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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Monthly Report - December, 1943

A final reorganization of the personnel of the Relocation Division was effected during the month. Applicants for the Leave Officer and Relocation Advisor's jobs were interviewed and selections made.

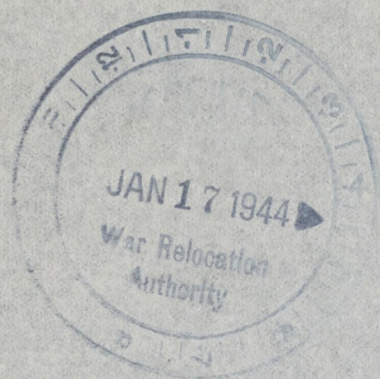
Plans were also developed for the remodeling of the Administration Building to the extent of housing the new division.

The suggested establishment of a Relocation Planning Commission, Relocation Executive Board, and Relocation Committee has proceeded accordingly through the Community Council and the staff, and these groups should be in full organization during the month of January.

Relocation during the month of December fell to practically nothing and probably it may be attributed to the holiday season more than to any one other factor.

It may be noted that residents have begun talking and are developing still further relocation for the next few months.

Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer



VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Jean Riha	Billings, Mont.	The Billings Gazette	8/3/43	8/5/43
Ralph Blackledge	Sheridan, Wyo.	The Sheridan Press	8/3/43	"
Earl. E. Hamway	Casper, Wyoming	The Casper Tribune Herald	8/3/43	"
C.R. Hurley	Sidney, Mont.	The Sydney Herald	"	"
E.H. Linford	Laramie, Wyoming	The Laramie Republican Boomerang	"	"
L.M. Prill	Billings, Montana	The Midland Review	"	"
Rev. John B. Fitz	Miles City, Mont.	Miles City Star	"	"
Mr.&Mrs. Hopkins	Cheyenne, Wyoming	Radio Station KFBC	"	"

WRA Officials

Leon Anderson	Billings, Montana	Relocation Officers	8/3/43	"
W.R. Bennison	Greeley, Colorado	" "	"	"
W.H. Parmeter	Omaha, Nebraska	" "	"	"
Donald R. Sabin	Washington, D. C.	" "	"	"
George T. Watanabe	Sidney, Montana	" "	"	"
Vern Wolfley	Worland, Wyoming	" "	"	"
George W. Willoughby	Glendine, Montana	" "	"	"
Dillon S. Myer	Washington, D. C.	WRA, Director	8/11/43	8/11/43
Leland Barrow	Washington, D. C.	WRA, Executive Officer	8/11/43	"
J.W. Clear	Washington, D. C.	Budget & Finance "	8/11/43	"
E.H. Reed	Washington, D. C.	Act. Chief Oper. Div.	8/11/43	"
Capt. A. Martin	San Francisco, Calif.	Spanish Consular	8/13/43	8/13/43
Lester Hunt	Wyoming	Governor	8/18/43	8/18/43
J.C. O'Mahoney	Wyoming	U. S. Senator	8/18/43	8/18/43

Heart Mountain
MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

Interviews for Relocation During Month Feb. 1944

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below

14

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

None

(b) Other

14

- (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

60 - Est.

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

586 - Est.

- (2) Total number of individuals interviewed

280 - Est.

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)

600 - Est.

	<u>Number</u>
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>3</u>
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>102</u>
Individuals included	<u>122</u>
Applications approved	<u>102</u>
Average amount approved (including travel)	<u>\$59.15</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>491</u>
(b) Pending action at center	<u>284</u>
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>4</u>
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>2</u>
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>1</u>

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

The Relocation Planning Commission held four meetings throughout the month in which discussions were held regarding leaves and plans of evacuee participation. This Commission prepared and assisted in the program which was followed when the Relocation Team visited this Center. At another meeting a statement was prepared and presented to the Project Director which outlined subjects and constructed criticism of the program as a whole.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Two meetings were held of the Relocation Committee, composed of Administrative Staff Members. The first, in which discussion was held as to the coordinating of all sections of divisions and the division themselves and placing foremost in the minds of sections and division heads and other key personnel the relocation policies and plans. The second meeting was held in which Relocation committee was advised as to the reorganization of the Relocation Division and streamlining of procedures. Under this plan the Relocation Division assumed the responsibility in handling project requirements with other divisions which had formerly been taken care by the evacuee themselves. Each division took up at the staff meeting Chapter 130 of the Handbook on Manual Procedure in regard to the Relocation policies and program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Executive Board met and discussed plans of both the Relocation Planning Commission and the Relocation Committee. It was determined at this meeting that a booklet should be prepared outlining relocation programs and procedures. The assembling of questions and answers was also discussed and these two programs are now being undertaken.

...ative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

It is planned to distribute the booklet when completed on relocation program and procedures. Moving pictures have been presented to the evacuees in planned meetings. Use is made of the newspaper as well as daily bulletin, which contains information as to community sentiment, housing problems, and possible employment and business opportunities together with agricultural opportunities.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Initiation of Selective Service for Nisei has occurred a problem of families who have Nisei, who are within the draft age, and who are normal workers of the family groups. Many who have contemplated securing seasonal leaves for share cropping are holding back since they are hesitant of going out on a this sort of a program on indefinite leave basis. It is believed, however, that the changing of the regulations of seasonal leave has brought about a greater thinking on indefinite leave basis.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

There are no special recommendation at this time since we feel that our regulation has not been in effect to make any definite statements.

(Use additional sheet, if necessary)

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Relocation

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

February 5, 1944

To: Reports Division
From: Joe Carroll
Subject: Monthly Report

During the last month there were 103 Indefinite Leaves, 51 Seasonal Leaves, and 130 Short Term Leaves. The number of indefinite and seasonal were considerably low for the first part of the month as a result of the holiday season. This has picked up considerably in the last part of the month.

The announcement of Selective Service has created considerable amount of interest in relocation. There has been some who have received notice for induction and draft boards are making inquiry regarding other evacuees for the purpose of reclassification.

Mr. Raymond Booth of Cincinnati spent the entire month on the project and he experienced considerable interest and success in interesting and relocating many evacuees. I believe that having Relocation Officers spending more time on the project will bring about more relocation.

The Relocation Division has housing quarters that include the entire division and procedure has been streamlined, and as a result of the team and Mr. Booth together with the streamline of procedure is believed that there will be considerable more relocation.

Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

**Heart Mountain Relocation Project
MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION**

March, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below

10

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

7

(b) Other

3

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

42

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

1003

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed

517

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1))

1013

Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officer

8

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

100

Individuals included

120

Applications approved

100

Average amount approved (including travel)

\$59.00

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

705

(b) Pending action at Center

48

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

1

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

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9. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

The Relocation Planning Commission continues to hold meetings in which matters are discussed pertaining to best method of dissemination of information and in the assisting of the dissemination of the information to residents of the center. Problems which make relocation difficult or create a resistance to relocation are discussed by this Commission in an endeavor to find the solution.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

Administrative staff through division meeting, held each week, discussed relocation with members of the division. New regulations or change of regulations are clarified. Particularly helpful in the assisting of relocation program are the Welfare Section, Reports Division, and the Educational Department.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

Various activities of the evacuees are coordinated with the staff activities, such as Parent Teacher's Association meetings and church group meetings, in which members of the staff participate in the program in the conduction of program on relocation.

Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Partially explained in item 8.

The Resettlement Committee which is a group composed of Community Councilmen, appointed by that body, and also representatives of the Block Managers, disseminate information and materials throughout the blocks.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

1. A great deal of interest has been shown in the trial period indefinite leave and some releases have been made. We have been handicapped, however, by the lack of Form WRA 328. We have used a substitute agreement which contains all the provisions set forth in the Manual released.

2. We have a great many request from persons of high school and college age for leave from four months to one year duration to attend trade and business schools. There is, of course, no type of leave available to cover these cases.

3. A problem with the new indefinite leave trial period permit is the age limitation of minimum of 21 years. This is inconsistent with other types of leave and is held back considerably number who otherwise would consider going out on this type of leave. It is recommended that either this age limitation be reduced or that provisions be made so that parents can give authorization for the children who are under 21 to accept this type of leave.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The Relocation Division is in the paradoxical position of attempting to relocate families, and at the same time, handling leave clearance dockets and maintaining stop file on ineligible. A goodly portion of the Assistant Relocation Program Officer's time is consumed in investigating the leave clearance status of individuals and assisting them in their attempt to obtain leave clearance in order that they may complete plans to relocate. The distasteful duty of advising prospective relocatees that they are on the stop file and must wait weeks and sometimes months for Washington leave clearance falls to this division. Since before February 1st we have carried forward a system of requesting by teletype, special consideration in cases where individuals had all relocation plans completed, in the hope that an early decision could be made by the review board. We have not succeeded in obtaining this special consideration in very many cases.

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As you know permanent relocation is a matter that requires a great deal of personal attention on the part of advisors and Program Officers. How much better it would be if the Program Officer, after interviewing a prospective relocatee whose name was on the stop file, could ask for by teletype and get within a few days a definite decision from the review board on leave clearance. The evacuee would then feel that we were actually rendering him the service he is entitled to expect. We have had many cases where the delayed action on one person has held up the permanent relocation of the entire family.

We unhesitatingly recommend that we be privileged to request immediate action on individual cases and get it.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Mr. Arnold
W. T. Hoffman
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March 1, 1944

Relocation Div
TO: Mr. Vaughn Mechau, Reports Officer
FROM: William J. Carroll
SUBJECT: Monthly Report

The first part of the month of February, the Relocation Team spent several days on the project in which general meetings were held and also meetings with individual groups as well as the staff members and governing bodies of the project. It is estimated that over 3000 people attended the general meetings. In addition there were meetings held in which there were hundreds of persons represented, such as high school students, farm groups, and other non-council groups. It is difficult to determine the results of the team being here, but without a doubt they did considerably good.

During the month a complete reorganization of the Relocation Division took place in which the personnel was established in new quarters, which makes each section more available to the other and in which the procedures were revised whereby functions that had been performed by the evacuees, such as securing their employment and termination clearance, property clearance, and handling of personal property for storage or shipment, together with other matters were taken over by the Relocation Division. The streamlining has brought many additional problems and complexities that have to be worked out by the sections and with other divisions. While the new procedure is not functioning smoothly it is still in its experimental stage. There is no question as to the results that have been attained and the ultimate results that it will attain.

