

January 7, 1944

Dr. Marvin K. Opler
Community Analyst Section
Tule Lake Relocation Project
Newell, California

Dear Opler:

Thank you very much for the reprint. Have read your article with interest.

This is just a note on behalf of Dr. Thomas, who wishes to thank you for your kindness in sending her the Tulean Dispatches.

Recently, I received a letter, entirely unsolicited, from one of the guests that you have in your bull-pen, or stockade, that is to say, one of the arrivals from Leupp. He sent me some material which was definitely interesting, relative to his own attitudes on the Relocation Center, and so on. He looks like a good source for individual case history studies, a matter which, as I explained to you, interests me greatly. I am hesitant about writing this man, however, since his attitudes in no way reflect an ideal patriotism. I am very much afraid of sticking my own neck out by writing to him and so calling down the wrath of the powers on my head should such a letter be censored. Can one write to residents of your stockade freely, or is such correspondence subject to official scrutiny? If you could drop me a line on that matter I would appreciate it.

You'll be glad to know that Kroeber is a good deal better and that we expect him back the first part of March. He is already champing at the bit, but is confined to home on doctor's orders.

While I won't say that I envy the life you lead up there, I imagine it must be an extremely interesting one.

Best regards to Mrs. Opler. Elizabeth says "hello."

Sincerely yours,

REED COLLEGE
PORTLAND, OREGON

SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

January 11

Dr. Robert Spencer
Evacuation & Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Spencer:

Thanks for the letter which was just received. In response to your inquiry contained therein, I might say that any letter to the person in question in the military stockade of this camp would most certainly be scrutinized, and depending on the contents open to censorship. If I knew who you had in mind I might be able to comment on the letter he addressed to Dr. Thomas. In such a case, it would be interesting to know what kind of a letter he addressed.


The situation here may very well be back close to "normalcy" before long. A majority is organizing itself in opposition to the minority group which has played the grandstand up to now.

Glad to hear Kroeber is champing at the doctor's bit, and soon to be back in his usual trim.

Let me know if there's any other information about developments here and I'll see whether it can be given out if you want it.

With all best wishes to Spencers, Inc.

Sincerely,


M. Opler

5323 Wayne Ave
Chicago 407 Ill
Jan 27, 1944

Dear Dorothy:

I thought you would
be interested in the details
re my resignation from
the WRA - hence this letter,
altho I plan to see you
when in Berkeley next week.

I'll go back chronologically,
after Tom Holland's resignation
Edwin Arnold, who was from
another division in Wash. was
named as his successor altho
he knew little or nothing

about relocation. He came in about
Nov. - Then began the job of
educating him, as far as my con-
versation, ^{with you} in Dec. He visited the
Office twice but both times it was
a conference with Reloc. Supervisors
so he spent about an hour
with the Chicago area staff. -

On Jan 10 he wired me to
come to N.Y. for a conference
of all Reloc. Supervisors on the
12th I was down with flu
on my doctor said no. -

I returned to the Office on
Jan 14 and Arnold phoned me
to tell me of the N.Y. Conference.
Much of this is in the attached
letter dated Jan 13, received by
me on Jan 18. - He told me
of the transfer idea - I protested
and was coldly informed it
was all settled and approved
by Dillon Myer. -

Kennedy arrived later that day with instructions to take over at once as I was due to leave on Sunday for a 2 months tour of all projects, then report to Kansas City.

On Saturday I called the staff together, told them the news, introduced Kennedy, came home and went to bed with the flu again - phoning Arnold the doctor said I could not start on the trip for

a few days.

On Monday the Curtiss
Candy Co offered me a
job in their personnel
dept with as much
salary as WRA and
a fine prospect. I took
it and phoned Arnold
I was resigning - either
now or after the trip -
He was much upset or
pretended to be - could
not understand and why I
took such an attitude
since all the Supervisors
were being transferred, ^{etc etc} I

told him that since I differed
so vitally on a policy my only
choice was to resign. They decided
to send someone else on the
trip, so I resigned - and now
taking my accrued annual
leave.

Eleonor has had a bad bout
with the flu so I have been
cook, nurse, and housekeeper. We
have reservations for the Challenger
on Jan 29 to Oakland - after
a few days around the Bay
go to Santa Barbara for a
couple of weeks with my family.
Then pick up my Ford and
drive back to be on the
new job Mar 1, here in Chicago.

How you came by Arnold's
letter and my reply is a
mystery to me!

I enclose also a letter
from Gary Wakayama, who

was Pres. of the Council
at Tulsa and whom Coverly
threw in jail, then Leupp,
then Doxey - I thought it
might be a good
document.

Jacoby will follow
them with you gang
so there should be
no interruption - Kennedy
has made Jake his assistant -
which is smart.

Best regards until
I see you.

Sincerely
Elmer.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

JAN 13 1944

Mr. Elmer L. Shirrell
Relocation Supervisor
War Relocation Authority
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Mr. Shirrell:

I was very glad to learn from our phone conversation today that you are feeling better.

This letter will confirm some of the things mentioned to you over the phone.

Yesterday we discussed a number of things in New York which I am very sorry you had to miss. Some of the items had previously been covered with you in our Chicago meeting. The remainder you will get in various memoranda and policy statements which will be released soon. One of the main purposes of the New York meeting was to discuss the general shift in our Relocation Supervisors in the Middle West and East. After carefully considering and discussing with Mr. Myer, Mr. Barrows, and Mr. Lee, various ways in which we could strengthen our field organization, we have decided to shift all Supervisors in the Middle West and East. There are many reasons for this shift.

We think that by exchanging Supervisors, new ideas on relocation and adjustment will be brought into each area by the new Supervisor and given to the Relocation Officers, which should have a very stimulating effect on personnel. It will also tend to make our operations more uniform throughout the various areas.

While we realize that such shifts involve a certain amount of personal hardship on the part of Supervisors, we feel that their experience and background will be broadened greatly and that they will personally benefit by such a move.

The shift that we have decided upon is as follows: Mr. Cullum of the New York area will be shifted to Cleveland; Mr. Pistere of the Cleveland area to New York; Mr. Kennedy of the Kansas City area to Chicago; and you to Kansas City.

In the case of the New York and Cleveland shifts, we are not making any announcement until after the Supervisors return from their trip to the field. Consequently, we would like to keep the information confidential. In the case of yours and Mr. Kennedy's shift, we



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feel as though it should take place immediately because of the size of the program in Chicago and the difficulty in leaving the area too long without a Supervisor. Consequently, we have asked Mr. Kennedy to transfer to Chicago as soon as he can wind up his affairs in Kansas City. While we wish to make the transfer effective by about February 1, we realize that this does not give you sufficient time to completely wind up your affairs before leaving on the team. Therefore, if you wished to, you could return to Chicago for a few days after your team assignment is terminated.

Yesterday we discussed with each Supervisor the particular problems which he would face in a new area and our suggestions on how to meet some of them. I hope that I will have an opportunity to meet with you before you start work in Kansas City, but in case I do not, there are several suggestions I would like to make.

Many evacuees have not moved into the Kansas City area. We feel that there are very promising opportunities in the area, especially in the smaller cities and rural areas. Initially your biggest job will be to sell the area to evacuees. I am confident that you have a definite contribution to make in this regard. As a corollary to selling the area to evacuees, I am in hopes that you will build up strong committees and an adequate community adjustment program in the area. As I mentioned to you in Chicago, I feel that your community adjustment program and your failure to use committees to the fullest extent has been one of the weaker points in the Chicago program. While I appreciate the fact that this has not been altogether your fault, I feel it is something that you should pay particular attention to in your new area. Another point which I think you should be careful on in going into your new area is that you keep your organizational lines straight. As I suggested to you in reference to the Chicago set-up some time ago, I hope that you will clearly define the duties of the District Officer in Kansas City and that you will not let the affairs of the local office interfere with the area considerations.

There is one item of a more or less personal nature which I would like to call to your attention. In the Chicago area there was a tendency for you to build up your staff with former associates and for this reason I believe there were indications of a definite cleavage in your organization in Chicago between former Tule Lake employees and the new employees who were hired within the area. While I realize that it is natural for a man to gather around him a staff with whom he is acquainted and in whom he has confidence, there is always the danger of staffing an organization on too much of a personalized basis.

In discussing the exchange with the other Relocation Supervisors, some of them requested that they be permitted to take certain staff members with them to their new office. While we can well appreciate the reasons for these requests, from the standpoint of economy and good organization we do not feel that we can grant any

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such requests, with one exception -- if a Supervisor has a secretary, CAF-4, who wishes to transfer with him, we will approve such transfer. No other transfers can be approved.

As I indicated before, I am very sorry that it was not possible to discuss this with you personally as we did with the other Supervisors. We asked Mr. Kennedy to make a special stop in Chicago to explain it to you. As soon as you and Mr. Kennedy have discussed the matter I would like your recommendations on when the shift should be announced. It is my opinion that it should not be announced until about the time Mr. Kennedy is ready to take over in Chicago, February 1. However, we shall be glad to consider any recommendations you might have in this regard. In the meantime I suggest that you do not advise anyone of the proposed move.

Sincerely yours,

Edwin G. Arnold

Edwin G. Arnold
Chief, Relocation Division

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

5323 North Wayne Avenue
Chicago 40, Illinois
January 26, 1944

Mr. Edwin Arnold
Chief, Relocation Division
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Arnold:

Your letter of January 13 deserves a reply. I do not feel the need of defending my administration of the Chicago area for certainly an area to which one-third of the indefinite leaves for a year have been granted has justified itself. I should like to bring to your attention, however, some matters which I believe, if properly handled, will expedite the relocation of resettlers, a subject in which I shall always be interested although no longer connected with the War Relocation Authority.

I think many of the problems that now confront you are due to the lack of knowledge of the plans and procedures of your predecessor as Chief of the Relocation Division. I spoke to you when you were in Chicago of the need of getting down on paper many of the policies and procedures which up to now have existed largely by word of mouth. In the early days of the program I realize that a trial and error method was the only one we could pursue but certainly that time is far past.

I differed very vitally from you in the decision regarding the transfer of relocation supervisors, hence I felt that in such a vital difference the only honorable thing to do was to resign. A year's work in the community which is beginning only now to yield results would be, by such a transfer, thrown away. There may be some advantages, as you state, in bringing new ideas to various areas by the exchange of supervisors, however, I believe there are many other ways in which this could have been done without the loss which will be felt by such transfers. The only thing that is needed to make operations more uniform throughout the various areas is to standardize procedure after conferences with the field personnel. I know you are at work on this but I cannot overemphasize its necessity.

Due to the fact that Mr. Lee is the only person in the Washington office with experience in a relocation office, I think the necessity for constant conferences between the field and Washington is even more important. This will be increasingly true as the work of relocation progresses and new problems which are concerned with integration appear in increasing numbers.

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You intimate that the community adjustment program in Chicago is one of our weak points. I think it needs to be called forcibly to the attention of the Washington office that I began making recommendations on this subject as early as last March. I was constantly met with the statement that we should not concern ourselves with this but should turn this problem over to local agencies. We were informed that no personnel would be allotted for this part of the program and we should continue our job finding and placement service, leaving the integration phase of the program to other workers. Therefore, I set about getting other agencies to employ people to do this work and you know that there are between eight and ten full time workers at the Chicago Church Federation who were brought there after conferences with the various mission boards and whose salaries are being paid by these various boards. You must also know of the full time and part time personnel who are working in the American Friends Service Committee offices whose salaries are being paid by various agencies. It was early my aim to get these people to cease working on employment and to work on counselling and integration programs and this is progressing satisfactorily. It was not until November that Washington seemed to feel the need of strengthening this part of our work and Mr. Harold Jacoby was transferred from Tule Lake at my request to assume this part of my program. Even then, no additional allotment in personnel was given us and we had to function by reducing the number of relocation officers accordingly. This, with the addition of the counselling position now filled by Mrs. Izumi, is the only increase in staff that Washington has allotted to meet this urgent program.

