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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 7, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

100 persons were given terminal leave during the past week of whom 41 were aliens. Twenty-two couple family units totaling sixty-six persons represented family relocation. Twenty-three residents made exploratory trips to California. The destinations were:

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| Seabrook | 21 |
| Chicago | 15 |
| Parlier, California | 13 |
| Benton, Harbor, Michican | 6 |
| Sanger, California | 6 |
| Cleveland | 5 |
| Pinedale, Penna. | 5 |
| New York | 3 |
| Salt Lake City | 3 |
| Three Forks, Montana | 3 |
| Phoenix | 2 |
| Philadelphia | 2 |
| Omaha | 2 |
| Elgin, Illinois | 2 |
| Fruita, Colorado | 2 |
| Detroit | 2 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 1 |
| Blackfoot, Idaho | 1 |
| Brooklyn | 1 |
| Ogden, Utah | 1 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 1 |
| Selma, California | 1 |
| Kingsburg, California | 1 |
| Live Oak, California | 1 |
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Meeting of Relocation Staff Committee

The Staff Committee on Relocation met last Thursday afternoon for two hours. It appears to be agreeable with all members that at

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least for the time being there should be regular scheduled meetings. It may be expedient that this body meets three or four times a month.

The members discussed the locality group factor as a motivation towards a group return to the coast. While it was suggested that Community Activities be delegated with a primary responsibility of quickening the interest of those who want to return to the same locality it was felt that this section could best serve the program in directing activities in leadership etc. as outlined in a recent administrative instruction. It was felt that the creation of a new unit of Assistant Block Managers would provide Relocation and Community Management with leads in the various blocks as to how to proceed beyond what has already been done in activating discussions among similar groups. It is believed that these Assistants would be in a good position to gauge current thinking and to suggest what the Administration might do to assist these groups.

It seemed to be the consensus of opinion among the members that certain operations being curtailed should receive a considerable amount of publicity in our local paper. Items on anticipated surplussing in Education which may actually approach 40% by the first of July would not be out of order. Plans of teachers who have made new contracts for the fall term could receive notice. The Farm and Engineering sections have been whittled considerably and only a portion of the population may be cognizant of the extent of these reductions without incessant reporting on these items.

Staff orientation should go on at an accelerated pace it was felt. Ruth Jones was selected to assist the Program Officer in contacting section heads in the matter of arranging for meetings. Various members of the staff should participate in this activity in addition to those delegated from Community Management, Relocation, Welfare or Evacuee Property.

Several other factors in the relocation program such as the dissemination of information was also discussed. Mrs. Fleming is attempting to reach the families who been a little negligent in contacting the relocation office during the last six or seven months by mailing them information which heretofore may not have gone beyond the Block Manager's office. She has received such a list from the Canal office and one is being prepared for the Butte Community. Your suggestion about writing an article for publication which would point out the necessity of relocation now in view of anticipated cutbacks and retrenchment is commendable.

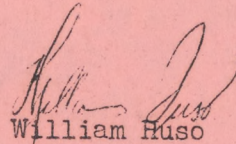
The Committee will meet again next week to discuss the possibilities of broadening the responsibilities of the various members.

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Miscellaneous

As a result of Mr. Hill's visit during the past week we were able to send an exploratory group to Houston, Texas, in the interests of three families. Another group appears to be also interested but it is too early to appraise their sincerity.

Shotaro Hikida Chairman of the Butte Planning Commission is expected to return the latter part of this week or in the forepart of the next. He has been able to make an extensive tour of the larger localities which will be of interest to many who are deliberating about eastern relocation. It is hoped that the Commissions, Block Managers, and Councils will make the most of his experiences.



William Ruso
Relocation Program Officer

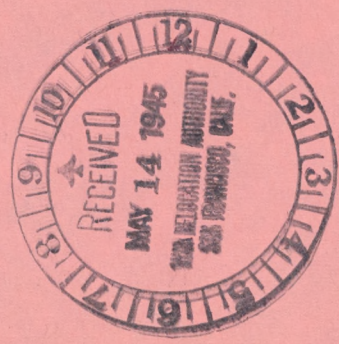
U. S. Department of Justice

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Tolson
FROM : Mr. E. A. Tamm
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a letterhead memorandum dated May 10, 1945, from the Department of Justice to the Department of State, regarding the proposed release of [Illegible] from the custody of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Very truly yours,
[Illegible Signature]
[Illegible Title]



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RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 14, 1945

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| Chicago, Illinois | 6 |
| Denver, Colorado | 4 |
| Sterling, Idaho | 4 |
| Redwood, California | 3 |
| Inglewood, California | 3 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 2 |
| Gunnison, Utah | 2 |
| Phoenix, Arizona | 1 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 1 |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 1 |
| Tooele, Utah | 1 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 1 |
| New York City | 1 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 1 |
| Rocky Ford, Colorado | 1 |
| Des Plains, Illinois | 1 |
| Pasadena, California | 1 |
| Stockton, California | 1 |
| Total | <u>60</u> |

The "sign-ups" during the past week increased about 30% with Canal showing decided activity with sixty-three cover sheets being processed there. The arrival of Mr. Tanaka for the purpose of recruiting bachelors, principally, for the Leonard Brothers Farms at Parlier, California, has stirred up considerable interest in this group. It appears likely that he will be able to hire the total number he is seeking - forty.

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Assistant Block Managers

Harold Asami and Teizo Yahanda, Central Block Managers for Butte and Canal respectively, state as a result of canvassing Block Managers that there is a unanimous feeling that Assistants should be selected at once. Their responsibilities were discussed at a meeting attended by Earl Goodman, Shelly, Asami, Yahanda and myself. Their principal duty will be one towards relocation, working with personnel of Relocation and Welfare, Community Management, Block Managers, Central Block Managers and District chairmen.

In addition to performing a limited number of Block Clerk tasks they will be in the main responsible for the distribution and display of post-exclusion information such as resettlement assistance pamphlets, Field Bulletins, special mimeographed job offers or any other data which we need to disseminate in blocks generally or specifically in barracks. They will also be invaluable as we seek to spur locality group thinking. Leaders can be brought together and assisted in their planning by our offices as well as by determinations made by California Relocation Offices.

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The Staff Committee met again on Thursday. The California sentiment trends were reviewed in the retrospective of rumors and verified facts. A Mr. T. was reported as being molested by a marine in Watts which is being currently checked by the Los Angeles District Office. The cropping out again of rumors about Dr. Suda at Fresno were disclosed as falsification by the WRA office. At the same time it is true that shots were fired at the S. Sakamoto house in Fresno. Relocation Officer Eric Thomsen of Santa Barbara intermates that his former evaluation of sentiment in Santa Maria and Guadalupe may have been too bleak. His commentaries about short term visits to this area are extremely desirable for project guidance.

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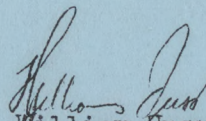
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A portion of the time was spent in discussing the implications of our "segregatee problem". The fact that there has not been a solution of this vexing problem has been as disturbing to evacuee leaders as well as to members of our staff.

Districting was also discussed. There are now six districts in both communities designated as case loads for as many Assistant Relocation Advisers. Introductions to individual Block Managers and later to their assistants in block offices will be made shortly.

Reverend Kyogoku has met with former Buddhist church members of Fresno both in Canal and Butte. It seems probable that hostel will be established at Fresno which will be operated by Reverend and Mrs. Fujinaga of Block 29. Cots, ^Mattresses, linen and pillows available at this project are needed to improvise the facilities for this hostel.

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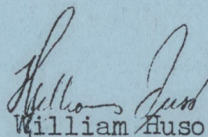
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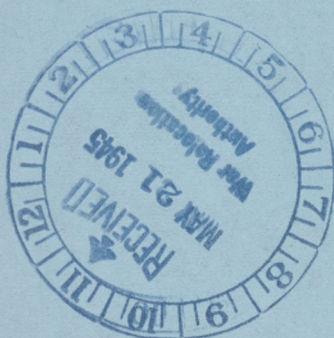


THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
MAY 21 1945

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 21, 1945

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Departures

Of the 89 terminal departures during the week, 43 were Aliens. There were thirteen complete families relocating including thirty-seven people. Fourteen short term leaves to California were processed. The destinations of the terminal leaves were:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Chicago | 15 |
| New York City | 9 |
| Detroit | 9 |
| Brigham, Utah | 6 |
| Sanger, California | 6 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 5 |
| Minneapolis | 4 |
| Cleveland | 4 |
| Seabrook | 3 |
| Gunnison, Utah | 3 |
| Los Angeles, California | 3 |
| Fresno, California | 3 |
| Pasadena, California | 2 |
| Del Rey, California | 2 |
| Riverside, California | 2 |
| Selma, California | 2 |
| Denver | 2 |
| Deweyville, Utah | 2 |
| Madison, Wisconsin | 1 |
| Houston, Texas | 1 |
| Layton, Utah | 1 |
| Santa Fe, New Mexico | 1 |
| Alamosa, Colorado | 1 |
| Stockton, California | 1 |
| Santa Barbara, California | 1 |
| | <u>89</u> |

Staff Meeting

The Staff Relocation Committee met again on Thursday. Mr. Griswold briefed the program which Community Activities is fostering

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in the interests of relocation. He stated that the main purpose of his section was to make people feel that they are ready for outside acceptance. Community Activities he felt could not materially improve the program for the Nisei beyond what is being done such as the development of leadership in cub scout, boy scout and girl scout functions and the contacts made with the YMCA and YWCA secretaries. While plans were being made for further activation among Issei groups efforts have been made to create interest in the Men's Club and the Wise Man's Club is fairly active under the counseling of Bill May in Welfare.

