

August 21

A new wave of rumors is circulating regarding a possible coming of the Manzanar residents to Poston. One rumor stated that the project administration at Manzanar made an announcement that it was definitely decided that the center would be closed in the near future. The Manzanar people, however, objected to coming to Poston, so the rumor ~~was~~^{met}, and petitioned the project asking that they be sent to other centers.

Transfers

July 26

Father Lavery of Maryknol is spreading a rumor that the residents of Topaz and Minidoka would soon be transferred to Poston. He is crediting the source of his information to the WRA in Washington, whence he returned recently.

Moris Burge to verify

I contacted ¹ this fast spreading rumor this afternoon. He stated that no relocation centers would be closed in the near future. Cozzens, who was here last week end, in fact, told him that he did not see any mass movement of evacuees anywhere in the immediate future. "However, this might be a good story to give a consolation to the 'professional evacuees'," said he.

July 7

Burge told me confidentially that Myer on appeal from Duncan Mills approved to transfer Tao to Tule Lake when he comes out of the Yuma jail. The Administration worked hard to transfer him

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and his father to Tule Lake (Ray Best while he was visiting here refused to accept him.) because his presence here would be detrimental to the people here. It finally succeeded in convincing Myer ^{Tao} that ~~he could~~ be transferred.

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April

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The Police Commission met this morning to pass its recommendation on the Nakamura matter. It was the opinion of the Commissioners that the Project Director could not refuse an application of an evac^{ee}_{ee} to visit his sick father here. Nevertheless, they

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recommended a conditional probation ^{for} ~~to~~ the permit. The ~~t~~erms were as follows:

1. As soon as he reaches here, he is required to report to the Project Director. He will then notified that he will be allowed to stay here on good behavior. He will be allowed to apply for an extension of thrity days after the expiration of thrity days.

2. Nakamura will be required to report to Charles Harper, the chief of Internal Security Office, once a week.

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The Family Welfare Department referred the application of K. Nakamura to visit Poston from Gila to the Unit Administrator. Nomura in turn referred the matter to the Police Commission, which would decide the matter on April 24. K. Nakamura is a son of Seibin Nakamura, the former chairman of the Community Council who is now confined in the hospital for tuberculosis. He was one of the Fire Station gang and was one of the four sent out of the project to Gila for disciplinary measure.

K. Nakamura made a visit here from Gila last fall to see his father in the hospital. On that visit he refused to return to Gila when the time of his permit was up. Nelson forced him to leave with "or else" intimidation.

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Nomura and Nishimoto went in to see Burge on Tao case (Cf: April 17, page 5). They wanted to ascertain what evidences they (the WRA) called for to send Tao to Tule Lake. Burge said he needed ^{the} testimonies of the witnesses in those cases in which Tao had been involved. He wanted to follow the line of a legal procedure. It was the policy of the WRA to require a conclusive evidence to substantiate the charge of undesirability. It was to avoid a Project Director from sending somebody he did not like to Tule Lake for no valid reason other than his personal dislike. We agreed that it was a good policy to protect evacuees in centers from arbitrary judgements of Project Directors. Burge believed it would be better if the chief of Internal Security handled the process of collecting necessary data for the case.

Nomura and Nishimoto then saw ^rHaper. He was very much in favor now of the plan to send Tao to Tule Lake immediately. He had heard about his outrageous acts in the Police Station on April 9. (Cf: April 9, page 1) He knew that Tao had been an undesirable disturbing element for the police force, ^halthough no longer he worked with them, in giving ill advices to them. He also knew that no one on the force would "put him in ^lpace" for

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a fear that he might be put on spot by him and his gang. He was also aware of the fact that Tao's violations in the past had been covered up.

Harper said he was willing to collect evidences on Tao. In fact, he said, he had advised one confident on the force to notify him immediately when Tao ~~is~~ drunk and violent next time so that he can catch him himself.

April 17

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Nomura reported on the Tao case as follows: (Cf: April 14, page 1) Burge reviewed the docket of Tao and convinced that he would certainly be sent to Tule Lake. But it was a simple case of segregation as far as his record in the docket was concerned. He could find no special reason to send him to Tule Lake at this time ahead of others. He requested Nomura to send in some documents which would substantiate that he had committed numerous crimes behind the scene. Such documents, he said, must be sent to Washington to substantiate the project claim that he was an undesirable person and should be sent to Tule Lake because of that reason.

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March 24

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Dr. Pressman is leaving Poston for Topaz sometime this week.

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He is ~~claiming~~ claiming that he will be at Topaz only a short while (About five weeks) and will be returning here, but I suspect his transfer will be permanent.

Pressman told his friend, "Like a true soldier, I must go wherever the Army orders me."

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A resident who has friend at Manzanar told me that a rumor is spreading in that center that its residents would be transferred to Poston in the near future. As a result they are desiring to move out here as soon as possible if they must move anyway.

Another resident~~4~~ told me a different story. According to him the Administration at Manzanar inquired the residents where they preferred to be moved in the event that center is closed.

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#14 was indignant last night when he heard that the Community Council had resolved to accept 3,000 - 3,500 transfers willingly from another center and had sent the resolution to

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Director Myer. He thought the Council had done something unnecessary. The Japanese under the present circumstances should not ~~do~~ go out of ^{their} way to please the WRA; they should keep quiet. If the WRA sent the Japanese from another center, just accept them. But it is not proper to tell the WRA in advance that ~~they~~ ought to send the Japanese here.