The use of volunteer committees will always be a problem, not because of their purpose and plan of organization but because of the personalities that appear. Most of the committees in this area were organized before the opening of the Chicago office and their functions at that moment were entirely concerned with employment. The transition has been difficult but it is being made and we have constantly worked on it, always with the thought of averting any clashes or unpleasantness.

Your criticism relative to my asking for the transfer of former Tule Lake employees is not well taken. In March, 1943, Miss Ruth Young was transferred as my secretary (a policy which I note you approve in the present plan for transfer of relocation supervisors) and she has made a notable contribution to the program. Mr. Kendall Smith, who did not come directly from Tule Lake but had eight months in Granada, has proved one of our most efficient relocation officers and has so been recognized by your own office. He and Mr. Harold Jacoby have fitted perfectly into our staff and there has not been, to my knowledge, a single clash. Mr. Frank Smith, the only other

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person transferred from Tule Lake, has been here but a short while but is already on very friendly terms with the rest of the group. I do not know how you arrived at your conclusion or what evidence you have that I do not have, but I certainly do want to go on record as challenging that criticism.

Regarding your criticism on the line of organization, I would like to state that when Mr. Paul Dougherty was employed last February he was hired to run the Chicago local office and I so informed him at that time. This plan was not approved by Washington despite my repeated recommendations on the subject. It was not until the November visit of Rex Lee that I was able to get any favorable consideration of this plan and final approval was not given until the last day of my administration, at which time Paul Dougherty was given full responsibility for the Chicago sub-office.

One request which I should like to make for the good of the service and on behalf of the resettlers is that there be constantly more conferences between the Washington office and the field staffs and that there be more visits for longer periods in the relocation offices by the Washington personnel in order that there may be a basis for sound judgment. Relocation is a program that cannot be planned on paper. It has to be one of constant watchfulness and openmindedness. The human problem that is involved should always stop any hard and fast decisions arrived at without due conference with those who are on the firing line.

My very best wishes to you for the success of the program.

Sincerely yours,

Elmer L. Shirrell

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Office of the Solicitor
WASHINGTON

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January 15, 1944

Mr. Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
University of California
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Dear Morton:

Will you forgive me for not answering earlier your letter of December 13. This has been a very hectic month and my correspondence has suffered more than any other part of my work.

I enjoyed my discussions with you so much that none of them was work, so you have nothing to thank me for.

The problem you raise about the May 29 statement and the proposal to organize the relocation centers as complete productive cooperatives is difficult to discuss adequately in this letter unless I take time to go into the matter rather fully. I am trying to clear my desk so that I can take a plane for San Francisco tomorrow. It occurs to me that I may be able to see you while I am in San Francisco. I could certainly tell you about this better in a full conversation. I shall be at the Whitcomb Hotel on January 18, 19, and 20, leaving around 6:00 P.M. on the 20th. Can I see you?

Sincerely yours,

Philip M. Glick

Philip M. Glick
Solicitor

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

Jan. 27, 1944

Dear Morton:

Your note expressing the kindly hope that my history would compare favorably with my pie reached me while I was in the hospital bouncing back after major surgery. It was really major, but so was my recovery, and is all forgotten now except bills.

All of us who got to know your research quartet enjoyed your stay with us and wish you might come back some day.

I am wanting some information that I suspect you can provide--or such is my hope. As part of my groundwork for a section of the history dealing with the interval between Pearl Harbor and the evacuation order, I have been reading newspapers (and how!) over in the newspaper ref. room of L.C. for weeks. My choice of coast papers is limited by the choice of L.C. in saving back numbers, but at that is fairly representative: L.A. Times, S.F. Examiner, Sacramento Union, Portland Oregonian, and Seattle Post Intelligencer. The more I brood over press presentations and happenings behind the news in those days, the more my skeptical soul rebels at the perfect timing and synchronization of certain happenings. It runs coincidence ragged.

Indeed, I'm getting so skeptical that I almost mistrust the fall of Singapore on Feb. 15. It came at such an opportune time for the pressure boys. What I really view with suspicion is that submarine attack on the coast near Goleta. For one thing the shooting was awfully poor. If it was light enough for these witnesses to have seen a large submarine at a mile's distance, it seems to me it was light enough for the sub to have used his guns to a little better effect and he should have done more with sixteen shells than scratch up an oil derrick. This happened on the evening of Feb. 23, with Tolan and his com. fresh-arrived, and with California clamoring for the army to hurry up about casting out all Japanese, and at a time when Dies was broadcasting about spy techniques, and emotion was pretty high and people were getting scared. You wouldn't consider the possibility of the California Joint Immigration Com., or maybe the Pac. Coast Cong. Delegation maneuvering a few shells at that bit of coast? The next day's headlines in the L.A. Times were IMMEDIATE EVACUATION OF JAPANESE DEMANDED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS CALL FOR SUMMARY ACTION BY ARMY AFTER SUBMARINE ATTACK.

Also that peculiar air raid in L.A. occurred the early morning of Feb. 25, with Army and Knox contradicting each other on its cause.



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Similarly I am suspicious of all these reports of flares and blinking lights reported seen at sea and on land. I heard that the illumination supposed to point out vital areas in Seattle was mythical. I doubt the lights seen by Californians. Do you know if there was ever any official confirmation or denial of these reports?

If you have run across any actual evidence in these matters, I'd be most grateful if you would tell me where I could lay hands on it. I ask your help in a still small voice, feeling embarrassed by my Department's official refusal to get a typist for your purposes.

By the way, have you seen the lovely article on our west coast fascists by Levine in PM for Jan. 21? We all cheered heartily, and he got a letter of appreciation.

Yesterday I attended the hearings of the House Immigration Com. on these screwy new bills to de-citizenize our nisei. John Provinse was called, as acting director in Myer's absence, and was admirable. So was the committee! I nearly swooned at the shock of this committee's courtesy, intelligent interest in the Japanese-American problem and generally civilized behavior. It was too drastic a change from the Dies gangsters. Privately, John Provinse can express himself more concisely and effectively than Myer, too.

My sketch of the historical background (or one phase of it) of evacuation called California and her Racial Minorities is being mimeographed now. John B. told me to make it about 2500 words. I raised my eyebrows to my scalplock, but went ahead and wrote it as well as I could and ignored length. It came out between 15,000 and 20,000 words, and John stroked his chin and said he realized that 2500 words had been a bad guess on his part. I am trying to do a piece on the Pearl Harbor to Evacuation Order interval right now and finish it before I have to do the g.d. semi-annual report. You may recall that they promised me I should not have to bother myself with any more national reports--this in September. A couple of weeks ago, they changed their minds, and I do the one on July through Dec. I gnash my teeth, as it will take about 3 months, and just when I began to feel that I was getting somewhere with the history!

Ah well. They did get around to reclassifying me to a P-3.

Good luck with all your enterprises and
remember me to Ruth,

Sincerely,

Ruth M.



WRA

February 10, 1944

Miss Ruth McKee
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ruth:

I was surprised and very sorry to hear about your surgical difficulties, and I certainly hope that you are completely recovered by this time.

With respect to the points in your letter:

1. With respect to the submarine attack at Goleta, I have no word whatsoever that would cast doubt upon the authenticity of the Japanese submarine. Though I did not see the damage created there myself, I did see some pictures and they seemed perfectly authentic. Also, I seem to recall there were pictures of shell fragments bearing Japanese symbols. I agree with you that the attack fitted in nicely with the demands of western pressure groups, but I have absolutely no data that would demonstrate in any way that the attack was not authentic.

2. The Los Angeles air-raids, on the other hand, has been the center of so much official controversy that I think most westerners have now concluded that the Japanese planes existed only in the imagination of nervous anti-aircraft gunners. I think the Navy released a statement substantially to this effect.

3. Since you wrote your letter, the stories about blinking lights, flares and, especially, radio signals have been given official sanction by General DeWitt in his official report. The only contradictory evidence that I have is what has been given me unofficially by officials of the Justice Department, who have pointed out that there are failures with even the most perfect blackouts, and who also pointed to the undeniable fact that no Japanese has ever been convicted of such activities. Other than this, however, there is nothing. I have been trying to provoke an official statement from the Justice Department on this matter, but with complete lack of success. I am sure, however, that you may get some off-the-record comments for your own edification at least, if you would go to see Ed. Ennis or John Burling of the Alien Enemy Control Unit.

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I have recently been classified 1-A by the Selective Service. The University has appealed my case for a six months' deferment. If I get the six months I will, I hope, substantially have finished my larger report. If not, I'm afraid I will leave it in a damned mess.

I hope you will send me a copy of your historical report. I, in turn, will send you a couple of pre-evacuation chapters which I hope will be typed within the month.

Ruth joins me in sending you and Mike our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

Morton Grodzins
Research Assistant

February 18, 1944

Mr. Phillip Glick, Solicitor
War Relocation Authority
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phillip Glick:

Since the grapevine was already working even before you, the Boss and Leland Barrows were on the Coast last month, and since I am one of those disposed to accept the pronouncements of Mr. Kluttz as official, I was not surprised by the recent news of the Authority's transfer to the Department of the Interior. If the transfer did not necessarily appear as a victory for the charming West Coast congressmen, I would consider it more welcome than I do at the moment. If Mr. Roosevelt's and Mr. Ickes' first statements are not later perverted by Indian Office influence, I will even grant the congressmen their hour of glory.

The purpose of this letter is to ask your advice and assistance with respect to my securing some requisite documentation on the Authority's transfer to the Interior Department.

(1) The facts are: I have recently been classified 1-A by Selective Service. Though the University has appealed for a six months' deferment, the very latest that I will enter the armed forces will probably be August or September, and the chances are I will go sooner. One month one way or another will make no difference insofar as an additional trip to Washington for data collection is concerned and, therefore, any further personal investigation of WRA files upon my part will very likely have to wait until the post-war period, if at all. At the same time, I am bending every effort to finishing, as completely as possible, the pre-evacuation story and the history of evacuation and resettlement to date. Indeed, the transfer of the Authority to the Department of the Interior constitutes a convenient breaking point for the preliminary administrative history and this makes my need for some essential documentation even greater.

(2) The data needed are: (a) Most important is the lengthy report submitted to the President by (I think) the Department of Justice, which (I am led to understand) analyzed the difficulties of WRA at length and recommended the shift to the Interior Department, giving the reasons for the recommendation.

This is the only large document that I know of which is essential. (b) I would guess there are other letters to and from the Director concerning the move, such as an official letter from the President. (c) Finally, I would appreciate your own candid analysis of the causes and the significance of the shift.

(3) The difficulty is: I do not want to presume upon our friendship, nor do I want to cause you inconvenience or additional labor. Therefore, I have more than the usual reticence in asking what I am asking, and I certainly hope that you will have no undue hesitation in telling me that you cannot send me the data, if that is the case. I have the feeling, however, that the pertinent documents are still easily accessible and that perhaps your own comments have already been committed to paper. Certainly, if it is just a question of typing, the study would be more than happy to reimburse Mrs. Brewer, or someone else, for copying the requisite documents on their own time and at their own rate of pay! Any documents we get, it goes without saying, will be kept in confidence.

Irrespective of all above matters, I insist upon driving you to the top of Grizzly Peak the next time you get to Berkeley.

Very cordially yours,

Morton Grodzins

P.S. Has the mimeographing on the large report you mentioned been completed?

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

March 31, 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Spicer
*Office copy of reply
sent to Don
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Dear Dorothy:

I just got back from a long field trip to find a letter from Frank Miyamoto saying that his report on Chicago Resettlement had been completed. I dug around and found that it had been sent by the Chicago Relocation office to the Relocation Division here but had not been seen by anyone here in Community Analysis. I just got hold of it the other day and am starting to go through it, so as yet I have no definite opinions about it. I shall write you shortly what my reactions and those of others in WRA are to it. We will respect Frank's request that it not be given wide circulation and will get yours and his approval before we make any use of it in any way involving circulation of the document or parts of it. It looks like an extremely complete work and we are very grateful to you for allowing us to see it.