As a result of discussions concerning the use of visitors for speaking engagements and the need of more relocation films it was decided to create a speaker and film bureau composed of Griswold, Fred Miller, McVey and Pete Marshall. Lists of evacuee visitors will be furnished by Relocation to Mr. Griswold as Chairman and it will also be the responsibility of the Program Officer to supply the names of other visitors who may be valuable in public appearances. There will also be an attempt to get additional relocation films which can be effective. Miller and McVey were emphatic in stating that the films shown heretofore had not been worthwhile. They suggested that there should be movies of resettled families showing in certain cases the trek from a relocation center to their new homes with shots of how they are getting along in their new surroundings such as making trips to the grocery, children attending schools and visits among new neighbors. In any event Griswold said there should be comments made with every showing of film. Other members thought that transcriptions of successfully relocated evacuees might be valuable.

Pete Marshall gave an outline of what Adult Education is contributing towards the program. The activities in this section is composed mainly of its social and Americanization programs. Skit performances, folk dancing and etiquette classes tend to acclimate people towards American culture and manners. Classes in Americanization are providing an impetus to relocation but despite continued efforts at broadening the program there has been a decline in attendance. It was suggested that more information should be given on such problems as rationing. Mr. Seater thought that he could supply a few rationing charts which could be used in the classes and he would be willing to assist in conducting district meetings on this topic.

The Masuda and Tanaka cases were discussed by Mrs. Fleming. These incidents affecting two of our Butte residents will undoubtedly have some repercussions. The members would like to know if authorities beyond city and county officials are being contacted in an effort to curb these nuisances.

Other Meetings

A round-table discussion was held in Block #31 last Monday evening at the request of the Block Manager Mr. Sato. There were about 32 Issei in attendance and 4 Nisei. Kay Kuwada of our Butte Office did an excellent job of interpreting the questions which were asked of Mr. Shelly and myself. Similar meetings of this nature are planned in strategic parts of the center as soon as the leaders including the Block Managers and Councilmen indicate where they are to be held. Messrs Kuwada, Asami and Nishimura are very favorable towards the idea and are devoting a considerable part of their time to the plan.

A discussion was also held with the Butte Elementary School teachers last Wednesday at the request of Pete Marshall. Nearly all phases of relocation were taken up. The spirit and cooperativeness of the elementary school personnel is commendable.

At the weekly meeting of Relocation and Welfare the problems of districting were discussed as well as the method of correlation in the use of the Block Relocation Assistants. Mr. Asami and Yahanda are working very diligently in the selection of these Assistants whose primary functions will be that of working on Post-Exclusion problems. A great deal more confidence will be instilled in the blocks when the Assistant Advisers from Relocation and Assistant Counselors from Welfare learn to know the Block Managers and Assistants personally. The districting plan is working out very favorably and has created far more responsibilities for the Assistant Advisers than heretofore. Mrs. Reed has been personally introduced to all the Block Managers in her district, and finds that meeting these leaders in their own offices means more than making an official visit.

Since temporary resettlement assistance applications must be reviewed and approved by Welfare before transmittal to the Relocation Offices it has been decided that these requests be initiated in the Welfare section. This can be done effectively because of the close cooperation already existing.

Mr. Berryman showed his films to a small group in the Canal Administration building and also spoke to the evacuee office workers in the Administrative unit on the Middle Atlantic Area during the past week. However, most of his efforts have been directed toward individual and family interviews in both communities.

Miscellaneous

George Tanaka recruiter for the Leonard Brothers Farm Company of Sanger, California, was able to recruit the number of farm workers

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he had set his goal on. Nearly all of the twenty-eight bachelors he recruited will leave this week. Some have already departed. He stated that his job in recruitment was relatively easy because of the fine relationship we have with the Block Managers.

The Butte Community Council has been interested in making the old Japanese school buildings available for our dependency cases. However, no one seems to be able to identify ownership and in most cases too these buildings are filled with persons belonging to various families. Mr. Sato, Commission member, intends to investigate the possibilities of such conversions when he takes a short term trip to Los Angeles this week. He will also try to determine the availability of the old Japanese Orphanage at 1841 Radcliffe Street.

Several Christian ministers will visit this project within the next thirty days. Rev. Nicholson may arrive this week as well as Rev. Nishi of Cleveland. The Reverend Yuasa plans to stay here from June 27th to July 4th. These Ecclesiastics will be welcomed by the majority of resident Christians, however, we hope that more men like the Reverend Kyogoku of the Buddhist Church will be available for talks and discussions at this center.

Quite often Block Managers report that residents receive letters from relocated friends who have had difficulty in getting the anticipated resettlement assistance. In some cases we are able to identify the complaints, so as to make it possible to evaluate the circumstances. It would simplify the problems of Relocation and Welfare if Relocation Officers were able to forward reports of every case where assistance has been given to our relocated residents and also to keep us advised about current attitudes of local welfare agencies particularly those on the coast.

In every issue of the Courier since the middle of March there has been a Relocation Supplement in the Japanese language. In many issues such as the 16th and 19th of May editions we were able to stencil two and three pages. Kay Kuwada who has edited the supplement during this time is about to take a translator job and Mr. Hayashida who has stenciled the work is also contemplating relocation as teacher or translator. Unless we are able to get replacements soon we will be unable to continue with this publication after June 1.

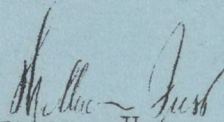
We have received commitments from a few of the teachers to work on detail in our offices. However, it is problematical if such an arrangement will satisfactorily adjust our personnel problems after the school term is over. Many will consider such a detail a temporary gap until they can place themselves in other schools, whereas if jobs

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were set up on the charts say for additional Relocation Assistant Advisers or Relocation Interviewers at CAT-E it would be an incentive for detailed persons to stay on until the close of the center. If additional jobs such as Relocation Interviewers were created we could use eleven persons in such a capacity, six to work under Relocation Assistant Advisers in as many districts, one to act as receptionist and in charge of files in the Butte office and four as transportation and assistance clerks in the leave office.

At the Vocational Training Committee meeting this week it was decided to have short courses from two to six weeks in the following subjects for the summer months: (1) repair of electrical appliances, (2) auto mechanics, (3) refresher courses in commercial training, and training in domestic service.

132 persons picked departure dates during the week; 115 for the previous week. The next two or three weeks are crucial as far as relocation trends for the summer months are concerned.


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Relocation Program Officer

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May 28, 1945

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| Pasadena, California | 1 |
| Twin Falls, Idaho | 1 |
| Mesa, Idaho | 1 |
| New York City | 1 |
| Cleveland | 1 |
| Salt Lake City | 1 |
| Denver | 1 |
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Relocation Trends

The "sign-ups" for the week disclosed a decrease with only eighty-nine picking departure dates. Many of the staff members, particularly in Education, believe that there will be a surprising flow after the current school term is over. This feeling is not shared by all the evacuee leaders, however, it is the predominant attitude of those who take the most active part in relocation

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEMBERS
WITH LETTER BOOKS
ALWAYS, ALWAYS
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, War Information Authority
Subject: Weekly Report of Propaganda Activities

Of the 72 propaganda agencies for the week of June 15, 1945, 34 were active in the United States, 18 in Canada, 10 in Mexico, 10 in Central America, and 10 in the Caribbean. The activities of these agencies are summarized in the following table:

| Agency | Country | Activities |
|-----------------------------|---------|---|
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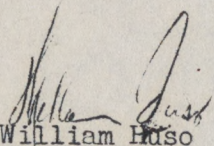
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

May 28, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

Of the 71 terminal departures for the week 40 were aliens. Family relocation amounted to thirteen families totaling thirty-eight members. Twenty-seven persons were granted short term leaves to make exploratory trips to California. The destinations of those leaving on terminal leave were:

| | |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Sanger, California | 17 |
| Parlier, California | 7 |
| Chicago | 7 |
| Selma, California | 6 |
| Redwood City, California | 5 |
| Seabrook | 5 |
| San Francisco | 4 |
| Philadelphia | 3 |
| Granby, Colorado | 3 |
| Sidney, Nebraska | 2 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 2 |
| Alhambra, California | 2 |
| Acampo, California | 1 |
| Pasadena, California | 1 |
| Twin Falls, Idaho | 1 |
| Mesa, Idaho | 1 |
| New York City | 1 |
| Cleveland | 1 |
| Salt Lake City | 1 |
| Denver | 1 |
| | <u>71</u> |

Relocation Trends

The "sign-ups" for the week disclosed a decrease with only eighty-nine picking departure dates. Many of the staff members, particularly in Education, believe that there will be a surprising flow after the current school term is over. This feeling is not shared by all the evacuee leaders, however, it is the predominant attitude of those who take the most active part in relocation

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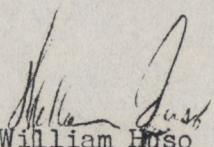
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Relocation Program Officer

PLANS OF SENIORS FOR RELOCATION AFTER GRADUATION

Do you have plan for relocation?

| | |
|-----------|----|
| Yes | 91 |
| Uncertain | 18 |
| No | 17 |

When do you plan to leave?

