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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R041
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Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending September 3 194 3Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____)
 Leases (Total Acreage _____)
 Collections _____
 Debt Adjustments _____
 Total Farm Property Transactions _____

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery 2 \$ 1,202.98
 Trucks 1 455.00
 Automobiles 2 970.00
 Other _____

Collections 1 290.21

Total Equipment Transactions _____

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property _____
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures _____
 Merchandise _____
 Other _____

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property _____
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures _____
 Other _____

Collections _____

Debt Adjustments _____

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month _____

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered 43
 Miscellaneous Services Performed 45

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 94 \$2,907.19

SUMMARY:

Total Cases _____ Cases Pending _____ Cases Completed _____ Cases Pending _____
 Received This Month 40 At First of Month ? During the Month 6 At End of Month ?

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney 3

2

1

To Field Office _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 25 For Transportation (WRA-156) 44

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 306 To Relocation Points 202

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

WRA Forms - Request for Assistance - 153 7

WRA Forms - Request for Project Storage - 223 8

For narrative report see attached "NARRATIVE REPORT - Evacuee Property Section"

NARRATIVE REPORT - Evacuee Property Section

The Evacuee Property Office was established at the Jerome Relocation Center during the month of September, 1943. The Evacuee Property Officer entered on duty September 8. Prior to this date, the functions of the Evacuee Property Office were carried out by the Project Attorney and the Property Control Section. Matters pertaining to office details, inquiries, requests for assistance and so forth were handled by the Project Attorney while the actual movement of household goods and storage of the same were handled by the Property Control Section.

The segregation program at Jerome during this month required the full cooperation of all appointed personnel to move the approximately 1600 evacuees from Jerome to Tule Lake, and to receive approximately 1000 evacuees from Tule Lake. This movement of so many people involved considerable work on the part of all appointed personnel to move the people and their household effects, baggage, and freight.

These two factors: the establishment of the office during this month and the segregation movement meant that very little work could be done in the normal functions of the Evacuee Property Section.

The statistics given on the face of the report for the month of September would be very inaccurate and more or less of a guess. However, it is the intention of this office to tabulate all cases involving evacuee property matter since the inception of the center to submit in the month of October report. For this report, we will merely narrate some things that we have run across.

FARM PROPERTY - No complaints have been received directly by the Evacuee Property Office on the sales, leases, collections, or dead adjustments on farm properties. It appears that in most cases farm property owned by the evacuees were leased prior to evacuation and with few exceptions, the leases seem to have been satisfactory. There seems to be very little interest on the part of the evacuees in selling farm properties.

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT SALES - There has been very little sale in farm machinery. In most cases, it appears that the farm machinery was leased with the farm and that the tenant of the farm is using the evacuees' farm machinery. However, in some cases, farm machinery is stored; in most cases, in private storage. There have been a few cases of farm machinery being requisitioned by the government.

TRUCKS AND AUTOMOBILES - There have been quite a few sales of trucks and automobiles. The ceiling price placed upon

the trucks seems to have limited the number of sales. We have received many inquiries concerning the evacuee owned automobiles and whether the evacuee would be willing to sell. The evacuee, in most cases, is not interested in selling his automobile. What sales have been made seems to have resulted from the feeling of fear by the evacuee that the car might be requisitioned. However, the fairly good prices received for used automobiles has influenced the sales somewhat. No complaints have been received from the evacuee on the price he received from any automobiles sold.

The collections for the sale of automobiles and trucks has been prompt when sold to a private individual or firm. However, collections made for cars sold to the WRA or to other governmental agencies have been extremely slow. All the complaints that we have received from the evacuee for the sale of cars has been cars sold to the government.

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY - SALES - No accurate figures can be given at this time on the sale of any commercial or urban property. We hope to give a summary of the status of urban and commercial property in the October report.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES - Much of the time of the Evacuee Property Office is consumed in correspondence relative to inquiries of the miscellaneous character. This, in part, is due to the change in policy by the WRA in the handling and storage of evacuee property, and also to the length of time from the filing of a Form 155 or a Form 156 and the actual storage or delivery of the evacuee property.

Movements of evacuee property to this center has been very slow. Conditions are improving but still much could be done to hasten delivery of personal effects.