I am sending you on loan under separate cover a series of reports prepared by Marvin Opler on Tule Lake since segregation. I am not sure whether Margaret Hanke has seen these reports or not. She probably at least went over them with Marvin while she has been in Tule Lake. I suppose you would want them anyway for copying or other use in the Berkeley office. I am also sending you such material as the Analyst has sent in to the Washington office from Topaz. I have not been very well satisfied with the material from there until recently; only now I feel is the Analyst getting down to what we might call the core of the community.

Anne Freed, who has made a study of resettlement in the Washington area, has just been going over your Chicago Study and tells me that she has found some very interesting material prepared by Tom Shibutani on the Buddhist Church just before evacuation. We have been preparing a Community Analysis release on Buddhism in the United States, primarily for the education of WRA staff, and Anne wonders if it would be permissible for her to make use of some of Tom's material in the form of summary statements. She is especially interested in the reaction of the Buddhist churches immediately after Pearl Harbor

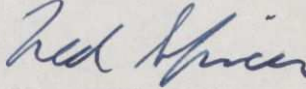


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in urging their membership to "Americanize themselves" as quickly as possible by bond subscriptions, etc.

I shall write you shortly concerning the Chicago Study.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Spicer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Edward H. Spicer
Head Community Analysis Section

May 17, 1944

Mr. Ray Best, Project Director
Tule Lake Relocation Project
Newell, California

Attention: Miss Gloria Waldron

Dear Mr. Best:

Mr. Stauber and I recently discussed some of our mutual problems in respect to statistical analysis. One of the problems on which I am working, in which Mr. Stauber expressed interest, is a comprehensive analysis of the social structure of and serial differentials among "old" Tule Lake population (i.e. the population prior to segregation). There are certain imperfections in my basic data and Mr. Stauber suggested that the best way to obtain a complete check was to ask Miss Waldron's cooperation. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Stauber, for confirmation, but he assured me that it would be all right to take the matter up directly with you.

I have on hand a 3 x 5 card for every "old" resident of Tule Lake with exceptions noted below. On the face of each card is the resident's name and his address on the project, corrected to approximately June, 1943. On the back of the card are certain basic data abstracted from Form 26.

I have obtained the following supplementary information, which has been added to the cards:

- (1) Births, deaths, and marriages
- (2) Transfers to other projects before segregation
- (3) Persons going on indefinite leave (through June)
- (4) Persons on seasonal leave (through June)
- (5) Transfers to other projects at and following segregation (through November)
- (6) Segregants (Tule residents remaining in Tule Lake after segregation).

Items (2), (3), (4) and (5) were obtained through WRA; other items from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (Sacramento) and the Western Defense Command.

Defects in the data, which should be cleared up, are the following:

- (1) About 1200 cards where it is inferred the persons left Tule Lake prior to segregation, but in which I have no record of destination.

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- (2) About 200 cards where names appeared on the "reconciled train lists" of those leaving Tule Lake after segregation, but for which I have no basic card.
- (3) About 200 cards where names appeared on the Army lists as old Tule Lake residents who were segregants, but for which I have no basic card.
- (4) A few cards which are identified as belonging in other categories listed above, for which I lack certain of the basic social data.

Mr. Stauber believed that the cards which I have could rather easily be checked against Miss Waldron's files and the information completed. If Miss Waldron is in a position to undertake this checking for us, I should like to send the cards to her by express. If you and she feel that it is desirable for me to come to Tule Lake to discuss this with her, I shall be glad to do so. Or, if she is coming to San Francisco any time in the near future, perhaps we could meet and discuss the matter here.

Thanking you for many past courtesies.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

cc. Mr. B.R. Stauber

May 22, 1944

Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Project
Poston, Arizona

Dear Mr. Mills:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 9, and for your cooperation in arranging for Mr. Nishimoto's short-term leave.

There will not be any transcript of the proceedings of our conference, since it is merely a staff conference of the University people who are working on this problem, and Mr. Nishimoto is the only outsider who has been invited. However, we shall certainly keep you closely informed about the progress of our Study, and indeed I hope to have an opportunity to visit Poston during the course of the next year and to talk over things with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

AM:ST

MAY 22 '44

Doctor Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

This is in reference to your letter of May 17, 1944, concerning some data which you wished checked against our files in the statistical office.

We shall be able to furnish the information you require. However, our personnel situation is such that we could not complete the information in a very short time. We would appreciate it if you would send detailed instructions along with the material, as well as some estimate of the time by which you require that the job be completed. We shall then let you know whether we can furnish it in that time.

We are glad to be of help and shall do our best to furnish you the material you need.

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Best
Project Director

May 22, 1944

Mrs. Fern French
4120 Edmunds Street, N.W.
Washington, 7, D.C.

Dear Fern:

As you know, I saw Mr. Stauber on his recent trip to this area. He's a nice guy, and he certainly appreciates you and the work you are doing.

I got hold of the basic data re Tule Lake, but still have about 1600 cards to check further.

Also - as you know - I received the Census Tables. We are working up life tables, etc., and will send you copies as we make further progress. George Sabagh begins work for us in earnest on July 1.

By this time you probably have the birth and death reports from all the centers. If not, we'll be glad to get the ones you have. Your tabulation form seems O.K. to me.

Re absence on leave: I'd like to have data, by weeks prior to May 1943, even though they are subject to later correction.

What are you doing on current applications for repatriation, which, I understand, are on the increase? It would be desirable to have a time-series on them.

Let me know if you're doing anything new. Maybe I'll see Evelyn in Topaz on June 13.

Hastily yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

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Newell, California

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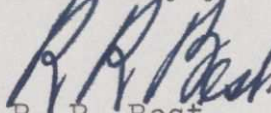
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We are glad to be of help and shall do our best to furnish you the material you need.

Sincerely yours,



R. R. Best
Project Director



May 22, 1944

Mr. B. R. Stauber, Chief
Planning Division
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stauber:

Enclosed a copy of a letter to Frank Notestein of Princeton University concerning the plans for the December meeting of the Sociological Society. I think we can have a very exciting and important session on the Japanese in Japan and the Japanese in America.

You will hear from me again in regard to detailed plans.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure

LAMAR'S NEWEST HOTEL
AIR CONDITIONED
"AS MODERN AS TOMORROW"

DUDLEY KEITH
MANAGER



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LAMAR, COLORADO

May 24, 1944

Dear Dorothy;

Just arrived in ~~of~~ Lamar for a three day visit at Granada. Mr. Stauber showed me your letter in which you indicated you planned to be in Topay around June 12. I am arriving at Topay on May 29 and will be there for several weeks, and of course will be glad to see you and Jimmy.

I saw Frank and Michi in Chicago yesterday. Frank showed me the agenda of the Conference. I'm extremely interested and wonder if it would be possible for me to listen to some of the



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discussions if I came to Salt Lake
over that week-end. If you prefer not
to have outsiders or would rather I
didn't sit in for any other reason, I
know you'll feel free to say so.
But could you drop me a line at
Topay on the matter.

From the agenda I gather you will
be at Topay on June 13, rather than June 12,
since your meetings are scheduled
thru' the 13th.

I'm looking forward to seeing
you and getting your ideas on some of
the analyses under way.

Sincerely

Evelyn Rose

Central Utah Relocation Center
Topaz, Utah
May 24, 1944

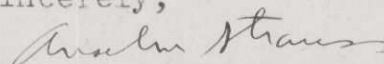
Dear Mrs. Thomas,

Tom Shibutanyi said he was going to introduce me to you by letter. He probably never did, in light of his exam and draft worries, so I am not sure whether to assume you know of me or to start from scratch.

Tom and Frank Miyamoto and I are good friends. My background is much the same as Frank's: 5 years at Chicago, chiefly influenced by Blumer. Last April Tom suggested I take a temporary job in a relocation center: for the good of my pocket, health, and experience. The job is "relocation interviewer" at Topaz, lasting from May 1st until July 1st.

Tom thought there might be something I could do for the Thomas study, but he didn't know quite what you might want from Topaz. I've spent 3 weeks of my free time making contacts and discovering contemporary Topaz attitudes and issues. I think I might be ready now to offer my services to your study. Is there something I could do, anything I could investigate for you? Won't you please let me know if there is.

Sincerely,



Anselm Strauss

May 26, 1944

Mr. Ray Best, Project Director
Tule Lake Relocation Project
Newell, California

Dear Mr. Best:

Attention: Miss Gloria Waldron

Reference your letter of May 22, AM:ST, I am deeply appreciative of your offer of cooperation. Under separate cover, I am sending approximately 400 cards. Enclosed herewith are instructions for the filling out of these cards, including a sample card in which the requisite information is entered. I may say that this is the most difficult group of cards that I have. Most of them will need only some notation as to whether the person is on indefinite leave and so on. These will be sent at a later time, together with instructions. It seems best to send this limited and more difficult bunch of cards first just to see how long the job actually takes, then we can estimate the time needed for the remainder.

Again with appreciation for your many kindnesses.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

Enclosure

cc. Miss G. Waldron

May 29, 1944

Mr. Anselm Strauss
Central Utah Relocation Project
Topaz, Utah

Dear Mr. Strauss:

Thank you for your letter of May 24. Tom Shibutani told me you were going to be in Topaz. I am planning a hasty visit there on June 13 and hope to have an opportunity to meet you. We have rather lost track of what is going on in Topaz and, therefore, I am not at all sure that it would be worthwhile to try to do anything at this stage. However, I shall talk the matter over with my staff when we meet in Salt Lake City, and if we get any bright ideas I'll let you know.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely Yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

May 29, 1944

Dr. J.A. Rademaker
Community Analyst
Granada Relocation Project
Amache, Colorado

Dear Dr. Rademaker:

I was delighted to receive your letter of May 27. Your thesis, of course, has been a valuable document for all of us, and I have been able to follow your fine work at Granada through some of your reports that Ned Spicer has sent.

You undoubtedly know that the relationships between this study and the WRA have been close and cordial. We have exchanged ideas and reports and the WRA has been most co-operative in making all sorts of accommodations available to members of the study. We, in turn, have consistently kept WRA authorities informed of our activities and, recently, Chicago members of the staff have completed at WRA's request a lengthy report on the situation in that city.

Therefore I have great ~~reluctance~~ ^{reluctance} in explaining to you that I think it would not be feasible for you to attend the staff conference at Salt Lake City. In a sense, I feel as if I were "biting the hand that feeds me," but I am sure you will understand the situation. For one thing, the Salt Lake meeting is the first opportunity in the history of the study at which all the participants will have an opportunity to discuss their mutual problems; some of these are personal as well as professional. For another thing, you will realize that some of the workers will simply not talk in the presence of others not members of the "in" group. (These are not the people you know). For a final point, some of our discussion will inevitably revolve around the administrative shortcomings of the WRA, and I feel that even those members of the staff with whom you are acquainted will not be as free as they should be in your presence.

It is not only with regard to you that we find ourselves in this embarrassing position. Evelyn Rose, to whom we are greatly indebted and who is in fact a very close friend of many of us, also wanted to come to the conference. We have had to give her the same explanation. We have felt very badly

Dr. J.A. Rademaker - page 2.

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about this, as well as our inability to invite the good friends we have in Salt Lake City, particularly members of the JACL.

I hate, however, to miss the opportunity of having a talk with you and sharing some of our mutual problems. I should like to have you meet our staff (including the "honorary member," W.I. Thomas) at which time both you and they could freely exchange ideas and insights. Would you consider coming to Salt Lake City on June 10, having dinner with us, and then following up with a prolonged bull session? We would be delighted if you could do this. Our headquarters are at the New Grand Hotel.

