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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION
CONCERNING MOVEMENT OF EVACUEES

Bulletin No. 1

To: All Education Section Personnel

The following digest of essential information has been made so that you might have as complete knowledge of the program as possible without the necessity of reading and interpreting the rather lengthy announcements of the Western Defense Command, the War Relocation Authority and other agencies involved. As new information is released it is planned to acquaint you with it through similar bulletins.

I. Date of lifting of exclusion orders

Major General H. C. Pratt, Commanding General of the Western Defense Command, on December 17, 1944 issued a Notice For All Residents Of The Center and Public Proclamation No. 21 which contained the following essential information:

1. All persons of Japanese ancestry are classified in three groups:
 - A. those free to move about or reside in any part of the U. S.
 - B. those who have definitely indicated that they are not loyal or are considered (by agencies other than WRA) as potentially dangerous to the military security who will continue to be excluded from defined areas.
 - C. those whose status has not yet been determined.
2. At midnight January 2, 1945 all persons in Class A, above, are free to move without restriction. Persons in Classes B and C will be restrained in the Center or, upon proper clearance, they may be permitted to move into areas other than certain restricted zones.

The Director of WRA has advised the Project Director that restrictions on the Class A group are lifted at midnight January 2, and not January 20 as you may have been previously advised.

3. Army representatives are now conducting hearings to determine the status of persons in Classes B and C. Persons in these categories will be individually advised of their status.

II. Movement of Class A Persons from the Center

After January 2 all Class A persons may leave the Center at will. Gate passes will continue to be required only for the purpose of maintaining population data.

Persons leaving for any destination without relocation plans which have been approved by the Relocation Division are not eligible for the usual

Relocation Grants." Such persons move at their own risk without compensation. Movement to the formerly restricted area will be accomplished in the same manner as any other relocation. It should be emphasized that because of the rather delicate California relationships it is most important that relocation plans be approved. It should also be emphasized that careful consideration should be given to relocation in areas other than the formerly restricted zone.

Residents should also be convinced that in most cases early removal is desirable. Opportunities for employment and adjustment are greater now than they will be as competition with ex-service men and displaced industrial workers increases.

Legal and Financial Services

WRA can give only the usual legal advice to residents and the relocation financial assistance thus far approved.

All requests for claims against the government or individual must follow regular procedures already established for that purpose. WRA will assist individuals to secure loans, grants or legal services from established agencies but can not render such services.

Return to Centers

Persons leaving centers for relocation, either approved or upon individual responsibility, will not return or be reinducted without special permission from the Project Director.

V. Date of Center Closing

All relocation centers will be closed within a period of six months to one year after January 2, 1945. No center will be closed without three months advance notice.

Operation of School Facilities

The schools will operate the normal program through the current school year. The operation of summer school will be determined by the need. There will be no school operations after August 31, 1945.

The schools will make every effort to effect the transfer of pupils from Center schools to other schools. Pupils must be advised that movement at an early date is easier than later. The schools tend to deter relocation. Every effort must be made to reduce this effect.

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I. Relocation Planning

To be eligible for relocation assistance grants evacuees leaving the center must have plans for relocation approved by the Relocation Division.

Two project sections are responsible for the formulation and approval of relocation plans:

1. Relocation Section

Persons needing counsel or information should consult the Relocation Division Staff, in the Relocation office. The processing of relocation grants, assistance in procuring transportation and general approval of all plans is the responsibility of this section.

2. In the case of dependent or handicapped persons the Welfare Section will assist, making recommendations to the Relocation Section.

In addition to these project sections other WRA offices and government agencies are to assist relocation in the area of the Western Defense Command:

1. The field office of the Relocation Division are responsible for

- (a) working with local committees
- (b) investigating and assisting in problem cases
- (c) securing effective cooperation with Federal and State agencies
- (d) informing center officials and residents of field conditions

2. It is expected that in the field the U.S.E.S. will be responsible for urban and industrial job placement, the W.F.A. for agricultural employment, the R.F.C. for loans for urban and commercial enterprises, the F.S.A. and F.C.I. for loans for agricultural enterprises, and various State and local agencies for housing.

These are the general qualification which a relocation plan must have to secure approval for movement to the evacuated area:

1. Either independent means of financial support or satisfactory evidence of
- (a) employment
 - (b) self-employment in business or agriculture
 - (c) proof of assistance by dependent or handicapped persons

2. Clearance by the Western Defense Command

II. WRA is continuing its program of relocation to all other areas as before.

III. Relocation Assistance

The relocation assistance previously referred to is as follows:

1. Subsistence
Three dollars per day while enroute to point of relocation, plus a maximum of \$25 to meet initial expense.
2. Transportation
All persons eligible for relocation may have transportation paid except those who have already received such grants or have been reinducted into a center prior to the revocation of general exclusion orders. Persons who relocated prior to the revocation of the general exclusion orders may be eligible for transportation to a point in the West Coast area if they were evacuated from there.
3. Residents who have received grants to investigate outside opportunities for group relocation are eligible to receive relocation grants.