Many of the evacuees who came to this center left their clothing in trunks or boxes in private storages or in government storage thinking that the articles would be forwarded to this center immediately after they arrived. Many of these same evacuees went through one winter without their clothes and some of them fear that they will have to go through a second winter without them.

Problems encountered - Outside of the general situation mentioned above, we find the problem of getting the evacuees to include all of his personal effects upon 1 Form 155 or 156. The evacuee seems to hesitate to include all of his personal effects upon one request and this is probably due to his desire to try out the WRA in the handling of a few items and later, if the services performed is satisfactory, he comes in and requests the remaining part of his property be handled in the similar manner. This, I know, causes considerable amount of work on the WRA on the West Coast. However,

efforts are being made to point out the advantages of including all the property on one request so that transactions can be completed at one time. Another problem frequently met is where a number of evacuees have stored their personal effects in schoolhouses or churches and at the time of storage, the personal effects were not properly crated and marked for identification. In many instances, the evacuees storing their personal effects in these places did not all go to the same relocation center. The individual evacuee does not want to request his personal effects moved unless all storing their property in this place do likewise. This involves considerable correspondence between the evacuees from one center to another before the case can be finally completed. When cases of this kind are encountered, all the people who live in this center are interviewed and an effort made to get them to either remove their personal effects to government storage or ship them to this center.

Suggestions and Recommendations - It is suggested, if at all practicable, that the WRA warehouse furnish the project or Evacuee Property Office at the project, an accurate inventory of all evacuee property reports on evacuee property held in the warehouse. This might not benefit some projects but it would greatly benefit this project since the work of the Evacuee Property Office has been carried out by so many different sections and this information is not available at the present time.

It is also recommended that the Evacuee Property Office be notified as far in advance as possible when to expect a carload shipment of evacuee property from the various warehouses on the Pacific Coast. We get this information of course when the car is loaded and shipment made, but if some tentative information can be furnished in advance - say some warehouse expected to ship a carload of evacuee property in October or December or in some month, this information should be passed on to the evacuees when they inquire as to when their property may be shipped. If possible, consideration might be given to shipment of evacuee property on priority basis. That is, if an evacuee had listed on his 156 a trunk or clothing or some article which was needed immediately, provision should be made to ship this either by express or fast freight. This, of course, would cost the government more money but the additional cost would be very small in comparison to the degree of satisfaction and the services rendered to the evacuee.

The determination of those items to be shipped by express or fast freight should be left to the discretion of the Evacuee Property Officer with the approval of the Project Director. Such requests, if received, should rate priority handling.

It would be helpful to the Evacuee Property Office if pictures taken of evacuee property in the WRA warehouse showing the care given the property in the warehouse and also pictures

of evacuee property in private storage be made available for use in informational program. This, I think, would do much to inform the evacuees as to exactly what the WRA is doing to safeguard their interests in property matters and also to show the actual conditions of property in private storage. Pictures might also be taken of extremely damaged goods when picked up from private storage which would show the evacuees the exact condition of his personal effects when picked up by the WRA.

Contraband Items - This project has been unsuccessful in securing the release of contraband items now in the hands of the United States Marshall. The difficulty with reference to release of radios seems to be that the radios must be inspected and the shortwave set be removed before the United States Marshall will release them. Then the radios must be crated and picked up by the express company and shipped. The cost of crating, so forth, must be born by the evacuee and it is difficult to get estimates from individuals whether to perform this service. This procedure involves a great deal of correspondence and delay. If possible, I would suggest that the contraband items which are cleared by the United States Marshall be shipped directly to the Internal Security Office at the project. The evacuee of course may be required to deposit the necessary funds to cover the cost of shipment. Upon receipt at the project, the Internal Security Officer could check the radio set, remove the shortwave attachment, and surrender it to the owner. If this procedure could be followed, it would facilitate matters if the contraband items could be delivered on the Form 156 and handled as other personal effects.

