

Registration

ARMY REGISTRATION

February 15, 1943

Col. Scobey returned from visits to Gila, Poston, and Manzanar over Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Found Gila worse than he expected; Poston and Manzanar, better.

Telephone reports from project directors:

GILA RIVER: Bennett reports strong-arm groups of kibel have been hanging around registration spots -- unquestionably have threatened violence to nisei who profess loyalty or offer to volunteer. About a third of first day's registrants among nisei did not sign oath of allegiance. Several arrests are expected soon and will probably be taken to Moab.

GRANADA: All nisei of military age have been registered -- about 1300; about 25 have volunteered thus far. Others will be registered during rest of week, and Army team will be present to accept enlistments from nisei who change their minds.

HEART MOUNTAIN: Registration had not started and discussion throughout the center had taken the form of agitation, speechmaking, etc. This was a continuation of commotion that started several days earlier.

Teletype reports:

TULE LAKE: 247 male citizens signed up, 105 female citizens, and 41 aliens as of 5:00 PM.

JEROME: 1087 persons registered.

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Teletype reports:

MANZANAR: Registration of aliens and women completed. Registration of male citizens passed 500, but only 30 volunteers. Nearly all males refused to volunteer but about half would join army if drafted. Percentage of nisei males stating preference for repatriation may be 30% for reasons of family ties, general disallusionment, racial discrimination, belief in Japan's strength.

JEROME: 186 registered.

CENTRAL UTAH: 67 nisei males registered, 54 nisei women, 39 aliens. Total thus far, 418.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 93 aliens, 77 nisei registered. No volunteers. Organization started slowly, expected to speed up.

GILA RIVER: 13 aliens removed by federal agents. 14 kibel removed by Internal Security officers and are en route to Moab. No demonstration up to 8:00 PM. Cozzens arrived during removal and was to join project director in holding block manager and council joint meeting.

Telephone reports:

TULE LAKE: Coverly asked Myer for OK on requesting services of four FBI men to aid in removing persons responsible for "slow down" which has resulted in registration of only about 400 in four days' time.

ROHWER: No "hitches."

War Department is to send telegrams to all teams stating that if the evacuees do not volunteer, they will be drafted.

Teletype:

ROHWER: 55 registered, 4 volunteers, bringing total in 12 blocks of 329 registered, of whom 14 volunteered.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 488: 298 male citizens; 139 female citizens; 51 aliens.

MINIDOKA: 171 male citizens, 464 others registered. 44% complete.

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Telegrams:

HEART MOUNTAIN: Total registration 117, including 3 volunteers.

JEROME: 212 registered .

MANZANAR: 716 registrations completed to date.

CENTRAL UTAH: (Wire from Embree) Crisis probably past if applecart not upset by presence of two government investigators and man from BEW, who is determined to ask what will appear to residents odd questions at inopportune time. Old frustrations finding expression for first time.

(Wire from project director) Asks that E. B. Price of Anti-Trust Division postpone activities at center until after registration, which will be completed about March 1.

ROHMER: Registration for 3 blocks total 8, including one volunteer. Total registration to date, 322.

MINIDOKA: 117 male citizens, 416 others registered. Fifty-three percent completed.

GRANADA: Total registration, 1621: 1268 male citizens, of whom 31 are volunteers; 8 male citizens over 38 also registered; 355 citizen females; remainder aliens.

COLORADO RIVER: Total of 876 male citizens including 64 volunteers in Unit III: 799 in Unit II with 38 volunteers. Totals: 1675 and 100.

Some negative answers to 27 and 28. No indication of any meetings of pressure groups or any intimation of individuals. Total of six questions and answers meetings with no evidence of radicalism in questions submitted. Three mass meetings, one in each unit.

TULE LAKE: 402 male citizens, 205 female citizens, 75 aliens; to date.

GILA RIVER: Citizens, 1340, and non-citizens, 123 total to date.

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TULE LAKE: One arrested. Planning Board (issei) request Spanish consul.