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Within one month | 40 |
| Within three months | 16 |
| Uncertain | 37 |
| Later | 4 |
| Not answering | 12 |

With your parents or by yourself?

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| With parents | 29 |
| Alone | 37 |
| With someone else | 7 |
| Uncertain | 30 |
| Not answering | 6 |

Destination

| | |
|----------------|-----|
| California | 10* |
| Utah | 1* |
| East (general) | 10* |
| New York | 4* |
| Pennsylvania | 2 |
| Middle West | 3* |
| Chicago | 9* |
| Ohio-Cleveland | 14 |
| Detroit | 3 |
| Michigan | 2 |
| Minneapolis | 3* |

Why no plan has been made for relocating?

| | |
|------------------------|---|
| Personal | 2 |
| Dependents | 2 |
| Army | 2 |
| Wish return to Hawaii | 1 |
| Repatriation | 3 |
| On stop list | 1 |
| Health | 1 |
| Uncertainties | 1 |
| Parental Objection | 1 |
| Parental Uncertainties | 3 |
| Failing in English | 1 |
| "No rush" | |

Hindrances to, or Problems in, working out of plan

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Elderly parents | 4 |
| Financial need | 37 |
| Illness in family | 2 |
| Consent of parents not given | 10 |
| Difficulties in starting | 1 |
| Dependents | 2 |
| Parents uncertain | 1 |
| Likely to be drafted | 4 |
| Family too large and brother in Army | 1 |
| Whole family must go | 4 |

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Health | 3 |
| Choice of vocation | 2 |
| May flunk | 1 |

| | |
|----------------|----|
| Salt Lake City | 1 |
| Uncertain | 43 |
| Not answering | 6 |

*Wishes to go or is considering going

Choice of occupation on outside

| | |
|--|----|
| Going to school | |
| College or Trade | 34 |
| Hope to go | 15 |
| Office | 15 |
| Cosmetology | 4 |
| Domestic (at least for job) | 21 |
| Indefinite | 13 |
| Defense (War plant, factory, aircraft) | 10 |
| Farm | 3 |
| Odd: "for School Boy" part-time | 4 |
| Apprentice (training) | 2 |
| Radio | 1 |
| Hospital | 2 |
| Dairying | 1 |
| Any kind | 6 |
| Mechanic | 4 |
| "One I Like" "Easy" | 3 |
| None | 1 |

Note: Many Students did not express choice of job. All those planning to go to school will work part-time and many during the summer.

Block Meetings to be held to Discuss Relocation Problems May 23,

Announcement of a series of evening meetings to be held in Block Mess Halls under the direction of the Butte Block Managers and Community Council was made yesterday by Harold Asami and Harry Nishimura.

The main purpose of these meetings is to give every resident a chance to sit down informally after dinner and discuss his or her relocation problems with the Relocation Program Officer. Mr. Shelly and Mr. Huso have been invited to attend all these discussions, but there will be no speeches, movies, or any other formal program.

There will be no restriction placed on the topics or questions which may be raised. Resettlement assistance, job opportunities, the housing situation, transportation, business openings, and any other matters that may be brought up will be covered.

These meetings will get under way at 7:30 P.M., and everyone is invited to attend the meeting held for his block. The first meeting was held last night in Block 51. The schedule for the remaining meetings will be as follows:

| DATE | PLACE | BLOCKS INVITED |
|--------|---------|---|
| May 23 | Mess 33 | Blocks 32, 33, 34 |
| May 24 | Mess 49 | Blocks 48, 49, 54 |
| May 25 | Mess 44 | Blocks 36, 44, 45 |
| May 28 | Mess 58 | Blocks 57, 58, 59, 63, 64 |
| May 31 | Mess 65 | Blocks 56, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 |
| June 2 | Mess 60 | Blocks 60, 61 |
| June 4 | Mess 30 | Blocks 29, 39 |
| June 6 | Mess 73 | Blocks 72, 73, 74 |

| 転住問題懇談会開催 | |
|--|--|
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| 五月二十五日 | メスホル 44 |
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| 五月三十一日 | メスホル 65 |
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

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June 4, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

106 terminal leaves were issued during the week of whom forty-eight were aliens. 24 entire families or remnants totaling sixty-four persons relocated. There were thirty-two short term leaves to California issued. The destinations of the terminal leaves were;

| | |
|-----------------------|----|
| Chicago | 22 |
| New York City | 13 |
| Crowley, Colorado | 7 |
| Denver, Colorado | 7 |
| Cleveland | 4 |
| Brigham City, Utah | 4 |
| Florin, California | 4 |
| Gilroy, California | 4 |
| Oakland, California | 4 |
| Selma, California | 4 |
| Kingsburg, California | 3 |
| Seabrook | 3 |
| Henderson, Colorado | 3 |
| Mesa, Arizona | 2 |
| Minneapolis | 2 |
| Ft. Lupton, Colorado | 2 |
| Detroit | 2 |
| Pasadena, California | 2 |
| Dinuba, California | 2 |
| Parlier, California | 2 |
| Los Angeles | 2 |
| Sanger, California | 1 |
| San Jose, California | 1 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 1 |
| Rockford, Illinois | 1 |
| Boulder, Colorado | 1 |
| Santa Fe, New Mexico | 1 |
| Philadelphia | 1 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 1 |

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Discussions and Meetings

The district planning discussions proceeded on schedule with four being held during the week. 75 persons attended the meeting in Mess 58, 65 at Mess 39, 72 at Mess 65 and 67 in Mess 60. The cumulative total of nine discussions already held is 547. This activity will be completed by the end of this week for the Butte community.

The Staff Committee on Relocation met again on Thursday at which time Mr. Hikida recounted his experiences while on an exploratory trip in the Rock Mountain, Midwestern and Eastern areas during the past sixty days. Mr. Hikida's speech was entertaining and informative. He was able to spend enough time in various sections to secure well rounded impressions of past and future relocation.

Relocation, Transportation, Internal Security and Statistics drew up a prospectus for the Greyhound Bus Company to present at a Corporation Commission hearing to be held concerning bus transportation from the project to the city of Chandler. Our recommendation provided for four daily trips, the first leaving at 4:00 A.M. and the last at 8:15 P.M. The Greyhound officials indicated that some type of approved service will be available by the first of July.

Ration Books 3 and 4 will soon be distributed to relocators as they are given terminal leave. The OPA officials whom we met with last week thought that our shipment of books would arrive within a few days. This added operation will require the services of a full time staff member.

Mr. Hikida's Return

The type of first hand information which Mr. Hikida brought back from Denver, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and Washington will be invaluable both to the staff and residents. He has already counseled a great number of persons in his office. During the next two weeks or until his departure for Chicago he will attempt to write at least a half dozen articles which can be used as the relocation supplements in the Gila News-Courier. The Block Managers have already contacted him to determine if he is available for block discussions. On Tuesday afternoon it is planned that he will address all the block Relocation Assistants in Butte and Mr. Yahanda has requested that he perform the same service for Canal.

Miscellaneous

The relocation of Dr. Iki to Los Angeles this week will no doubt influence relocation thinking to a certain extent. The relocation of two dentists within the near future will also be a contributing

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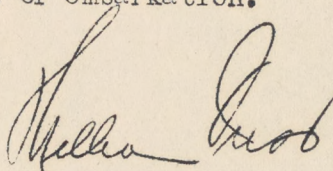
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Butte Central Block Manager, Asami, suggests that on all exploratory trips a certain amount of publicity be given in order to give residents and opportunity of having the representative of a group also bring back information which may be of interest to them. This is an excellent suggestion which can result in a maximum use of exploratory trips.