G. F. Castleberry
Evacuee Property Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending Oct. 194 3

Center _____

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____)
 Leases (Total Acreage _____)
 Collections
 Debt Adjustments
 Total Farm Property Transactions

1
 1
 1
 1
 1

\$ 100.00
 100.00
 100.00

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery
 Trucks
 Automobiles
 Other

3
 8
 1
 2

590.00
 7,085.00
 25.00
 225.00

Collections

Total Equipment Transactions

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Merchandise
 Other

1
 84.65

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Other

Collections

Debt Adjustments

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered
 Miscellaneous Services Performed

12
 48

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 14 7,757.65

SUMMARY:

Total Cases Cases Pending Cases Completed Cases Pending
 Received This Month 41 At First of Month 19 During the Month 23 At End of Month 37

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney _____

To Field Office _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 24 For Transportation (WRA-156) 63

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 220 To Relocation Points 19

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

NARRATIVE REPORT

A considerable number of 155s and 156s were handled during the month. A number of conferences were held with the evacuees pertaining to storage or shipment of their property. One problem we have encountered in shipping of property is that in many cases the household effects were not properly crated or packed. At the time the property was stored in private storage very few of the evacuees had any idea that the property would ever have to be moved and, certainly to have them shipped so far from California. Consequently property was stored with insufficient crating for shipment.

Considerable breakage has occurred due to improper crating. In many cases the evacuees hesitate to request for property to be moved to government warehouses, or shipment for this very reason: Since the evacuees has to pay the cost of crating and since it is difficult for them to get someone to perform this service it is recommended that the WRA assume the responsibility and bear the expenses of properly crating the household effects for shipment.

A survey was taken at random from fifty case files of evacuees who have relocated and who have requested freight shipment to their new address. This survey shows that it costs the WRA an average of \$13.48 per person and costs an individual an average of \$4.82. To simplify the shipment of personal effects to evacuees who have resettled, if the entire cost involving the shipping of personal effects be borne by the WRA it would simplify freight handling and accounting and would encourage resettlement. Since the evacuees are receiving grants that might also well be considered in the way of grant.

The Evacuee Property Office has received a number of cases during the month asking for assistance in attempting to find property, which in most cases were left in the care of individuals at the time of evacuation. Most of these cases, the evacuees gets no reply when they write to the individuals in questions. If some method could be thought of whereby survey could be made to find out the names and addresses of the individuals who agreed to look after the evacuee property at the time of evacuation and then following this up with a request from the WRA to the individuals for periodical report I think this would go a long way towards relieving of anxiety to many of the evacuees concerned with their personal property.

The evacuee Property Officer spends approximately fifty per cent of his time in Leave Clearance Hearings.

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EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending November 194 3Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage 120)
 Leases (Total Acreage)
 Collections
 Debt Adjustments
 Total Farm Property Transactions

611175970.52650.006620.52

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery
 Trucks
 Automobiles
 Other

6981125235.001618.664935.00300.007088.66

Collections

Total Equipment Transactions

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Merchandise
 Other

112500.0084.65

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Other

Collections

Debt Adjustments

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month

22584.65

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered
 Miscellaneous Services Performed

283TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 12914291.83

SUMMARY:

Total Cases Cases Pending Cases Completed Cases Pending
 Received This Month 50 At First of Month 37 During the Month 55 At End of Month 32

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney _____

To Field Office _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 33 For Transportation (WRA-156) 118

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 2 To Relocation Points 11

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
Jerome Relocation Center
Denson, Arkansas

Evacuee Property

November 30, 1943

The work of the Evacuee Property Section increased considerably during the month of November. As reflected in the statistic report more request and more cases were brought to the attention of the office.

A number of requests was made on the office to assist evacuees in leasing farm property. This was probably due to the fact that most of the farm leases are on a year to year bases, and expires in November of each year. Some increases in the rate of rents over the rate paid last year was made. However the rate of rental still seems rather low. Most of the farm property was leased at the rate of \$10.00 to \$15.00 per acre and in most cases the owner allowed the lessee to use his farm machinery on the farm. For important agricultural lands devoted to growing of such highly specialized crops as fruits and vegetables, the rentals seems entirely too low.

The problem met in arranging for farms leases was that the evacuees wanted the WRA to execute the lease directly with the tenant and to assume the obligation of looking after the operation directly. There seems to be fairly general feeling that the place would be better cared for and better operated if the WRA has a direct hand in executing the lease.

We still have the problem of slow movement of freight. A number of 156s have been submitted and some of them were submitted several months ago; and shipment has not been received.

The 500 pounds limitation per family of free freight movement from this center of families relocation still presents a problem. The 500 pounds free movement is sufficient for individuals relocating and there is not much problem where a man and his wife is relocation. But for large families, this limitation, it seems, does delay relocation program. The argument advanced by the evacuees is that the allotment of free shipment should be based on number of members in family relocating.

