center.

- K. Traffic regulations for each Center will be published by the Center Manager. Evacuees will obey all such regulations and violators of these rules will be subject to restrictive measures.
- L. Evacuee truck drivers shall not be permitted to drive outside the Center except by written permission of the Center Manager.
- M. When an Interior Policeman, in performance of his duty, requests information about an incident or a person from evacuees, they shall give all such information in their possession without reserve.
- N. The Interior Police Officers are authorized, without warrant, to enter all buildings and evacuee quarters at any time of the day or night when considered necessary in the performance of their duties.
- O. Fraternization between evacuees and Interior Police is prohibited.
- P. No evacuee shall enter any room, apartment, barracks or other building, or part thereof which is vacant, without express permission from the Center Manager. When enclosures of these kinds are normally occupied only a part of the time, this rule shall apply during the unoccupied time.
- Q. Purchase of any articles by evacuees from any source outside the Assembly Center will be made through the Center Store. Such articles will be subject to inspection by the Interior



Police before delivery to the evacuee. Parcel Post packages addressed to evacuees will be opened at the Post Office for inspection by the evacuee in the presence of a member of the Interior Police. Packages shipped by express or freight consigned to evacuees will be similarly inspected at a place designated by the Center Manager. All articles of a contraband nature will be confiscated.

- R. Property, articles or equipment belonging to, or in custody of the United States Government, or any of its agencies, shall not be moved by evacuees from one building or location to another building or location unless by written permission of Center Manager.
- S. Evacuees are prohibited from organizing, participating in or being members of any secret club, organization (excepting Boy Scout activities), association or combination of more than one individual. With the written permission of the Center Manager, evacuees may organize athletic and religious clubs, provided that all constitutions, by-laws and governing regulations of such organizations shall be submitted in writing to the Center Manager for approval before adoption thereof.
- T. (a) All meetings within the Center shall be conducted in the English language except as provided in Paragraph X-5 c (6) and adult classes in English and Civics, and in other cases where it is absolutely necessary for the proper administration and operation of the Center. In the latter



cases, a transcript of the proceedings will be prepared, translated and filed in the office of the Center Manager, a copy being furnished to the Interior Security Police. The use of a spoken Japanese language will be held to an absolute minimum consistent with administrative necessity.

- (b) Except as noted in Paragraph XXVIII, a member of the Center Administrative Staff will physically supervise any and all gatherings (meetings) held for any purpose. This does not mean that a member of the Center Administrative Staff must be present at all times, but it does mean that he will control and supervise such meetings by his physical presence to the extent that it is deemed necessary by the Center Manager.
- (c) The Interior Security Police, in addition to being required to attend all meetings concerned with self-government, are authorized to attend all meetings of whatever nature which are concerned with the maintenance of order, discipline and observance of Center regulations. In addition, the Interior Security Police are authorized to attend all group gatherings, except those between the Center Staff and the evacuees which are concerned solely with administrative matters of the Center. The Interior Security Police will attend such meetings at the invitation of a member of the Center Staff.
- (d) Meetings for the purpose of discussing the war or any



international problem are not authorized.

- U. (a) The possession of and the serving of foods which require heating or cooking will not be allowed in the quarters of evacuees. This does not apply to formula foods for infants. Violations of the above will be reported to the Interior Police who will confiscate without compensation all such articles, delivering them to the Messing and Housing Section at the Center.
- (b) The possession of perishable foods, excepting fresh fruits which will be allowed, by evacuees will be as determined by the Center Manager. His decision defining what constitutes perishable goods will be published and posted on all bulletin boards.
- V. The laws of the state wherein the Assembly Center is located as pertaining to gambling will be enforced by the Interior Police.
- W. Male evacuees, including auxiliary police, shall not enter the barracks, apartments, dormitories or other quarters set aside for the exclusive use of the female evacuees, except when specifically ordered to do so by some Caucasian who is head of some Center Management Division and this may be done only when necessary to carry on work of the Center which can not be done elsewhere.
- X. Female evacuees shall not enter the barracks, apartments, dormitories or other quarters set aside for the exclusive use



of male evacuees under any conditions.

Y. There will be no personal financial transactions or negotiations between personnel serving in or with the Wartime Civil Control Administration and Japanese evacuees. Any such practice by persons connected with the Wartime Civil Control Administration in any capacity will not be tolerated and all officers or employees serving in the Wartime Civil Control Administration are required to confine their relationships and dealings with such evacuees to official business only. No personal business of any nature between Wartime Civil Control Administration personnel and such evacuees is permitted.