A meeting was held by the division with members of the leave clearance hearing board for the purpose of expediting and clearing up all questionable cases in the stop file as soon as it could possibly be done. It was determined that even though dockets on cases in the stop file had not been returned from Washington that the Relocation Division would set up these cases and a hearing conducted in order that Washington can take action on determining the status of all persons being held in the stop file.

During the month the Welfare Section of the Community Management Division turned over a considerable number of cases in which the evacuees were potential relocatees. While the Division has not had full opportunity to start to work on these cases, we have started processing on a few and have as a matter of fact done some relocation of families who have been counseled.

Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

Heart Mountain Relocation Center
MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

April, 1944

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month	
a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below)	<u>41</u>
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	<u>28</u>
(b) Other	<u>13</u>
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>102</u>
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)	<u>13</u>
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>13</u>
c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1))	<u>54</u>
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>Number</u> <u>12</u>
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>141</u>
Individuals included	<u>166</u>
Applications approved	<u>134</u>
Average amount approved (including travel)	<u>\$64.69</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>321</u>
(b) Pending action at center	<u>28</u>
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>1</u>
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>1</u>
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>0</u>

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

The Relocation Planning Commission continues to plan and arrange with various groups and organizations within the center for relocation meetings. Prior to Chicago conference the Commission through its various representatives contacted and held meetings in which they requested that suggestions and recommendations be prepared and placed in the hands of the Relocation Program Officer in order that he may present these things up at the conference in Chicago.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

The Relocation Committee was called into session prior to Chicago conference in which a review of the current procedures, policies, and plans for relocation were made and a discussion held in which recommendations and suggestions were brought forth with the intent of further correlating all the existing plans and operations. Discussions were held with regard to the further streamlining of the leave procedures for the elimination of difficulties that have been experienced in the center.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

Members of the Relocation Planning Commission who were designated to different phases of relocation planning are working out plans with the other divisions, particularly the Community Management in the broadening of programs such as education, both visual and oral on the planning of the future. Staff activities are developed and continue to develop in such a manner as to dovetail into the relocation plans as a setup by the Relocation Planning Commission and the Relocation Division.

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9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Relocation Planning Commission through the Relocation Division has secured information from various organizations such as the Japanese-American Friends Committee, church groups, Y.M.W.C.A., and others which are disseminated throughout the area and to the various organizations affiliated. The Executive Secretary of the Relocation Planning Commission in periodical meetings with the Community Council advised them of plans made for assistance available and other pertinent information who in turn spread this information through their various blocks. The summaries prepared by the field offices are given to members of the Community Council as well as other representatives of the groups where such information is made known and available to evacuees within the center. Bulletins are issued at least once a week which carries opportunities of employment, business, and professional. The Sentinel, the project newspaper, each week carries considerable amount of relocation material having at least two columns from evacuees who have relocated.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Since the strict enforcement of seasonal leaves there has been a considerable number of persons accepting indefinite leaves who otherwise would have taken a seasonal leave. The problem still exists in the requirements of securing EDC for persons on whom the project record do not disclose that they were denied such clearance. This retarded considerably persons interested in going to the east and in the cases where an EDC was denied has created a bad reaction.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Relaxation to the fullest of restriction. It is recommended that Washington office furnish each project with a list of all persons who have not been approved for EDC by the Joint Board.

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month May, 1944

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below

357

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

131

(b) Other

226

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

438

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

192

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed

111

c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1))

549Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers

25

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

136

Individuals included

166

Applications approved

129

Average amount approved (including travel)

\$49.90

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

110

(b) Pending action at center

7

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

The Relocation Planning Commission held two meetings during the month. One of these meetings were devoted mostly to selection of a successor to Mr. Y. Kodama who was Executive Secretary of the Commission and who relocated during the month. During his absence and before a selection was made three Nisei leaders of the center carried on the work as much as possible, however, the Commission was not able to function effectively as it usually does since it did not have a full time head. A selection had been made and the person who has been appointed is a Issei who was very popular on the west coast and had considerable business experience and who will devote most of our plan from now on in working out programs and plans for the Isseis. It is felt that the Nisei have pretty well taken care of their problems and the remaining ones can be relocated without too much planning or assistance and those who will need such assistance will be given that which they need.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

The administrative staff had met on two occasions in which we discussed problems of relocation as affecting other sections and other divisions. We discussed a plan for furnishing informations on a daily basis of job possibility and other relocation opportunities which will be discussed further under "C".

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

The Coordinating Council meets once a month. This council is composed of all active leaders and supervisors of various activities within the community activity of the Community Management. At this meeting members of the Administrative staff attend where discussion is held as to what can be done through this group in assisting and furthering relocation. The Relocation Division in cooperation with the Reports Division daily, beginning week of June 5th, will prepare in both English and Japanese specialized summaries of opportunities on the outside and there will be a concentrated effort through the Japanese issue to bring to the Issei through evacuees themselves all available information relative to relocation. This activity which is conducted by the Relocation and the Reports Division through the Block Managers had been dubbed "propaganda division". Since it is operated by the evacuees themselves on information furnished by the Reports and Relocation Division it is proving very effective.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Under 8 A.B.C., mention is made on information made available. This is done by the Relocation Division preparing in both English and Japanese summaries similar to the summaries furnished by the area offices and which is reproduced by the Reports Division and in turn distributed by the Block Managers. Daily special opportunities are summarized in both English and Japanese and are posted in each messhall by Block Managers. The facts about America Series are distributed by the Relocation Planning Commission members to key members of the Coordinating Council and are also used in various organization meetings on informal discussions pertaining to relocation. Information secured from the Department of Labor bulletins is disseminated periodically through the aforementioned propaganda service. Twice each week bulletins carrying job opportunities are distributed to every apartment in the center.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

No special progress has been made during the last month. The trial indefinite leave have increased somewhat but we do have a problem which has probably retarded our progress and has considerable effect on the amount of actual relocation work we can do and that is the problem of seasonal leaves. We made an analysis over a period of time during the month of May and found that the Relocation Adviser and practically all of his employees devoted about 95% of their time to the seasonal leaves. The Leave Officer and his group approximately 65% of his time, and the Relocation Program Officer and Assistant about 25 to 50%. We had occasions where people who had actually made application for indefinite leave cancel and make application for seasonal.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

While it is probably too late in this year to take any action on seasonal leave it is recommended that at least next year that: (1) Orders for not less than 25 be accepted and that none be accepted until they have full clearance from required sources; (2) That names on orders not be permitted; (3) That a member of the Relocation Division be designated authority to sign contracts which would eliminate the need for WFA representatives at the center, except at the time of transportation.

At this time there is no recommendation with regard to indefinite leave. It is recommended, however, that the title "indefinite leave (trial period)", be changed to "trial leave", and that a different type of leave permit than the indefinite card be used. The fact that the term as now used and the card itself carries the word indefinite still leads some to believe that it is a permanent cut-off from the center. It is also suggested that trial period be granted for areas west of the Mississippi other than those already permitted.

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Interviews for Relocation During Month **June, 1944**

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below)	<u>764</u>
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	<u>326</u>
(b) Other	<u>438</u>
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>2239</u>
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)	<u>318</u>
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>160</u>
c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1))	<u>1082</u>
	<u>Number</u>
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>23</u>
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>125</u>
Individuals included	<u>148</u>
Applications approved	<u>120</u>
Average amount approved (including travel)	<u>\$57.23</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>91</u>
(b) Pending action at center	<u>23</u>
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>1</u>
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>0</u>
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>0</u>

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation

A. Evacuee participation.

The Relocation Planning Commission held one meeting during the month. The effectiveness of the commission has decreased considerably on the last three weeks, and it can be attributed to the fact that the leaders have relocated. The Secretary of the Commission recently appointed only held that office about a month and then proceeded to New York to take over the hostel in Brooklyn. In order to be effective it requires that we have an energetic, personable leader to correlate the work of all of the activities in the community and to keep the Commission at a high speed. We are not having any success in selecting a successor; however, we are continuing to look for someone. We are now devising plans whereby each Section of larger sizes have an evacuee who is to be the relocation representative. We are intending that this be a supplement to the relocation commission work and it may be that ultimately this will place the Commission.

*Should also
consider to see
if we can*

B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

The Administrative staff had a meeting in which we discussed the feasibility and development of the plan whereby sections would have representatives carrying on the relocation work. We have also had two meetings with the Relocation Interviewer of this division and Counselors of the Welfare Section in connection with the relocation counseling program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

The Coordinating Council which is inclusive of both appointed personnel and evacuee personnel conducted a meeting at which the main topic of discussion was the planning and programing of relocation throughout the center. However, this body too is similar to the relocation planning commission insofar as having good qualified leaders available since they too have relocated.

ative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

There is no change in the plan that we have been using for the dissemination of information throughout the center.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

There is no special progress made during the month but perhaps to the contrary a decrease in activity and relocation planning. While I do not know the answer or it appears that I will not be able to learn the answer, it may be either one or two things, or it may be both.

(1) The affect of the evasion of France in which it was possible that the end of the war might be precipitated bringing an early end and then there would be a concentration on the Japanese forces.

(2) The ever increasing rumors that the military restrictions on the West Coast may be lifted.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The Administrative Analyst is at present on the project reviewing procedure and technics used in this division and it is recommended that after she has completed her work that a careful analysis be made with the view in mind of eliminating a considerable amount of paper work which seems to be needless since; (1) A citizen who have leave clearance should not be required to having anything more in their possession than an identification card and they should not be restricted other than the military order. (2) That aliens who have been given leave clearance have their identification card and their Certificate of Registration with the Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization and that they be governed through the regulations accorded by the Department of Justice. (3) That a liquidation of Centers be made at the earliest possible moment and that residents of the Center be so informed.

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Interviews for Relocation During Month **July, 1944**

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below

474

- (a) Referred from Welfare
Section and Relocation Interviewers

442

- (b) Other

32

- (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

1738

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

81

- (2) Total number of individuals interviewed

45

c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1))

555

Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers

158

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

170

Individuals included

186

Applications approved

170

Average amount approved (including travel)

\$47.88

4. Leave clearance dockets

- (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

63

- (b) Pending action at center

15

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

1

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation program.

A. Evacuee participation.

Mr. Ryoichi Fujii, an Issei and former resident of this center who taught in the school system while here, returned to the center for a visit. He volunteered to carry on some relocation work through the means of giving lectures to Isseis and meeting with small groups and finally contacting his many personal friends. The Relocation Commission held a meeting in which they appointed a committee to work out a program for Mr. Fujii and plans have been under way now for about ten days. He is conducting his meetings in Japanese and he informed me that he was giving the facts of relocation and reviewing the progress of the war. It is a little early to know what success may be attained but members of the Relocation Commission advise that while the facts, that he is giving, are somewhat grim and in many instances will not be met with agreement, it probably will have some far reaching effect toward making the Isseis relocation minded.