Suggestions:

It is suggested that the regulations pertaining to the 500 pounds limitation of free shipment be modified and that the free movement of freight from the center for individuals

and families relocating be based on per member in family rather than per family.

It is recommended that where families relocating into the farming communities to engage in farming that WRA investigate the possibility of aiding the evacuee families to secure a high priority rating for the purchase of new farm machinery and equipment.

Since good many families relocating own automobiles or trucks which are now in storage on the West Coast and since the regulations now permit the owner sufficient gasoline allowance to move only 200 miles from its place of storage or purchase, it is recommended that the WRA investigate possibility of aiding the individuals owning such car or truck, who is relocating and who desires to move the vehicle to his new address and use it in his farming operations, aid him in getting sufficient gasoline allowance to move the vehicle from its place of storage to his new address.

Approximately 50% of the time of the Evacuee Property Officer was devoted to Leave Clearance Hearings during the month of November.

Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending December 1943Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

 Sales (Total Acreage 120)
 Leases (Total Acreage)
 Collections
 Debt Adjustments
 Total Farm Property Transactions

6
11

17

5970
1229.77

7199.77

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

 Sales: Farm Machinery
 Trucks
 Automobiles
 Other

8
4
10
1

2994.82
180.00
5285.00

Collections

3

1730.00

Total Equipment Transactions

26

8459.82

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

 Sales: Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Merchandise
 Other School Property
 Gardening Tools, etc.

6
1

1
2

varied by monthly
2500.00 income

1000.00
165.00

Leases and Other Types of Management:

 Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Other

Collections

2

165.00

Debt Adjustments

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

 Inquiries Answered
 Miscellaneous Services Performed

30
60

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE:

143

19324.59

SUMMARY:

 Total Cases
 Received This Month 40 Cases Pending At First of Month 32 Cases Completed During the Month 25 Cases Pending At End of Month 47

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney 1

To Field Office _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 14 14 For Transportation (WRA-156) 35

Number of Individual

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 5 Shipped From Project To Relocation Points 6

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

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CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____) _____
 Leases (Total Acreage _____) _____
 Collections _____
 Debt Adjustments _____
 Total Farm Property Transactions _____

6 8970.00
 10 999.77

 17 9969.77

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery _____
 Trucks _____
 Automobiles _____
 Other _____

7 1494.82
 4 445.50
 11 5400.00

Collections _____

5 3065.75

Total Equipment Transactions _____

24 7340.32

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property _____
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures _____
 Merchandise _____
 Other School building

6 Varied by monthly
 1 2500.00 income

 1000.00

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property _____
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures _____
 Other _____

Collections _____

Debt Adjustments _____

1 108.24

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month _____

1 108.24

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered _____
 Miscellaneous Services Performed _____

27
 48

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 122 20918.33

SUMMARY:

Total Cases _____ Cases Pending _____ Cases Completed _____ Cases Pending _____
 Received This Month 9 At First of Month 47 During the Month 7 At End of Month 49

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney _____

_____ 1 _____

To Field Office _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 19 For Transportation (WRA-156) 21

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 3 To Relocation Points 14

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending February 1944Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____)	<u>2</u>	<u>\$ 7,500.00</u>
Leases (Total Acreage _____)	<u>4</u>	<u>1,048.43</u>
Collections	<u>3</u>	<u>580.00</u>
Debt Adjustments	<u>1</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Farm Property Transactions	<u>10</u>	<u>10,328.43</u>

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery	<u>2</u>	<u>472.66</u>
Trucks	<u>2</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Automobiles		
Other		
Collections	<u>1</u>	<u>650.00</u>
Total Equipment Transactions	<u>4</u>	<u>572.66</u>

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments		
Stores and Industrial Property		
Residential Property	<u>2</u>	<u>5,550.00</u>
Industrial Equipment & Fixtures		
Merchandise		
Other		
Leases and Other Types of Management:		
Hotels and Apartments		
Stores and Industrial Property		
Residential Property	<u>2</u>	<u>70.00</u>
Industrial Equipment & Fixtures		
Other		
Collections		
Debt Adjustments	<u>4</u>	<u>60.99</u>
Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month	<u>4</u>	<u>60.99</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered	<u>13</u>
Miscellaneous Services Performed	<u>45</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 84 17,230.08

