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CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

August 17 is the date which has been set for the opening of the conferences to be held in the regional office with the National Director and other members of the Washington staff. These meetings will provide an opportunity for the discussion of many important matters of policy.

Preliminary meetings will be held on August 13, 14, and 15 of the regional division heads and the project directors.

COLORADO RIVER  
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CANDIDATES FOR  
REPATRIATION LISTED

A list of 2803 names has been received from the State Department of Japanese who are to be considered for repatriation. This is only a preliminary list, and the whereabouts of some are unknown. Final selection of eligibles for the second voyage in the exchange of nationals has not yet been made. The next voyage will probably be soon after the middle of August.

WRA and WCCA are now in the process of identifying the Japanese listed who may be in relocation or assembly centers.

Applications for repatriation which have been made at the projects will not be considered until the third voyage, since transport space is so limited. Evacuees desiring to apply for repatriation may continue to do so, however. The third voyage will probably be about September 1.

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SUGAR BEET INDUSTRY  
REPRESENTATIVES MEET

The president of the Sugar Beet Manufacturers' Association has called a meeting of all sugar beet processors west of Chicago and all state presidents of sugar beet growers' associations to discuss the matter of obtaining evacuee labor for this fall.



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The conference is being held in San Francisco today and tomorrow, and representatives of the WRA Washington and regional office staffs will attend the Tuesday meeting.

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HEART MOUNTAIN  
NEARS COMPLETION

A report from the Denver office states that construction on the Heart Mountain Relocation Center was to be completed by today. Evacuee barracks are virtually completed, but laundry buildings and latrines were somewhat delayed because of the shortage of bricklayers to construct chimneys. This was also true of the construction of the hospital heating plant.

Living quarters are available for about 40 members of the administrative staff, but not for families of project personnel.

The upper water reservoir is practically roofed and ready for water, and water pipe has now been delivered with large quantities already transported to the ditches. Streets are partially completed. Very little grading has been done around the buildings, and as a result, an hour's heavy rain a short time ago caused some flooding of mess-halls and warehouses.

Lack of refrigeration facilities will probably create some delays in receiving perishable foodstuffs, since only one refrigerated warehouse is scheduled to be finished by today. Two hundred and fifty sacks of potatoes arrived by truck and have had to be stored in cellars nearby.

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CONTRACT AWARDED  
ON GRANADA BUILDINGS

The contract was recently awarded for the warehouses, the hospital, and administrative buildings at the Granada project. Changes requested in the contract call for platform-height floors in the warehouses and construction of two unloading warehouses at the railroad spur. Special attention to the refrigerated warehouses has been asked for so that they will be completed by the time the evacuees arrive. Various supplies, including mattresses, blankets, stoves, cooking utensils, etc., are being received and stored at Granada and Lamar.

Construction on the whole is proceeding satisfactorily. Work is under way on the utilities and on the sewage disposal plant. Well No. 1 has been drilled satisfactorily, and Well No. 2 is now being drilled with workers ready to start on No. 3.



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EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION  
OVER CENTERS DISCUSSED

The Solicitor has rendered an opinion on the question of whether or not the lands on which the relocation areas are located be brought within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States. The conclusion is that "an assertion of exclusive jurisdiction over relocation areas will not confer upon the United States any necessary powers and immunities that are not now available to it. At the same time, serious administrative and other disadvantages will attend the acquisition of such exclusive jurisdiction."

The reasons for this conclusion are, essentially, that the assertion of exclusive jurisdiction is not necessary to give the federal government whatever affirmative powers, and whatever immunities from state power, may be found necessary for the accomplishing of the federal purpose.

Second, such federal power will not result in an integral system of jurisprudence and administration, for the reason that the federal government has never legislated a comprehensive code of law for the areas under its exclusive jurisdiction. This means that there operates a federal law of major crimes, an adopted state jurisprudence in force on February 1, 1940, on all other criminal offenses, and as to all civil proceedings, the civil law of the state in effect at the time of transfer without benefit of subsequent improvements.

The third reason is the strong tendency in recent decisional law to discourage the assumption of exclusive jurisdiction by the federal government; fourth, to obtain it would cost time and money; and lastly, exclusion of state sovereignty from the relocation area implies a corresponding loss of the rights and privileges of state citizenship among the evacuees.

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MINIDOKA READY  
FOR EVACUEES

The most recent word from the Minidoka project is that facilities there will be ready for reception of the evacuees on the schedule set by the Army. This calls for an advance contingent of 200 to arrive on August 11. Movement of 7200 will begin arriving on August 17 in daily allotments of 500 from the 17th to the 31st. September 1 to 5 will be the dates for the transfer of 2000 additional evacuees at the rate of 500 per day.

A shortage of sash materials has delayed completion of warehouses, and a shortage of plumbing has meant that there is no water yet in the laundries and latrines.



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#### REPORTS FROM MANZANAR

At a Block Leaders' conference a tabulation was disclosed showing how many persons from each block are working at the net project. The range is from 1 person (3 blocks) to 55. The average number is 18. It appears that families with several members at the net project are cited with the same kind of pride that other families elsewhere in the country display in telling how many of their sons are serving in the armed forces.....Some of the most hide-bound customs of the Japanese are due to be dropped or modified in relocation center life, such as the contribution of sums of money by the mourners to the bereaved family following the death of one of its members.....Subject under heated discussion is whether or not 3.2 beer should be sold at the project with considerable feeling that it should not.....A suggestion has been made by an evacuee that a petition be sent to Roosevelt requesting the government to permit Japanese American citizens to serve in the army.....Many elders, concerned over the possibility that the morals of the young people will be weakened in the less strict atmosphere of the new community, want the management to stop the "symphonies under the stars" programs.

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#### SEVEN NURSERY SCHOOLS AT TULE

Approximately 1500 children from the ages of two to six are being cared for in seven nursery schools now operating at the Tule Lake project. The children are taught the alphabet and later learn how to write their names. Spelling is taught the older group, with tests of 25 words to be given later. Crackers and milk are fed the children twice a day. Emphasis is being placed on the training in social behavior and the ability to get along with one another and the development of creative ability.

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#### POPULATION RISES

The movement of evacuees during the past week to both the Gila River and Colorado River projects having been steady, the total population at the relocation centers has now reached 46,243. Gila River reports 5030 evacuees now in residence; Manzanar, 9893; Colorado River, 16,265; and Tule Lake 15,055.