Teletypes:

MINIDOKA: Registration 154 male citizens and 489 others. 61% completed.

COLORADO RIVER: 314 male citizens with 11 volunteers, all unit I. Registration proceeding satisfactorily.

ROHWER: 3 blocks: 12 citizens, including 4 volunteers, and 7 others. Total to date 341.

TULE LAKE: 853 residents have requested repatriation applications, of which 51 have filed applications. 108 in line (at time of wire) for applications.

MANZANER: 950 male citizens total to date. Some improvement in yes answers to 28, and few may change no to yes. Volunteers about 5%.

GRANADA: 206 registered, of which 8 were male citizens over 38. No additional draft age male citizens registered. Total to date 1827.

JEROME: 366 registered.

HEART MOUNTAIN: Total to date 486. Today, 199 - 98 aliens, 101 citizens. Two volunteers today.

CENTRAL UTAH: 155 male citizens, 522 others. Total to date 1420.

GILA RIVER: 217 male citizens.

TULE LAKE: 511 male citizens, 210 female citizens, 79 aliens.

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Teletype:

GILA RIVER: 245 male citizens, total to date 1382.

ERANADA: 306 of whom 22 were male citizens over 38 and 5 volunteers. Nine additional volunteers, making total of 40. Total registration to date, 2133.

CENTRAL UTAH: 196 male citizens, 650 others, total 846. Total to date, 2266.

ROHWER: 3 blocks, 25, of whom two were volunteers. Total to date, 366.

MINIDOKA: 132 male citizens, 517 others. 71% completed.

CENTRAL UTAH: 276 requests for repatriation, of which 141 male citizens - 108 kibel and 33 nise. Elements of family group with kibe alien composition heavily predominant. Number of neg. replies to 27 and 28. Recommends delay in sending in these questionnaires in hope some will change minds, as result of recent messages from War Dept. and WRA.

COLORADO RIVER: 298 male citizens in unit I with 13 volunteers. Registration proceeding satisfactorily.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 1226 - 651 male citizens, 496 female citizens, 79 aliens.

TULE LAKE: Strength of resistance appears to be very substantial, springing from profound distrust of WRA and its policies - too many promises made and not kept - also large kibel population, many of whom only returned here shortly before outbreak of war. Military representatives believe resistance broken, but more trouble more likely to be in prospect.

MANZANAR: Registration over 1000. Ten kibel picked up by internal security officers and are held in Independence jail with plan to move them to Moab within few days. Plan to inform FBI when detailed statements are completed and have them interview men at Moab. Center quiet.

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JEROME: 228 registered.

GILA RIVER: 278 registered. Total male citizens to date, 2050.

TULE LAKE: (Feb. 21) Arrested 27 males who defied selective service regulations and refused in writing to register after having been instructed to do so. Jailed in Klamath Falls and Alturas.

HEART MOUNTAIN (Feb. 21): Total to date, 849 - 469 aliens, 380 citizens. Total volunteers, 21. Sunday, 92 registered, including 2 volunteers - 51 aliens, 41 citizens.

MINIDOKA: 68 male citizens, 278 others, total 346. 75% completed.

GRANADA: 374 registered - 10 male citizens over 38 and 3 of military age. Six more volunteers, making total of 46. Total registration 2507.

BOHMER: 24 304A with 1 volunteer and 21 126Rev. Total registration 411.

COLORADO RIVER: 165 male citizens, Unit I, with 8 volunteers.

CENTRAL UTAH: 493 registered - 83 male citizens, 410 others. Total to date, 2759.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 1439 - 737 male citizens, 623 female citizens, 79 aliens.

TULE LAKE: Request for aid in securing either military, FBI, or internal security officers to aid in making necessary arrests.

TULE LAKE: Many evacuees unable to understand change in policy announced on 19th regarding necessity for registration of female citizens who have applied for repatriation.

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Teletypes:

TULE LAKE: 7 more arrested on violation of selective service regulations; with previous arrests have raised evacuee indignation to high pitch. Anything may happen.