SUMMARY:

Total Cases	Cases Pending	Cases Completed	Cases Pending
Received This Month <u>8</u>	At First of Month <u>49</u>	During the Month <u>10</u>	At End of Month <u>50</u>

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
PropertyFarm & Auto.
EquipmentUrban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney _____

_____ 1 _____

To Field Office _____

_____ 1 __________ 3 _____

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 39 For Transportation (WRA-156) 46

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 64 To Relocation Points 13

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

The work of the Evacuee Property Office during the month of February was largely routine. There were the usual number of requests for storage and transportation, execution of leases, sale of trucks, automobiles, etc.

We noted abrupt change in request on the announcement by the Washington Office that the Center will be closed in June. Request for storage increased somewhat and a considerable volume of request came in for 156's which had previously been submitted to be held in the warehouse until further notice.

One carload of personal property which had accumulated in the Sacramento and Fresno Warehouses for several months past was requested to be shipped to the Center since these were old requests and there were considerable need for the items. It is not anticipated that any more carload shipments will be received at this Center.

More requests were handled for shipment of property to relocation addresses than any months previous. This, too, is perhaps due to the announcement referred to above.

Much of the time of the Evacuee Property Officer has been devoted to assisting with the leave clearance hearings.

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Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending March 194 4Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____)
 Leases (Total Acreage _____)
 Collections
 Debt Adjustments
 Total Farm Property Transactions

3 \$ 9,864.89
4 730.00
1 100.00
1 950.00
9 11,644.89

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery
 Trucks
 Automobiles
 Other

2 197.00
2 442.66
2 274.85

Collections

Total Equipment Transactions

6 914.51

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Merchandise
 Other

1 4,750.00
6 480.00
2 556.00

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Other

1 25.00

Collections

Debt Adjustments

6 71.36

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month

16 5,882.36

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered
 Miscellaneous Services Performed

14
67

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 11118,441.76

SUMMARY:

Total Cases Received This Month 4 Cases Pending At First of Month 50 Cases Completed During the Month 11 Cases Pending At End of Month 44

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

	Farm Property	Farm & Auto. Equipment	Urban and Com- mercial Property
To Project Attorney	<u>3</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>
To Field Office	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 33 For Transportation (WRA-156) 38

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 69 To Relocation Points 35

NARRATIVE REPORT: (Use space below for comment on progress and developments of significance at center in connection with handling evacuee property matters; problems encountered; complaints received; suggestions and recommendations.)

NARRATIVE REPORT

Official announcement was made on February 22 that the Jerome Center would close in June. There had been rumors to this effect current in the Center for some time but no official confirmation had been made. With this announcement, we noticed a distinct change in the work of the Evacuee Property Office. Request for shipment of personal property to this Center dropped abruptly, while new request for storage remained about the same. A great number of inquiries were received from evacuees who had previously requested shipment as to what disposition would be made of their property. They were advised that the Transportation Division would be requested to hold up any action on shipment until after the closing of this Center, and until the Transportation Division could be notified of the change in address.

A great many formal inquiries concerning the sale of real estate and property came to the Evacuee Property Office. While not many of these inquiries developed into formal request for sale, there was evidence of a trend in the feeling among the evacuees that it might be to their advantage to sell their property in California. This feeling, I think, was due largely to a feeling of insecurity, and also, possibly, to some desire on the part of the evacuee to liquidate their property in California with the view of a more permanent relocation to some other area. There, also, seems to be some feeling among the evacuees that property valuation after the war may depreciate greatly, and that their property is depreciating in value due to mismanagement upon the part of the lessees, and now, while prices are high, might be a good time to sell.

The announcement of the change in the 500 pound limitation on shipment as an aid to relocation had little effect in this Project. The change, however, has simplified the handling of freight shipments and eliminated one objectionable feature to relocation. The change in regulations permitting the shipment of commercial property up to 5,000 pounds with certain limitations has brought a number of inquiries to the office, but no formal request, as yet, has been made for any shipment of this type.

Since the announcement that the Center would be closed, the Evacuee Property Office has prepared forms 156, EPR's, and Tally Cuts for all the families of the Center and arranged them by blocks to facilitate the actual processing of these forms at the time the movement actually begins. Before the actual transfer of

evacuees to other relocation centers is begun, it would be necessary to move a great many people to Tule Lake Project. The Evacuee Property Office has been working in close coordination with the leave Hearing Board and preparation had been made for processing the forms for the movement of evacuee property in connection with the transfer of these families and individuals to Tule Lake.