Z. (a) No evacuee is required to work, however once an evacuee has accepted a job for which he will receive remuneration, the evacuee will, except in cases of illness, carry out his or her assignment. Should the evacuee desire to quit, he or she may do so, provided forty-eight hour notice of intent in writing is presented to his Caucasian supervisor. This notice will set forth the reason for quitting and effective date.

(b) Stoppage of work (except as provided in (a) above) by individuals or as a group with the intent to, or the effect of interfering with the execution of the functions and operations of the Assembly Center is prohibited.

AA. No evacuee shall prevent or attempt to prevent any other evacuee from working. This rule shall apply to all verbal, written,



or physical means which might be employed, either direct or indirect.

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- EE. Parents are required to properly and thoroughly instruct their children in these regulations and the necessity for obedience thereto. In those families that contain members who cannot read, it shall be the duty of the oldest adult who can read to instruct the non-readers in all these regulations.
- FF. No evacuee shall conspire with any other evacuee, or group of evacuees, to evade any of these or subsequent regulations or any official rules and orders of the Center Manager or the Wartime Civil Control Administration.
- GG. Any violation of these regulations may be prosecuted under Public Law 503.
- HH. Under no condition will the use of profane or abusive language



language or conduct unbecoming a gentleman be allowed in the Assembly Centers, either by Caucasians or evacuees.

- II. Songs of martial nature or in praise or worship of the Japanese nation, government, or Emperor shall not be played or sung in either English or Japanese in Assembly Centers. The letter as well as the intent of this regulation shall be fully complied with by individuals and groups.

XVIII. SUBSISTENCE (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. X-E).

- A. This division will be responsible for the allocation of shelter to all evacuees and the preparation of food and serving of meals at Centers.
- B. The following policies are established in connection with feeding of evacuees in accordance with the established ration value of 50¢ per evacuee per day.
1. That in attempting to hold the cost of the ration below the authorized value (50¢), the governing factor be the procurement cost of adequate and wholesome foods. It is the intent of the Commanding General that wholesome and adequate food be provided to all evacuees and that only where consistent with such policy is the cost of the ration to be held specifically below the authorized value thereof.
  2. That subsistence items procured for Japanese evacuees are not to be of higher specification than those procured for use of the armed forces of the United States.



3. That the amount of food to be furnished each person is to be consistent with their needs and that where necessary, evacuees are to be allowed to have additional food on request, providing such additional food is furnished at regular meal hours.
  4. That individuals such as babies, those in hospitals, those requiring special diets, young children, individuals performing manual labor, etc., are to be provided with food in quantities and types consistent with their needs. Full consideration will be given and necessary action taken to meet diet requirements of the following age groups among the evacuees:
    - (a) 1 - 2 years
    - (b) 2 - 6 years
    - (c) 6 - 10 years
    - (d) 10 - 50 years
    - (e) Over 50 years
  5. That upon approval by Center Managers, special provisions will be made for feeding those individuals whose duties may prevent them from attending the mess at regular meal hours.
- C. Where it is found impracticable to provide adequate and wholesome food within the 50¢ ration allowance, the Center Manager will make application to this office for an increase in the ration allowance.



XIX. CENTER STORES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XV)

- A. Center Stores will be established at all Assembly Centers by the W.P.A.
- B. Each store will be under the direct supervision of the Center Manager; the use of evacuees in its operation is authorized, if desired.
- C. Center stores must be prepared to supply the needs of men, women and children at the lowest possible cost. However, prices to be charged by Center stores will not be lower than those charged for similar commodities at Army Post Exchange stores in the general vicinity, nor will the prices charged by Center stores exceed the prices for similar articles sold in the neighborhood by civilian operated stores.
- D. The use of money as a medium of exchange in Center stores is authorized only until such time as coupon books can be made available. Thereafter, no sales for cash will be permitted.
- E. Center stores will be operated by the W.P.A. under the procedure set forth in Center Store Regulation No. 1 of April 22, 1942, issued by the Commanding General, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. The Commanding General, Western Defense Command, will retain technical supervision of, audit and make recommendations through the Exchange Officer, Forward Echelon, Ninth Corps Area.