Those who return from short term trips to Los Angeles are at variance in their appraisal of the services provided by the WRA office. In most cases the contacts with the office has meant a disappointment. I suppose that we may deserve criticism in not having a clear impression as to what an evacuee may expect in services. We are writing the Los Angeles Office to determine what occurred in the case of a soldier on furlough who returned there with the intent of serving eviction papers on the present tenants and came back to the project without accomplishing his mission. A letter of introduction, as in the case of all short term leaves, had been given him stating the purpose of his trip.

The departures for this week will be considerably less because of school closing. Whereas many project schools are already out ours will not close until the 8th of June.

A few of the Hawaiians are getting approvals to return to their old homes. They are asking if escorts will be necessary to travel through California to the port of embarkation.



William Huso
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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

June 11, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

42 persons were given terminal leave during the week of whom 18 were aliens. Family relocation amounted to ten families totaling twenty-eight persons. The destinations were:

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Fresno, California | 8 |
| Fowler, California | 4 |
| Rocky Ford, Colorado | 4 |
| Brigham City, Utah | 4 |
| Clearfield, Utah | 3 |
| Denver | 3 |
| Caruthers, California | 3 |
| Del Rey, California | 3 |
| Pasadena, California | 2 |
| Los Angeles, California | 2 |
| Stockton, California | 1 |
| Altadena, California | 1 |
| Boston | 1 |
| Tempe, Arizona | 1 |
| Salt Lake City | 1 |
| Seabrook | 1 |
| | <u>42</u> |

Resettlement Assistance

Relocation and Welfare were primarily concerned during the week about a new function to be assumed; that of making a determination on resettlement assistance applications on the project. Personnel of both divisions met jointly on several occasions to discuss the mechanics of providing the aid before the relocatees leave the center. The subject was taken up at the Butte Block Managers on Tuesday while a special meeting was called in Canal on Wednesday which was attended by both the Managers and the Block Clerks (Relocation Assistants). And the Staff Relocation Committee met on Saturday to discuss the implications of the new program.

Although it was assumed within the first few days that the non-dependent assistance applications could be handled as a district

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function by the Assistant Relocation Advisers it was soon evident that this method was not advisable. While a certain amount of screening can be performed by the Advisers it was thought best to centralize the main function in the Welfare Section. We have detailed Miss Minnie Mayhan temporarily to Butte Welfare and Lucille Peddy is considering applications in Canal. Evelyn Swiggum, the Head Counselor, will of course approve or disapprove all applications.

The feeling is naturally shared by all of the staff members that we must have a great deal of cooperation from the community leaders. Mr. Shelly is attempting to bring the councils within this orbit and it appears as though the Block Managers will take a good deal of responsibility in making it operative. During the past few weeks we have been very frank in organizational meetings and in block discussion meetings to point out that this assistance has been spotty in its distribution and that it has operated far more successfully in the midwest and east than on the west coast or certain rocky mountain states. The leaders are cognizant of the fact that resettlement funds have not been distributed equitably but on the other hand they now realize that many applicants who had planned easterly relocation are less certain of securing grants and in many cases certainly not in the amounts which have been given by local welfare agencies prior to June 1. However the rank and file of residents will be perplexed as they learn of the deductions for resources when they had been led to believe that household equipment was obtainable through these funds in the event their stuff had been vandalized, sold or otherwise disappeared.

Miscellaneous

The Butte Block Clerks were brought together for the first time by Mr. Asami. In addition to the personnel of Relocation and Welfare, the meeting was attended by Mrs. Fleming, Mr. Shelly, Mr. Nishimura and Mr. Hikida. The responsibilities of these appointees were reviewed whereupon Mr. Hikida spoke to the group about his exploratory trip to the midwest and east.

Mr. Hikida also spoke to the Canal Block Managers and engaged in a considerable number of discussions with families who came to him for advice. There are approximately five families who will leave shortly as result of his trip.

Ration Books 3 and 4 have been issued at the project since the 6th of June. This service will be appreciated by many who need books immediately such as families with small children. We have heard of many cases where two or three trips to a ration board were necessary

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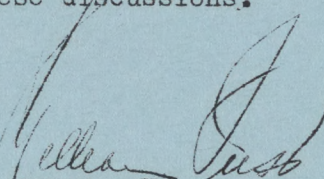
before books were available and also instances where boards stated that they were temporarily out. Mrs. Self from Education has been detailed to our division to handle this function and we hope to continue this service as long as there is personnel available.

We had been led to believe in certain quarters that evacuees generally would be classed as evictee under the post-exclusion program and hence would be eligible for new housing. Relocation Division Memorandum No. 91 corrects this impression by stating that evacuees may be eligible for housing under the H-3 program of the National Housing Agency if an application is considered as a hardship case.

Beginning June 18th there will be regular weekly district meetings of the Butte Block Clerks which will be attended by Relocation Assistant Advisers and Junior Counselers in accordance with their district assignments. The Canal arrangement is being worked out. On Wednesday this week there will be a general meeting of the Block Clerks in Butte to discuss Resettlement Assistance.

Kameichi Shimazu is still interested in assisting in the operation of an Old Man's Home in Los Angeles or nearby. We have written Miss Rhodes of the Friends of the American Way to see if some type of housing can be secured for this type of venture.

The twelfth planning discussion has held in Butte thereby completing the schedule arranged on May 23rd. 59 persons attended the discussion in Block 30 while the attendance was 83 in Block 73. A total of 689 persons attended these discussions.

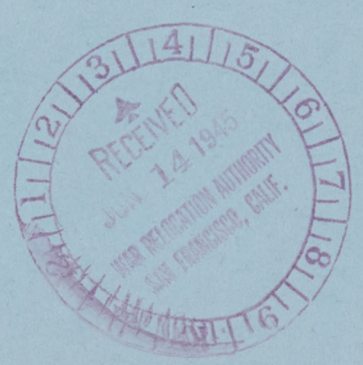

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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

June 18, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

193 terminal leaves were issued during the past week of whom 66 were Aliens. Family relocation amounted to 40 families totaling 142 individuals. The destinations were:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------|
| Selma, California | 28 | Fowler, California | 3 |
| Chicago | 14 | Philadelphia | 3 |
| Parlier, California | 11 | Naperville, Illinois | 3 |
| Redwood City, California | 10 | Wheaton, Illinois | 3 |
| Penryn, California | 10 | Eu Claire, Michigan | 2 |
| Denver | 9 | Des Moines | 2 |
| New York | 8 | St. Louis | 2 |
| Detroit | 8 | Los Angeles | 2 |
| Mt. View, California | 7 | Detroit Lakes, Michigan | 2 |
| Cleveland | 6 | Acompo, California | 1 |
| Fresno, California | 6 | Florin, California | 1 |
| Pasadena, California | 6 | Santa Barbara | 1 |
| San Jose, California | 6 | Gallup, New Mexico | 1 |
| Lomita, California | 5 | Barrington, Illinois | 1 |
| Stillwater, Oklahoma | 5 | Phoenix | 1 |
| Layton, Utah | 5 | Dayton, Ohio | 1 |
| Minneapolis | 5 | Dowagiac, Michigan | 1 |
| Salt Lake City | 4 | Ann Arbor, Michigan | 1 |
| Pleasanton, California | 4 | Milford, Michigan | 1 |
| Sanger, California | 3 | Milwaukee | 1 |
| | | | <u>193</u> |

Relocation Trends

For the past few weeks Canal has been considerably ahead of Butte in relocation fever on the basis of comparative populations. This was again demonstrated this week as Canal signed up 107 residents for future departures while Butte lagged with only 74. Of course what this trend actually discloses is the fact that relocation has been far easier for Canalites because they have in the main returned to their old homes in the Free Zone areas near Fresno. However, at the same time it has aroused to high pitch the interest of families who have to search for a place to resettle.

L. H. Bennett-2-6/18/45

Despite the fact that Butte has been slow in showing a material reeducation there are many evidences which point to a definite change of attitudes. There are of course certain locality groups such as the Santa Maria and Los Angeles sections of our population who are still more or less adamant but it is more of a philosophy of waiting to see rather than refusing to believe attitude. We were hoping that the Yuma opportunity would appeal to a number of families from Santa Maria but as yet the leaders have failed to show much interest. Meijiro Sato's visit to Los Angeles will no doubt accomplish a good deal among those interested in that area because Mr. Sato plans to do something in the matter of housing. Reverend Tsuda after a few weeks at Sacramento has returned with optimistic plans. When he takes over a pastorate there after the first of the month he will devote a good portion of his time in the return of evacuees.

Resettlement Assistance

Residents are interpreting resettlement assistance as something extremely difficult to get. However, this feeling is being to some extent offset by the number of inquiries we have had about the program. In Butte there have been 37 applications for assistance of which 7 have been forwarded to the Finance Officer by the Head Counselor for payment. The fact that certain residents are leaving the Center with the definite knowledge of what will be awaiting them at their destination amounts to a tonic in whatever block this assistance is given. The residents are taking a realistic point of view also in this matter in that they are more or less accepting the premise that assistance should be given where assistance is needed.