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NEW MOVEMENT TO  
GILA SCHEDULED

Transfer Order No. 12 has been issued by Lieut. Gen. J. L. DeWitt covering the movement of 5000 evacuees from Tulare Assembly Center to the Gila River Relocation Center. The Japanese will be moved beginning on or about August 20, with no more than 600 to be transferred in one day.

Five hundred evacuees are expected at Gila today, 500 on Thursday, and 500 on Friday. This will include the balance of those who have been at Turlock. Lack of materials has delayed the opening of Camp 2, possibly until Saturday, which means that these additional 1500 evacuees will have to be crowded into Camp 1, already filled to its normal capacity of 5000.

The opening date for Central Utah has been set for September 10, when the advance staff is due to arrive. The advance contingent of evacuees will arrive about September 15.

The advance contingent of Japanese arrived at the Minidoka Relocation Center on August 10, from Puyallup Assembly Center.

Population at the projects at the last report was 46,460 evacuees. There were 15,057 at Tule Lake; 213 at Minidoka; 9894 at Manzanar; 5031 at Gila River; and 16,265 at Colorado River.

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PROCLAMATION NO. 8  
INTERPRETED BY WCCA

Public Proclamation No. 8, issued by Lieut. Gen. DeWitt, stating the terms of ingress and egress to relocation areas, has been interpreted for WRA by WCCA in a memorandum dated yesterday from Col. Karl Bendetsen.

The memorandum states that authority is designated to the Director of the War Relocation Authority and to each person whom the Director may designate in writing to grant authorization to persons to leave



and to enter the relocation project areas. Authority is not given the Director to permit release of evacuees from relocation areas for the purpose of private employment, resettlement, or permanent or semi-permanent residence within Military Area No. 1 or the California portion of Military Area No. 2.

The regional office is now determining the practical boundaries for the posting of Proclamation No. 8 around the relocation areas within its jurisdiction.

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FACTORIES TO  
BE ESTABLISHED

At the request of the U. S. Army Engineers, camouflage net factories are to be established at both the Colorado River and Gila River projects in addition to the factory at Manzanar. The buildings will be constructed by the U. S. Engineers, and WRA will organize the production of the nets.

At Manzanar, a record total of 689 nets were produced during the week ending July 31 by 645 workers. The girls' division is constantly holding a better production record than the boys' division by garnishing one-half net more per crew than the boys. Recently the entire personnel of the factory centered its efforts for three days to produce 1600 special sized and colored nets to fill a special order from the War Department.

Excavation  
~~Evacuation~~ has been started at Tule Lake for the tent and furniture factories. Lack of equipment has been the chief cause for delay in finishing the work.

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ARMY SEEKS  
TRANSLATORS

A survey is being conducted at Manzanar by the Army to determine the number of available nisei with a reading and writing knowledge of Japanese. Loyal nisei and kibe are being sought to teach the fundamentals of Japanese in Army training schools as well as to work in other departments where knowledge of Japanese is necessary.

Applicants, numbering over 100, were questioned regarding their education, personal history, family background, and religion. The survey is being made by Lieut. Col. K. E. Rasmussen, who has served four years as a military attache in Tokyo and is himself proficient in the Japanese language.



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LITTLE ANTI-JAPANESE  
SENTIMENT AROUND TULE

Contact with citizens of Alturas, county seat of Modoc, California, reveals little anti-Japanese sentiment toward their neighbors in the Tule Lake Relocation Center. In some instances requests have been made to secure Japanese skilled workers.

Mr. Donald Mathewson, publisher of the Alturas Plaindealer, is anxious to get an evacuee linotype operator, a job which pays \$10 a day. Another Modoc County editor also asked for a linotype operator. (A third request for a type-setter has come in from a weekly in Delta, Utah.) The Plaindealer is interested in having a variety of news items from the center, such as human interest stories, Japanese occupational work, and anything that will prepare the American public for the economic resettlement of Japanese-Americans to a position at least as good as that which they formerly held.

A tour of the relocation center is to be held on August 16 to which all Modoc County residents and especially farmers and business men have been invited. The visit will consist of a tour of the farm to see the truck and field crops, lunch at camp, and a visit to certain portions of the camp. Cars and busses will take the visitors to the project from Alturas.

On August 4 the Klamath Falls Rotary Club was entertained at the project, and it was obvious that many of them who had come with prejudices against the evacuees felt quite differently by the time they left. The guests, who included wives and families of the members, were shown around the project by Council members. After this they had dinner at one of the regular mess halls and were entertained by evacuee musicians.

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TEACHER TRAINING  
PLANNED AT MANZANAR

An education class for practice teachers is planned at Manzanar which will give credentials to nisei with college degrees who take 13 hours of graduate work. The summer educational program has brought out considerable teaching talent in the developing of about 100 tutors. Approximately 55 Caucasian teachers will be needed for the teaching staff in addition to the Japanese teachers who will be eligible. The school population is estimated to be about 2300, distributed through twelve grades.

During the summer there have been two schools of about 500 children each. This has provided an opportunity for those who did not finish the school year because of evacuation to complete their grades and to be able to keep up with their classes this fall. The Los Angeles City Schools helped out by sending up to Manzanar the textbooks which the children had had while in school there.



One of the chief difficulties at the moment is providing living quarters for the Caucasian teachers, who are scheduled to arrive at Manzanar and Tule Lake about September 1 and at the other projects about the middle of September. The exact dates will depend upon when accommodations are available. Two-week orientation sessions are to be held for the teachers at each project before school opens.

Lack of materials continues to hold up school construction. At Manzanar a crew of 50 issei are being trained as carpenters so that work can begin as soon as the materials arrive. According to the preliminary plans the buildings are arranged to catch the morning sunlight through glassed windows facing the north and east. Two kindergartens, a nursery, and sixteen classrooms comprise each of the two elementary school units.

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#### NOTES FROM POSTON

\$40,000 was paid to 3500 people with payments of cash advances to persons working from May through June 30. All who have failed to appear at the Paymaster's window will be put on the supplementary list to be paid on a later date. July payroll is in the process of preparation and payments will begin next week.....Construction has started on the first adobe building, which will be occupied by the Press Club, soda fountain, and a barber shop. It will be 51x44 ft. Native wood from cotton-wood and willow trees will be used as rafters and supporting poles, while the floor will be of adobe and asphalt mixtures. The roof will be covered by arrow-weeds and adobe clay..... More than 350 acres of land, three miles west of Camp 1, have been cleared of mesquite trees. Some 150 workers are leveling and clearing the area, which is to be planted in vegetables this fall. Two bulldozers are being used to fell the trees, and tractors and carryalls to smooth the ground. The trees are being cut as wood and post, but underbrush and branches are burned..... Daily production of adobe bricks is now more than 1000.