It is intended through the ministers who are members of the Commission to start a program with the cooperation of the Adult Education and Parent Teacher's Association of bolstering morale and in thinking of the future in planning relocation as against deteriorating the morale and losing self respect by remaining in the center as wards of the government.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

Each week at the Project Director Staff meeting, time is set aside for discussion on relocation. This in reality represents the Relocation Committee as the staff members are members of the Relocation Committee.

The Welfare Section and the Relocation Division is continuing to cooperate in carrying on the Relocation Interviewing Program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

Again at the monthly meeting of the Coordinating Council, time was given for representative of this division to present problems, plans, and suggestions to that body, and a discussion was held with regard to the extent that the representatives of the various activities could participate in the relocation program.

...tive statement of program for presenting relocation information to
...uees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials,
...and development of Relocation Library)

There is no change in the method being used for the dissemination of
information throughout the center. There is, however, an item that was overlooked
in previous reports which is covered in an attached letter.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Particular progress was made during this last month in connection with
recruiting for railroads. I think this was accomplished by working out a deal with
the Northern Pacific Railroad whereby they employed on their payroll an evacuee,
who is a resident of this center and who was placed on indefinite leave at the time
of his employment, who does nothing but recruit railroad workers.

We made much more progress this month in the preparation and submission to
the field Relocation Summaries. Since the interviewing itself is practically over
we will soon be in a position to analyze these cases much more rapidly sending them
out to the field offices.

Seasonal leave still continue to be a source of trouble.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Since it is the intent and primary purpose of War Relocation Authority for
relocation of evacuees, it is again recommended that all restrictions be waived as
it is believed these restrictions are perhaps the basic reason for most deterrents
of relocation.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION CENTER
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

August 3, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Mr. Edwin G. Arnold

Dear Mr. Myer:

Reference is made to your memorandum in connection with the furnishing of bi-lingual relocation information into the homes of evacuees in the center.

Since the first of April this project has been carrying on a program in cooperation with the Reports Division which is practically identical with that outlined in your memoranda. We have two employees, in this division, and part of their duties are to assemble data regarding regulations and procedures, news from Relocation Field Offices, special job offers, letters from resettlers, stories of successful resettlements, and other material in which they screen such information, selecting that which is most interesting and instructive and it is then mimeographed in both English and Japanese and distributed to every home in the center. Going a little further with this, we are running a series of ten articles in Japanese, three of which have already been released, and these too go to every home in the center. Each series are dedicated to a certain area and is a compilation of information from the monthly summary and letters from resettlers and the Relocation Officers of the area and the emphasis placed on the resettlement of Isseis and the family groups. This has been very effective as evidenced by the fact that there has been an increased interest displayed by Isseis and the family groups.

Sincerely,

Guy Robertson
Project Director

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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Interviews for Relocation During Month

August, 1944

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below

294

- (a) Referred from Welfare Section

230

- (b) Other

64

- (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

720

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

- (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

308

- (2) Total number of individuals interviewed

204

c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1))

602

Number

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers

134

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

154

Individuals included

183

Applications approved

154

Average amount approved (including travel)

\$35.33

4. Leave clearance dockets

- (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

29

- (b) Pending action at center

23

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

0

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8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

The Relocation Planning Commission held two meetings to discuss further ways and means of family relocation planning and ways in which to reach the Isseis. The majority of the Commission are now Isseis since the former Nisei members have relocated. At Relocation Planning Commission meetings, evacuees Relocation Interviewers and Assistant Relocation Interviewers are selected to attend in which they convey to members of the commission typical questions and problems arising within the relocation advisory section and in which they attempt to solve. It is intended that the members of the Commission utilize this information in devising plans of reaching other evacuees in the center who may have similar problems and who will have opportunity to solve these problems before they actually make final plans of relocation. Also the members of the Commission exchange ideas with these interviewers in order that they may know what the people are thinking so that they may be in a position to assist them when they do come to the Relocation Office for planning.

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B. Coordination of Administrative staff.

At each weekly staff meeting the Relocation Program Officer presents information and problems of relocation to other staff members who in turn take these matters up at their divisional staff meetings.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

There is no change in the report for August to correlate with evacuee and staff activity who are in the Coordinating Council.



...ative statement of program for presenting relocation information to
...uees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials,
and development of Relocation Library)

The same method for dissemination of information continues. Recently we received a booklet prepared in Japanese illustrated with pictures from the Washington office. It is intended through the "Sentinel" that these be distributed to every apartment in the center.

On an average of about twice a week Relocation Interviewers conduct meetings in messhalls throughout the center whereby they advise regarding current regulations and special opportunities and discussions in general regarding the overall program.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We are more and more developing good plans through the Relocation Summaries and have accomplished some good results for families on whom summaries were sent to the field. One great difficulty and certainly an obstacle to good relocation is the effect of the seasonal leave program. There has been occasions where people have made application for indefinite leave or trial indefinite when all of a sudden a seasonal leave offer comes in, particularly in the harvest of potatoes whereby the individual sees that he can go out and make from \$8.00 to \$15.00 a day for a period of a few weeks in which case they cancel their indefinite leave. Another problem is the recreational program that we have. These of course are developed by the evacuee but nevertheless they do affect relocation. For illustration, recently we had a baseball tournament which is

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11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

A complete revision of the leave procedure, even though there may not be a change in policy. I will not go into details on this since I believe Mr. Rex Lee has the information as a result of a three day conference held at this project. I recommend abolition of the seasonal leave program. I also recommend until such time as leave procedure are revised that restrictions be released on short-term leave.

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A program is being developed whereby two clergymen who are members of the Commission; one representing the Christian group, the other Buddhist group, whereby they will plan an adult education program through church members, bringing to them the affect of the morals of their children and the possibility of increasing delinquency as a result of camp life.

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still in progress and there were cases where individuals who had made plans even to the extent of preparing their application for indefinite leave who change their plans and cancel their application in order that they could remain in the project to participate in these activities. I am not saying that these activities should not be had but the fact remains that they do seriously retard any future planning.



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Mr. Guy Robertson
Project Director
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Attention: Joe Carroll, Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This will acknowledge the September monthly report of the Center Relocation Division.

Since Mr. Wolter recently visited your center and had the opportunity to discuss this report with you in detail, we will not attempt to review it here.

We hope that every effort will be made to provide adequate space arrangements for the division, so that the important relocation advising work can be carried on with the evacuee community. Helping each family to make a relocation plan is the key job of the Relocation Division. In this respect an adequate relocation library is essential, not only for use by the evacuees, but for reference by the Assistant Relocation Advisers. Details for setting up this library are contained in Handbook Section 130.28.2.

Questions have been raised by some of the centers on filling out the statistics on page 1 of the new monthly report Form WRA-341. This will be covered in a separate Relocation Division Memorandum.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief
Relocation Division

cc: H. Rex Lee
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MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending September, 1944RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Heart Mountain,

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial
interview by Relocation Division *under instructions*
of Handbook Section 130.27 during month22

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling.....

1

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.....

3

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

18

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>149</u>	<u>200</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>124</u>	<u>173</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(0)	(0)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(22)	(34)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(102)	(139)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>25</u>	<u>27</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....	<u>119</u>	<u>145</u>
A. Community Invitation.....	<u>100</u>	<u>113</u>
B. Advance Approval.....	<u>19</u>	<u>32</u>

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	96	112	6456.93	57.65
Approved	96	112	6456.93	57.65

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....	22
B. Pending action at center.....	34

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

It becomes more and more difficult to secure effective evacuees participation as practically all of the leaders, particularly the Niseis have relocated and where there are Isseis that are active leaders, they do not have too much affect for the reason that they themselves have not relocated. Those remaining on the Relocation Planning Commission attempt to carry on but their number is dwindling and it is most difficult for them to function in a manner that produces good results.

During the first part of the month, a meeting was held by the Commission attended by representatives of both the Western Plains and Intermountain areas together with project officials of Minidoka and Heart Mountain and Mr. Rex Lee of Washington in which discussions were held. This meeting was very interesting as it brought out many view points from the evacuees as regards to their thinking. It was also interesting to know that many of their suggestions and recommendations coincided with views of both field and project officials.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

No change from previous month report as to regards of staff coordination and joint planning staff of evacuees.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

In addition to the same policy and procedure that has been reported in the previous months we are now taking special opportunities such as the Tooele Ordnance Depot employment and the War Hemp Industry employment and a special bulletin is published in Japanese and distributed to every apartment in the center.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We are continuing to experience fairly good success through the relocation summaries that have been sent to the field.

While our recruitment for the Tooele Ordnance Depot job has been a little slow it has been a rather substantial recruitment. We have secured Personnel Questionnaires on 21 families totaling approximately 70 people, and the first group will be leaving shortly. In most instances Provost Marshal General's clearance came through rather quickly but it still is slow enough that it retards recruitment and undoubtedly in some cases individuals would rather accept seasonal to earn some ready money rather than to wait for the Provost Marshal General's clearance.

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XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

No special recommendations. However, it is recommended that clear instructions be issued for the preparation and completion of Page 1 of this report. Instructions as issued under date of July 1 seems to me it is entirely too vague.

XII. (cont'd)

Without a question the gratest hinderance and obstacle in good planning for evacuees was the seasonal leave progra. It consumed a greater portion of the time of all employees of this division and the amount of quick money that could be made particularly in the potato harvesting seemed much more attractive than the offers that were of permanent nature.

Another problem that is having a serious affect is that rumors about the reopening of the Western Defense Command areas, and there are many people who are sitting tight until after the election in order to see what may develop.

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MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending October, 1944

RELOCATION DIVISION

Center Heart Mountain

HARRY E. THUS

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial
interview by Relocation Division under instructions
of Handbook Section 130.27 during month

8

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 3

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 8

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 4

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>180</u>	<u>490</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>79</u>	<u>177</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(<u>101</u>)	(<u>313</u>)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(<u>8</u>)	(<u>27</u>)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(<u>2340</u>)	(<u>8190</u>)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>622</u>	<u>1866</u>

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries
have been referred this month to District
Relocation Officers.....