GRANADA: 87 registered, of whom two were male citizens over 38. Eleven volunteers, total to date, 57. Total registration to date, 2594. Anticipated completion date March 6.

HEART MOUNTAIN: Total registration to date, 986 - 543 aliens and 443 citizens. Blizzard slowed registration today - 137 - 74 aliens, 63 citizens.

MANZANAR: Total male citizens, 1400. Will be completed by ~~March~~ 27th, March 3 deadline. Will then open repatriation offices.

Ten men to Moab under military escort.

JEROME: 356 registered.

CENTRAL UTAH: 793 registered - 196 male citizens, 597 others. Total to date, 3,552.

ROHNER: 50 registered - 36 citizens, 14 others. No volunteers. Total to date, 461.

GILA RIVER: 262 registered - 171 male citizens, 91 aliens. Total to date, 2,221 male citizens, 91 aliens.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 1550 registered - 791 male citizens, 679 female citizens, 80 aliens.

MINIDOKA: 619 registered - 141 male citizens, 478 others. 83 % completed.

COLORADO RIVER: 279 male citizens, Unit I. 11 volunteers.

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Teletypes:

GRANADA: 131 registered, 11 volunteers raising total to 68. Total to date, all categories, 2,725.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 149 - 88 aliens, 61 citizens. Total registration 1135 - 631 ~~aliens~~ aliens, 504 citizens; total volunteers 22.

JEROME: 228 registered.

CENTRAL UTAH: 700 - 171 male citizens, 529 others. Total to date, 4,852.

ROHWER: 97 - 57 citizens, 40 others - no volunteers. Total to date, 558.

MINIDOKA: 506 registered - 116 male citizens, 490 others. 92% completed.

GILA RIVER: 129 registered - 67 male citizens, 62 aliens; Total to date, 2288 male citizens, 153 aliens.

COLORADO RIVER: 272 male citizens in Unit I with 9 volunteers.

TULE LAKE: 176 registered - 118 male citizens, 58 female citizens. Total to date - 1776 - 909 male citizens, 737 female citizens, 80 aliens.

February 24, 1943

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JEROME: 435 registered, total to date, 3332.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 339 registered - 213 aliens, 126 citizens. Total to date, 1474 - 844 aliens, 630 citizens.

GILA RIVER: 155 male citizens, 22 aliens. Total to date, 2443 male citizens, 175 aliens.

TULE LAKE:

ROHWER: 98 registered - 55 on 304A, with 4 volunteers, and 43 on 126 rev. Total to date, 656.

CENTRAL UTAH: 718 registered - 196 male citizens, 522 others. Total to date, 4970.

COLORADO RIVER: 317 male citizens in unit I with 28 volunteers, completing registration of male citizens for all units. Registration of female citizens and aliens to be started next few days.

February 25, 1943 .

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GRANADA: 463 registered, of which 3 were of military age, and 19 volunteered. Total volunteers 104. Total registration to date, 3438.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 2299 - 1154 male citizens, 1055 female citizens, 90 aliens.

MANZANAR: Total male citizens to date, 1850. Registration to be completed on 26th. Army team to remain until March 3.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 385 registered - 206 aliens, 179 citizens. Total to date, 1859 - 1050 aliens, 809 citizens.

JEROME: 436 registered, total to date, 3758.

CENTRAL UTAH: 708 registered - 179 male citizens, 529 others. Total to date, 5678.

TULE LAKE: Fish and Wild Life Service approved temporary use of CCC Camp BF-3, about five miles west of city of Tulalake. Military clearance and approval of Western Defense Command and issuance of necessary instructions to MP commander to provide guard requested as need for camp might arise any time.

(Teletype from Cozzens) Resistance broken to some degree, but colony still of opinion they can control as prior to January 1. Leaders of opposition so protected that none have been definitely located, but progress being made.

GILA RIVER: 76 registered - 66 male citizens, 10 aliens, total to date, 2651. Completes registration of males 17-38. Registration of females to begin 26th. Hope to complete entire registration by March 9.