IV. Property transportation

Relocates eligible to grants outlined above are also eligible to receive the following services:

1. Packing, crating, and movement of all household or commercial goods in a center or WRA warehouse and shipment to destination via the most economical means.
2. Shipment, but not packing, crating or loading, of goods in private storage, to depot nearest point of relocation.

V. Financial Assistance from Other Agencies after Relocation

1. Persons needing funds with which to reestablish themselves as farm operators may secure such aid through the Farm Security Administration or the Farm Credit Administration.
2. The War Food Administration will assist in securing employment in agricultural occupations.
3. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will assist in securing loans to reestablish businesses. The OPA and WPB will assist in securing equipment and stocks.
4. The National Housing Agency will assist in securing housing.

Note: You are urged to press constantly on the point that removal from this center is inevitable and that plans for removal should be completed as rapidly as possible. Don't forget that the entire country is now open to relocation for those not on Army "stop" lists.

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Bulletin No. 3

I. Modifications of Visiting Policy

The policy concerning visiting at the center appears to be intended to
(a) reduce unnecessary travel, (b) reduce the incoming load of the centers, and
(c) limit visits to cases of emergency or to facilitate relocation planning.
Members of the armed forces may visit the centers when on leave or while
awaiting induction. Visits of relatives or friends for definite relocation
planning are encouraged but visits for purely social reasons are barred.

II. Travel of Aliens

All aliens must have travel permits for travel in any area of the United
States. Travel permits are authorized through our relocation office. Such
authorization covers travel to destination only. All aliens, whatever their
nationality, must secure a permit to travel in any area. After arrival at
destination an evacuee alien must secure permission for further travel from
the U. S. District Attorney.

III. Automobile Travel for Relocation

Persons who desire to travel by automobile for relocation may do so. Car
travel is paid for at the rate of 5 cents per mile for the car. Only the
owner receives such compensation. In case only the car operator rides in
the car payment will be made not to exceed the cost of common carrier.

Subsistence allowances for travel by car are based upon 300 miles of travel
per day at the rate of \$3.00 per day per person.

Travel by car is authorized in the same manner as all other transportation.

IV. A Note to Teachers

Continued emphasis should be placed upon the desirability of and the necessity
for relocation at the earliest possible moment. This emphasis can be especially
well given in social studies. Pre-relocation information should form a part
of the content of all social studies classes. Stress should also be placed
upon the assistance we are prepared to give pupils who transfer to other
schools.

You should make every effort to establish positive attitudes toward relocation.
Evacuees should be indoctrinated so that they want to go. We should not
over-emphasize the negative aspects of delaying relocation.

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Bulletin No. 4

I. Removal of Restrictions of Excludees

The War Department has now removed restrictions upon the movement of persons upon the "exclusion list" except for movement into the Area of the Western Defense Command. These persons are thus free to relocate in all areas except the Western Defense Command.

II. Seasonal Leave Policy

The former seasonal leave program has been discontinued. No seasonal leaves for agricultural or seasonal employment are given. Only indefinite leaves are granted. WRA is continuing to cooperate with the War Food Administration in placing workers in agriculture either for employment as farm workers, tenants, or owners.

III. Relocation Planning

Every family and every individual is confronted with the necessity of making relocation plans. There is no alternative. For this reason interviews should be secured with staff members of the Relocation Division or the Welfare Section. Most families can secure aid through the Relocation Division. In families where chronic illness, blindness, old age or other factors of dependency are involved, the Welfare Section must assist in planning.

The responsibility for planning rests upon each family. They must seek assistance and request an interview. In preparation for an interview they should leave the following information very definitely in mind:

1. Where they wish to go.
2. The kind of employment they expect to secure.
3. The kind and type of housing required.
4. The family financial resources available and the amount of assistance needed through loans, grants, or other sources.
5. The time when relocation can be effected.
6. All other factors which affect family plans.

IV. Education and Relocation

Every teacher should involve relocation in teaching. Every class should be a source of information. Stress should be placed upon (a) immediate relocation, (b) movement to the Middle-West, East, and South, (c) the assistance given by the schools to transferring students.

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The following information is taken from Administrative Notice No. 221, Suspension of Requirement of Approved Relocation Plan. This announcement embodies a basic change in policy which should be thoroughly understood.

When the exclusion order was rescinded WRA wished to prevent a sudden movement of large numbers of evacuees before field offices were functioning and before public sentiment was known to be favorable. For these reasons relocation grants were given only to persons eligible whose plans were approved.

Field offices are now functioning and public acceptance well established. No large mass movement has occurred. For these reasons the restraints involved in the program are now removed.

Except in public assistance cases (welfare) all persons not on exclusion lists may return to the excluded area and may, if eligible, receive the usual transportation and subsistence grants without approved relocation plans. Applications for grants and terminal leave must be processed by the Relocation Office.

The present program places the primary responsibility for relocation upon the evacuee for it is "assumed that he will be accorded the rights and privileges of a loyal citizen or law-abiding alien in any community in the United States."