77

A. Community Invitation..... 35 158

B. Advance Approval..... 42 122

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	117	141		
Approved	117	141	\$8345.00	\$59.18

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 24

B. Pending action at center..... 17

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

Each week it becomes more difficult for the Relocation Planning Commission to function effectively since more and more of the people who would normally do this work on the Commission are relocating. Those, however, who are on the Commission are doing as good a job as they can.

A center information exchange for Relocation Advisors and Counselors has been established and we hope soon to have varied information from the different sections concerning special family problems immediately available for interviewers. The possibility of consolidation of all center files for this purpose was discussed but conclusions was reached that the time for such consolidation had not yet arrived. The center information exchange was established at the suggestion of Mr. Hugo Wolter, Head of the Center Liaison Section of the Washington office.

Considerable interest in the relocation program has been displayed during the last thirty days by group leaders especially ministers from the Heart Mountain Community Church. Reverend Tsuneshiro Kaneko whose group has been rather negative toward relocation is now on an extended tour through the middle west and east sounding out community acceptance and searching for relocation opportunities for members of his church. A special effort is being made to bring him in contact with members of Resettlement Committees in the various cities. Reverend James Suehiro departed November 8th for a short tour through the east for the same purpose. Reverend and Mrs. Donald Toriumi of the Presbyterian Church are planning such a tour beginning November 12th. We have heard that in some cases such persons have been asked to speak before groups upon their arrival at their destination. It is felt that they should not be asked to speak because in most cases they are there to look around and listen to what the community leaders have to offer.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

During October the Relocation Advisers noted increased interest in relocation. There seems to be considerable attention to the eventual closing of the centers and a feeling is developing that it would be better to move now before there is too great a rush. There are many who are returning from seasonal work who are reporting for interview to include their plans with the rest of their family. Many are taking advantage of the advice and help through the family interviewing. One difficulty which slows the program, however, is the fact that many require several conferences, some running as high as nine or ten, before they can definitely settle their minds and make concrete plans. Miss Rose Reynolds of the Boston office has helped considerably in assisting the Relocation Advisors in their interviewing program not only for those interested in the New England Area but in other areas with regard to problems evacuees may encounter.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

During the month there were moving pictures scheduled five times each in a different location. At these showings no discussions were held but an invitation was made to all of those interested to contact the Relocation Division at which very good number did. This was in addition to our regular dissemination of information that we have been using.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

27 families made application for employment at Tooele Ordnance Depot, the majority of which have been cleared and have reported for employment. We are now receiving letters from these families and since receiving the letter, it is noted that there is an increased stimulus of interest indicated.

One of our problems is the number of individuals who have returned from seasonal leave and who are now just resting and not making any plans insofar as we know for the future. Of those who do contact the division it can be seen that they are somewhat temporarily financially independent and as a result are pretty particular about anything that may be available.

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XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

No special recommendation at this time.

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A deterrant to relocation has developed as a result of the rumors that the west coast restriction may soon be lifted, and as a result there are some who are waiting for this announcement. In some cases it has made people change their plans who had already tentatively made plans to go east.

The latest of the series of letters from the local offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation was received during the past month. These letters are always concerning movement of aliens on indefinite, trial indefinite, or seasonal leave, after they have reached their destination. Occasionally we also receive letters about the same vein from United States Attorneys. These letters always indicate a lack of understanding of our overall program by these field offices of the Department of Justice. The main question seems to be the point at which our authority in granting travel permit begins and ends. In this latest case no inclination on the part of the Department of Justice to hold W.R.A. responsible for movement and conduct of aliens after arrival. It is suggested that Relocation Supervisors and Officers endeavor to contact U.S. Attorneys and F.B.I. Special Agents with a view toward promoting a better relationship and understanding of our program. This seems to be a matter which would fall under the provisions of 130.8.2C of the Handbook.

Mr. Guy Robertson
Project Director
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

JAN 2 1945

Attention: Mr. Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

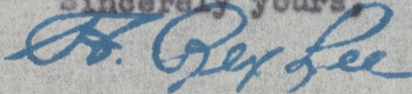
This will acknowledge the Monthly Report of the Relocation Division.

This report indicates that good progress is being made in the overall program of the Division. The number of basic family units seeking relocation advice was the second highest among the centers for this month. The number of relocation summaries sent to the field was well in advance of all other centers. The plan of using returning relocatees in disseminating relocation information at the project is a good one and should be pushed. The filling of the staff positions and the increase in office space and private interviewing offices is exceedingly desirable. We can only encourage you to continue expediting these developments as much as possible.

We understand that the problem of transportation facilities from the center has been temporarily settled by the agreement of the company representatives in Chicago to provide additional bus service. It is the suggestion of the administrative management people that, should further assistance be needed, especially in relation to the railroads, the district agents be contacted.

Now that the West Coast has been opened for evacuees, it is exceedingly important that the Relocation Division have all of its facilities available as quickly as possible to service the individual evacuee families in arranging relocation plans.

Sincerely yours,



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H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Center Heart MountainMonth Ending November, 1944

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial
interview by Relocation Division under instructions
of Handbook Section 130.27 during month

28

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 0

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 4

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 24

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>335</u>	<u>1011</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>253</u>	<u>772</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(<u>1</u>)	(<u>1</u>)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(<u>28</u>)	(<u>83</u>)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(<u>224</u>)	(<u>688</u>)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>82</u>	<u>249</u>

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries
have been referred this month to District
Relocation Officers.....

153193

A. Community Invitation..... 127

166

B. Advance Approval..... 27

27

Special Interviews:

To assist applicants with PMGO War Plant Clearance
To assist applicants with Civil Service Forms

650

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	123	175		
Approved	123	175	\$10193.28	\$58.24

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 11

B. Pending action at center..... 22

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... * 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

* At the Project staff meeting each week relocation is discussed.

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

The Relocation Commission worked out final plans for the investigation tours of the Reverends Donald Toriumi and James Suchiro. Also two meetings were held; one with the Community Council and the other with the Block Managers where members of this Division together with Miss Evelyn Carroll, and discussed relocation problems that prevail both within and without the center.

The Relocation Division and the Welfare Section together with other sections involved held a joint meeting with regard to the establishment of dependency and the identifying by category deterrants to relocation. Evacuee employees were also attendant at this meeting.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

The number of relocation summaries submitted this month to the field is the largest in any month to date. Also this month the Advisors interviewed a greater number who had not had a previous interview. The reason in most instances were cases returning from seasonal leave. They are chiefly young married men in the age group 23 to 30 and most of who have children. In most of these cases when relocation plans are developed it is on a Trial Indefinite Leave basis. There is a noticeable trend of increase in the number of minors wishing to relocate. Some of the reasons contributing to increased interest in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising are:

1. Rumors that the camps are to close.
2. Good reports by outsiders visiting the camps.

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XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

In addition to our regular plans of disseminating relocation information we are developing a new program of giving first hand information through relocatees who return to the project for a visit. Through the Project newspaper (Sentinel) news stories appear regarding individuals who are visiting. Some member of the division contacts the visitor and when possible arrangements are made for the visitor to spend some time in the offices. In some cases arrangements are made where the visitor attends a meeting or meetings whereby they relate their experiences and give advice. In other cases permission is secured to refer evacuees to the visitor where they can personally secure information.

When the new office space is occupied it is planned to enlarge the Relocation Library.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Special progress was made in the recruitment of families through the Seabrook Farms opportunity. Around 30 left during the month, the majority of whom were family members, and most of these are completing arrangements to have the balance of their families join them during December. As a matter of fact between 80 and 100 are leaving in the middle of the month.

The Project received an excellent offer from a manufacturing company in Cleveland, Ohio, the wages of which, with the overtime, are over \$80 per week, and board and room averaging between \$12.50 and \$15.00 per week. They want approximately 150. While there were certain strict qualifications and requirements we had little difficulty in recruiting and we are sending accepted ones out in groups of

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XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

No special recommendations.

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3. Soldiers visiting Heart Mountain have been out-spoken in their criticism of those who advocate "Sit out the war".

4. Residents returning from the outside to get their families and friends to join them in the outside community.

5. Former residents of this Center coming in as recruiters with favorable reports regarding opportunities for family relocation.

6. The rumors that a travel freeze would be imposed from November 15th until after New Years caused quite a rush of people wanting to relocate before that date. Most of those who left after November 15th were going to specific job offers (chiefly Phil-Mar).

The Division has acquired approximately 600 additional square feet of office space and this is being arranged into five offices and it is contemplated that this will be used entirely by the Relocation Advisory Section. This should accelerate considerably the counseling program and should increase the effectiveness in the planning of relocation and the solving of family relocation problems. By the middle of December all of the Assistant Advisors positions should be filled and thereby further increasing the productiveness of that Section.

The Relocation Adviser and the Assistants are maintaining current knowledge regarding change in policy of field offices insofar as it pertains to use of public and private welfare agencies and other permanent sources of assistance for resettlers after they reach their destination. This knowledge is being passed on to the relocatees during the interview.

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10 or 12 per week. While this is an excellent opportunity it has had some effect that is disadvantageous. The point that is to be brought out is that it develops in the minds of those who cannot qualify and those that are interested in other types of employment that they look for and expect the same kind of wages in other employment opportunities and other types of employment for which they are qualified.

A serious problem has developed regarding transportation facilities from the center (reference is made to Mr. Guy Robertson's letters dated November 21st and 30th). Immediate action should be taken on this matter.

From Hear Mountain Relocation Center Narrative Monthly Report
Month of November 30, 1944, in memo to Reports Division From: A. S.
Welfare Department, Page 3, from paragraph two to five.

Relocation Counseling:

This month the Counselor has interviewed a greater number of youths seventeen and eighteen years of age, with tentative plans to relocate singly than in other months. In most cases they have been referred by the relocation advisors. In other instances their plans have been disclosed in interviews with parents or older youths whom they planned to accompany.

The utter bewilderment of parents caused by pressure exerted by sixteen and seventeen year olds in furthering their plans is somewhat frightening. Interviews with parents of youths, planning to go to large cities, disclose little evidence of understanding that indefinite leave involves something of a permanent relocation plan.

On the part of the youth there has been resistance to provisions for guidance. Verification of information furnished concerning responsible relatives in the city to which they wish to go, very generally disclose only tentative plans or previous temporary residence.

Initial interviews have been completed for 2417 basic family units. The 581 families who have not had initial relocation interviews, include for the most part, applicants for repatriation, aged, single individuals, and family "heads" with long records of seasonal leave.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Center Heart MountainMonth Ending December, 1944

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial
interview by Relocation Division under instructions
of Handbook Section 130.27 during month

43

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling.....