Meetings were held with the Block Managers in Canal and Butte and also with the Block Clerks in each community to add further explanation to the Resettlement Assistance Program. The Administrative Notice affecting this program has been mimeographed for distribution to the Block Clerks and other evacuee leaders.

Mr. Cozzen's Visit

Bob Cozzen's visit to Gila was extremely helpful. In addition to attending about eight meetings he was able to make a considerable number of evacuee contacts which made it possible for him to offer us some practical suggestions in speeding up the program. A fresh story about the west coast situation assisted both evacuees and the staff. There is a periodic need to clarify the trends on the coast because of the many different impressions that we receive. He was also instrumental in bringing various unsolved problems to the attention of a Field Office.

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Miscellaneous

An exploratory trip was granted Mr. Okazaki of Block 66 to investigate opportunities in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and on his return to look into possibilities at the Wilson Ranch in Arkansas and in the Houston Texas area. He represents five families totaling about 25 members. His own family numbers eight.

A district discussion on the Butte model was held last Wednesday night in Canal at the mess hall in Block 4. There were 31 persons in attendance. Mr. Yahanda states that the Managers in Canal plan to have a series of these discussions within the very near future.

There has been a few discussions among the French Camp group to see what can be done to more effectively make use of the former Japanese Language school at French Camp. Mr. John Robertson of Stockton made an inspection of the buildings and reported that they were in good condition. The immediate desire of this group is to open up a hostel. They want to know if cots, blankets and linens are available if these facilities are converted to a hostel.

We are making plans to set up the Butte Students Relocation Officer in our Butte office or in a space adjacent to our building. The plans for Canal representative have not been made as yet.

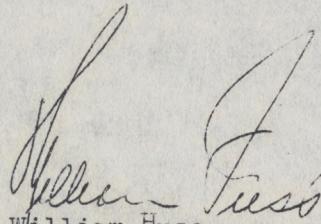
The Assistant Relocation Program Officer, Wilson Hart will be in direct charge of the district organization. While the meetings will be conducted by the respective Assistant Relocation Advisers he will serve as top counselor. The Butte district offices have been set up and will shortly be furnished with various types of informational data by the Reports Office.

Farm families are beginning to watch closely for opportunities on the coast, particularly those where housing is available for the larger family units. We would appreciate receiving as many of these farm offer as possible. Greatest interest will be shown for those from the Fresno, San Jose and Santa Barbara areas.

Although our Tuesday morning railroad coach was cancelled we were able to keep the load intact for departure on Saturday. Although this was at the time very discouraging I believe that it had a sobering effect on relocation. This car had been committed three weeks prior to its scheduled departure. On Wednesday we also had transportation difficulties when twenty people were unable to leave the project westward on the Southern Pacific although space had previously been

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promised. The S. P. has now promised us 20 blocked seats per day on the evening train going west

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William Huso
Relocation Program Officer



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

June 25, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

Subject: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

DEPARTURES

145 persons were processed on terminal leave during the past week of whom 52 aliens. 28 entire families relocated which represented 103 family members. 49 residents went out on short term leave to California during the same period. The destinations of the relocators were:

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| Parlier, California | 16 |
| Fresno, California | 13 |
| Chicago, Illinois | 12 |
| San Jose, California | 11 |
| San Gabriel, California | 7 |
| Kingsburg, California | 7 |
| New York City, N. Y. | 7 |
| Brigham City, Utah | 6 |
| Sekma California | 6 |
| Del Rey, California | 5 |
| Madera, California | 5 |
| Pasadena, California | 5 |
| Denver, Colorado | 5 |
| Tooele, Utah | 5 |
| Crowley, Colorado | 4 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 4 |
| Twin Falls, Idaho | 4 |
| West Port, Connecticut | 3 |
| Los Angeles, California | 3 |
| Fowler, California | 2 |
| Hanford, California | 2 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 2 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 2 |
| Kaysville, Utah | 2 |
| Mesa, Arizona | 1 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 1 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 1 |

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| Reedley, California | 1 |
| Oakland, California | 1 |
| San Francisco, California | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 145 |

Closing of Canal

Early reports from Canal indicate that the community is by and large accepting the October 1st closing in a good spirit. Ben Fukuzawa, Council Chairman and Teizo Yahanda Central Block Manager have stated that their assistance will be given in liquidating Canal. Coincident with this prospect is the fact that Canal has shown a far more enviable record in past relocation than Butte. Although the reason for a good departure rate in this community largely rests on the fact that the majority of residents have been returning to their homes in the former free zone, the past flow of relocation has stirred a great number of people to make plans who months ago were more or less adamant.

Assistant Relocation Program Officer Wilson Hart, is being detailed to Canal this week to head up the program. Mrs. Eudora Reed Assistant Advisor in the Butte office will also transfer temporarily to Canal in order to assist in determining all the plans of the residents.

It is our intention to assign Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Reed for a period of about 15 days to the various Block Manager's offices where counseling will be held with all residents who have not made any plan for relocation so that we can determine with approximate accuracy the probable destination and the time of leaving. Counselors will be available in the Canal office for counter business.

The mimeograph room is now preparing sufficient mimeograph sheets for every barrack so as to inform everyone of our plans. Block clerks have been sufficiently oriented to the program to assist us in this operation and they will give us aid by bringing the families in for counseling in the Manager's offices.

A new secretary entering our payroll today, will be also detailed to Canal where secretarial or even general office personnel is rapidly dwindling.

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Mr. Hart has worked closely with Mr. Goodman in arranging for additional office space. Mr. Fukuzawa and Mr. Yahanda have graciously consented to give up a portion of their room so that adequate space appears to be forthcoming. While we are expanding our facilities it will also be necessary to provide more office altitude for Welfare, but present indications seem reassuring that this can be done.

Eric Thomsen's Visit

Eric Thomsen Relocation Officer in charge of the Santa Barbara office accompanied by Taki Asakura his assistant, spent a profitable 4 days at Gila and returned to California Friday evening. A meeting of former residents of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties last Wednesday night, was attended by 100 persons. Both Thomsen and Robert Davidson, Farm Chief, spent a portion of a day inspecting the Casa Grande resettlement farms in an effort to determine if these 61 homesteads might be available for families of the Guadalupe-Santa Maria areas. However, the leases are in effect until February 1946, so the prospect of large scale relocation in this settlement appears remote. Several Guadalupe farmers are still negotiating on the Yuma deal which would be able to absorb a minimum of 40 families.

Completion of Canal Discussions

Through the efforts of Mr. Yahanda and the Canal Block Managers we have completed four district discussions. Three were held this week. 55 persons attended the discussion in Block eight, 39 in block twenty-five and 38 in block twenty-one,

Transportation

The transportation committee which you appointed during the week met on Friday to consider all aspects of travel to railhead and beyond to relocation points. I am told on good authority that the permit for Greyhound to take over our transportation problem to the railheads has been approved by the Corporation commission. This will mean that we will have four daily schedules to Chandler of which two will go directly to Phoenix. If additional equipment is needed for emergencies, there will be charter cars

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available for movements to either Chandler or Phoenix. This necessity might occur when we have special coaches chartered through the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Vinson will contact Parks today to iron out some of the details and will at the same time attempt to line up charter cars which can be used directly to local points in California such as Fresno or Los Angeles.

Southern Pacific has stated through Mr. Hilt that we can count on at least two special coaches per week on our easterly movement and will also allow us blocked seats going west. In addition we can use the Santa Fe for a great number in both directions which should guarantee a movement up to 500 per week, if Greyhound chartered cars will be available. This of course hinges on the prospects that rail or bus travel are not curtailed additionally. Your talk with Mr. Trimble, General Passenger Agent of Phoenix division of the Southern Pacific is very important and should be acted on by the national office as soon as possible.

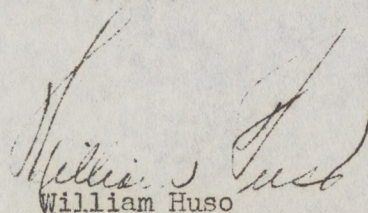
Miscellaneous

There is a gradual increase in relocation interest. 214 persons picked future departure dates during the week. There should be over 200 persons taking terminal leave this week as two special cars are going east.

We had seven district meetings for our Block Clerks and in addition the Butte Clerks met as a body Thursday. Both Asami and Yahanda have been unusually helpful in rounding these organizations.

Our request for an additional Relocation Advisor has not been acted upon by Washington. It is urgent that we have this new position created now in view of our deadline date for the Canal closing.

A working arrangement between the Reports Office and Relocation has been worked out in reference to proper distribution of opportunities in employment, rental or sale of properties, and leasing. Opportunities, whether received by letter, wire, or telephone, will be sent immediately to the Reports Office where they will be duplicated in sufficient numbers so as to give Relocation, Welfare, Bulletin Boards, District Offices, Block Managers Offices, schools etc. enough copies to give them sufficient circulation.