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#### TULE LAKE MISCELLANY

A Tule Lake Red Cross Chapter has been organized, with about 150 people attending the organization meeting. Both men and women are eligible for membership.....A travel bureau has been organized to handle the increased traffic to and from the center. The staff will map out itineraries, make bus and train reservations, meet visitors, supply time table information, and facilitate arrangements of residents who leave the project for any reason.....Community Enterprises has arranged to have floral pieces delivered to the project by a commercial firm making daily trips with icecream.....Seven thousand books discarded by schools and city libraries compose the project's library. Few current books are available.....The third Community Forum had as its subject Monday night "Should High School Curriculum Here Emphasize Vocational Training?"



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ARMY AND NAVY  
CLEAR COLLEGES

Twenty-five colleges and universities have now been cleared for evacuee students by both the Army and the Navy. These are Arkansas A & M College, Central College (Pella, Ia.), Central College (Fayette, Mo.), Cumberland University, Culver-Stockton College (Canton, Mo.), Colorado State College of A & M, Colorado State College of Education, Dakota Wesleyan University, Denver University, Guilford College (N. Carolina), Haverford College, Huron College (S. Dakota), King College (Bristol, Tenn.), Lamont School of Music (Denver), Marietta College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Park College (Parkville, Mo.), University of the South, Southwestern College, Sterling College, (Kan.), Texas University, University of Utah, Wellesley College, Wells College (Aurora, N.Y.), Westminster College (Fulton, Mo.), and the University of Wyoming.

The War Department had approved, as of August 11, 64 colleges, including the 25 named above. Approval is being requested from the Navy of the remainder on the list.

Evacuee students will be permitted to leave assembly and relocation centers to continue their education at one of these colleges under the following conditions:

Only American citizens, with the exception of the kibi, are eligible. Assurance must be given the War Department by WRA that the college authorities have approved the student's application and that satisfactory arrangements have been made with state and local officials.

Student records will be checked and cleared by FBI before evacuees will be released. The responsibility for releasing students will rest with WRA and not the War Department. WRA will advise the War Department of all students released after clearance by FBI and the college in which each is enrolled.

At the present time only a few students have been released.

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POLICY SET ON  
HOUSEHOLD GOODS

The War Relocation Authority will assume responsibility only for household goods shipped from Federal Reserve warehouses and not for Japanese property stored in private homes or other places. Privately stored goods will not be shipped to relocation centers at government expense except under unusual circumstances. Where the circumstances are such that great hardship will be inflicted on the individual if he has to move his goods at his own expense, the case will be referred to the Washington office for decision.

WRA has now taken over two Federal Reserve warehouses in Los Angeles, and one each in Long Beach, Fresno, Portland, and Seattle. These warehouses are the last which are to come under WRA control.

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EARLY WINTER  
EXPECTED AT TULE

According to data compiled over the past ten years at the weather bureau station in the town of Tulolake, frost can be expected in that region around August 25. Cold continues until around the first week in June, with the possibility of snow anytime between November and April.

The highest recorded temperature in Tulolake, which is six miles from the Tule Lake Relocation Center, was 99 degrees in 1938, and the lowest, 27 degrees below zero in 1932. With the exception of 1936 and 1940, the thermometer has dropped below the zero mark every year.

A high of 14.42 inches of rainfall was recorded last year, but the average over the past ten years is only about 10 inches. So far this year, the rain gauge shows 10.1 inches. Wind is generally from the northwest, occasionally shifting to southwest.

The average growing season is about 60 days, although this depends on the kind of crop and the planting time.

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NO BEER SALE  
AT MANZANAR

Twenty-two out of 33 blocks at Manzanar voted down the proposal to sell beer at the canteen. Only two of the blocks were uncertain on the issue. The rest of the blocks postponed voting. The argument most generally offered against selling beer was that men who want beer would keep buying it at the store, leaving little money for their families' purchases.

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CANTEEN FIRE  
AT TULE LAKE

A fire broke out early last Thursday morning in one of Tule Lake's four community stores. The fire department brought the fire under control within half an hour and completely extinguished it within an hour. It was started by defective wiring in a coca-cola cooling machine.

Most of the stock was destroyed or damaged, representing an approximate loss of \$3800, which is covered by insurance. The building, however - the front half of which was completely charred - was not insured. The shoe repair shop in the rear of the building was undamaged, and hundreds of pairs of shoes waiting for repairs remained stacked on the shelves.

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THANK YOU, COL. CRESS

Colonel E. F. Cress, who has just returned to active military duty, wrote the following letter to the regional director:

"Upon my relief from duty with the War Relocation Authority, may I express my appreciation of the many kindnesses and courtesies extended to me by you personally and by the members of your staff. I am indeed grateful.

"I shall always have a place in my heart for that little group with whom I worked during the early days of the regional office in San Francisco. It was a privilege to have been associated with such an untiring personnel."

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TRANSFER ORDER CHANGED

Movement of evacuees to the Minidoka War Relocation Project from Puyallup Assembly Center will begin on or about August 15 as originally scheduled in Transfer Order No. 10. Instead of moving the entire 7000 at the rate of not more than 600 a day until the transfer is completed, however, only 3500 will be moved in the first group. The second half will not be transferred until on or about August 29, with not more than 600 being moved each day. Between August 22 and 28 inclusive no movements will be made to the project.

Population at the projects reached 48,574 over the weekend: Tule Lake, 15,081; Colorado River, 16,323; Minidoka, 706; Gila River, 6552; and Manzanar 9912.

Engineers' reports estimate that progress at Gila River will permit relieving congestion in Camp One and keep ahead of the daily arrivals of 500 evacuees on the 21st and 22nd and 24th to 30th inclusive.



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TRANSFER FROM  
SANTA ANITA BEGINS

The Army has announced in Transfer Order No. 14 the schedules for moving evacuees from the Santa Anita Assembly Center to relocation projects. Beginning on August 26 and continuing daily until completed, the transfer of 1180 evacuees will be made to the Colorado River Relocation Center. This group will consist of former residents of San Diego.