3

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.....

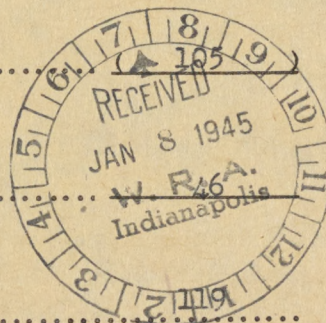
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C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

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II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>197</u>	<u>729</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>151</u>	<u>414</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(<u>3</u>)	(<u>12</u>)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(<u>43</u>)	(<u>106</u>)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(<u>105</u>)	(<u>296</u>)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....		<u>315</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....		<u>414</u>
A. Community Invitation.....	<u>82</u>	<u>339</u>
B. Advance Approval.....	<u>37</u>	<u>75</u>



IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	76	130		
Approved	76	130	\$8238.59	\$63.36

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 0

B. Pending action at center..... 0

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 1

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 1

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

Immediately upon the announcement of the lifting of exclusion order and upon receipt of information from Washington as coordination, the Advisory Committee composed of ten administrative personnel and ten evacuees were selected to assist the Coordinator in planning of an informational program for the dissemination of information throughout the center. This committee, in addition to being an informational source will also assist in devising ways and means in the coordinating a plan of orderly program.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

The family interviewing and Relocation Advisory program continued strong during the month of December. A slight upward trend in planning with the assistance of Advisers was noted after December 17th, which indicates the need for additional Advisers in the near future. Of the small number remaining in the center who have not had initial interviews, 31 came in voluntarily to lay plans, and 12 were called in. The large volume of regular follow-up interviews and repeat visits has limited the number of initial interviews. The Relocation Division has agreed to assume responsibility for the remaining families who have not had initial interviews. The number that we shall be able to handle each month will be limited according to the

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XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

With a slight change in the physical structure of Relocation Division we have set up a complete relocation library wherein all books, pamphlets, and job informational material is categorically and centrally filed and immediately available to all. Field bulletins from the eastern areas are very complete and have proved to be very valuable and are being used to greatest advantage. Reference materials regarding trade schools is lacking and we are taking steps to obtain this material as soon as possible.

The coordinator's information desk has been set up in the Relocation Division next to the library and is manned by experienced personnel who speak both languages.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Since December 17th we have had approximately 15 families laying their plans to return to their homes on the west coast as soon as possible after January 2nd. Family summaries covering these families have been mailed to the San Francisco office to be referred to the appropriate Relocation Officer for approval. All these people are property owners and, therefore, have no problems. We are awaiting receipt of an approval before classifying these cases "approved WRA plan".

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It is recommended that information regarding community acceptance in the evacuated area flow from Relocation Officers on the west coast to the centers as rapidly as possible.

It is felt that possible future need for additional Assistant Advisers be given consideration in order to prevent bottle-necking relocation when the exodus begins.

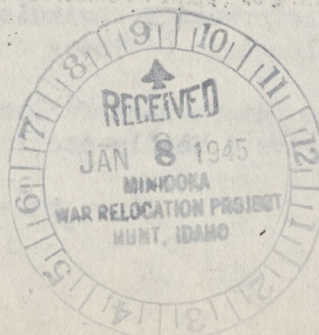
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number of Assistant Advisers available. The Assistant Advisers are now carrying a peak load and we contemplate detailing additional persons to this duty as the need arises. The Advisory Section has made progress in developing comprehensive cover letters for family summaries sent to the field.

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If the relocation division must have a hand in enforcing restrictive measures concerning visits now evoked at the gate, it is believed that particular section of the work should be physically separated from the Relocation Division. This would prevent breaking down of the good relationship between the Relocation Division and the center residents which has been so carefully built up in the past.



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Mr. Guy Robertson
Project Director
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Attention: Mr. Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

This will acknowledge the December monthly report of the
Relocation Division at *Heart Mountain*

In view of the fact that you have had an opportunity to discuss your problems in detail with Mr. Banksen on his recent trip to your center, we will not comment on individual items in this letter and await Mr. Banksen's report.

We plan to do what we can to help you on the recruiting of the new Assistant Relocation Advisers. If there is anything we can do to help to bring information up to date in your relocation library, please let us know.

It is very unlikely that the responsibility for handling the new visiting policy will be separated from the Relocation Division. Most visits to the center are now to be judged in relation to their relocation value. It does not seem logical to ask any other Division to undertake this kind of a judgement. The policy is basically positive. We want to make it possible for anyone who can be of assistance in helping family members to leave the center to have a chance to visit and to have services available to take care of them during their visit. We feel sure that everyone who will be of aid will be permitted to visit.

We will look forward to a report of relocation activities in January in light of the Post-Exclusion Program.

Sincerely yours,

H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending **January, 1945**Center **Heart Mountain**

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in Initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month 117

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling 10

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising 102

C. No further interviewing indicated at present 5

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	<u>349</u>	<u>618</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	<u>349</u>	<u>618</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	<u>79</u>	<u>127</u>
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	<u>268</u>	<u>485</u>
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been
referred this month to District Relocation Officers . 196 360

A. Community Invitation 119 201

B. Advance Approval 45 109

C. Approved West Coast 32 50

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	202			
Approved	202	244	\$10915.13	\$44.73

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington	-
B. Pending action at center	-

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

IX. Narrative statement of progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

Other than meetings held by the Coordinators Advisory Committee and the Coordinator meeting with the Community Council and the Block Managers at different times to discuss the Post-Exclusion Program, no particular work was done toward any definite program of relocation planning. It was felt that if any great effort was made to develop plans in which the evacuees were to participate that it might react unfavorably since it would be so soon after the revocation of the exclusion orders and it might appear that the administration was attempting to put on pressure. We believe now however that sufficient time has passed that we may proceed. It may be though that no definite action will be taken until after the conference of evacuees from all the projects which is to be held in the next few days.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

During the last half of the month of January, we acquired two additional assistant relocation advisors. Their services were very badly needed, and the load being carried by the advisory staff was noticeably eased. As a general rule, the heavy load falls on the advisory staff during the early part of each week. We are attempting to devise a system whereby the work will be more evenly spread over the entire week. During the first part of the month, the advisors were unusually busy. This was due to preliminary planning by those wishing to return to the west coast as soon as possible and to completion of plans by those who were relocating to other parts of the United States. During the last ten days in January, there was a noticeable decrease in evacuated area planning. We believe that this was due for the most part to several newspaper accounts of incidents which caused a great deal of hesitancy. Generally speaking, there has been a great increase in family wide interest in relocation planning during the month; nevertheless, it seems there remains too many single family members departing alone. In all probability, this will be corrected later when other family members follow the leader.

The system now in use in the advisory section requires the preparation and forwarding to the field of a summary covering all departures. In content, these summaries range all the way from a simple exit interview, with Forms 329, 340, and 12, to an involved plan of a large family who have many problems that will take months to solve. In type, the summaries range from independent bachelors leaving the following day, to large families who are planning for months ahead. Many summaries are mailed to the field for exploratory purposes alone. Our cover letters carry a brief statement of the immediate plan of the individual or group involved, or an explanation of the purpose the summaries are being forwarded. We believe we are adequately covering points required by the manual and we hope additional material needed in the field. We would welcome, however, any comments or suggestions which the field offices might have. In this connection, we should appreciate information as to whether we should recognize any difference between the evacuated area and other areas, insofar as summaries are concerned, and an indication of how badly they are needed in ordinary cases by relocation officers in the evacuated area.

For the most part, we find our family interviewing and relocation advising program developing somewhat as follows: Plans are laid by families or individuals for immediate or near future resettlement. If the family has had an initial interview, the follow-up becomes almost an exit interview. If the family has not had an initial interview, then the first interview becomes a combination of initial interview, relocation advising, and exit interview. We also find that the information regarding a certain family contained in the initial interview which was made before December 17th varies to a great degree from the information obtained in a current follow-up or advising interview. This is particularly true in cases of families planning to return to the west coast who gave the impression in the initial interview that all property had been lost, but now state that their holdings are intact and awaiting their return.

All assistant advisors now have private offices and are adjacent to the typist pool, summary files, and relocation library. The Leave Office is immediately at hand with travel and assistance grant, and train schedule information. The Evacuee Property Office has been moved next door. The same assistant advisor is required to complete a case from initial through exit interview. This system reaches a degree of thoroughness, not otherwise attainable.

It has been our observation that short-term leave appears to have taken on a new significance. Those going to the west coast on short-term leaves are going for bona fide relocation investigation and are taking definite steps in the direction of terminal departure with resettlement uppermost in mind.

It has been the observation of our assistant relocation advisors that discussions now more often involve entire families than before the announcement of the closing of the centers. In almost every case, the plan of the person leaving alone now includes the eventual resettlement of all members of his family. A great deal of this thinking, of course, is brought about by the assistant advisor during the discussions.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY).

As in the past, we have our relocation library which serves as the hub for dissemination of all relocation information. As heretofore, we distribute this information through block managers, libraries, and mess halls. Some of the high school classes, including the adult English language class, have been placed on the distribution list. In addition, each assistant advisor has a supply of the pamphlet material which he gives out to each visitor. The Relocation Library maintains files containing all reference material on job offers and relocation opportunities. This system has proved satisfactory beyond our expectations.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

In several instances during the past month, a relocation plan formulated by evacuee and adviser, and mailed to the field for approval, has been rejected by the field officer. Generally speaking, these plans have included housing and hospitality offers for the family, but no specific job offers. The basis for rejection by the field officer has been the fear that permanent employment could not be maintained, thereby throwing the family on local welfare agencies for assistance. The assistant advisor in dealing directly with the individual feel their plan is a good one, and they, as well as the resettler, are dismayed when their plan is rejected. It has been rather difficult to justify these rejections in view of the rather easy qualifications required to return to the evacuated area where acceptance is questionable, especially so in some districts. In one of these cases, the evacuee made application for short-term leave and proceeded to the area with the intention of converting to terminal departure. Material is being gathered covering these few cases; and if it is felt to be seriously impeding relocation, the cases will be referred to the Washington office.

There has been considerable discussion recently on the subject of dependency in connection with relocation -- in other words, the question of exactly what constitutes a welfare case as compared to a regular relocation advising case. This is a rather important problem and involves many technicalities. For that reason the Case Review Committee has been reorganized. In addition to their other duties they will pass on questionable cases and make a decision as to whether or not they are welfare cases. The Committee, in their decisions, will no doubt be guided mainly by the instructions in Section 30.4 of the WRA Handbook.