William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

July 2, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

239 persons were given terminal leave during the week of whom 89 were aliens. 51 entire family units relocated having 155 members. There were 36 short term leaves to California. The destinations of the terminal leaves were:

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| Chicago, Illinois | 31 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 19 |
| Fresno, California | 18 |
| San Jose, California | 13 |
| Los Angeles, California | 13 |
| Parlier, California | 10 |
| Oakland, California | 7 |
| New York City, New York | 7 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 6 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 6 |
| Fowler, California | 6 |
| Walnut Grove, California | 5 |
| Petaluma, California | 5 |
| Pasadena, California | 5 |
| Del Rey, California | 5 |
| Madera, California | 5 |
| Ogden, Utah | 5 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 4 |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan | 4 |
| Clearfield, Utah | 4 |
| Denver, Colorado | 4 |
| Seabrook, New Jersey | 4 |
| North Platte, Nebraska | 4 |
| Sacramento, California | 4 |
| Gardena, California | 4 |
| Selma, California | 3 |
| San Gabriel, California | 3 |
| South Haven, Michigan | 3 |
| Morristown, New Jersey | 3 |
| Allentown, Pennsylvania | 2 |

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| Blackfoot, Idaho | 2 |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 2 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 2 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 2 |
| Kaysville, Utah | 2 |
| Compton, California | 2 |
| Berkeley, California | 2 |
| Stockton, California | 1 |
| San Francisco, California | 1 |
| Florin, California | 1 |
| Kingsburg, California | 1 |
| Cordelia, California | 1 |
| Highland Park, Illinois | 1 |
| Knox, Indiana | 1 |
| Liberty, Missouri | 1 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 1 |
| Bartlett, Illinois | 1 |
| Houston, Texas | 1 |
| Austin, Texas | 1 |
| Needham, Massachusetts | 1 |
| Total | <u>239</u> |

There were 222 sign-ups during the past week which represented a slight increase over the previous 214. The time elapsing between the date of picking a departure and the actual departure is usually a little over two weeks. Our total terminal leaves for the month of June was 637 without considering those who converted to terminal from short term leave.

Several meetings were held with representatives of freight carriers. The Universal Carloading Company will be able to handle our eastward shipments and possibly those which are destined for Denver, but are unable to accept shipments to the north or west. This will probably mean that they will handle about 40% of our freight volume.

The Fleet, Western and Pacific freight lines, are anxious to bring their trucks into the project and will leave their vans at our crating shop for loading. One freight line stated that on shipments to Fresno we could expect 36 hour service. If this is true it would largely do away with express shipments in this direction and even though the rate is about 6% higher than LCL tariffs it would mean an overall saving as well as delivery of freight on time.

Although few of the Suisun and Vacaville representatives returned to their former homes about 3 months ago they were unable to interest any large scale operators in taking evacuee families. Relocation Officer Dibbellee will attempt to contact about a dozen of these operators this week in hopes of

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securing commitments for a few families. One family relocated to Walnut Grove the past week and several of the family heads evacuated from this section met in Canal last Tuesday to discuss their mutual problems. Two leaders were induced, also, last week to investigate the Marysville offers submitted by the Sacramento Office.

Thomsen's visit has had some definite results in that many have indicated their desire for domestic service jobs in the Santa Barbara area. In behalf of the Guadalupe and Santa Maria groups we called the Yuma operator who is tentatively interested in having about 40 families on his 2000 acre ranch. We were advised that he would contact us and offer his terms within about 2 weeks. Bob Davidson, Farm Chief, escorted 4 Guadalupe farmers to the Casa Grande Farms area again this week. This deal, while appealing, does not seem to offer us much hope, because of the fact that the Farm Security Administration is attempting to sell the property rather than lease it.

Two exploratory trips were granted: one to Houston, Texas, the other to Salt Lake City. We granted the Salt Lake City trip to a representative of three Hawaiian families, one of whom had nine family members, who had several propositions to investigate including opportunities in canneries.

We will today commence our counseling program in Canal to include every family whom we know little or nothing about in terms of relocation planning. Three Assistant Relocation Advisers, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Reed and Mrs. Hart are being detailed on this program which should be initially completed within three weeks.

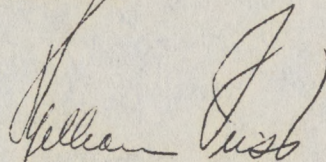
In order to get away from the congestion in the leave office we are transferring the daily pass and short term operations to the warehouse building which now houses the ration personnel. This will give us the needed space for processing transportation and assistance requests.

The Greyhound Bus will not begin their service on July 1 as we had hoped. On the 29th of June they filed another petition with the Corporation Commission which seeks to protect existing rights. In the meantime they are able to charter busses for either easterly or westerly movements. We will attempt to work this out relatively soon with Mr. Parks.

Dr. Y uasa, who arrived on the project Friday, will conduct a series of meetings and discussions until July 3 under the auspicious of the Christian Church Council. His time will be equally divided between Butte and Canal.

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Russell Derrickson of the Liason section of the Washington Relocation Division will be with us until the latter part of the week when he will travel to Poston.

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William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

July 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

149 terminal leaves were issued of whom fifty-eight were to aliens. 33 complete family units left totaling one hundred fifteen members. The destinations were:

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| Selma, California | 11 |
| Parlier, California | 9 |
| San Rose, California | 9 |
| Chicago, Illinois | 8 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 8 |
| Denver, Colorado | 7 |
| Fresno, California | 7 |
| Los Angeles, California | 7 |
| Cupertino, California | 6 |
| Kingsburg, California | 6 |
| Pasadena, California | 6 |
| Brigham, Utah | 6 |
| Seabrook, New Jersey | 6 |
| Malta, Montana | 6 |
| Layton, Utah | 5 |
| Ogden, Utah | 5 |
| Fowler, California | 5 |
| Sanger, California | 4 |
| Lodi, California | 3 |
| Kerman, California | 3 |
| Niles, Michigan | 3 |
| Clearfield, Utah | 2 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 2 |
| Sodus, Michigan | 2 |
| Caldwell, Idaho | 2 |
| Arroyo Grande, California | 2 |
| San Luis Obispo, California | 1 |
| Santa Barbara, California | 1 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 1 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 1 |
| New York City, New York | 1 |
| Boston, New York | 1 |
| Washington D.C. | 1 |
| Baltimore, Maryland | 1 |
| Stockton, California | 1 |
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Canal Retrospect

At the end of the first week of intensive counseling among Canal residents whom we knew little about, we found many encouraging factors. It appeared that a third of the residents were formulating their own plans and intend to leave by October 1, probably needing little or no assistance from the WRA. Another portion of the Canal residents, equally as large as the one above, recognize the camp closing but prefer at the present time to think over their plans circumspectly and consider their relocation possibilities under special circumstances. This category might well be defined as the one where persons are inclined to say: "Yes I'll relocate provided that you can find an opportunity that I like". In the residue are to be found those who are appealing their clearance status, those who need some type of welfare assistance and those who are adamant about the closing announcement. Six entire blocks were canvassed during the week. One hundred seventy three family heads were counseled which represented four hundred fifty two individuals.

There was a response to every call-in. We had predicted that the number who failed to keep appointments would be negligible, but were pleasantly surprised when everyone showed up. The Relocation Block Assistants and Block Managers have largely handled the schedules for appointment as well as the actual interpreting. There has been perfect coordination with these leaders which has eased our problems a great deal. Two days are given to a block while the following day is used to get our summaries or wires for families who need special services. This method will ease our back-log problems.

July Relocation

Unless we are able to compress the length of time between sign-up and actual departures, which can possibly be effected by having special Greyhound busses, by the arrival of boxes for crating and having the new freight arrangement working, it appears as though we will not be able to relocate more than 900 during July. There were 213 sign-ups during the week, 98, from Canal and 115 from Butte. This number should materially increase during this week, but the results in departures will not be shown to any great extent until the last week in July and in the month of August.

Arrangements with Greyhound

Mr. Freeland was able to work out an arrangement with Greyhound whereby residents may be routed to a destination in the same bus that picks them up at the project. While it actually amounts to a charter service it cannot be called that once their franchise prevails for not allow that service.

All movements to California via Greyhound will be routed through Los Angeles. The bus will stop momentarily in Phoenix and for a short time in Los Angeles provided the entire load is destined say for Fresno. If only a portion of the load is scheduled for Fresno the bus will empty its passengers and will be given blocked seats on the next outgoing.

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bus in Los Angeles. Relocators who are destined to small towns adjacent to Fresno will be delivered by other Greyhound busses. The same will be true for loads going to Santa Barbara, Sacramento or Stockton.

We were given the tariff schedules and these should appeal particularly to persons leaving on short term leaves to Los Angeles. The rate to Los Angeles is \$5.50, to Fresno is \$13.10, and to San Francisco is \$13.10. This of course is far cheaper than by rail.