I certainly hope to hear that it will be possible for you to join us on June 10 and that you understand my embarrassment and regret in respect to your attendance at the other sessions.

Cordially yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

May 31, 1944

Dear Dorothy;

just received your letter of May 29 and am so glad that you plan to visit the Stat Lab on June 13.

I saw Mr. Rademaker in Granada and he indicated that he was very interested in your conference and wished to sit in on it if possible. As far as I'm concerned, of course I understand the position you are in on the matter; in fact I'm just a little ashamed of myself for not realizing the "spot" my request would put you in. Frankly, this aspect didn't even occur to me when I wrote my original letter. I had mentioned it to Frank in Chicago & he didn't think of this side of it either. As far as the Saturday, June 10, dinner, I shall be very glad to come. If I find that I am unable to get to Salt Lake for the dinner I shall drop you a line at the New Grand Hotel.

At any rate, I definitely am looking forward

to your aunt to Topaz. Again, I'm sorry
to have "put you on the spot".

Sincerely

Evelyn

P.S. I'm staying in an apartment at Topaz and
we have plenty of room for you here. Will
be much more comfortable here than in a dorm
I believe.

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WASHINGTON



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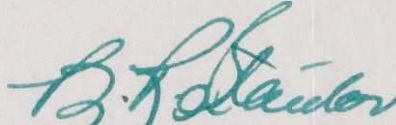
Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Giannini Foundation
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

I received your note of May 22nd, enclosing a copy of a letter to Frank Notestein concerning plans for the December meeting of the Sociological Society. Thank you for your note. I will look forward to further communication when your program has crystallized a little further.

Incidentally, I have just received a copy of Dr. Notestein's book on "Future Population of Europe and the Soviet Union," and I am very much interested in studying his analyses.

Sincerely yours,


B. R. Stauber

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

GRANADA PROJECT
Amache, Colorado

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley 4, California

June 2, 1944

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Thank you for your prompt reply and very considerate treatment. I want to accord you first prize for some skillful diplomacy. I not only appreciate it greatly, but also feel that I should put you completely at ease. I think I understand the situation very well--particularly since I have to take somewhat the same care in protecting the impressions which other people have of the confidential treatment of the information they give me. I assure you that I would be the last person to take offense, because whatever we may say or do, it is extremely necessary that other people --both on your staff and among those who supply you and your staff with information--shall feel entirely safe in telling the very vital information which they would unquestionably withhold if they felt that there was any possibility of a leak which would disclose their identity and connections. At the same time, I regret the need for it. Your mention of openminded criticism of WRA and of personal problems is very pertinent to my own thoughts. I have had many occasions to observe the importance (and the scarcity) of objectivity with regard to both those topics, and would enjoy greatly trading our observations and criticisms. One of the articles I have been writing has been a basic criticism of the entire evacuation policy, WRA program, and the evident future planning with regard to the problem. Perhaps that sort of thing should not be generally published as yet, but I think that the WRA staff needs some rather solid jolts to awaken it to the bets they are overlooking, and some really critical analysis of whether their relocation policies are leading, so that they can re-think some of that policy and do a little better job at it. Being down near the tail end of policy formation, I can see very clearly the application of the policies put into effect, and the ultimate results they will have. I think I know, too, a great deal that the policy formers seem to ignore at times. Perhaps I'm just conceited, but I doubt it greatly.



At any rate I shall be happy to accept your invitation to dinner and a prolonged bull session on the 10th. I shall appreciate particularly any suggestions you can give me of the information which would be most valuable to you concerning the Hawaii situation, to complement and supplement your work--or do you have workers in Hawaii also? If so, it would be a privilege to be able to cooperate with them there. I can also pass along any suggestions for things which the mainland WRA Community Analysts could do to help. Outside of these and the question of how much and what kind of the material I have collected should be published, I'm also looking forward to a good discussion of the problems which still have to be solved, and what should be done to solve them.

I shall indeed be honored by the opportunity to meet your "honorary member," whom I regard as one of the pioneers and probably the dean of the sociologists who are interested in the type of work we are doing. Without his contributions and skillful leadership we should be far from the stage of accomplishment we have been able to attain.

I believe the train gets into Salt Lake City (U.P.) at 9:45 a.m. I shall report to your hotel at once, and see just when you would like to have me join you. ("Dinner" means evening meal in some parts of the country, and noon meal in others. I shall be happy to be with you for either or both on the 10th.) I plan to confer with the JACL leaders there, to visit Topaz briefly, and then go on to Sacramento. The best of luck till we meet then.

Cordially yours,

John A. Rademaker

John A. Rademaker
Community Analyst

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July -
Live Bird

June 19, 1944

Dear Evelyn:

It certainly was bad luck to miss you at Topaz. Bob, however, very kindly showed me everything that you had and I must say that I was greatly impressed with the progress you are making on the master file.

Here are two small matters, one of which Bob has already taken up with you. In the first place, may I borrow the Poston Camp I roster for a couple of weeks as soon as you can possibly lend it to me? I will have cards made here of the basic data and will then ask Mr. Stauber to let me have the additional items entered either from your office or from the Poston statistical office, whichever seems simpler.

I have about 1500 cards of the old Tule Lake population on which I need a few additional entries. All of them require a simple entry as to whether the person is on indefinite or seasonal leave. Very few of them require additional basic data. If I arrange these in alphabetical order, do you think your office could put the entries on for me? I have sent a few cards up to the Tule Lake statistical office at Mr. Stauber's suggestion, but I am afraid they are not going to make rapid enough progress on them. I will certainly appreciate it if you will let me know whether it could be done more simply at Topaz. Mr. Stauber has given me the green light on this, but if you think it desirable I will get his authorization in the official manner.

Rademaker joined us for a couple of days, even though I was adamant in not admitting him to the conference, which seemed a cruel procedure but one which he evidently understood and sympathized with. We had some swell bull sessions with him and I wish you could have been there too.

With cordial regards.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Room 234 Atlas Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

June 26, 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

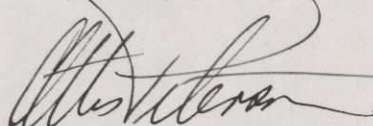
Thank you for your kind note of June 16 extending an invitation to participate in the Western Farm Economics Association conference at Los Gatos, California this week.

I would like very much to participate and have no doubt that it would be very worthwhile, but I have only returned to my desk today from a week in the field and it is stacked high with the usual bureaucrat's headaches. Consequently, I will have to forgo this meeting.

I was in the Bay area Monday and Tuesday of last week, speaking before the Institute of International Relations at Mills College on Tuesday. I had anticipated going over to Berkeley sometime while there, but conflicting schedules and transportation difficulties arose until I finally gave it up as a bad job.

I certainly will look you up the next time I am there, however, and meantime, if there is any way I can assist in your survey I will certainly be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,



Ottis Peterson
Relocation Supervisor



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

JUN 28 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended is a copy of the weekly report, Net Absences on Leave by Center, No. 52, which you requested in your letter of June 20.

You will also find enclosed a copy of births which occurred from the inception of the center to December 1942 for the following centers: Central Utah, Colorado River, Gila River, Heart Mountain, Jerome, Manzanar, Minidoka, and Rohwer. Similar information for the remaining centers has not been received.

*Missing:
Granada
Tule*

I am also sending for your information a preliminary report on Net Absences on Indefinite Leave by Center for each week since the inception of the indefinite leave program to April 24, 1943.

You will also find two summary tables on repatriation which may prove interesting to you.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

Enclosures

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War Relocation Authority
Central Utah Statistical Laboratory
Topaz, Utah

July 1, 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley, California

Dear Dorothy:

We are sending under separate cover the Census Roster for Poston Camp I as of February 1, 1943. Once you have completed cards from the roster, you may have a little difficulty getting the additional information you want; it will depend on what the additional information consists of. In the first place, the roster is as of Feb. 1, 1943-over a year old-and over 1400 of the total center population have been segregated to Tule Lake and over 3500 have relocated on Indefinite Leave since the roster was compiled. (Camp I contains about $\frac{1}{2}$ of the center population.) What kind of records the Statistical office at Poston may have on relocated and segregated residents I don't know. The Statistical Laboratory is overwhelmed with work at the present time. We are just beginning complete analyses of Indefinite Leaves from E-Z Sort cards; of Leave Clearance Hearings from E-Z Sort cards; of Segregates, repatriates, non-affirmative registrations, and leave clearance cases from the Segregation Record. In addition to the analyses we are posting all the advices to the Master File, querying the centers on errors in advices (a tedious job), and recapitulating center population and absences on leave for each of the centers from the inception of the center to date from the corrected file of advices. Pressure is being brought by the center administration to close this office as soon as possible because of the labor shortage and the need for office space. We hope to close by October 1, although I don't know whether the work will be completed by this time. However, if you will specify what additional information you will want for the persons on the roster, I can give you a definite answer; *if it isn't too difficult we may be able to do it. Would suggest you also contact Poston to see what they can do for you.*

We will be glad to make the entries you wish on the 1500 cards of the old Tule Lake population. I assume you will want the most recent information as to individuals on seasonal or indefinite leave. I don't believe it's necessary to get any further authorization from Mr. Stauber in this matter.

I'm awfully sorry I missed you at Topaz; I particularly wanted to get your ideas on the new Segregation Record and proposed IBM Card for all births and deaths. But the Minidoka Statistical Section was in a mess and the Gate Control hadn't been put into effect when I received a phone call from that center on June 5 asking me to come immediately. My stay there stretched into two weeks before I managed to get away. Jimmy came in to see me at Minidoka the day

he returned from Topaz and told me what you had done there; he was enthusiastic about the conference.

Hanny Billigmeier is meeting me in Berkeley early in August to drive back to Washington in their car. If you are in Berkeley, I'll stop in to see you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Evelyn

July 5, 1944

Dear Evelyn,

Thanks for your letter and for sending the Poston roster and for your offer of cooperation. I will copy off what I can from the Poston roster, and try to get the rest through the project. I am not going to bother you with it, for it is a large job, and can at least wait until you get your indefinite leaves organized by projects.

I am sending by express the cards for Tule that need entries regarding indefinites, etc. Enclosed herewith a few cards on which we lack all information except name and address in project. Please note the two sets of instructions: one applies to these cards only; the other to all cards which I shall send. All batches of cards will be sent you in alphabetical order.

There is another small batch of cards similar to the ones I enclose. I shall not send them till later, since I do not want to mix my sortings.

Also, I have several hundred listed as out on seasonal. If the job is not too great, after you have finished the ones now on the way, I may send these along for a check on whether the seasonal was transmuted to indefinite, or whether the person in question transferred to another project.

I can't tell you how grateful I am for your consideration and cooperation. Wish you were coming here soon, for I have some rather exciting data to show you.

Regards to Bob Iseri.

Sincerely yours,

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

In reply, please refer to:

AM:ST

Tule Lake Center
Newell, California

JUL-5 '44

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This is in reply to your letter of May 26, 1944, concerning information you wished to have on certain named evacuees. Enclosed you will find two copies of cards, one marked active and one marked inactive, on which all the information you desire is noted.

We are, also, sending a group of cards for persons on whom we have no information and who have been transferred to other centers. We have noted their present address on the cards, and you may write to the other centers to obtain the desired information.

We have retained some cards on which we are attempting to get the requisite information. We shall forward these cards as soon as they are completed.

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Best
R. R. Best
Project Director



July 6, 1944

Dear Fern,

Thank you so much for your letter of June 28, with enclosures.

Regarding the weekly reports on Net Absences by Centers, we still lack No. 49, and I should greatly appreciate receiving a copy, if you have an extra one.

Regarding the births for 1942, the only centers that now seem to be missing are Grandda and Tule. Since I have the latter (from my own transcriptions), my files are almost complete. I hope Grandda sends theirs along pretty soon.