The movement of 3450 persons to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center will begin on August 30 and will continue on each alternate day until completed. In both movements no more than 600 will be moved on any one day. The Heart Mountain group will be made up of families from Santa Clara County, San Jose, and Los Angeles.

Fifty-seven evacuees are named in Transfer Order No. 15 to be moved on or about August 25 from Puyallup Assembly Center to the Tule Lake project.

Proclamation No. 11, issued on August 18, excludes all Japanese who are now in the California portion of Military Area No. 2 and have not previously been excluded. The proclamation also ratifies Civilian Exclusion Orders Nos. 100 to 108 inclusive.

Population at the projects has passed the 50,000 mark, with census reports totaling 50,738. The arrival of 510 evacuees yesterday at Minidoka from the Puyallup Assembly Center brought the population at that project to 2774. Gila River reported 6568; Colorado River, 16,358; Manzanar, 9946; and Tule Lake, 15,092.

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EVACUEES TO BE  
REPATRIATED

The second sailing of the Gripsholm, which will be about September 1, will have on its passenger list at least 120 evacuees from relocation centers. As of August 20, those selected as eligible for this sailing in the exchange of nationals between Japan and the United States numbered 60 at Colorado River, 8 at Gila River, 29 at Manzanar, and 23 at Tule Lake. There will probably be some eligibles at Minidoka who are in the process of being transferred from an assembly center to the project.



EDUCATION AGREEMENT  
REACHED WITH IDAHO

A memorandum of understanding was drawn up between WRA and the Idaho State Board of Education at a conference held the end of last week at Sun Valley. It is expected that the agreement will be signed within a week.

The memorandum provides that the State Board of Education will help plan and supervise the school curriculum and program, the selection of personnel, and the maintenance of educational standards. Financing of the school system at the Minidoka project will be the responsibility of WRA for the duration.

Teachers at the project schools will be certified under the State Board. Those coming from outside the state will be given one year in which to get their certification. This means that they will have to take two prescribed courses by extension. The Board will act as consultants on the educational program. In this respect the agreement differs from those which WRA has with other states in which special boards of education specialists have been appointed to act as advisors.

School is expected to open at Minidoka on October 1, with the special training session for teachers beginning on September 15. School buildings will probably not be ready, although the sites have been selected. Richard A. Pomeroy, formerly principal of the Boise Junior High School, has been appointed Superintendent of Schools.

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GRANADA TO RECEIVE  
EVACUEES SOON

The advance contingent of 200 evacuees will be moved from the Merced Assembly Center to the Granada Relocation Center on August 25. On September 1 movement of 4300 persons at the same assembly center to the project will begin. As scheduled in Transfer Order No. 16, the movement will continue daily until it is completed, with no more than 600 to be moved on any one day.

In a report received from the Central Regional Office, half of the Granada project is expected to be ready for occupancy by August 31. With the exception of a kitchen, quarters for the military police are scheduled to be ready by August 15. Five warehouses will be available for storage purposes by August 17, with the refrigerated warehouses completed before the 31st.

Chief bottleneck in the completion of evacuee quarters is the lack of window sashes. Three wells have been brought in successfully, but as yet there is no water in the mains. Most of the sewer mains are installed, and it is hoped that the sewage disposal plant will be in operation by August 25. The hospital will be ready for at least partial occupancy before the end of the month.



BARLEY HARVEST  
AT TULE LAKE

Harvesting of barley and oats started this week at Tule Lake. About 1240 acres are planted in barley. It will be used primarily for hog feed and will be shipped to other projects as well as used at Tule Lake.

By October Tule Lake farms will be producing potatoes, cabbage, and turnips for all the projects in this region. Potatoes will probably be in sufficient quantities to supply them for six to eight months.

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TRAINING CLASSES  
FOR NET CREWS

As one method of overcoming the eight-hour technicality that has been a problem at the Manzanar camouflage net factory, training classes in crafts and trades will be established for the workers. Classes may be conducted on the factory grounds or may be located at other quarters, but time will be checked on all workers who enroll. The previous quota of five nets per crew will be maintained, but as soon as the quota is completed, the workers will be free to join the classes.

Classes in garment, ceramic, and mattress manufacture are planned. Garment factory classes for women include courses in power machine operation, marking, designing, and pattern making. Courses for men will feature marking, power cutting, spreading, shading, pattern making, grading, buttonhole and power machine operation.

The program is intended to offer training that will be valuable for other projects both at Manzanar and outside the center. Residents do not have to be employed in the net factory to take advantage of these courses.

The contention among Manzanar residents has been that those at the net project should work the full eight hours a day that is demanded on other projects. Crews have been allowed to go home as soon as their quota was finished, which was sometimes as early as noon.

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POSTOFFICE NAMED

"Topaz" is the name selected for the postoffice serving the Central Utah Relocation Center. It will be a branch of the postoffice at Delta. The postoffice for the Heart Mountain project will be a branch of the Cody, Wyoming, postoffice.



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RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS  
FOR SUGAR BEET FIELDS

CWY

This fall when the harvest labor recruiting began, governors of various states and the county law enforcement officials in many instances gave only a qualified assurance that they would reserve the right to ask the WRA to recall evacuee labor at such time as the laborers were no longer needed. Others stipulated a deadline of December 1, 1942 or January 1, 1943. If all the qualifications inserted were accepted by the WRA it would mean that the WRA would delegate to state officials the power to determine where evacuees should go, how long they should remain, and when they should return.

The governor of Utah and the law enforcement officials of the counties entered into an unqualified agreement with this agency and recruitment is now under way in that state. Recruitment for other states and counties is under way but actual departures are under suspension order until the qualifications can be cleared.

Signed orders for more than 1800 workers have been presented at the Minidoka project. Approximately 500 workers at the Tule Lake center have accepted orders and are waiting release to leave, contingent upon the governors' qualifications. Recruiting for Utah will commence at the Colorado River project by Davis McEntire of the regional employment division on Saturday, September 12. From the Stockton Assembly center, 31 workers have already been sent to Montana and 101 are leaving the Fresno Assembly center tonight, Sept. 11, for Box Elder County, Utah. Approximately 800 evacuees have signed at Manzanar requesting release but no orders have yet been given at that center. The recruiting at Manzanar and the Santa Anita Assembly Center will begin next week. Today, 51 workers are leaving for Davis and Weber Counties in Utah.