MINIDOKA: 81 registered - 8 male citizens, 73 others. Registration completed.

February 26, 1943

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Teletypes:

CENTRAL UTAH: 276 registered - 8 male citizens, 268 others. Total to date, 5954. 100% complete.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 1108 registered - 715 aliens, 393 citizens. Total to date, 2967 - 1765 aliens, 1202 citizens.

JEROME: 263 registered, total to date 4021.

MANZANAR: Entire registration completed. Date extended to March 6 for any change in answers, Army team staying until then. Offices for repatriation or expatriation will open on March 8. Some nisei believed to have thought that declaration of expatriation would keep them from being drafted.

TULE LAKE: 2458 registered - 1217 male citizens, 1144 female citizens, 97 alien

~~Expatriation~~ Ten arrested including a number suspected to be implicated in beating on Feb. 22. All confined to Modoc County jail, Alturas.

General strike appears ended, with practically all evacuees having returned to work the day before. Registration today, however, promises to make poor showing. Rumors that nothing can be done by Army or WRA for failure to register.

Citizen registration schedule to be completed March 2, but estimate that not more than 50% both male and female citizens will have registered. Situation complicated by fact that considerable number male nisei now receiving questionnaires from local draft boards for purpose of reclassification. Very confusing and leads to belief some trick being planned.

February 27, 1942

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Teletypes:

Tule Lake: 188 registered, total to date 2646 - 1264 male citizens; 1280 female citizens; 102 aliens.

GRANADA: 162, of which one a citizen of military age. Total to date, 3600.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 594 - 272 aliens, 322 citizens. Total to date, 3561 - 2037 aliens, 1524 citizens.

JEROME: 429, total to date, 4450.

REHWER: (Johnston calls meeting of block managers and tells them registration is compulsory. Breaks bottleneck.)

March 1, 1943

ARMY REGISTRATION

Teletypes:

HEART MOUNTAIN: 188 registered - 76 aliens, 111 citizens. Total to date, 3748-2113 aliens, 1635 citizens.

GRANADA: 99, no male citizens. Nine additional volunteers - 3 between 17-18 years and one 39 years. Total volunteers 113. Total registration all categories 3537.

CENTRAL UTAH: Army team expects to finish March 8. Project director would like to hold registration office open until March 10, in line with plans for other centers.

JEROME: 98 registered, total to date, 4548.

COLORADO RIVER: 2960 female citizens and aliens registered. Total, 6280 with 191 volunteers. Additional volunteers coming in daily. Morale of evacuees highest since last summer. Spot check of female citizens' registration has found no negative answers to Question 28.

TULE LAKE: 1940 male citizens, 1458 female citizens, 104 aliens - total to date - 3502.

JEROME: 98 registered, total to date, 4548.

ROHWER: 919 registered - 223 of 304A and 696 of 126A rev. Total, 1617.

GILA RIVER: 633 females. Grand total, 3519. Total registration males, 17-38, 2622. (Females: 164 on Feb. 26 and 151 on Feb. 27.)

March 2, 1943

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Teletypes:

TULE LAKE: Nisei group to wire Clarence Pickett, American Friends Committee, Philadelphia, asking his advice on whether or not to register. Face-saving device and if answer is definite affirmative will probably cause hesitant nisei to register.

1854 male citizens, 1695 female citizens, 107 aliens - total to date, 3656.

JEROME: 127 registered, total to date, 4675.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 38 registered - 38 aliens, 20 citizens. Total to date, 3806 - 2133 aliens, 1673 citizens.

ROHWER: 1008 - 250 on 304A and 758 on 126 rev. Total 2626.

GILA RIVER: 899 females, total to date 4370.

March 3, 1943

ARMY REGISTRATION

Teletypes:

HEART MOUNTAIN: 96 registered - 32 aliens, 64 citizens. Total to date, 3902 - 2165 aliens, 1737 citizens.

JEROME: 65, total to date, 4744.