The various Army lists seem to be shaping up rather well at the present time. All interviewees are checked on the lists before being interviewed, in order that the adviser may be cognizant of the exact status of his client.

It has been rather difficult to handle all visitors equitably in view of the sudden change in gate policy and subsequent amendments. It is smoothing out rapidly, however, and we feel we are getting excellent cooperation from both the field offices and the evacuees themselves.

The question of the necessity for the continued use of Forms WRA-340 has been raised. We realize that for center use their value has about ended, but for statistical purposes they remain as valuable as ever.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

It is recommended that the Relocation Division be placed on the distribution lists for sufficient copies of the Manual and Handbook sections, as well as other pertinent publications, to provide for distribution to all Assistant Advisers. The important Manual and Handbook sections would include the following series: 30, 50, 60, 100, and 130.

It is recommended that a receptionist be added to the staff of the Relocation Adviser. The duties of the receptionist would be as follows: (1) to determine Army and Department of Justice clearance status; (2) to determine dependency status by brief interview for purposes of proper referral (welfare or relocation); (3) to control and supervise family summary files, typist pool, hostel reservations, and relocation library; (4) to assume responsibility in scheduling and allocating interviews to assistant advisers. We now have an evacuee filling this position, but we feel the responsibilities are too great for this type of placement.

Mr. Guy Robertson
Project Director
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

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Attention: Mr. Joe Carroll
Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Robertson:

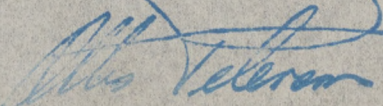
This will acknowledge the January Monthly Report of the Relocation Division at Heart Mountain.

In the second paragraph you state that "the system now in use in the advisory section requires the preparation and forwarding to the field of the summaries covering all departures", and raise the question as to whether or not you should recognize any difference between evacuated areas and other areas. No difference should be made between these areas, since Relocation Officers in both evacuated areas and other areas need and greatly appreciate these summaries.

We note, also, that "the same assistance advisor is required to complete a case from the initial through to the exit interview" which we think is a very good plan. Your report also states that in several instances a relocation plan formulated by evacuees and advisor and mailed to the field of approval has been rejected by the field Officer. We can well appreciate the effect of this kind of thing on your staff as well as the evacuees and would suggest that you send us the case material so that we can follow up with our field offices on them.

In regard to your recommendation that a receptionist be added to the staff of the Relocation Advisers, we can only suggest at this time that you take full responsibility for the duties and assignments of your total staff and in so doing you probably will rearrange for the successful handling of all duties involved in your program. We appreciate very much your full report and recommendations which have given us a good picture of the operations of your Relocation Program.

Very truly yours,



H. Rex Lee
Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending February 28, 1945

Center Heart Mountain

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month 78

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling 10

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising 51

C. No further interviewing indicated at present 17

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	<u>394</u>	<u>1000</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	<u>391</u>	<u>983</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	<u>16</u>	<u>49</u>
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	<u>175</u>	<u>415</u>
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	<u>200</u>	<u>519</u>
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	<u>3</u>	<u>17</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers	<u>221</u>	<u>594</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>123</u>	<u>315</u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>54</u>	<u>141</u>
C. West Coast Area	<u>44</u>	<u>138</u>

IV. Application for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. per Person
Received	198			
Approved	198	260	\$15,132.55	\$58.20

V. Leave clearance dockets

a. Awaiting clearance in Washington	-
b. Pending action at center	-

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee . (Coordinators) 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

IX. Narrative statement or progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

The Community Management Division is in process of reorganizing the Relocation Planning Commission. Participation by other groups remains the same as in the past.

X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWS AND RELOCATION PROGRAM ADVISING.

The month of February was outstanding in that it showed a steady increase in relocation planning almost daily during the entire month. The last few days of the month, the number of contacts being made daily increased to surprising proportions. We believe this was due, for the most part, to the visit of Mr. Dillon S. Myer, the National Director, and as a result of his very comprehensive message to a general evacuee assembly on February 15th. The relaxation on prior approvals published in Administrative Notice No. 221 also is believed to have had some effect on this increase. This change in policy has been welcomed by all.

The few remaining families who have not had initial interviews have been broken down by dependency and non-dependency cases, and the non-dependency cases are being interspersed with our regular advising program. This interspersing serves to balance the flow of work to assistant advisers so that their full time is utilized throughout the week. A surprising number of families who have not heretofore had an initial interview are contacting the Relocation Division with a plan partially completed for early resettlement. We have observed that the reaction obtained through involuntary initial interviews ranges from the "holdout" type to those with definite plans for immediate resettlement.

For the first time we are in a position to report that in 100 per-cent of the cases handled during February, involving a head of a family, some sort of a plan was evolved for the eventual resettlement of all dependent members. Under present WRA relocation policy, this system is practically mandatory, but the change has developed so rapidly that we felt it worth mentioning.

The flow of family members who are following the leader, or head of the family who has previously relocated, seems to be well under way. Many family members have left during the past month, and more are scheduled to go in March.

There has been a decrease in the number of exploratory summaries sent to the field this month. The reason for this decrease is not apparent at the moment but is believed to be caused by the predominant "thinking in the present" rather than months in the future.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPING RELOCATION LIBRARY).

The only additional channel which has been developed during the past month for routing relocation information to evacuees has been through the recruiting office that has been established in the residential area.

XII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

A recruiting office has been opened in the area to provide office space for recruiters for outside activities offering relocation opportunities. This recruiting office serves as a means of contact between recruiters and center residents, and through which prospective relocatees are channelled to the Relocation Division. Interest stimulated and first contacts made through this source have exceeded our expectations. The office is under the supervision of an evacuee who has been in the employ of the Relocation Division for many months and is well versed in Relocation Division procedure. He is in a position to answer many questions and pass out informational material relative to resettlement opportunities.

We have made a rather exhaustive study of our so-called "Visits to Center to Aid Relocation." Our study has revealed that, generally speaking, these cases have been handled, and have developed, somewhat as follows. It appears in most cases the applicant in the field has executed and signed his own application blank without going into much detail in the section reserved for an outline of the plan for himself and other members of his family. Upon receipt of the form, in order to make a prompt reply, we immediately investigate the case by first searching our summary files for verification of a recent contact, and if no evidence is found, a representative is sent to interview the family in their home. The results of these interviews are very unsatisfactory because the tendency is to conceal facts in order to obtain approval of the visit. If circumstances appear to justify, we then approve the visit. A few days after arrival, we send a note to the visitor asking that he bring a representative member of the family to the advisory section, so that we may offer whatever assistance in relocation planning that seems to be indicated. Oftentimes we get no response. This is an indication that our help is not wanted, or that no progress is being made in the planning, or, finally, that relocation planning was not the intent of the visit in the first place. In many cases, the visitor alone comes in and explains that he simply came to talk to his relatives about relocation.

We hesitate to recommend that any further restriction be placed on visits for we are convinced that the present system could be made to function perfectly. We believe, however, that before the WRA-388 is transmitted to the center for approval, the applicant should be given quite an extensive interview with the Relocation Officer or a responsible member of his staff. We believe quite extensive notes should be taken covering the proposed plan and comprehensively briefed on the WRA-388, or an additional sheet added showing details. Such an interview would definitely establish whether there is a feasible plan being formulated, or whether the plan is defective and could be improved. Lastly it would establish the sincerity of the applicant. It would seem to us that a person applying to a field relocation officer for a 388, since he has appeared voluntarily and expressed a desire to relocate other members of his family, should be welcomed and handled with as much consideration as possible. Among other things, this interview would reveal: (1) into what territory the relocation is planned; (2) whether housing is arranged or is available, and if not, some assistance or advice in this respect; (3) whether employment is available for employable members of family; (4) whether the plan is practical and feasible. If it were possible for us to have the foregoing details, we would be in a better position to discuss the matter with the family and arrive at a conclusion.

XIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

None.

Excerpts from Project Report, February, 1945, Ht. Mt. Relocation Center

Community Management Division

Welfare

Close cooperation under the established plan for relocation counseling, as between the Relocation Division and the Welfare Section, continued. Publicity given within the community concerning this special type of service and the relocation counseling available through the Welfare Section resulted in a sufficient number of voluntary visits by interested evacuees to keep the staff more than busy and obviate the necessity of inviting dependents for interviews. As of February 26 there were 771 families classified as dependency cases. Twenty-two relocation-welfare summaries have been transmitted to various area relocation offices. The Washington office is urged to try to work out arrangements with the Office of Dependency Benefits, War Department, whereby appropriate center residents may apply and be cleared for Class B-1 allowances while in the center and before relocating, it being understood that the new allowance would not become effective until the family is prepared to or actually leaves the center for relocation. Such a change in policy would directly benefit approximately 450 families at Heart Mountain, and it is believed would encourage and facilitate their relocation.

Signed by M.O. Anderson
Assistant Project Director
In Charge, Community Management

Heart Mountain Relocation Project
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

February 28, 1945

Memo To: Reports Division
From: A. S. Kell, Welfare Department

Subject: Monthly Report - for the month of February, 1945

Resettlement Planning for Dependent Families:

The program agreed upon by Relocation Division and Welfare Section at this center is functioning satisfactorily. Routine procedures for family counseling and for transmitting case summaries to Relocation Area Offices have become well established. The volume of work in resettlement continues to increase. So many residents have taken the initiative in visiting the Welfare Office to discuss their situation that it has been unnecessary to issue many invitations to obtain interviews with persons included on the dependency list.

On February 26, there were 771 families in the file of dependency cases. Names of 95 families have been deleted because recent studies indicate that these families have resources for self-maintenance upon resettlement. The case summaries of 22 dependent families have been transmitted to various Area Relocation Offices. The Public Welfare Agency at Lincoln, Nebraska, has accepted the application of a family needing a grant for household furnishings. When Welfare Section advised the family that household goods will be supplied the family was able to leave the center at once. Several family summaries which were sent to Area Relocation Offices on the West Coast are for the purpose of determining the incomes that certain aged persons may derive from their property. These are small businesses, such as rooming houses, which are being operated by managers. The information which has been presented to Welfare by the owners is too sketchy to determine their need for public assistance after resettlement. As soon as replies on these cases are received definite plans can be completed for these persons. We have consulted our Property Officer about these cases to obtain his approval before sending the summaries to the Area Relocation Offices.