A formal request is being directed to the Chief of the Evacuee Property Office in San Francisco to give priority to evacuee property problems of this Center. We feel that this is a reasonable request and desirable since the evacuees are to be relocated in various centers and the cases will be new to the Evacuee Property Offices in these various centers. It would be desirable, therefore, to close as many cases as possible before this center closes.

The former attorney, Mr. U. A. Lovell, has left the WRA and Mr. Jack Curtis, Project Attorney at Rohwer, spends two days each week at this center. His office and the Evacuee Property Office are in the same room and close co-relation of the work of these two offices is continuing.

Considerable time of the personnel of the Evacuee Property Office is still being devoted to leave clearance hearings. The Evacuee Property Officer is the chairman of one panel Hearing Board and the secretary devotes considerably to stenographic work in connection with the hearings.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R041
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Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending April 194 4Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____)
 Leases (Total Acreage _____)
 Collections
 Debt Adjustments
 Total Farm Property Transactions

<u>4</u>	<u>\$11,050.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>250.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>150.00</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>12,450.00</u>

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery
 Trucks
 Automobiles
 Other

<u>1</u>	<u>35.00</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>390.00</u>

Collections

Total Equipment Transactions

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Merchandise
 Other

<u>1</u>	<u>4,250.00</u>
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Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments
 Stores and Industrial Property
 Residential Property
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures
 Other

<u>1</u>	<u>38.00</u>
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Collections

Debt Adjustments

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month

<u>1</u>	<u>236.55</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>84.00</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>4,908.55</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered
 Miscellaneous Services Performed

<u>15</u>
<u>46</u>

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 80 17,783.55

SUMMARY:

Total Cases Cases Pending Cases Completed Cases Pending
 Received This Month 3 At First of Month 44 During the Month 11 At End of Month 36

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney 1

To Field Office(153) 1

5

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 22 For Transportation (WRA-156) 51

Number of Individual

Shipped From Project

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 14 To Relocation Points 31

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

EVACUEE PROPERTY

For Month Ending May 31, 1944Center Jerome

CASES HANDLED DURING MONTH:

No. of
CasesAmount
Involved

FARM PROPERTY:

Sales (Total Acreage _____) 3 7,875.17
 Leases (Total Acreage _____) 3 500.00
 Collections _____
 Debt Adjustments _____
 Total Farm Property Transactions 6 8,375.17

FARM AND AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT:

Sales: Farm Machinery 2 289.85
 Trucks _____
 Automobiles _____
 Other _____

Collections _____

Total Equipment Transactions 2 289.85

URBAN AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY:

Sales: Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property 1 3,356.14
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures 1 200.00
 Merchandise _____
 Other _____

Leases and Other Types of Management:

Hotels and Apartments _____
 Stores and Industrial Property _____
 Residential Property _____
 Industrial Equipment & Fixtures _____
 Other _____

Collections 1 26.00

Debt Adjustments _____

Total of Such Transactions Handled This Month 3 3,582.14

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITY:

Inquiries Answered 13
 Miscellaneous Services Performed 25

TOTAL AMOUNT INVOLVED IN TRANSACTIONS LISTED ABOVE: 12,247.16

SUMMARY:

Total Cases _____ Cases Pending _____ Cases Completed _____ Cases Pending _____
 Received This Month 14 At First of Month 36 During the Month 6 At End of Month 44

(OVER)

NUMBER CASES REFERRED:

Farm
Property

Farm & Auto.
Equipment

Urban and Com-
mercial Property

To Project Attorney

To Field Office

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3

3

TRANSPORTATION AND STORAGE:

Number of Application

Forms Transmitted: For Storage (WRA-155) 34 For Transportation (WRA-156) 224

Number of Individual

Shipments of Property: Received at Project 4

Shipped From Project

To Relocation Points 39

Shipped to Tule Lake 178

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The work of the Evacuee Property Section during the month of May has been of intense activities. At the beginning of the month, we had the last segregation movement to Tule Lake. This was on May 8 and 17. The Evacuee Property Office had the responsibility for crating, assisting in inspection, and shipping of property and baggage during the segregation movement.