TULE LAKE: Total to date, 4019 - 1901 male citizens, 1790 female citizens, 328 aliens.

Bulk of 304A forms being shipped to Washington, because evancees have been promised by Major Marshall and Army team that WRA project staff will not know how Questions 27 and 28 were answered except when both are answered "no".

GILA RIVER: 851 females, total to date, 5269.

ROHWER: 980 registered with one volunteer - 224 on 340A and 756 on 126 rev. Total to date, 3606.

COLORADO RIVER: Registration completed in all categories, in very satisfactory manner with complete cooperation of evacuees. Total, 11,874 - 3325 male citizens, 8549 female citizens. 200 volunteers.

March 4, 1943

ARMY REGISTRATION

Teltypes:

HEART MOUNTAIN: 267 registered - 200 citizens and 67 aliens. Total to date, 4169 - 2232 aliens and 1937 citizens.

GRANADA: 451 registered, of which three were male citizens over 38. Three additional volunteers bringing total to 116. Total registration, 3988.

JEROME: 65 registered, total to date, 4809.

ROHWER: 987 - 246 on 304A, 741 on 126 rev. Total to date 4593.

TULE LAKE: 241. Total to date, 4260 - 1938 male citizens, 1838 female citizens, 484 aliens.

GILA RIVER: 648, total to date, 5917.

March 5, 1943

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HEART MOUNTAIN: 1127 registered, total to date, 5396 - 2236 male aliens, 1943 male citizens, 572 female aliens, 645 female citizens.

JEROME: 25 registered, total to date, 4834.

ROHWER: 1029 registered - 268 on 304A and 761 on 126 rev. Total to date, 5622. One volunteer on March 5.

TULE LAKE: 325 registered. Total to date, 4585 - 2037 male citizens, 1879 female citizens, 669 aliens.

March 6, 1943

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Teletypes:

MINIDOKA: Of the eligible group, 18 to 37 inclusive: single persons - 1016, volunteers, 248; married with children, 178, volunteers, 24; married without children, 249, volunteers, 17; total volunteers 299, including 11 aliens, percent of eligibles, 19. Few more volunteers expected.

JEROME: 26 registered, total to date, 4860.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 707 registered, total to date 6103 - 2237 male aliens; 1954 male citizens; 875 female aliens; 1037 female citizens.

TULE LAKE: 209 registered, total to date, 4794 - 2095 male citizens; 1913 female citizens; 786 aliens.

GILA RIVER: 931 registered. (Total not given)

JEROME: Dr. T. T. Yatabe and the Rev. John M. Yamazaki were slightly injured at the hands of one or two small groups of unknown residents. It was known that the two men had been subjected to threats during their residence in assembly centers. Both men are well known in nearby towns.

TULE LAKE: American Civil Liberties Union wired nisei group as follows: "It is our considered opinion that citizens of Japanese ancestry in centers are subject to selective service regulations, and as a practical matter we urge compliance with registration orders. We think the government's intentions were good but the method repetitious and otherwise poorly planned and executed."

March 8, 1943

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Teletypes:

JEROME: 14 registered, total to date, 4874.

HEART MOUNTAIN: 1284 registered, total to date 7387 - 2240 male aliens; 1958 male citizens; 1755 female aliens; 1434 female citizens.

GRANADA: 686 registered, of which 7 were male citizens over 38. Two additional volunteers, making total, 118. Total registration to date, 4674.

LITTLE ROCK: JEROME. Committee of evacuees ask that Myer state whether or not request of evaucees for repatriation will be used to justify evacuation. (Signed by Whitaker)

GILA RIVER: 293 registered, total to date 7980.

ROHWER: 70 registered, no volunteers - 4 on 304A and 66 on 126 rev. Total to date, 5756.

March 9, 1943

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Teletypes:

JEROME: 51 registered, total to date, 4925.

HEART MOUNTAIN: Total to date, 7533: 2262 male aliens; 1962 male citizens; 1796 female aliens; and 1513 female citizens.