I was indeed pleased to get the preliminary report on Net Absences on Indefinite Leave for each week since the inception of the program to April 24, 1943. Since your first mimeographed release begins on May 15th, there are still three weeks missing, i.e. April 24, 1943-May 15, 1943. Are those data available.

I was greatly interested in the summary tables on repatriation. The only thing that puzzles me is that the date given is the date of receipt of applications in Washington. I note that different centers reach peaks at different times, e.g. the average daily number of applications reached a peak in Central Utah in the period 3-18-43, ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ to 4-1-43; in Jerome in the period 4-1-43 to 6-30-43, etc. Are differences such as these to be attributed to different degrees of promptness in the response of the several centers? Will it be possible to tabulate applications by actual date of application? I think this would be a very significant tabulation.

I was in Topaz around the middle of June. Unfortunately, Evelyn was at Minidoka at the time, but Bob Iseri showed me the laboratory. I am impressed with the efficiency of the office there.

Evelyn tells me, by letter, that tables are "rolling out" from the Washington office. I wonder whether you have any more data organized that I could have? I am particularly interested in obtaining tables of age, sex, nativity, marital status by projects, particularly for the projects we are studying, namely Tule Lake, Minidoka, Gila and Poston. Are these ready yet? I would greatly appreciate knowing what you have. Also, I am much interested in any special tabulations you may have made of indefinite leaves. Mr. Stauber is, of course, going to prepare a paper for the American Sociological Society on indefinite leaves, and will presumably use a good part of the available data for that purpose, but I should appreciate having any tabulations you may make for my own interest in the meantime.

Any chance of your being out here soon again? We should like to see you. Where is Bob Billigmeier now?

Regards,

July 11, 1944

Dear Evelyn,

Under separate cover, I am sending about 200 more cards, which need completely filling in. I had expected to have these done at Tule Lake, but, as you know, things have blown p there in a big way, and I am afraid that if I send these up there I will never get them back. So, if you can do them, I will be grateful once more.

Sincerely yours,

Both sets of instructions I sent should be followed in regard to these cards(i.e. both face and back). For your information, those marked "g" ("goats" to you) are Tuleans who stayed at time of segregation; those marked "s" are Tuleans who transferred to other projects ("sheep" to you). Others are seasonals and indefinites about whom I lack other information.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

JUL 17 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are copies of the mimeographed report, Net Absences on Leave by Center, Weekly Report, No. 54, May 27, 1944, which you requested in your letter of July 8, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

Enclosures



July 20, 1944

Mr. B.R. Stauber, Chief
Planning Division
War Relocation Authority
U.S. Department of the Interior
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stauber:

I am enclosing a set of work charts on the Tule Lake population after registration. You have already seen Chart I, which shows the block-wise distribution of the "disloyal," i.e., of persons 17 years of age or older remaining on the project after segregation as a percent of all persons 17 years of age or older. It is apparent that the distribution of the so-called disloyal within the project was by no means random. "Loyal" blocks are at the extreme left and the extreme right of the project map. "Disloyal" blocks are limited, in the main, to the forties, the twenties, and the thirties. This ecological distribution raises many interesting questions. One of the most important concerns the origins of the people in these differently-behaving blocks, for it is well-known that pre-evacuation and assembly center experience differed for people from different areas in respect to such important matters as economic and social relations with Caucasians, assimilation of American or preservation of Japanese culture, losses during evacuation, and so on. These regional variations in pre-evacuation experiences are now being documented, but it is essential also to show as many of the variations quantitatively as can possibly be done with a reasonable degree of reliability.

In Charts II-A through II-E, I have classified population in the blocks averaging five different proportions of "disloyalty," by community of origin, listing separately each community that contributed at least 30 persons over 17 years of age to a given group of blocks and presenting bar diagrams showing a progression from the most to the least "disloyal." I have shown the absolute numbers in parentheses after the name of each community, and indicated the percent "disloyal" at the top of each bar. (All figures shown are subject to slight revision). Comparison of these five charts shows a highly significant variation in point of origin as between the most "disloyal" and the most "loyal" groups of blocks, the former being predominantly from the Sacramento Valley,

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the latter from the Pacific Northwest. Within each series, also, important variations are noticed: the smaller, more isolated communities tending to show a higher proportion of "disloyal" than the larger, more highly urbanized areas. Among the Sacramento Valley communities, Clarksburg, for example, contributed residents to the three groups of blocks with the highest average proportions "disloyal." In the A group, where the over-all average proportion "disloyal" was 57%, Clarksburg's proportion was 66%; in the B group, averaging 43%, Clarksburg was 72%; and in the C group, where the average was 35%, Clarksburg reached 73%. For the same three groups, Isleton's percentages were 74, 51 and 80, respectively. At the other extreme, Seattle contributed population to all but the most "disloyal" group of blocks, but the proportions "disloyal" from this origin varied only from 17% to 5%. People from the City of Sacramento were, on the average, usually more "loyal" than people from the Valley rural communities, but consistently more "disloyal" than people from the Northwest, whether from rural or from urban areas.

The significance of the high regional concentration of the technically disloyal can be seen from Chart III, where I have shown the California origins of the block residents with the highest proportions "disloyal," and have drawn a free-hand red line connecting these communities. The extremely narrow geographical range is apparent: the distance from the most northerly to the most southerly being scarcely more than 100 miles, and the average distance between the communities being a matter of but a few miles.

All this, of course, raises more questions than it answers, but it is, I believe, the beginning of an analysis that should have administrative as well as sociological importance in respect to problems that may be encountered in relocation and return to the Coast.

I may point out that I have just begun the statistical analysis, and will shortly have a number of other variables isolated, among them being Issei, Nisei, and Kibei status; marital status; sex; occupation. I shall, of course, keep you informed as to the progress of the work.

I am most eager to have your opinion as to the value of analyses of this sort. I am planning to go as far as I can with similar analyses of the projects in which we have been particularly interested, namely, Minidoka, Poston I, and Gila. I am in a position to have all the transcribing and statistical work done in the Giannini Statistical Laboratory, but there will

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be a considerable amount of checking against Form 26 and other records that I do not see how we can do without a good deal of assistance from WRA. I am deeply appreciative for the help Miss Rose and others have given us in completing the Tule Lake records. Do you think it would be possible for us to get a project set up in the Topaz Laboratory to complete the records for the other projects? If this seems feasible to you, I could prepare a man-hours estimate of what would be required to complete the job for the projects mentioned. If the work seems important enough from the WRA standpoint to warrant carrying it through for some of the other projects (limiting the variables to be analyzed) I should be glad to take the job on, under the same conditions, namely, that we prepare the first basic cards here from available rosters, that additions to these cards be made at Topaz, and that we at Giannini do the sorting, tabulating, and analysis.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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Pop. 17 yrs of age or over
0-9 "disloyal"



10-19

20-29

30-39

40-49

50+

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Tule Lake War Relocation Project

Chart I

Block
no.

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Block
no.

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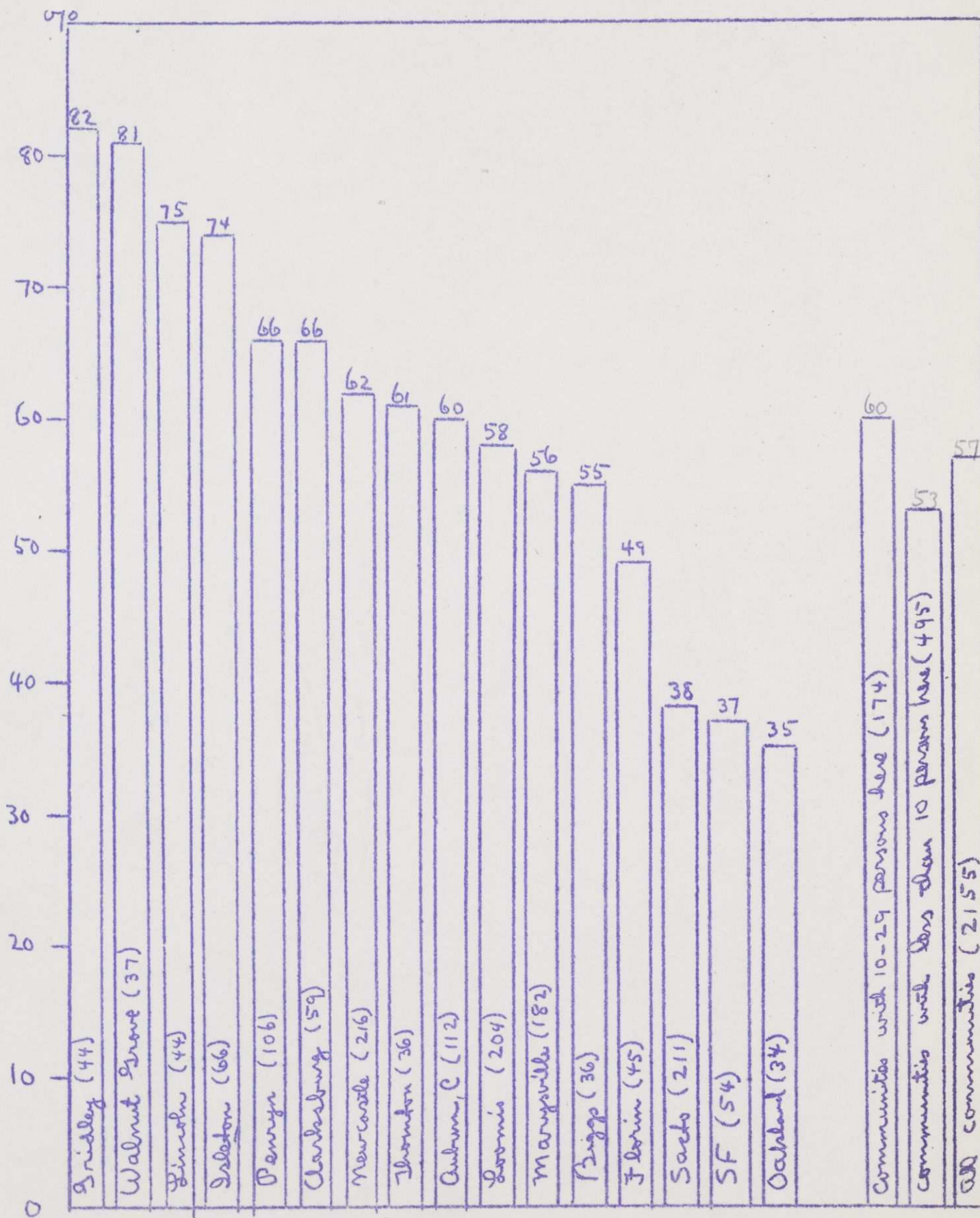
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"Disloyal" = Persons originally in Tule Lake who remained after segregation.
Total = Basic Tule Lake population as of approximately Feb. 1, 1944. 1943.