It had previously been announced that the Center would close on June 30, and evacuees were making preparation to move. There were many requests for storage of property, both on the West Coast and in the Project warehouse. Relocation was intensified during the month and shipment of freight for those relocating was a large item.

During the month of May, Mr. Wayne Phelps, Assistant Property Supervisor from the Sacramento office, spent about ten days in the Center. He interviewed many evacuees who had property problems in the Sacramento area and was successful in closing out a number of very difficult cases. In addition to closing some tough cases, he received requests and 153's on considerable number of other problems. This was due to his presence and the opportunity it afforded the evacuees to talk direct to one from the vicinity in which his property was located.

The office was busy during the month with the advance preparation and planning for closing the Center. Shipment of property from the West Coast was halted and storage in the Project warehouse was held to a minimum and only for those relocating.

An organization was set up to facilitate the orderly closing of the office. To the regular office staff was assigned the duty and responsibility of maintaining the normal function of the office until the closing day. Additional workers, both evacuee and appointed personnel from the school section was added to the staff to take care of the closing operation. 156's were distributed to all families in the Center by blocks and instruction given to the Block Managers and Block Secretaries as to their execution. Baggage and freight details were set up and an organization perfected for the actual pick up of property. The plan provides

NARRATIVE REPORT (Continued)

for the loading of two freight cars per day, beginning on June 2, and continuing until all freight is loaded. Eight trucks with drivers and one appointed personnel was assigned the duty of hauling and checking freight. Through the Block Managers and leaders among the group, the evacuee owners of the property were scheduled to load to freight cars. If the schedule developed can be followed and it will be followed, unless circumstances beyond our control prevent, all evacuee freight will have been loaded and forwarded to the Center of destination prior to the train movement.

have authority in determining what center a family will be transferred to at the time of closing. The project administration has provided no information to counteract these suppositions, and more and more requests for transfers to specific centers have been coming to the staff of the Welfare Section. There is no way for the Welfare Section to give satisfactory answers to these requests. Letters received from some other projects, particularly Granada, Gila River, and Rohwer, call for some determinations to be made for use in the final preparations to leave. These have been referred to the Welfare Section by Office Services although Office Services has received no instructions as to what Section of the project will handle this matter of determining centers of destination and routing.

Financial Assistance

The figures on Form WRA-243 show insignificant changes in the amount and kinds of assistance granted. Three of the special grants were for the purchase of eye glasses, but one of these included also money for shoes. The fourth special assistance grant was for the transportation expenses of a person who went to Minneapolis for medical care. This grant was not made after determination of need but was made upon the certification of the Health Section that the travel was necessary as a part of his medical care.

Clothing Allowance Program

Changes in the amounts and numbers of recipients of clothing allowance were, like public assistance, not very great, as compared with February. A larger number of family units, but a fewer number of persons, received clothing allowance in March than in February.

It has been decided that for purposes of the amounts of clothing allowances that individuals will be counted as eight years of age or older and sixteen years of age or older as soon as they reach their respective birthdays. Heretofore the age has been computed in relation to the nearest age at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Services Discontinued

As usual a large number of the services were of short duration and were counted under G of Form WRA-243 as closed. It will be noted that under G.3.(d) twenty-nine cases were closed which did not count as short-time services. These included a variety of situations calling for services not indicated by (a), (b), or (c). For example, an investigation of applications for admission to the center is counted under

3.(d). Likewise, problems involving family welfare, child welfare, housing services, relocation counseling, etc. must be counted under "Other" service completed. Those counted under G.4. usually include the applications which cannot be offered what is requested. This month a number of applications for transfer to other centers were closed after having pended for several months. Those were the families which came to Jerome from Tule Lake against their will and have been hoping and asking, ever since last October, for transfers to Minidoka, Granada, or Topaz.

Family Problems

A number of referrals and applications were received during March which were of a family welfare nature. For example: A boy was referred by the Elementary School Principal because he was disturbing schoolwork and cooperation could not be secured from the family. The Health Section referred a case of illegitimacy in which a plan of adoption had been worked out by the families, a plan which needs to be studied and may not be approved. One family problem was referral in connection with an application for change of living quarters in order to separate the family. Also requests for aid in securing divorces (Divorces seem not to be available to residents of this center.).