In the matter of baggages they will, however, not be able to handle the customary 150 lbs. Greyhound states that they can carry 70 to 80 pieces of baggage which are not larger than an ordinary suitcase which would mean that each person would be allowed 2 suitcases. 33 passenger busses would carry 66 pieces of luggage and 37 passenger cars would be able to take 74 pieces. With our Western Freight Lines service in operation we can possibly ship the remainder of the luggage which should arrive almost as fast as ordinary checkable baggage by rail.

Freight to the West and North

Western Freight Lines first truck came in this morning to load west going freight. In view of what they have promised us in quick delivery it will not be an easy job for Evacuee Property to correlate freight movement and evacuee departures. This will have to be timed almost perfectly. In the past we have been confronted with so many changes in dates that it has been difficult for the Property Office to gauge correct shipping dates. We will have to ask for more positive confirmations from all relocators in this respect.

The Universal Carloading arrangement has not been worked out as yet. Since the property to be shipped by this firm will have to be routed through the Serape warehouse it was felt that we should first be protected against fire and theft on freight stored there temporarily. Mr. Reynolds is working on this detail.

Boxes for Relocators

As a result of Mr. Ott's trip to Los Angeles we can expect within the next ten days about 3000 boxes. Purchase arrangements made will ultimately give us about 20,000 boxes. When the lumber arrives from Poston for crating purposes we should be able to give the relocators a better service than we are now.

The Canal crating unit received 11 additional workers this morning and 2 additional carpenters were recruited for the Butte unit. The problem of maintaining an adequate evacuee force both in crating and pick-up service will continue to vex us. Frankly I do not see any continued solution unless we muster qualified workers out of other departments.

Derrickson's Visit

Russell Derrickson the Center Liason Division left for Poston

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this morning after spending a week at Gila. I believe that he was able to evaluate our program pretty well through discussions with the relocation and welfare staffs as well as through evacuee contacts. We found his counsel extremely helpful. He will return to this project after visits at Poston and the Los Angeles Office.

Miscellaneous

After a period of confusion relative to the issuance of ration books to persons on short term leave, we have now been authorized by the State OPA to issue books to all persons going out on short term regardless of time allowed on the permit. Mr. Derrickson stated that Washington had wired the project that this authority would be forthcoming, but we have never received the communication. At the present time we have three persons assigned to this operation and it appears that we will need a staff of this size as leaves increase.

Mrs. Swiggum states that Welfare is preparing a list of dependents in the Canal Community for transmittal to Bob Cozzens. This compilation was discussed with Mr. Cozzens while on his recent trip here, with a view towards creating housing for our welfare cases as well as checking on county acceptances for continued aid.

We noted in the Reports Office clipping sheet that Los Angeles is allocating 500 houses per month to veterans, evictees, and to those who qualify under hardship cases. This was apparently federal housing. We have asked Mr. Derrickson to check on the possibility of securing housing for our residents under this program.

Your statement to the Canal residents will appear in the Wednesday issue of the News Courier. This should clarify any uncertainties about possible transfers. A few have thought that housing division would make the determination which of course is not the case.

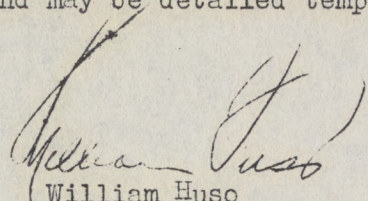
The Takemoto offer of Reedley for 75 single workers is being accepted by a number of bachelors and we are confident that we can fill the offer from Gila. As soon as additional housing can be built there will be a demand for 75 additional workers. The Canning offers in Utah and Idaho are also appealing to our single men and we hope to recruit quite a few on these seasonal offers.

I thought it might interest you to know that Rev. Inori is accepting a Presbyterian pastorate in Hanford and will leave sometime in July.

We are calling in as many family heads in Butte as we possibly can. While in Canal the efforts are being concentrated on all cases where planning is relatively unknown, we are systematically contacting all the difficult cases in Butte, and particularly those with large families who only have one wage earner.

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Mr. Butcher arrived today from prescott. He will fill one of our **clerk-stenographer** positions and may be detailed temporarily to the Canal Office.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William Huso", is written over the typed name.

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

July 16, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

177 persons were processed on terminal leave during the past week of whom 70 were Aliens. 35 complete family units went out representing 112 members. There were 43 short term leaves to California. The destinations of the terminal leaves were:

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| Parlier, California | 14 |
| Selma, California | 14 |
| San Jose, California | 12 |
| Sanger, California | 11 |
| Reedley, California | 11 |
| Chicago, Illinois | 8 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 7 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 7 |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 6 |
| Fowler, California | 6 |
| Fresno, California | 6 |
| Mountain View, California | 5 |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan | 5 |
| Denver, Colorado | 5 |
| Pasadena, California | 5 |
| Los Angeles, California | 4 |
| Roy, Utah | 4 |
| Del Rey, California | 4 |
| Gardena, California | 4 |
| Kingsburg, California | 3 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 3 |
| Madison, Wisconsin | 3 |
| Altmont, Michigan | 3 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 2 |
| Phoenix, Arizona | 2 |
| New York City, New York | 2 |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 2 |
| Dayton, Ohio | 2 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 2 |
| Norwalk, California | 2 |
| Arroyo, Grande, California | 2 |
| San Francisco, California | 2 |
| Winton, California | 2 |
| Santa Barbara, California | 2 |

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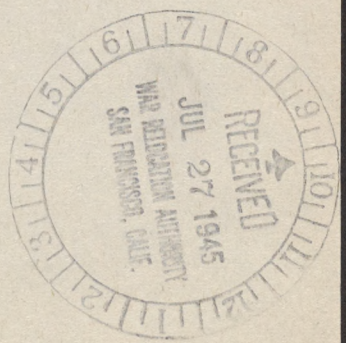
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| Hollywood, California | 1 |
| Mt. Eden, California | 1 |
| Sacramento, California | 1 |
| Indianapolis, Indiana | 1 |
| Albuquerque, New Mexico | <u>1</u> |
| Total | 177 |

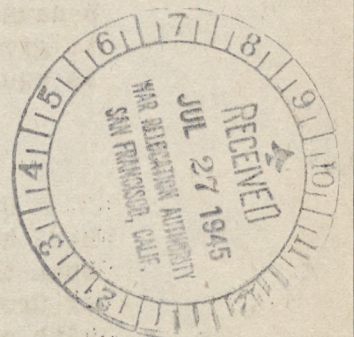
Relocation Trends

The sign-ups for the week rose sharply with a new high of 349. Of this number 130 were from Canal. The departures for the week should actually have been forty more and may have approximated that figure had we not encountered difficulties in giving grants to relocators and in transporting our people to the west. It is encouraging to note that this increase in relocation planning occurred before any impetus due to the announced Butte closing could be felt. The early closing in Butte will undoubtedly spur planning in Butte and there are strong indications that it will hurry the program in Canal.

Homogeneous families either through center associations or because pre-evacuation relationships are beginning to plan as groups where ever possible. A group largely in Canal sent three representatives to Albuquerque Saturday to determine if there are opportunities for about 25 families. There they will be met by Edmund Eaklor, Relocation Officer at Pueblo. Although temporarily set back in their plans to return to S nger, California, a group of eleven families hope that Mrs. Sophie Hagopian will hire their group where there is already sufficient housing. Last week a leader of these families had received a letter from Mrs. Hagopian that here present employees had threatened to quit in the event that the Japanese were hired. Mr. Morgan at our request very kindly visited her and it now appears that the plans may go through. Another closely knit group of eleven families are planning to accept a cannery offer near Ogden. This however will have to be acted on immediately because James Jennings advises us that the Granada group has been negotiating. A group in Canal has had information from sources in Monterey that a party was creating housing for workers in the canneries there. However, Ted Lewis called us to say that the only housing available in that area would be the homes owned by the evacuees originating there. The plans for using the former JACL building in Monterey are out because the State Guard is presently leasing it and does not intend to give it up. A hostel is being set up there this week, but is equipped to handle only thirty persons.

Transportation

Unfortunately the Greyhound bus service from project to railroad has not as yet been instituted. We are trying to determine when the Corporation hearing will be held for a reconsideration of Greyhound's requests. In the meantime we are going ahead with plans to use their busses to terminal points such as Los Angeles and Fresno. There will be two busses scheduled to leave on the



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19th of this week and two on July 26th. At least one of these will be routed as far as Fresno.

The west bound Southern Pacific trains were unable to take our loads out on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Several of the departures were cancelled despite the fact that we were able to arrange for movements on the following nights. In view of the fact that this may occur quite frequently as troop movements increase we will make every effort to transport as many of our residents as we can through the facilities of Greyhound.

Freight

Five loads of evacuee personals have already been transported from the project to points in California by the Western Truck Lines. This company leaves an empty trailer whenever they take a load out and calls for it whenever the Evacuee Property Office advises them.