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WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY  
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

August 24, 1942

SUBJECT: SUPPLEMENT NO. 1  
to  
W.C.C.A. CENTER REGULATIONS

1. Attached are revised and supplemental sheets as follows:

Revised Sheets

Pages 4, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25

Additional Sheets

Pages 5A and 25A

2. The above sheets are to be added to and made a part of W.C.C.A. Center Regulations. Superseded pages are to be destroyed.
3. Special care must be exercised to see that these revised sheets are inserted in all copies of the Center Regulations in the hands of, or available to, the evacuees.

By order of Colonel Bendetsen:

*Albert H. Moffitt, Jr.*  
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Captain, F.A.  
Executive Officer



IV. LAUNDRY AND CLEANING FACILITIES(WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XIII)

The U. S. Government will not provide power and machinery for the laundry and cleaning for the Japanese evacuees. The facilities installed in the Centers by the construction engineers will be used to the fullest extent. The Center Store is authorized to enter into contracts with civilian agencies located outside the Centers for cleaning and laundry service for evacuees requesting same, provided the evacuees have the funds available to pay for such service. It is understood and agreed that the U. S. Government is not to be a party to these contracts nor obligated therein in any manner.

\*V. CONTRABAND ARTICLES AND POSSESSION OF LIQUOR AND DRUGS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XVII, SECTION I)

A. No Japanese will be allowed to take into or have in his possession in any Assembly Center, contraband articles as described below.

1. The following comprises those items described as contraband in Public Proclamation No. 3, Paragraph 6, Headquarters Western Defense Command and Fourth Army, dated March 26, 1942:

- (a) Firearms
- (b) Weapons or implements of war or component parts thereof
- (c) Ammunition
- (d) Bombs
- (e) Explosives, or the component parts thereof
- (f) Short wave radio receiving sets having a frequency of 1,750 kilocycles or greater, or of 540 kilocycles or less
- (g) Radio transmitting sets
- (h) Signal devices



(i) Codes or ciphers

(j) Cameras

2. The following additional items are declared contraband by direction and pursuant to the authority of the Commanding General, Western Defense Command, as a designated Military Commander under the provisions of Executive Order of the President No. 9066, dated February 19, 1942.

(a) Alcoholic beverages except sacramental wines. Sacramental wines shall be kept in the custody of the Mess and Lodging Division and issued when necessary to the proper person.

(b) All hypnotic and narcotic drugs, except on physician's prescription, including the following: Barbitol, Pentothal, Veronal, Amytal, Phenobarbital (trade name, Luminal), Seconal, Dial, Dilantin Sodium, Allonal, Cocaine, Morphine, Codeine, Marihuana and Paregoric. Herein is contraband under all circumstances, as it cannot be prescribed by physicians.

(c) Japanese print of any kind, such as newspapers, books, pamphlets, periodicals or other literature, with the exception of approved Japanese religious books (Bibles and hymnals), English-Japanese dictionaries, and such Japanese-English and Japanese writings which have been specifically approved in writing by the WCCA for use in Assembly Centers.

(d) Phonograph records and all other mechanical sound recordings and transcriptions in Japanese, except



those recordings of a religious nature approved specifically in writing by WCCA for use in Assembly Centers.

(e) Government property in the possession of evacuees without official authorization.

3. Any item of contraband as aforesaid, found within the Center, will be confiscated.

B. The possession, consumption, transportation for the purpose of sale, or sale of alcoholic beverages of any kind by evacuees in any Center is prohibited, with the single exception of sacramental wine when issued for and in use in religious services.

1. Any violation of this regulation by evacuees may be prosecuted under Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, and applicable civil statutes of the state in which the Assembly Center is located.

C. The use and possession of drugs by evacuees in any Center is prohibited except as authorized by Federal statute and as specified in Paragraph XXXII, this manual.

1. Violations of this regulation by evacuees may be prosecuted under Public Law No. 503, 77th Congress, approved March 21, 1942, and applicable Federal and State statutes.

#### VI. IMPOUNDING OF AUTOMOBILES (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XVIII)

All motor vehicles in the possession of Japanese evacuees at any Center will be impounded. The impoundment of motor vehicles of Japanese evacuees is at the risk of the owners.