TULE LAKE, FEBRUARY 1943: BLOCKS AVERAGING 50% OR OVER "DISLOYAL"
PER CENT "DISLOYAL" OF POPULATION 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN

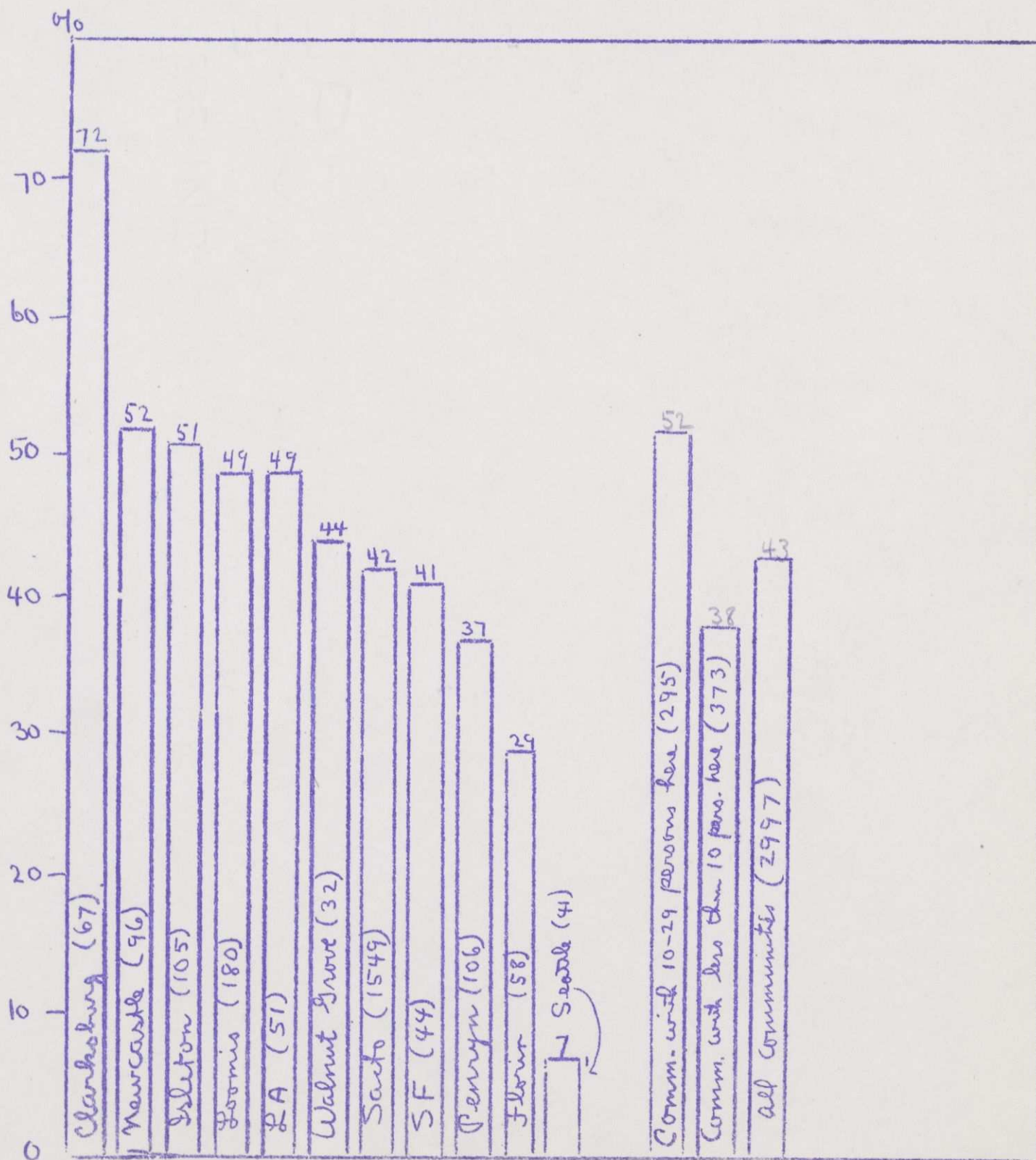
Chart II A

(Figures in parentheses = total persons over 17 years of age from specified community in these blocks)



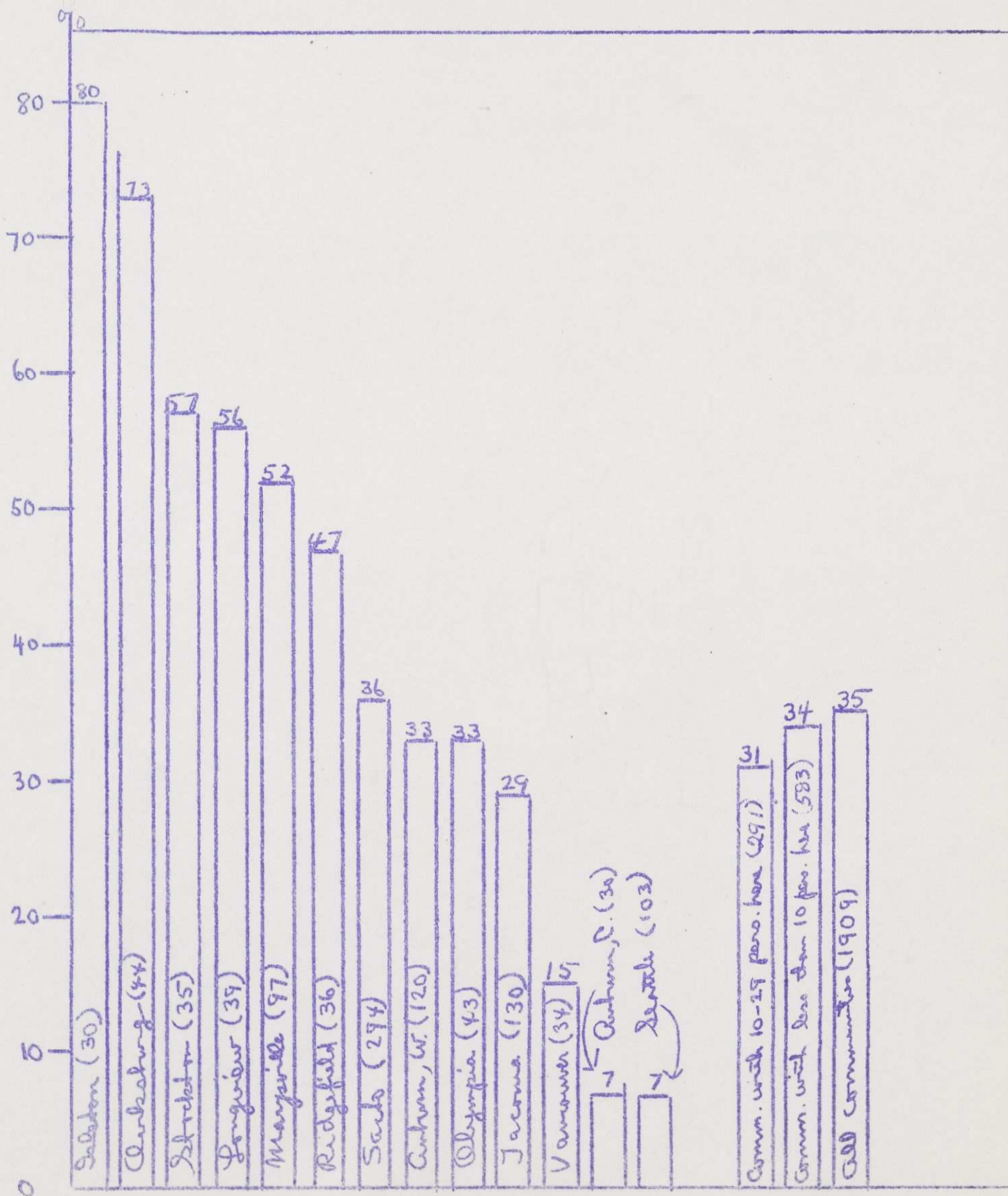
TULE LAKE, FEBRUARY 1943: BLOCKS AVERAGING 40-50% ~~OR OVER~~ "DISLOYAL"
 PER CENT "DISLOYAL" OF POPULATION 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN

(Figures in parentheses = total persons over 17 years of age
 from specified community in these blocks)



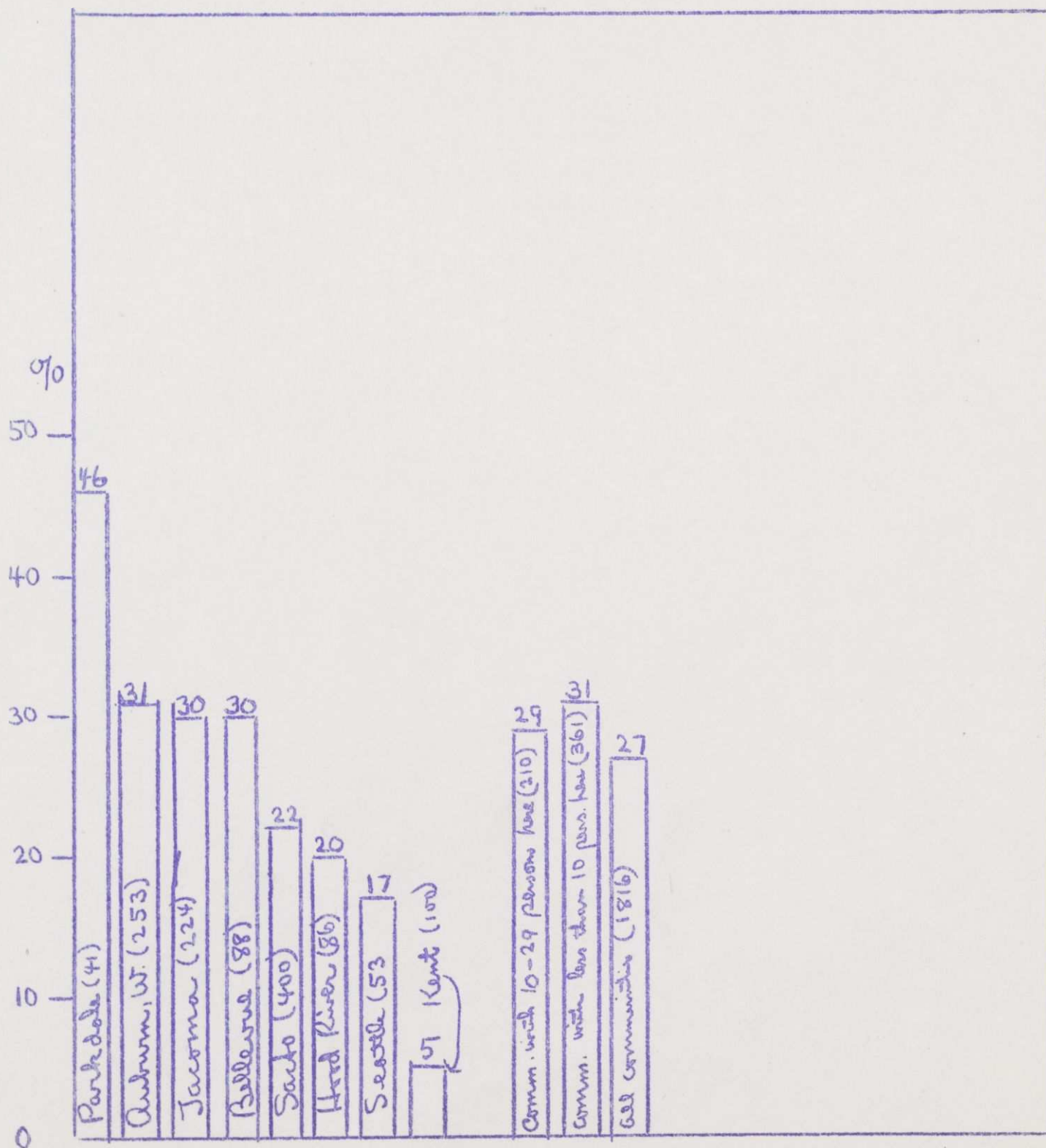
TULE LAKE, FEBRUARY 1943: BLOCKS AVERAGING 30-40% ~~OR OVER~~ "DISLOYAL"
 PER CENT "DISLOYAL" OF POPULATION 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN

(Figures in parentheses = total persons over 17 years of age
 from specified community in these blocks)