Four families who had been receiving W.R.A. public assistance grants for some time have relocated within the past months. They will not need help from health or welfare agencies because they can be supported by employable family members or have cash or property resources. One person has obtained employment outside.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month March, 1945

Center Heart Mountain

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	<u>3072</u>	<u>8134</u>
B. Last day of month	<u>2930</u>	<u>7930</u>
II. Number relocated during month	<u>142</u>	<u>285</u>
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	<u>14</u>	<u>33</u>
B. Number of other families relocated	<u>128</u>	<u>252</u>
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	<u>416</u>	<u>1045</u>
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	<u>32</u>	<u>90</u>
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	<u>7</u>	<u>17</u>
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	<u>317</u>	<u>700</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>215</u>	<u>413</u>
B. Advance Approval (Welfare Cases)	<u>53</u>	<u>149</u>
C. Evacuated Area	<u>49</u>	<u>138</u>

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V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	232			
Approved	232	318	\$16,437.89	\$51.37

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

NONE

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

NONE

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

NONE

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee)

one

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

A Coordinators' meeting was held with division, section, and unit heads on March 21st. Arrangements were made whereby various publications concerning relocation opportunities, such as field bulletins and other materials, would flow to the various section and unit heads in order that they might be in a position to discuss relocation opportunities with those who work under their supervision.

Each mess hall is to have a table especially set aside, with an appropriate sign written in English and Japanese, which will have information material regarding relocation.

The Community Management Division through the Council is working out a reorganization of the Relocation Planning Commission. They are having considerable difficulty however in finding qualified people who are willing to accept the responsibility of taking a hold of the program and developing plans. Most of those who are capable of handling such a program claim they are either making plans of their own which will take them out soon or else they claim they are too busy in other activities to give time to the Relocation Commission.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

The initial family interviewing program has been completed. Occasionally we discover a family who has not had an initial interview, who have separated from the basic family unit, or have been omitted from the family listings. Families with whom a contact has not been made since September 1, 1944 are now being interviewed for the second time.

Relocation planning continues to increase. March figures show an approximate thirty percent increase over February.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

Eleanor Moore, Librarian from the Washington Office, paid a visit to the project during the month. She had many fine suggestions concerning our relocation library, and the suggestions are being carried out as rapidly as possible. As stated in Section X relocation informational material is being furnished division, section, and unit heads for distribution to, and discussion with, persons who work under their supervision.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

The various area supervisors are to be commended for the splendid field bulletins now being released. The bulletin is an useful and valuable publication that serves perfectly the purpose for which it is intended. Individual job offers referred to this Center, however, are becoming of less and less significance. First, they are referred to us in such great numbers that the meaning or value of any one single offer becomes lost. Second, we have less control over the eventual arrival and engagement of the individual. Third, in some areas, the WMC and the USES are assuming the power of controlling placement. We do not mean to infer that the flow of individual job offers should be stopped, for they certainly do have a definite use. That use is mainly to reassure resettlers that plenty of employment is available for them, and their presence in the locality is desirable. As in the past, of course, a great many direct placements are still being made in domestic and farm offers.

Experience since January 2nd has taught us that although our office set-up and space are by no means ideal, our system and personnel will adequately take care of the steadily increasing flow of resettlers and will provide good service for any rush that may come, such as the increase when school is out.

The Project Director has reminded all division and section heads to bear in mind that only essential activities should be continued on the Project and that all non-essential activities are to be curtailed and finally eliminated. He has also reminded them that in the closing or curtailing of an activity, the responsible person in charge should confer with the employees to be terminated, telling them of outside work opportunities and referring them to the Relocation Division for complete counseling and planning.

Plans are now being formulated to move all divisions and sections of the administration connected with the relocation program to the high school building at the close of the school term. The move is planned to centralize all functions connected with relocation. Residents will have shorter distances to walk and the advantage of being able to transact all their business in one place. The move is planned for about June 1st.

XIV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

No specific recommendation insofar as relocation division itself is concerned. However, it is recommended that the Washington Office develop some uniform plan which will affect all centers in the same manner at the same time with regard to issuing proper instructions as to the control and liquidation of recreational activities on each project. While Section 150.1 provides that each project shall only be responsible for the essential things such as foods, housing, medical care, and schooling, until the end of the term, it would be most difficult for any one individual project to take appropriate action in the curtailment and liquidation of the program for if it was not in effect and the same action was not taken at all Centers then it is very possible that a breach would develop between the evacuees and the administration at the project where action was taken for they would point to other projects who had not taken similar action. If this was done it is believed that the development of relocation plans would increase to a considerable degree. It is realized that a recreational program is necessary but it is also believed that these activities would naturally be developed by the evacuees themselves and would not be a part of the function of the administration itself.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month April

Center Heart Mountain

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relo- cation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	<u>2930</u>	<u>7930</u>
B. Last day of month	<u>2658</u>	<u>7514</u>
II. Number relocated during month	<u>272</u>	<u>466</u>
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	<u>8</u>	<u>22</u>
B. Number of other families relocated	<u>264</u>	<u>444</u>
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	<u>381</u>	<u>928</u>
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	<u>31</u>	<u>73</u>
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	<u>11</u>	<u>37</u>
iv. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	<u>333</u>	<u>748</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>216</u>	<u>431</u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>38</u>	<u>82</u>
C. Evacuated Area	<u>79</u>	<u>235</u>

V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	291	389	\$12569.34	\$32.05
Approved	291	389	12569.34	32.05

VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

None

VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE

None

VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD

None

IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Information Committee)

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X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

A Coordinator's committee meeting was held and a review made as to progress accomplished on the Post-Exclusion program.

A joint meeting of the Relocation Division, Welfare Section, Evacuee Property Officer, together with the Project Director, also was held. There were discussions of suggestions and recommendations as to a more closely coordinated program to give a more efficient service to evacuees as they plan their relocation.

Through the cooperation of the Adult Education Staff, the head of that department has developed a series of meetings to be held once a week where qualified persons, both Caucasian and Japanese, will hold open discussion on certain topics of value to evacuees relocating. Some of the subjects among others will be: (1) OPA regulations, what to do; (2) Services of Social Welfare agencies; (3) Restrictions on Travel (including alien restrictions); (4) Etiquette--trains and buses, common courtesies, habits and customs; (5) Information on the United States Employment Service.

There are no new developments on the reorganization of the Relocation Planning Commission.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

Initial family interviewing completed and follow-ups on second interviews are in progress. As these cases are arranged for an interview, they are assigned to an assistant relocation adviser who retains them as his case load and carries them on through completion.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

No changes. Under the plan set up in March of making material available in each mess hall, we have found that evacuees are making use of this service to the extent we have had to request additional material from all available sources.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

The only measure of progress noted is the increasing number of departure information sheets that are being completed. This is particularly noticeable in ratio to the number of departures to the number of interviews.

Where formerly there were many times the number of interviews as against the number of departures, the average for April was less than 2 to 1.

We find that as a result of Mr. George Young and Mr. Lloyd Webb's visits that there is a better understanding as to the Washington thinking and the overall program as a whole.

The visits of Mr. Earl DeSmidt and Mr. Charles Moon were beneficial, and they accomplished considerable relocation of evacuees.

It is believed that the removal of responsibility of visiting evacuees from the Relocation Division was a wise move.

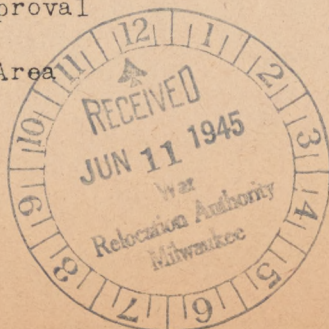
XIV. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

No comments.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month <u>May</u>	Center- <u>Heart Mountain</u>		Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relo- cation plans
I. Number in center on the				
A. First day of month	2658	7514		
B. Last day of month	2496	7049		
II. Number relocated during month				
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	7	20		
B. Number of other families relo- cated.	155	452		
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.				
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month.	33	111		
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month.	15	33		
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month				
A. Community Invitation	205	460		
B. Advance Approval	29	82		
C. Evacuated Area	86	262		



V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	350	681	\$36,947.12	\$'54.25
Approved	350	681	36,947.12	54.25

- VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION NONE
- VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE NONE
- VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD NONE
- IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Information Committee) NONE
- X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

A meeting of the Northwest people was held which was attended by about 150. Mr. Murray Stebbins gave an informal talk about the area in general and spoke in detail about the Yakima Valley.

Another meeting of all the high school seniors was held and Mr. Carl Spicer gave a talk on the Great Lakes Area.

The weekly forum is still being held.

There are no new developments regarding the Relocation Planning Commission.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

Up until the last week of the month only 12 family heads, per day, were being called in for an interview as there were enough coming in voluntarily to keep the Assistant Advisors busy. However, we have increased the number of Assistant Advisors and we are now calling in 20 per day. During the month there were 1116 family heads who contacted the Division for advising. For the period January through May 1387 summaries representing 3206 people were sent to the field.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (INCLUDE USE MADE OF "FACTS ABOUT AMERICA" SERIES AND OTHER MATERIALS, AND DEVELOPMENT OF RELOCATION LIBRARY.)

No changes.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

Each week there is a noticeable increase in the number of people completing departure papers. For the month of May there were 756 departures documented. An interesting thing is the great number of families relocating in the full unit and also the number who are joining other members who have previously relocated.

The Assistant Advisors' are instructed to discourage family heads taking temporary employment, such as agricultural work, railroad work, and leaving their family behind until later. This may effect in total number, at present, those going out but it is our opinion that this type of temporary relocation is nothing more or less than seasonal leave. On the other hand if a family has no plans the family head, or an employable member, is encouraged to go to some point and work out a plan and then send for the balance of the family. We have had employers, among which are Railroads, Saw-mills and particularly Sugar Companies, in which they have attempted to secure an agreement with us where they would hire employable members of a family on a temporary basis and after the work is over they could come back to the Center to work out a final relocation plan. We have not nor will not agree to such a plan for it would not be consistent with the Post Exclusion program. We know, of course, that we cannot stop a family head from engaging in such a practice but unless he can evidence good reasons for proceeding that way we discourage him. We believe that by following this policy that we have had pretty sound relocation planning in most all of our cases.

During the month, we had a special car leave for the West Coast carrying between 50 and 60 people. The plan was so successful that we are now planning on running two specials each month. Special cars are made up for Northern California, Southern California and a car for Chicago and points East. While there may be some disadvantages to this there are many advantages. It enables the aged and ill people to accompany younger people and Nohsi, while traveling, who will assist them. It is particularly a help to Issai who are unable to speak English.