#### VII. POSTAL SERVICE (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XIX)

A. The nature and extent of postal service at Centers must necessarily depend upon the local conditions. Postal authorities have signified their intention to establish Post Office Branches or classified stations wherever possible.



his opinion such reasons have merit, the application may be forwarded as set forth above for consideration.

XVI. ACCEPTANCE OF FEES FROM JAPANESE EVACUEES FOR MEDICAL, SURGICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICES PROHIBITED. (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXXII-I-1)

Fees shall neither be charged nor accepted from Japanese evacuees by Japanese or other physicians for medical, surgical or dental treatment, or for material employed in such treatment accorded Japanese evacuees. The cost of medical, surgical or dental services and necessary appliances or supplies and the cost of the hospitalization will be borne by federal funds allotted for that purpose.

XVII. INTERIOR SECURITY REGULATIONS (WCCA Oper. Man. Par. XXXV)

A. All criminal and civil laws, local, state and federal, are in full force and effect in all Assembly Centers. All of these laws and the following Assembly Center Regulations will be strictly enforced by the Interior Police. All violations of criminal laws or Center Regulations are to be promptly reported to the policeman on duty at the Interior Police Station.

\*B. All radios and lights of every kind in all evacuees' quarters shall be turned off by the occupants at an hour to be published in writing by the Center Manager, which in any event, will be not later than twelve o'clock midnight; the exact hour to be consistent with consideration of local climatic conditions. After the hour of curfew, lights shall remain off throughout the remaining hours of darkness. Necessary exceptions to lighting



regulations, such as in the case of fire, sickness, pregnant mothers and mothers with young children, may be permitted by the Center Manager in center regulations to be posted on bulletin board accessible to evacuees.

\*C. All evacuees shall be in their own living quarters between the hour of curfew, as established by the Center Manager, and six o'clock A.M. When climatic conditions require, the area immediately adjacent to the quarters will be considered as a part thereof. Exceptions will be permitted for persons going to and from the nearest lavatory or when necessary in caring for sick persons. The Center Manager may issue published exceptions in other cases which in his opinion are warranted by the circumstances. Center Managers will furnish each evacuee required to work between the hours of the established curfew and six o'clock A.M. with a written permanent pass setting forth the evacuee's name and address, the duties to which he or she is assigned, and the hours and location for such work. Evacuees will be advised that this pass is to be carried on their person and is to be produced upon request by a member of the Interior Police or the Center administrative staff.

D. Evacuees are prohibited to contact directly or indirectly, either in writing or verbally, any military police personnel assigned to duty at Assembly Centers except for official business, and then only when such contact is initiated by military personnel.

\*E. When practicable and consistent with the physical features of the particular Assembly Center, as determined by Center Manager,



evacuees will be required to stay at least ten (10) feet back from all outside fences, including those which separate military police areas from evacuee areas.

F. Unnecessary noises or disturbances are prohibited.

G. Loitering in or around the buildings or areas in which any of the business of the Center is carried on is prohibited, but this shall not be construed to interfere with any legitimate business an evacuee wants to conduct with the staff of the Center Management or the Interior Police.

\*H. Alcoholic beverages, excepting sacramental wines in the possession of persons authorized, will be confiscated without compensation and turned over to the physician in charge of the Center hospital who will destroy all alcoholic beverages not suitable for medicinal purposes, retaining that which is suitable. All such proceedings will be made a matter of record in writing, including the names of those persons involved; further, the physician in charge at the Center will account for such retained confiscated liquor on his stock record account. The destruction of alcoholic beverages not suitable for medicinal purposes will be witnessed by a Caucasian member of Center staff and will be supervised by the Interior Security Police and a certificate to this effect completed. This certificate will show what was destroyed, listing quantity and brand.

\*I. Tools which may be used as dangerous weapons, including knives with blades three inches or more in length, that are necessary to evacuee artisans in their assigned duties, shall be placed in the custody of the owner thereof by the Center Manager who



will furnish each such evacuee with written indication that he is authorized to have such tools in his possession, and that he is required to retain them in the confines of his quarters or assigned place of duty, except when actually engaged in center duties requiring their use. This will not apply to tools and implements which are the property of the U. S. Government; such tools and implements will be handled as directed by the Center Manager. Evacuees having tools and implements as described above, which are not used by them in the pursuit of the assigned center duties, or which have not been placed at the disposal of the Center Manager, will be required to deposit the same with the Center Manager at such place as he may designate for safe-keeping.