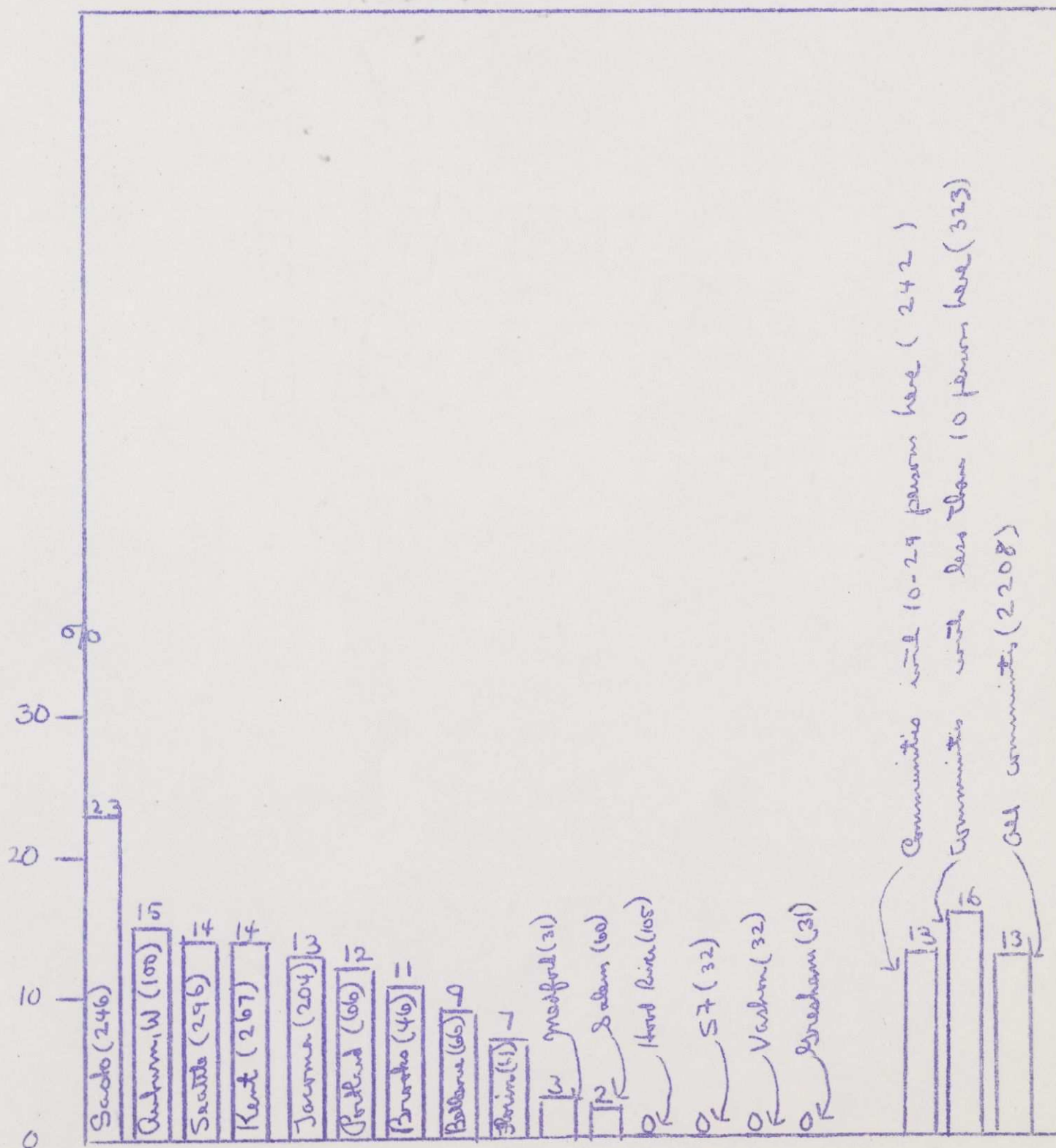
TULE LAKE, FEBRUARY 1943: BLOCKS AVERAGING 20-30% ~~OR MORE~~ "DISLOYAL"
 PER CENT "DISLOYAL" OF POPULATION 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN

(Figures in parentheses = total persons over 17 years of age from specified community in these blocks)

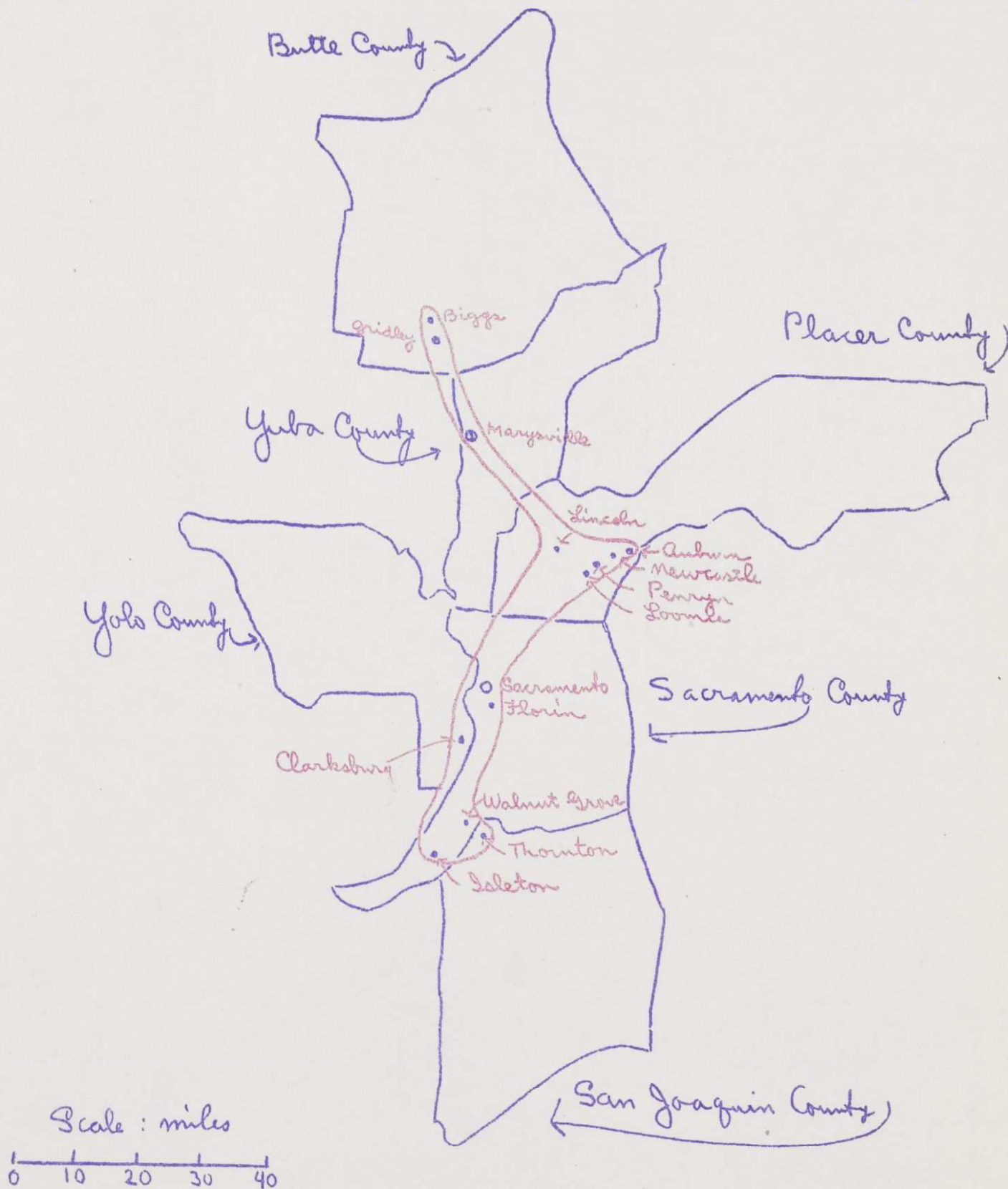


TULE LAKE, FEBRUARY 1943: BLOCKS AVERAGING LESS THAN 20% ~~DISLOYAL~~ "DISLOYAL"
 PER CENT "DISLOYAL" OF POPULATION 17 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER BY COMMUNITY OF ORIGIN

(Figures in parentheses = total persons over 17 years of age
 from specified community in these blocks)



California origins of the block residents with the highest proportions "disloyal"; Tule Lake, February 1943



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WRA SF

ATTN-- JOHN W LAWTON ASST CHIEF

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COUNTY GROWERS ASSN. SMITHFIELD UTAH.

A F CHAMBERLIN EVACUEE PROPERTY OFFICER WRA RIVERS VIA PX

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WASHINGTON



JUL 25 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are copies of the following mimeographed reports which you requested in your letter of June 27, 1944.

Indefinite Leaves-Departures by Center State of Destination	No. 39
Net Absences on Leave by Center	Nos. 49 & 52
Indefinite Leaves by Area	Nos. 26 & 27

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

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War Relocation Authority
Central Utah Statistical Laboratory
Topaz, Utah

July 25, 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dorothy,

We have completed all but the clean-up work on your cards. Bob Iseri is supervising the job and will have the cards in the mail to you the latter part of this week. After matching against all of our records we have a considerable number of "not found" cards. At the present time, several Issei in the office who are old hands at Japanese names are rematching these "not founds" against our records and finding a good many of them under completely different names or similar names with spelling considerably different from that given on the card. This has been one of our headaches in all the work we're doing and some of the workers are expert in finding people under names hardly recognizable from those given to us. In cases where persons are found under different names we have entered the name found in ink if your card is in pencil, and in red or green pencil if your card is in ink; we are reasonably certain that the name found is for the same person as the name given since other information checks. However in a few doubtful cases a "?" is entered after a name found.

An interpretation of the entries made on the cards follows.

A. Entries on face of card

1. We have posted all the information from the Departure and Admission advices received in Washington on the face of your cards in the following manner:
 - a. Lv. Tule 9/16/43 Transfer Cent indicates a Transfer from Tule Lake to Central Utah on 9/16/43.
 - b. Lv. Tule 9/27/43, Empl. - work unk. Indef., Keensburg, Colo., Mr. Madden indicates that the person left Tule Lake on Indefinite Leave on 9/27/43 for employment, type of work unknown, with Mr. Madden in Keensburg, Colorado.
 - c. Lv. Mini. 10/12/43, Seas., Twin Falls, Idaho, Amalg. Sugar Co., Agric. Adm. 11/8/43 Mini. indicates that the person left Minidoka on Seasonal Leave to Twin Falls, Idaho, to do agricultural work for the

Amalgamated Sugar Co. and returned to Minidoka on 11/8/43.

We omitted departures and admissions on short term leaves. The information is current as of the middle of January, 1944; we have not yet received any of the more recent advices. The abbreviations used in posting are exactly the same as those used in posting this information to our Master File cards - any other procedure would have confused our workers. The types of indefinite leave are abbreviated as follows:

<u>Type of Indefinite Leave</u>	<u>Abbreviation</u>
Education	Educ.
Armed Forces	Armed F.
Agriculture Employment	Agric.
Clerical & Sales Employment	Cler. & Sales
Domestic--Services Employment	Dom. - Serv.
Prof. & Managerial Employment	Prof. & Manag.
Other Employment	Oth. Empl.
Community Invitation	Comm. Invit.
Voluntary Institution	Vol. Inst.
Alien Enemy Internment	Interned
Penal Institution	Penal
Mental Institution	Mental
Join/Accompany Family	Join/Acc. Fam.
Employment - Type of Work Unknown	Empl. - work unk.
Other Indefinite Leave	Oth. Indf. Lv. (Specify)

2. If "roster" is entered on the face of the card, this indicates that we do not have a 26 record for the person but do have other records for him - either the WCCA Master File card or his name is entered on one of the census rosters. (All available information is entered on the back of the cards for such persons but it is not complete.)
3. If "not found" or "not f." is entered on the face of the card, we have no record whatsoever on the person under the name as given. (In some cases this may be the result of a marriage or birth - our files are not complete on these yet - or it may be a case of his name being spelled differently in our file; we have a surprisingly large number of these cases which cause no end of trouble.)
4. If there is no entry on the face of the card, according to our records the person is still in Tule Lake (except, of course, cards marked "not found"; we don't know anything about these persons).