In addition, the employment division is receiving many offers of employment from individual employers not covered under the sugar companies guarantees. These offers are being accepted subject to the deposit of a bond by the employers to cover transportation.

INDUSTRIAL DIVISION  
REPRESENTATIVES VISIT  
TULE LAKE PROJECT

M. E. Scheidt, representative of the Washington Industrial Division, and Lieut. Paul M. Streiffler, liaison officer between the Navy Department and the WRA in Washington, visited the Tule Lake Relocation center on Sept. 8 and 9 accompanied by K. R. Richardson of the regional industrial division. Mr. Scheidt returned to Washington yesterday and Lieut. Streiffler will return to his Washington



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headquarters after a two-day visit at Manzanar.

Mr. Bennett, production manager of the industrial division in San Francisco, is now at the Manzanar Relocation center superintending the installation of equipment for two new industrial plants - the Shoyu Plant and the Bean Sprout plant.

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NEGOTIATIONS WITH U. S.  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

The regional health division announces negotiations with the U. S. Public Health Service to establish affiliations which will permit the commissioning of WRA medical officers have yet failed to produce a working statement.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR  
AT GILA PROJECT

For the next month, E. R. Fryer, San Francisco regional director, will be acting project director at the Gila River Relocation Project. During his absence, Mr. E. M. Rowalt of the Washington office, is acting as director of the San Francisco regional office.

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FIRE PROTECTION SUPERVISOR  
RETURNS FROM VISIT TO PROJECTS

Mr. W. E. Hoffman regional Fire Protection Supervisor, has just returned from a visit to the Central Utah, Minidoka and Tule Lake Projects. Fire protection at the Central Utah project is reported to be in good condition, and while most aspects of the fire protection program at Minidoka are favorable, certain conditions concerning flues and space heaters will have to be adjusted. These conditions are especially true in the living quarters and kitchens, all of which present serious fire hazards. Asbestos fire walls have been installed in the enclosed walks of the project hospital. At Tule Lake, there are no space heaters in the living quarters, which will present a definite hazard as soon as cold weather begins. At present, 6,000 new stoves are being installed. However, no proper spacing has been left between collar and thimbles and combustible materials on those stoves completely installed. Proper spacing is necessary to insure against an outbreak of fire. These defects are reported at almost every project. To date, no fires at projects have been due to laxity on the part of evacuees, and the fire control division has been granted every cooperation from evacuees.

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AROUND THE PROJECTS:

GRANADA PROJECT: Arrival of 557 evacuees at the Granada project on September 3 raised the total evacuee population of the center to 769; approximately 1000 more evacuees expected Saturday; two mess halls were in operation Friday, while



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a third mess hall was scheduled to open Saturday; two carloads of coal have been purchased for immediate delivery; water supply presents major problem.

HEART MOUNTAIN:

Total population at this project as of Sept. 4 numbered 6821; hospital reports revealed that 40 cases of fruit poisoning had been treated and released and 30 cases of measles treated; post office opened; a recent army survey of housing conditions reveals a shortage of 51 4-person apartments; district engineer to build 12 new barracks; arrangements are under way to hold two work shop conferences for teachers, one at Heart Mountain and one at Granada.

MANZANAR:

Preparations now being completed by Education department in teacher training sessions, in curricular conferences, and in faculty assignments; nearly one-fourth of total population will enroll in classes this fall: nursery, kindergarten, grade and high school...adult school program laid out; augmenting WRA employed faculty will be instructors recruited from among degree-holding evacuees who have qualified for teacher training.

TULE LAKE:

Gigantic show held at outdoor stage together with an hour-long parade in which ten floats representing various projects participated, marked the celebration of Labor Day at this center; open house was observed by most project departments whose exhibits drew large crowds.

COLORADO RIVER:

Poston County Fair and Harvest Festival scheduled for Sept. 19 and 20 under the direction of the Recreation Department; plans for exhibits of farm products, miniature models of factories and manufactured goods, fine arts, and needlecraft work, are progressing.

POPULATION FIGURES:

As of Sept. 11: Colorado River, 17,780; Minidoka, 9,070; Manzanar, 10,020, Gila River, 11,546; Tule Lake, 15,270. TOTAL: 63,686

EMPLOYMENT DIVISION:

RECAPITULATION OF RELEASED EVACUEE LABOR

<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date of Release</u>	<u>To</u>
31	Stockton Assembly Center	9/10/42	Missoula, Ravalli Counties, Montana
101	Fresno Assembly Center	9/11/42	Box Elder County, Utah



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<u>No. of Workers</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Date of Release</u>	<u>To</u>
50	Tule Lake Relocation Project	9/11/42	Weber and Davis Counties, Utah
52	Tule Lake Relocation Project	9/13/42	Blaine County, Montana
135	Tule Lake Relocation Project	9/13/42	Missoula, Broadwater, and Ravalli Counties, Montana

STARTING DATES OF  
RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS:

Saturday, Sept. 12, Poston; Monday, Sept. 14 - Santa Anita Assembly Center and  
Manzanar Relocation project.

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HARVESTERS LEAVE

Including movements made yesterday, the total number of evacuees who have left the projects since fall recruiting began for the beet fields is 1240. Today 34 are scheduled to leave Tule Lake and 145 from Manzanar. The following table shows the number of beet workers recruited from both assembly and relocation centers who are now in the fields.

<u>Center</u>	<u>Left from</u> <u>summer</u>	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fresno	65	144	209
Tulare	6	-	6
Puyallup	49	-	49
Turlock	41	-	41
Pinedale	38	-	38
Tanforan	10	-	10
Sacramento	38	-	38
Marysville	8	-	8
Portland	377	-	377
Stockton	139	71	210
Santa Anita	160	34	194
Merced	42	-	42
Area No. 2	224	-	224
Manzanar	58	294	352
Minidoka	0	318	318
Tule Lake	0	447	447
Colorado River	0	181	181
	<u>1255</u>	<u>1489</u>	<u>2744</u>

The Employment Division has no estimate of the number who have signed contracts but have not yet gone.