A most important psychological effect is the impression it gives to those who are still remaining. The day the first special car left, there were over 1500 people at the depot. On June 4, there will be a five car special train, carrying approximately 225 people, composed of four coaches, two to Northern California, one to Southern California, one to the East and a baggage car. This will operate purely as a special train, composed of evacuees, to Billings, Montana, and there it will become part of the regular Northern Pacific Service. For four or five days preceding the departure, there is considerable activity concerning the movement all of which has good effect on the residents. There are crews assigned with a fleet of trucks, to pick up family heads and their baggage taking them to the Leave Section, for issuance of the transportation request and securing the assistance grant and then they are taken to the depot where the tickets are secured and all of the checkable baggage checked. On the evening of departure, which was set for 7:30 P.M., to permit all remaining residents wishing to do so to witness the departure, they will be picked up in passenger cars and taken to the depot. There have been over 2500 special gate passes issued to people to see the train off and it is estimated there will be four thousand in all by the day of departure. The evacuee property officer was able to have two full cars of freight shipped.

XVI. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

No Comments.

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Relocation Progress Report



Month June

Center Heart Mountain

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relo- cation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	<u>2496</u>	<u>7049</u>
B. Last day of month	<u>2321</u>	<u>6262</u>
II. Number relocated during month	<u>175</u>	<u>761</u>
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	<u>51</u>	<u>161</u>
B. Number of other families relo- cated.	<u>124</u>	<u>600</u>
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.	<u>513</u>	<u>1443</u>
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month.	<u>15</u>	<u>54</u>
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month.	<u>8</u>	<u>17</u>
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	<u>260</u>	<u>673</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>142</u>	<u>336</u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>38</u>	<u>97</u>
C. Evacuated Area	<u>80</u>	<u>240</u>

V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average amt. Per Person
<u>Received</u>	354	636	\$37,303.66	\$58.65
<u>Approved</u>	354	636	\$37,303.66	\$58.65

- VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION NONE
- VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE NONE
- VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD NONE
- IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Information Comm.) NONE
- X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff, coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

The Relocation Supervisors and Readjustment Advisors of the Inter-mountain and the Western Plains Area spent a day and a half on the project and on each day meetings were held with members of the Relocation Division and the Welfare Section. Relocation in general was discussed, but two items in detail were particularly discussed, that of Temporary (Short Term) Leave and Resettlement Assistance. The problem of Short Term leaves to evacuees whereby the individual took temporary employment seemed to be the difficulty. It was mutually agreed that the Relocation Division would inform the field offices in these areas when an evacuee left the center on temporary leave. The Resettlement Assistance was discussed at length, particularly where it would involve field officers checking numbers of the families who have already relocated. It is believed that satisfactory interpretations were reached.

A Relocation Planning Commission has been organized through the efforts of the Council. However, they seemingly wish to operate independently and "secretly" so to speak and not much can be said about their activities or accomplishments. Their number of meetings and what was discussed is unknown to the Relocation Division except for one thing. They have approached this Division inquiring about the possibilities of financing an investigatory trip both to the East and Middle West on the basis that they would be in a much better position to inform the residents of outside conditions. This argument was met with the answer that there were over forty-thousand already out and that in itself should be satisfactory evidence as to conditions, for the forty-thousand are certainly getting along alright, otherwise we would have heard from them. However, they were advised that the provisions of 130.48 were in effect and anyone qualifying would be given the grant. Recommendations relative to investigation trips will be made under XIV.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

We are now in process of calling in people, who, while they have had an initial interview, have had no subsequent interview. In these cases where they say they are not planning on relocating, information is being secured as to why they are not.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES. (Include use made of "Facts About America" series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.

No changes.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

Two special coach movements left Heart Mountain during the month of June; on June 4 and June 18. These movements represented three distinct groups: Northern California; Southern California; Chicago and other Eastern points. The coaches made up a special train from Heart Mountain to Billings. The leaving time from Heart Mountain was set at 7:30 p.m. in both instances which seemed to be most convenient for all concerned. After arrival in Billings the East bound coaches joined the North Coach Limited, a Northern Pacific train, which makes good time into Chicago. This East bound movement breaks up at Chicago because of the varied destinations beyond that point.

The West bound coaches joined the Northern Pacific from Billings to Butte, Montana, thence, Union Pacific to Ogden, Utah where the Northern California cars consolidated with the Southern Pacific Railway moving through Reno and Sacramento to San Francisco. The Southern California cars continued on Union Pacific straight through to Los Angeles.

We have had considerable difficulty with the type and condition of equipment furnished by the CB&Q Railway Company. The coaches have been old and in bad shape and very dirty. The plumbing has been out of order in some instances. Furthermore, the cars in some cases have not been properly serviced with water and ice enroute. These matters have been taken up with railway officials and each time better service has been promised. In spite of all this, however, the special coaches have been one of our greatest stimulants to relocation. A very large percentage of those leaving wish to ride these coaches. While up to the present time it has only been possible to schedule movements at two week intervals, we hope that we may soon be able to have one special train leaving Heart Mountain each week. Pullman service is to be made part of our July special movements.

For some reason unknown the voluntary seeking of advice has almost completely stopped. Where we formerly completed 50 to 60 departure papers each day, we now have from 10 to 20. It may be because of the effort to again have a school program this Fall and it is possible they are waiting for a definite statement of a closing date from the Director. Whatever the cause, the population seems to have developed an indifferent attitude and do not care to discuss any planning.

XIV. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM.

A definite date of closing should be announced as soon as possible.

Regulations under 130.48 provide only for investigation trips for group relocation in areas outside the evacuated areas and then only under specific stringent requirements. There are some other groups where it may be advisable to arrange for some assistance in financing trips of representatives. For instance, there are two groups at this center who would like to relocate as a group, separate groups, of course, because of their individual religious ties. They are the Catholics and the Seven Day Adventists. The Catholics would like to locate near a Maryknoll school and want to know about housing, jobs and other things pertinent to relocation. The same is true with the Seven Day Adventists. Each group has about 20 families with a 100 people. They would like to have some financial assistance to supplement what they may raise to send one or two representatives to the West coast. I am not making this as a recommendation for there may be many reasons why this should not be and with which we are not familiar. However, it does warrant some consideration, for if that would assist in relocating groups of this type it would be money well spent.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

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Month July

Center Heart Mountain

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	<u>2321</u>	<u>6362</u>
B. Last day of month	<u>2161</u>	<u>5655</u>
II. Number relocated during month	<u>160</u>	<u>612</u>
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	<u>51</u>	<u>157</u>
B. Number of other families relocated.	<u>109</u>	<u>455</u>
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.	<u>764</u>	<u>2133</u>
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month.	<u>12</u>	<u>43</u>
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month.	<u>9</u>	<u>28</u>
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month.	<u>337</u>	<u>1032</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>176</u>	<u>411</u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>53</u>	<u>161</u>
C. Evacuated Area	<u>155</u>	<u>460</u>

V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
<u>Received</u>	377	651	\$41,139.62	\$63.18
<u>Approved</u>	377	651	\$41,139.62	\$63.18

- VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION NONE
- VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE NONE
- VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD NONE
- IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (Information) NONE
- X. NARRATIVE STATEMENT ON PROGRESS OF CENTER ORGANIZATION FOR RELOCATION PLANNING. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff, coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

Immediately on the announcement of the date of closing the center plans were developed to curtail certain activities and in other cases to completely close. The Community Enterprise set July 31 as their official closing date and during the month of August will have closing out sales and will be completely liquidated by August 31. This of course means all of the barber shops, beauty shops and other activities associated with the Enterprise. The Community Activity Program was instructed to curtail their activities and to be liquidated by August 31. There is no active evacuee organization functioning, as individuals are too occupied in taking care of their own plans.

XI. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRESS IN THE FAMILY INTERVIEWING AND RELOCATION ADVISING PROGRAM.

On receipt of a letter from Mr. Dillon Myer as to evacuees making plans by September 1, procedures for interviewing were reorganized. A meeting was held by the Relocation Division and the Welfare Section and plans worked out where each division would furnish interviewers who were to make a door to door contact to secure certain information which would enable the Relocation Division to place evacuees in certain categories wherein we would further devise plans to handle the cases to fit their needs. There are six questions being asked. (1) Have you any relocation plans? The answer of which is yes or no. (2) Location. (3) Date of departure. (4) Have you contacted the Relocation Division or

the Welfare Section? If so, when was last date? (5) How many members of the family still in the center? (6) Any remarks. This is being done on a block basis at the rate of about two blocks a day. Interpreters are not being used for we found on the first day in which they were used that discussion in Japanese resulted which consumed time and the only thing it developed was complaints about the lack of help and cooperation that WRA was giving. As the interviewers proceed they attempt to set appointments for relocation planning and on those who are not at home they leave a note instructing them to call at the Relocation Division. While it is too early to give any concrete information there are many interesting things noted. Of the first six blocks completed there were very few definitely stating that they were not going. Almost invariably when one would indicate that he was not planning on leaving it was found that he was a bachelor. There were a great many who stated they had relocation plans and a location selected but they had not contacted either the Relocation Division or the Welfare Section. The most frequent difficulty incurred was the matter of housing. Otherwise there seemingly will be no difficulty in closing by November 15. During the interviewing and after its completion all of these cases will be set up in various categories and they will be then contacted on an individual basis with regard to the particular problem that the individual or the family has. The first that will be contacted and worked on will be those families with school children. The second will be those who have no relocation plans. The others will more or less automatically take care of themselves.

XII. NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF PROGRAM FOR PRESENTING RELOCATION INFORMATION TO EVACUEES.

The only change under this item is that since the Sentinel has discontinued its weekly newspaper there is now one issue of a bulletin a week, devoted entirely to relocation with regard to interpretations, policies, and procedures and requirements for closing and the continual attention as to assistance that can be secured.

XIII. SPECIAL PROGRESS MADE, OR PROBLEMS INCURRED ON RELOCATION.

The special train movement has become so popular and has developed so rapidly that beginning in August there will be a train each week. We are not using special through trains since it is believed that it would almost be impossible to secure the required information two weeks in advance of departure date as required under the instructions released by Washington. It is believed that by handling only the special car movement of five or six coaches and one or two pullmans that we can have a much more rapid movement than if we attempted to develop a through special train.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM IMPROVEMENTS IN RELOCATION PROGRAM

No recommendations.