B. Entries on Back of Card

Your instructions enclosed in your letter of July 5 were followed with 2 exceptions:

1. Item 18. Your instructions indicated write single, wid, sep., marr., or div. However, there was

no "18" entered on the back of the card and this item was overlooked by the people who started to work on the first group of cards. We checked with the cards for which the back side was completed at Tule Lake and found that both sex and marital status were entered opposite "16" on the back of the card in the code used on the 26 record. Hence, we entered this code number for marital status from our Master File cards after "male" or "female" in Item 16. The codes for marital status are as follows:

Single	1,6
Married	2,7
Widowed	3,8
Divorced	4,9
Separated	5,\
Unknown	0,*

2. Item 7. Your instructions did not include Item 7 at all. This item was posted in code exactly as on the cards completed in Tule Lake.

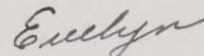
Any further questions which may arise concerning our entries can be held until I'm in Berkeley if O.K. with you. I'm leaving Topaz July 29 and am going home for a week. I'll be in Berkeley August 7 or August 8 and will go to your office then.

Your letter of July 20 with the charts and copy of the letter to Mr. Stauber arrived yesterday. I'm very interested in the material and have some suggestions concerning ideas expressed in the letter to Mr. Stauber. I'm taking the material concerned to Berkeley with me and will discuss it then.

As you may know Mr. Stauber is returning from Italy with the refugees for the Oswego Camp. Fern is going to Oswego August 3 and will be there for at least two or three weeks. Hence, we're a little short-staffed for the present in Washington.

Thanks for the charts. I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,



Evelyn M. Rose
Statistician

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AIR MAIL

JUL 28 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 20 to Mr. Stauber with appended work charts on the Tule Lake population after registration. This information will be brought to Mr. Stauber's attention upon his return from Italy. I am sure he will find it very interesting.

With regard to your letter of June 28, a copy of Report No. 49, Net Absences on Leave By Center, is enclosed.

Information regarding births occurring at the Granada and Tule Lake Centers has been received and is being typed at this time. Copies will be sent to you as soon as possible.

With regard to the repatriation tables transmitted to you on June 28, it is true that the date of receipt of applications in Washington has been used rather than the date of completion of the applications at the centers. At the Central Utah Laboratory Miss Rose is now preparing a file for all persons who have requested repatriation and/or answered the loyalty question during registration in other than the affirmative and/or have had a leave clearance hearing. From this file we will prepare, as soon as possible, a revised summary table on repatriation, using the date of application rather than the date of receipt.

Appended you will find a copy of the resident population at seven of the ten centers as of March 31, 1944, by age, sex, and citizenship, and by marital status, sex, and citizenship. Similar information for the remaining centers will be sent to you as soon as received from the centers. Similar information has also been called for for the quarter ending June 30, 1944. A summary of this will be prepared when reports from all centers are in.

We have noted that you have not received preliminary reports Net Absences on Leave for the weekly periods May 1 and May 8, 1943. These tables have been typed but at the present time they seem to be mislaid. They will be sent to you as soon as we find them.

Sincerely yours.

Flem E. French

Chief, Relocation Planning Division

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AUG 3 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended is a copy of the mimeographed
weekly report, Net Absences on Leave By Center,
No. 49, for the week ending April 22, 1944,
which you requested in your letter of July 27,
1944.

Sincerely yours,

Margie Miller

Margie Miller
Acting Head, Statistics Section

Enclosure



August 10, 1944

Dear Mr. Best,

Miss Evelyn Rose, of the Washington WRA office, was here this week. We have gone over the cards I have for the original Tule Lake population in some detail. There are a few remaining which we should like to have checked for the following information only:

Whether the person concerned is still in Tule Lake; if not whether he left by transfer(where and when), on indefinite leave (where and when) or by death(when).

This information should be entered on the face of the card, under the name.

I may say that these cards have already been cleared through the Topaz Laboratory, where they are listed as "still in Tule Lake". However, they do not appear on the list of Tule residents submitted to me by the Western Defense Command. Therefore, both Miss Rose and I believe that the Topaz records are incorrect, and that these cases will actually appear in your inactive file.

I shall be deeply appreciative if this checking can be done as soon as possible, as this bunch of cards represents the last gap remaining in our records.

Very sincerely yours,

August 18, 1944

Dear Evelyn:

We certainly enjoyed seeing you here, and hope that you had a successful trip.

When you take those letters I gave you to Mr. Stauber, will you see whether you can check on the items noted in his letter of July 28 to me, which was signed by Fern. The things I need still are the births at Granada and Tule Lake which Fern said had been received and were being typed at that time; the net absences on leave for the weekly periods May 1 through May 15 which Fern said had been typed but seem to have been mislaid; anything further that has been done on the repatriation tables which are mentioned in that letter.

All here send regards. Give our best to the Washington staff.

Sincerely yours,

August 18, 1944

Mr. Edward H. Spicer
Community Analysis Section
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Ned:

In looking over the material which we have received from your division, we find the following missing:

Community Analysis Reports, #13 to date
Project Analysis Reports, Nos. 11 to 16,
inclusive
Community Analysis Notes, #3 to date

I would certainly appreciate it if I could receive the missing copies, also, I wonder whether you have any recent manuscript copies on developments in Tule Lake and Minidoka which you could lend us and which we would return within a few days as we have done previously.

With deep appreciation for all of your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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Stauber

AUG 18 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are listings of live births and stillbirths occurring at the following centers:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
Central Utah	January 1943 through January 1944
Colorado River	January 1943 " December 1943
Gila River	January 1943 " December 1943
Granada	September 1942 " December 1942
Heart Mountain	January 1943 " December 1943
Jerome (Live Births)	January 1943 " May 1944
(Stillbirths)	November 1942 " May 1944
Manzanar	January 1943 " December 1943
Minidoka (Live Births)	January 1943 " December 1943
(Stillbirths)	September 1942 " December 1943
Rohwer	January 1943 " December 1943
Tule Lake (Live Births only)	June 1942 " December 1942

Appended also are listings of deaths at the following centers:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
Central Utah	October 1942 through January 1944
Jerome	November 1942 " May 1944
Minidoka	August 1942 " December 1942
Tule Lake	May 1942 " December 1942

Sincerely yours,

Margie Miller

Margie Miller
Acting Head, Statistics Section

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August 22, 1944

Mrs. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
University of California
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Mr. Spicer is up at Oswego right now but he will be back on Monday. In the meantime, I am sending you those of our publications which you do not have. It is not clear to me which of the Community Analysis reports you do not possess. The last one we issued was No. 9 and dealt with Buddhism in the United States. Will you please check your list of Community Analysis reports again to see whether you have all nine of the reports issued?

As for recent manuscripts from Minidoka and Tule Lake, we have from Tule Lake a report on Utai Kai. From Minidoka we have two manuscripts by an evacuee which are descriptions rather than analyses. One is on church organization; the other is on the hospital. We also have a manuscript by the Minidoka analyst called "Factors for Consideration in Analyzing Minidoka Community and Seeing Possible Trends". If you wish to use any of these reports, let us know and copies will be sent on to you.

Sincerely,

Katharine Luomala

Katharine Luomala
Acting Head
Community Analysis Section

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AUG 26 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended is a copy of the mimeographed report,
Indefinite Leaves By Area, No. 28, June 15, 1944,
which you requested in your letter of August 18, 1944.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

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AUG 25 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are listings of deaths occurring at the following centers:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
Colorado River	May 1942 through March 1944
Granada	October 1942 through December 1943
Heart Mountain	September 1942 through December 1943
Rohwer	October 1942 through December 1943

Appended also is a listing of live births for Tule Lake for 1943 and stillbirths occurring during 1942 and 1943.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

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AUG 26 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are listings of deaths at the following centers:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
Gila River	August 1942 through December 1943
Tule Lake	January 1943 " December 1943

Appended also are listings of stillbirths for Granada for 1942.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

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AUG 23 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended is a listing of live births occurring at Granada Relocation Center for 1943.

Also appended is a listing of deaths at Manzanar Relocation Center from May 1942 through December 1943.

Sincerely yours,

Fern E. French

(Mrs.) Fern E. French
Head, Statistics Section

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August 31, 1944

Mr. B.R. Stauber, Chief
Relocation Planning Division
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stauber:

Enclosed a chart on relocation based on data you have sent me. It covers comparable periods in 1943 and 1944. Unfortunately, data for the proper population base for earlier periods were not at hand. Note the "success" of the relocation program in general in 1944 compared with 1943.

Minidoka's great wave of relocation, of course, had come prior to May, 1943. In May-July, 1943, Minidoka still led all projects in average weekly rate of relocation. For the same period in 1944, however, Minidoka had been exceeded by five other projects. By this later date, Minidoka's "ready-to-relocate" original population had been drained off; and the new slow-to-relocate ex-Tuleans had entered. Note that, in general, the projects which were high in relocation proportions in 1943 were relatively low in 1944, and vice versa. This suggests the selective nature of relocation, and will be checked for the projects in which we are interested by specific percentages (those relocating by age, sex, citizenship, marital status, occupation, etc., as percentages of the comparable classes in the basic population). We will soon have such an analysis for the old Tule Lake population.

Another interesting point shown by the chart is the relative slowness of relocation from Jerome just prior to the closing of the center (1944 figures). The upward spurt in Rohwer requires explanation. I have no facts at hand for interpretation. The slow rate for Tuleans in 1943 is partly spurious; about one-third of the population as of that period was not eligible for relocation without clearance. Similarly, prior to segregation, an appreciable part of the population at other centers was ineligible to relocate. This is one factor causing the low percentages for Manzanar and Gila River. Even taking these factors into account, however, the low percentages in Tule Lake and Manzanar suggest to me that the

Mr. B.R. Stauber - 2.

August 31, 1944

very fact that these projects were located within the borders of California was probably of importance in impeding relocation.

In connection with our project analyses, I wonder whether you would be so kind as to "clear" certain of the statistical records at Minidoka for use by my research assistant, James Sakoda, 12-12-C, Minidoka Project. A note from you to the statistician there, indicating that our Study is "approved" and that Sakoda is a reliable member of our staff would doubtless open the statistical records to him.

Thanks for all your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

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SEP 6 1944

Dr. Dorothy Swaine Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

Appended are listings of marriages occurring at the following centers:

<u>Center</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>
Central Utah	November 1942 through June 1944
Colorado River	" " " " "
Gila River	August 1942 " July 1944
Heart Mountain	September 1942 " May 1944
Jerome	October 1942 " June 1944
Manzanar	June 1942 " May 1944
Minidoka	September 1942 " May 1944
Tule Lake	July 1942 " June 1944

Appended also is a listing of divorces at Heart Mountain from inception of center through April 1944. To date no other divorces have been reported by other centers.

Sincerely yours,

Evelyn M. Rose

Evelyn M. Rose
Acting Head, Statistics Section

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War Relocation Authority
Central Utah Statistical Laboratory
Topaz, Utah

November 3, 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley, California

Dear Dorothy:

Received your letter of October 23 and am glad that our arrangements to have the WRA 26 records pulled and sent to you are agreeable with you.

The second package of forms and the cards of the segregants from Poston arrived early this week; all of the WRA 26 records have been pulled and will be sent today or tomorrow. I am also sending the February 1, 1943 roster for Tule Lake. Our experience with the rosters for February 1, 1943 ~~rosters~~ has indicated that there are errors in all of them, but they are still of great use as long as this is kept in mind.

The Statistical Laboratory will be closed about November 17. I am leaving Topaz tomorrow, will be at Minidoka next week and at Granada Nov. 14 and 15, and will return to Washington Nov. 18. Tell Morton that he is welcome to stay at the apartment until he can get settled, if he has any difficulty getting a room. We shall look forward to seeing him.

I don't know the exact status of the tabulations in process in Washington, but believe several of them will be summarized and available upon request very soon; I'll let Morton know more about this when he is in Washington. It might be a good idea to give him an outline of the statistics you want, and we can go over them in Washington.

Sincerely,

Evelyn

Evelyn M. Rose
Statistician

Morton

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