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FIRE HOSE  
PURCHASED

Good news for the project fire departments is the announcement that 20,000 ft. of 2½-inch double-jacketed fire hose has been purchased and distribution will be made by the end of this week. Colorado River will



receive 6000 ft.; Gila River, 4000 ft.; Central Utah, 2000 ft.; Minidoka, 2000 ft.; Tule Lake, 3000 ft.; and Manzanar, 3000 ft. WRA will participate in Fire Prevention Week from October 4 to October 10. A statement on fire prevention is now being prepared and will be distributed to each apartment in every relocation center.

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#### IRRIGATION CANAL OPENED AT MINIDOKA

On September 17 water was turned into a primary canal leading to the Minidoka Relocation Center. The five-mile ditch, dug in a month's time by evacuees in spite of lack of heavy equipment, taps the Milner-Gooding Canal, one of the two main canals supplying the North Side Twin Falls irrigation district.

The water will be used to convert as much as possible of the 68,000 acres of the project area into food-producing farms. It is hoped eventually to reclaim 17,000 acres by a series of canals, but only 3000 to 4000 acres are expected to be ready for planting next spring. This primary canal has sufficient flow to irrigate the center area and an adjacent area, a total of about 200 acres. A main lateral canal will be constructed in approximately the same location as the primary canal to serve the several thousand acres to be developed first.

The water now available will be diverted to the center to end the harsh dust condition, and quick-growing seed will be planted between the buildings and in nearly every place except the roads to tie down the soil stripped of sagebrush during construction. With water at hand for growing some kind of vegetation such as winter wheat, with construction and movement of heavy trucks nearly at an end, residents look forward to an early end of the dust menace.

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#### JAPANESE HELD

Zazue Yabasake and Toscio Sonoda, charged with conspiracy to escape from Tule Lake, are both being held pending trial by the U. S. Attorney. The former, who took the latter's place on a work project train bound for Montana, was caught by the FBI before he could make his planned get-away and is now being held in Sacramento. Sonoda is being held at Tule Lake.

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#### POST OFFICES NAMED

The post office for the Gila River Relocation Center was named "Rivers" in honor of the first Pima Indian killed in World War I. His name was Jim Rivers. At Minidoka, the branch post office from Twin Falls we serving the project is "Hunt," named after Wilson Price Hunt, who explored the Snake River country in 1811. "Amache" has been selected as the name of the branch post office at the Granada Relocation Center.



The name is in memory of the Cheyenne Indian Chief, Amache, whose daughter was the wife of John W. Prowers, early Colorado pioneer, and for whom the county in which the project is located was named.

#### COTTON PICKING RECRUITING DROPS

Lack of skill in picking cotton has apparently discouraged evacuees, who on the first day in the fields near Gila River averaged only about 50 lbs. a person. The wages are based on three cents a pound, and the experienced pickers can pick up to 200 lbs. a day. The report received by the Employment Division was that 179 volunteered on September 21, out of which number 84 quit. The second day 150 volunteered. Each picker must buy his own bag, which costs \$1.75. Breakfast and dinner, served at the center, cost him 15 cents each, and lunch, packed by Community Enterprises, is 25 cents.

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#### DEFINITIONS

Any confusion which may exist in the understanding of the terms "community services," "community activities," "community organizations," and "community enterprises" will be clarified with the following definitions:

SERVICES: A broad, generic term which includes health, education, activities, and organizations.

ACTIVITIES: Our own term for the leisure-time program, recreation.

ORGANIZATIONS: Includes social and political institutions around which the community functions, such as government.

ENTERPRISES: Covers stores and consumer services, but its use is being discouraged in favor of "consumer cooperatives." This is to avoid the confusion which has resulted in the use of the term "enterprise" to mean projects for producing, such as factories.

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#### POPULATION: 66,589

Yesterday's census reports for this region showed a total population of 66,589; Manzanar, 9890; Central Utah, 3731; Tule Lake, 14,726; Colorado River, 17,708; Minidoka, 8983; and Gila River, 11,551. Heart Mountain reported 10,363 evacuees and Granada, 5504, making a total for the two regions of 82,456.

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## NEWS FROM THE PROJECTS

### Minidoka:

Heating and water deficiencies are soon to be taken care of. Because of variations in construction, each stove pipe in every apartment had to be cut and fitted on the job, delaying far beyond schedule the placing in operation of a majority of barracks' stoves. The contractor was behind schedule on installing hot water facilities in laundry, shower, and lavatory rooms because of the lack of materials and metal fittings, but he hoped to have at least half of these combination buildings completed this week.

Organization of the consumer's cooperative association is well under way...When the coaling system is installed at the rail siding now under construction, five carloads of coal a day will be unloaded...Census survey began September 21 and will probably take a month and a half to complete...Two new Army ambulances have replaced the delivery truck which had been serving the community as an ambulance... Plans are now being made for classes in engineering.

### Tule Lake:

Departures of workers for the beet fields are always accompanied by friendly and demonstrative crowds gathered to bid them goodbye. The majority of those leaving are young, unmarried men whose idea is to get out of the project, although many leave for monetary considerations. Most of the young men hope that they will be able to get jobs after their contract in the beet fields expires.

Ground is being cleared for a hog ranch which will provide 5000 fattened porkers annually. Hogs will be fed on grain and vegetable scraps from the farm. Construction of pens will begin as soon as lumber arrives...Opening of the schools and recruiting of beet workers has disrupted many departments...825 girls and 750 boys registered in the high school. Largest single course outside of physical education was World History with 606 signed up...Plan to build Japanese baths has been halted because of the lumber shortage and the danger of depleting the hot water supply needed by the colonists. Hiking privileges were suspended for two weeks because four persons violated the hiking regulations and went on a hike without proper clearance.

### Colorado River:

A lath house, 60x100 ft. has been completed for flowers and vegetables. Celery planting is the biggest undertaking. In spite of difficult climatic conditions, planting has been nearly 90% successful. About 2000 flats, 100 seedlings to a flat, will be transplanted before the middle of October.

Choosing of Issei advisory members to the temporary community council of Unit 2 will be left to the discretion of the individual block councilman. Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee of the Community



Enterprises decided to make available to the Welfare and Recreation Department the sum of \$1700, surplus derived from operation of the Enterprises. It will be shared by the three units...Mustard green, radish, spinach, turnip, and table beet seed will be available for winter planting in the blocks. About one acre in each block can be given over to the planting of vegetables...A chapter of the Red Cross has been formed...O-Bon festival is planned for September 25.