- J. The use of bicycles by evacuees in Centers will be limited to the restrictions imposed by the Center Manager. Such restrictions shall be published and posted on all bulletin boards in the Center.
- K. Traffic regulations for each Center will be published by the Center Manager. Evacuees will obey all such regulations and violators of these rules will be subject to restrictive measures.
- L. Evacuee truck drivers shall not be permitted to drive outside the Center except by written permission of the Center Manager.
- M. When an Interior Policeman, in performance of his duty, requests information about an incident or a person from evacuees, they shall give all such information in their possession without reserve.



- N. The Interior Police Officers are authorized, without warrant, to enter all buildings and evacuee quarters at any time of the day or night when considered necessary in the performance of their duties.
- O. Fraternization between evacuees and Interior Police is prohibited.
- P. No evacuee shall enter any room, apartment, barracks or other building, or part thereof which is vacant, without express permission from the Center Manager. When enclosures of these kinds are normally occupied only a part of the time, this rule shall apply during the unoccupied time.
- \*Q. Except for mail order purchases, purchase of any articles by evacuees from any source outside the Assembly Center will be made through the Center Store. Such articles will be subject to inspection by the Interior Police before delivery to the evacuee. Parcel Post packages addressed to evacuees will be opened at the Post Office for inspection by the evacuee in the presence of a member of the Interior Police. Packages shipped by express or freight consigned to evacuees will be similarly inspected at a place designated by the Center Manager. All articles of a contraband nature will be confiscated.
- R. Property, articles or equipment belonging to, or in custody of the United States Government, or any of its agencies, shall not be moved by evacuees from one building or location to another building or location unless by written permission of Center Manager.



- S. Evacuees are prohibited from organizing, participating in or being members of any secret club, organization (excepting Boy Scout activities), association or combination of more than one individual. With the written permission of the Center Manager, evacuees may organize athletic and religious clubs, provided that all constitutions, by-laws and governing regulations of such organizations shall be submitted in writing to the Center Manager for approval before adoption thereof.
- T. (a) All meetings within the Center shall be conducted in the English language except as provided in Paragraph X-5 c (6) and adult classes in English and Civics, and in other cases where it is absolutely necessary for the proper administration and operation of the Center. In the latter cases, a transcript of the proceedings will be prepared, translated and filed in the office of the Center Manager, a copy being furnished to the Interior Security Police. The use of a spoken Japanese language will be held to an absolute minimum consistent with administrative necessity.
- (b) Except as noted in Paragraph XXVIII, a member of the Center Administrative Staff will physically supervise any and all gatherings (meetings) held for any purpose. This does not mean that a member of the Center Administrative Staff must be present at all times, but it does mean that he will control and supervise such meetings by his physical presence to the extent that it is deemed necessary by the Center Manager.
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authorized to attend all meetings of whatever nature which are concerned with the maintenance of order, discipline and observance of Center regulations. In addition, the Interior Security Police are authorized to attend all group gatherings, except those between the Center Staff and the evacuees which are concerned solely with administrative matters of the Center. The Interior Security Police will attend such meetings at the invitation of a member of the Center Staff.

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- (b) The possession of perishable foods, excepting fresh fruits which will be allowed, by evacuees will be as determined by the Center Manager. His decision defining what constitutes perishable goods will be published and posted on all bulletin boards.
- V. The laws of the state wherein the Assembly Center is located as pertaining to gambling will be enforced by the Interior Police.
- W. Male evacuees, including auxiliary police, shall not enter the barracks, apartments, dormitories or other quarters set aside for the exclusive use of the female evacuees, except



when specifically ordered to do so by some Caucasian who is head of some Center Management Division and this may be done only when necessary to carry on work of the Center which can not be done elsewhere.

- X. Female evacuees shall not enter the barracks, apartments, dormitories or other quarters set aside for the exclusive use of male evacuees under any conditions.
- Y. There will be no personal financial transactions or negotiations between personnel serving in or with the Wartime Civil Control Administration and Japanese evacuees. Any such practice by persons connected with the Wartime Civil Control Administration in any capacity will not be tolerated and all officers or employees serving in the Wartime Civil Control Administration are required to confine their relationships and dealings with such evacuees to official business only. No personal business of any nature between Wartime Civil Control Administration personnel and such evacuees is permitted.
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