#### Gila River:

Construction of a camouflage net factory is now under way in Butte Camp...General Hospital is expected to be in operation by the middle of October...Nursery and kindergarten classes have opened. School is scheduled to begin on October 5...Fire Prevention Bureau has been established and daily inspection tours are under way...O-Bon festival is scheduled for September 27...The Property Section has moved to the project from Sacaton...Lack of building materials and tools are holding up progress of the recreation program.

#### Manzanar:

To further scientific studies through developing new methods of analysis for rubber guayule, the Manzanar Experiment Station has established a Chemical Research Division. Experimentation in the possibility of hybridizing guayule plants to produce a high rubber content is being carried on. Findings are being recorded with the Education Department.

As of September 15, the 120-acre farm had produced \$16,298.55 worth of truck crops for center consumption...Postal clerks estimate that 75% of the mail volume is from other centers - accounting for the ease with which rumors spread.



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HARVEST RECRUITS  
REACH NEW HIGH

Through October 10, 4630 evacuees had left projects and assembly centers to help in the harvesting of crops. This figure does not include those who were still out previous to the September recruiting. Minidoka leads with 1602, and Manzanar follows with 1018. Recruiting at both these projects has stopped temporarily. Other employment figures are: Tule Lake, 730; Colorado River, 709; Central Utah, 233; Fresno, 182; Santa Anita, 85; and Stockton, 71.

VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS  
FROM TULE INCREASE

During the first week in October seventeen carloads of vegetables were shipped from the Tule Lake farms to other projects:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>No. Cars</u>	<u>Crop</u>
Oct. 1	Colorado River	1	Lettuce, turnips, nappa
	" "	1	Potatoes, beets
	" "	1	Potatoes
2	" "	1	Lettuce
	" "	1	Potatoes, beets
3	Central Utah	1	Mixed
	Minidoka	1	"
	Colorado River	2	Turnips
	Gila River	1	Potatoes
5	Manzanar	1	Mixed
	Gila River	1	"
6	" "	1	"
7	Manzanar	2	Potatoes
	Minidoka	1	"
	Central Utah	1	"

Through October 2, a total of eight carloads had been sold in the open market, three to the Pacific Fruit Company and five to Milton Altschul, Inc., Los Angeles.



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Figures are now available through September on the quantities of vegetables produced at Manzanar for the project's own mess halls and at Tule Lake for ~~the~~ mess halls.

Manzanar: beets, 314 crates; cantaloups, 1252 crates; corn, 173 crates, 2 boxes, 40 sacks; cucumbers, 4222 lugs; daikon, 216 crates; grapes, 16 lugs; Italian squash, 1140 lugs; nappa, 308 lugs; okra, 272 lugs; pears, 1057 lugs; radishes, 840 crates; summer squash, 1329 lugs; tomatoes, 550 lugs; turnips, 491 lugs; and watermelons, 83 3/4 tons.

Tule Lake: beet greens, 2 crates, 226 sacks; beets, bunches, 262 crates, 137 sacks; beets topped, 60 crates; daikon, 20 crates, 408 sacks; daikon tops, 96 crates, 124 sacks; green onions, 71 crates; lettuce, 340 crates; nappa, 927 crates, 536 sacks, 10 boxes; peas, 472 1/2 sacks, 77 hampers; potatoes, 56 crates, 604 sacks; radishes, 163 crates, 28 sacks; radish greens, 44 sacks; rutabagas, 74 sacks; spinach, 589 crates; squash, 8 sacks; string beans, 179 sacks, 70 baskets; swiss chard, 108 crates; turnip greens, 66 sacks, bunched, 208 sacks, topped, 71 crates, 333 sacks.

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POPULATION: 67,632

Weekend census figures for the San Francisco region projects totalled 67,632: Tule Lake, 14,543; Central Utah, 7686; Colorado River, 17,075; Minidoka, 7735; Manzanar, 9024; and Gila River, 11,569.

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CENTRAL UTAH REPORT

A progress report as of October 2 indicated that major efforts during the previous week were devoted to housing and feeding evacuees; to preparing living quarters for Caucasian personnel including school teachers and administrative staff; to introducing and orienting new residents; and to laying the dust; Out of a population on that date of 6834, 2365 were employed at the center.

In the Engineering Department, construction work was limited to preparing plans, drawings, material lists, etc. for a proposed service and filling station, a connecting gallery between the administrative office buildings, root cellar, and packing shed. A start was made in agricultural development with a crew clearing land preparatory to plowing. it is hoped that through leasing tractors, 1000 acres can be plowed this fall.

Religious services were held; nominations and elections of city councilmen for a temporary government were proceeding; a special committee was chosen to conduct the formation of representative government for Consumer Enterprises; the Fire Department assumed full responsibility for fire protection of October 1.



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The housing situation had become acute by the end of that week because of the lack of mattresses, blankets, and finished quarters. A housing committee has sought every means to make adjustments.

High-school teachers were being recruited satisfactorily, but good elementary-school teachers are difficult to find. Plans for nursery-school work and adult education began to take definite shape. Teachers' conferences were to be held October 2 and 3, training institutes were to begin on October 5, nursery schools were to open on the same date, and regular schools on October 19.

Chief problems aside from those of housing were lack of equipment, furniture, and supplies; personnel shortages; building material limitations; and dust.

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#### FROM PROJECT PAPERS

##### Tulean Dispatch:

Overtime is to be allowed for construction workers, farm and packing shed, transportation and supply, warehousing and property divisions.....Colony high-school students were to be allowed to volunteer for harvesting. Granted leaves of absence from school. 400 working on October 7 and more were to go as accommodations are made for them.

3400 chicks arrived and beginning the first Tuesday in November and every Tuesday thereafter 3500 pullets will arrive until the quota of 45,000 is filled. When the pullets mature, a monthly production rate of 1800 eggs and 9000 lbs. of meat is expected.....About 24,000 school books have arrived - 10,455 new books, 12,242 old texts from schools and other organizations, and 1233 used books from CCC camps.

##### Manzanar Free Press:

Ten fire marshalls were appointed who will cover the organization of volunteer fire fighters in each block, explain the uses of the various extinguishers to the residents; expedite emergency calls to fire department headquarters, keep districts free from rubbish and other combustible materials; and other work connected with fire prevention. Center to be divided into ten districts. Jobs are paid.

##### Minidoka Irrigator:

Because of lack of track facilities from rail points to Hunt and of warehouse space at the center, for the present it will be impossible



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to receive evacuees' household goods stored at or near their former homes. Trucks are being used to haul the coal.....Residents have been asked to turn in voluntarily all electrical appliances for the time being, until wall outlets are installed in apartments. Over-loaded wires are a fire hazard.....Plans are being made by Community Enterprises to have a bus line within the community area.....

Inventory made of all cots, mattresses, and blankets issued by WRA..... Outbreak of food poisoning, hospitalizing more than 60 persons, was traced to bacteria in pickled vegetables. No cases were serious..... Four horses are to be used by the messenger service. They will arrive when the stables and a corral are built.

Poston Press Bulletin:

Clothing made by local chapter will be distributed only in Poston..... 40 volunteers unloaded net material in order to clear warehouses and release trucks for food.....Adobe Plant 1-A, delayed in producing bricks for about a month because of machinery trouble, is again in production..... Tofu and other Japanese foods will be produced at the project according to present plans.....

A Bureau of Investigation has been created in Unti II.....Two 50,000 gal. pressure tanks are expected to be ready in about two weeks.....County Fair will be held on October 16-17.

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EVACUEE PROPERTY  
TO BE STORED

All commercial property, other than the household goods and personal effects received for storage by the Federal Reserve Bank and now under WRA jurisdiction, will be stored in permanent warehouses to be established by the Authority at key points. It will not be shipped to the projects unless the Project Director advises that it can be received and disposed of. Even in this case, shipments will be made only in carload lots.

As rapidly as conditions warrant, WRA will assume jurisdiction over evacuee property stored in Japanese churches, halls, and similar places. Property not shipped to the projects will be held in the permanent warehouses for further disposition. The Transportation Division will inventory all the property and keep the records as part of their permanent file.

The provisions of Bulletin 21, outlining the policy for the shipment of household goods and personal effects, will be carried out as rapidly as possible. However, if facilities for receiving such shipments are not adequate at the projects, they will be held until the projects can accommodate them.

Property now in private storage may be shipped directly to the project if the evacuee wishes to pay the cost of transportation.

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QUARTERLY REPORT MAILED

The quarterly report of the San Francisco Regional Office for the period of July 1, 1942 through September 30, 1942 was forwarded to the Washington office today. This will be incorporated into the official report for the Authority as a whole which must be made quarterly to Congress.

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GOVERNMENT WILL  
SHIP EMPLOYEES' GOODS

The household goods of employees transferred to WRA from other government agencies will be shipped to them at government expense. Actual shipment



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must begin within six months of the effective date of transfer unless an extension of time has been granted prior to the expiration of the six-month period. In any case shipment must be within two years.

No arrangement can be made for reimbursing those who have shipped their goods at their own expense.

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#### RAILROAD REQUESTS EVACUEE LABOR

The Northern Pacific Railway Company has placed a request with the Employment Division for from 400 to 500 evacuees to work on their lines east of the Cascades. Military clearance is being awaited. If this is granted, it is possible that other railroads will also make use of evacuee labor.

At the present time, fall recruiting in this region has resulted in 5486 evacuees leaving the projects on furlough to work in the fields. This does not include commuters. Another movement is scheduled for tomorrow - 30 evacuees to leave Tule Lake for Malheur County, Oregon, and seven to leave Colorado River to pick cotton near Glendale, Arizona.

Of the 5486 workers who are out, 876 are from Tule Lake; 802 from Colorado River; 1899 from Minidoka; 1019 from Manzanar; 541 from Central Utah; and 11 from Gila River. (The cotton-pickers at Gila River are "commuters.") The most recent report from the Denver region shows that 2868 evacuees have left the Heart Mountain and Granada projects. An Associated Press story of October 11 stated that at that time a total of 969 evacuees from Granada were working in Colorado and Nebraska.

An evacuee, writing from Utah where he is working in the beet fields, says: "After these past weeks of very hard labor and rugged life, it can be said that many of us, including I, have and are truly enjoying the great privilege of returning to American civilian life. Liberty takes on an infinitely added value to us who have been deprived of it even for a few months. Although financial compensation has been very small, we are contented with our liberty and are comforted with the thought that we are aiding in the American war effort."

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#### MODEL APARTMENT DESIGNED FOR EVACUEES

At Minidoka designs have been made for a model evacuee apartment for a family of three. Two specifications were set up: all materials called for must be available on the project to all residents; all tools needed for the remodeling must also be available on the project to all residents. Designed by an evacuee who has had a great deal of experience in architecture and low-cost housing, the model room is now under construction in the carpenter's shop.



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By the ingenious use of hinged and telescoping furniture, built-ins and dual purpose construction, he provided storage room and saved space without sacrificing comfort.

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#### PROJECT REPORTS

Recent project reports received in the regional office include the condensed text of a talk on "The History of the Japanese in America," which was presented before the Manzanar teaching staff at their first seminar, on September 22.

A report on public relations from Minidoka concludes: "While prejudices against the Japanese evacuees living in the Minidoka center and working in various localities in the state will probably continue to some extent, an analysis of the situation to date indicates that much of the original blind antagonism toward the evacuees has abated as the facts about their loyalty to the United States, the large proportion of their citizenship, the quality of their work, their resemblance to ordinary Americans, and the WRA program became known. It is expected that this trend should continue."

The history of self-government in Poston is the subject of a report from the Colorado River project. Temporary community councils have been elected in all three units, and they are now preparing for the establishment of a permanent system of self-government.

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#### PROPERTY DIVISION HANDLES UNIQUE CASE

The Evacuee Property Division has cases that involve large sums of money, fine technicalities, and many complications. But no problem involving the protection of evacuee investments or property is ignored, no matter how small. There is the case of the Sport Coat, for example.

An evacuee has paid twenty-seven weekly installments of one dollar on a \$49 contract to have a suit tailored. Following the evacuation he was unable to keep up his payments and asked the Property Division to get him a refund of his money or the suit. Correspondence followed. The tailor regretted that he was unable to refund the money or to make the suit unless the balance of the contract was paid. However, in view of the peculiar circumstances, he would instead make the evacuee a sport coat. With the WRA as intermediary, fabric samples were sent to the evacuee, his measurements sent to the tailor. His investment is saved.

The Property Division is not soliciting this type of business!

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"ROUNDUP" A WEEKLY

From now on, the Information Roundup will be issued only once a week, on Friday. With the Initial phase of the WRA program completed, there is no longer the same need for a more frequent information summary.

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