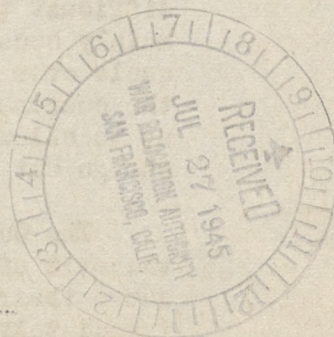
Tom Reynolds, Evacuee Property Officer, advises us that the Universal Carloading has made new arrangements to pick up the properties at the project which are grouped with freight from Poston and shipped out in carload lots from Phoenix. This will obviate the use of the Serape warehouse.

Miscellaneous

The Relocation Block Clerks are meeting regularly each week by districts as well as a group on Thursday mornings. They are preparing lists of families of six or over which have one or less working members. In many instances Clerks are proving to be quite an assistance to relocation and welfare by supplying needed information on planning. In many cases they assist by escorting residents to the offices and staying to act as interpreters. During the past week, Mrs. Lola Self of the ration department has been kind enough to speak at the district meetings on rationing.

A sheet of instructions covering policies on the issuance of ration books was prepared by Etta Mayhan and turned over to the Reports Office. This is being translated into the Japanese and will appear in the Gila News Courier. It has often been difficult to explain why certain coupons have been tailored mainly because of the expiration dates. There are great many questions over the possibility of starting a household again on the coupons which we allow. It would certainly be a boon for us to allow say an extra month's stamps for at least the families who go out as a unit.

The Captain of the local military post refused to permit the exit of two fifteen year old youngsters the other day because their names did not appear on any of the Army lists. We immediately called Victor Furth of the San Francisco office who upon contacting the Army reported that this procedure was out of



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order. Mr. Freeland is again contacting the military post to determine if there has been further clarification of their orders.

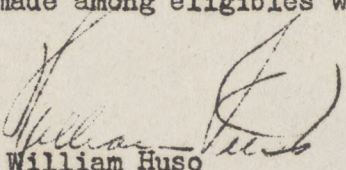
While on detail to the Los Angeles area office, Bob Davidson was able to spot a possible opportunity for a group in the Fresno area. If the Jack O'Neil offer develops as Bob seems to think that it will, there will be opening for a number of families, on this 5000 acre tract. The Jones and Cavanaugh company is interested in the marketing and financing angles of the deal.

There were about 150 persons who attended Lawson's cooking school which will be discontinued this week. Mrs. Cardwell has a domestic service class of 30 persons now in training. When this class completes it's schedule in two weeks there may not be additional classes in these types of training.

There was a great deal of excitement among the Hawaiians last week when the Planning Division of the Washington Office inquired as to how many of six families could leave shortly after the 16th of July. All of the families are anxious to leave and have been processed for grants and referred to the Evacuee Property Office for boxes and crating. Since one of the eligibles is an excluder there will have to be an escort provided for his trip to the port of embarkation. We may ask the San Francisco office for the detail of an official escort. There is also a matter of checkable baggage to the port and to the destination that which needs further clarification.

Relocation Officer Cecil Morgan informs us that the Board of Directors of the Japanese language school in Reddy is opening their building for evacuee use so that 10 to 12 families may inhabit it. We hope to have additional data on this because of the great demand for housing in this area.

The Reports Office has been granted a Translator CAF-7 opening for a period of 90 days after entry on duty. It is hoped that this can be filled by an evacuee who has worked closely with the administration. Under present interpretations it appears that the choice will have to be made among eligibles who have relocated.


William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

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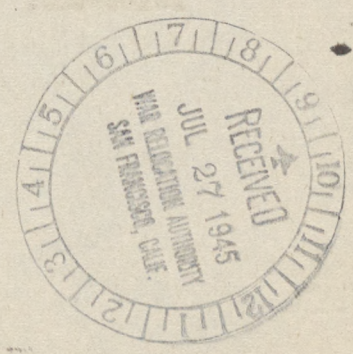
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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

July 23, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

249 residents departed on terminal leave during the past week of whom 90 were aliens. Family relocation was represented by 61 families totalling 190 persons. The destinations of the relocators were:-

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| Chicago, Illinois | 22 |
| Fresno, California | 19 |
| Selma, California | 14 |
| Los Angeles, California | 12 |
| San Lorenzo, California | 10 |
| Fowler, California | 9 |
| Ogden, Utah | 9 |
| New York City, N.Y. | 9 |
| Brigham City, Utah | 8 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 8 |
| Parlier, California | 8 |
| San Francisco, California | 8 |
| Pasadena, California | 7 |
| Sacramento, California | 7 |
| San Jose, California | 7 |
| Acampo, California | 7 |
| Denver, Colorado | 7 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 6 |
| San Gabriel, California | 6 |
| Santa Barbara, California | 5 |
| Layton, Utah | 5 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 4 |
| Oakland, California | 4 |
| Sanger, California | 4 |
| Del Rey, California | 4 |
| San Mateo, California | 3 |
| Stockton, California | 3 |
| Hayward, California | 3 |
| Houston, Texas | 3 |
| Honeyville, Utah | 3 |
| Crowley, Colorado | 3 |
| Seabrook Farms, New Jersey | 3 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 3 |
| Almont, Michigan | 2 |
| Evanston, Illinois | 2 |
| Dinuba, California | 2 |

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| Encanto, California | 2 |
| Cupertino, California | 2 |
| San Marino, California | 1 |
| San Fernando, California | 1 |
| Campbell, California | 1 |
| Provo, Utah | 1 |
| Sant Antonio, Texas | 1 |
| Bayonne, New Jersey | 1 |
| Total | <u>249</u> |

Relocation Trends

The number of persons who signed up for terminal leave during the week was 336. Of these 127 were Canal residents and 209 lived in Butte. In Canal two groups are organizing for the purpose of relocating as a group to particular localities in California. One of these groups is interested in employment in the fish canneries in Monterey, and leaders of another group hope that it will be possible for the west coast WRA officers to secure employment and housing offers from some of the large farm operators in the Walnut Grove-Isleton-Courtland area of northern California. A complete report will be made on the Canal closing program for transmittal to the Director by August 1.

On Thursday Mr. Jitsutaro Tokuyama relocated to Los Angeles, where he and Mr. Meiji Sato plan to operate a hotel and a Japanese employment agency in partnership. Mr. Tokuyama is one of the most prominent members of the Guadalupe-Santa Maria group, and both he and Mr. Sato were influential residents of our Butte community. It is believed that if their venture in Los Angeles is successful it will assist a great number of our people who plan to return to southern California.

We are still awaiting definite word on two group farming offers in the Fresno area which have been pending for several weeks and which will interest a large number of people in both Butte and Canal if satisfactory arrangements can be made. Mr. Simmons and Mr. Morgan, of the Fresno WRA office, have advised us that they are working on these offers and will notify us as soon as negotiations are completed.

Transportation

Last Thursday 73 residents left the project for California on two Greyhound buses which were loaded at the project. The buses provided us were clean and modern, and it is believed that this service will be superior to that previously provided by the railroads. The departure of these buses on Thursday night was also quite an event for the residents. It is believed that approximately 2,500 people witnessed the departure of the buses in the two camps. Two bus loads of people are scheduled to leave the project this week, and three the following week. Present indications are that we will have no difficulty in filling these buses. We have

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wired Paul Robertson for a complete report on the bus trip last week.

It now appears that the efforts of the Greyhound company to secure a franchise from the State Corporation Commission authorizing them to operate a local bus service between Rivers and Phoenix have failed as the commission has acted unfavorably on their appeal.

Shipment of Property

The problem of making boxes and crates for evacuee property and of picking up and loading such property for shipment, is still acute because of the labor shortage. The situation is particularly serious in Canal where residents are reluctant to work on the box crews and to load freight. Since the camp is closing most Canal residents wish to take their accumulated leave before relocating. Those who are being laid off project jobs, such as farm workers, would prefer to remain at home and make their own preparations for relocating rather than to accept another project job. It is urgently recommended that the Personnel Officer be requested to set up positions for three appointed staff members to handle the loading of westbound trucks carrying evacuee freight. It is our belief that such positions should be filled as soon as possible.

The box situation was relieved to a certain extent by the arrival of one carload of boxes last Saturday. Although many of these boxes are of irregular size and shape, and are not very well constructed, they will temporarily relieve the pressure on our boxmaking crew. We should receive two more carloads of boxes in the near future as we are advised that they were dispatched from San Bernardino on July 10 and July 18. The Supply Officer advises me, however, that the Mira Loma Quartermaster Depot is holding up further box shipments from Camp Haan because they feel that the boxes should not be transferred to WRA without reimbursement. We have requested the assistance of the Washington office in working out this matter with the Army. Another truckload of lumber is expected to arrive from Poston today to be used in making boxes at the project.

Miscellaneous

Rex Lee visited the project on Thursday and Friday. He attended two meetings, one of the Butte block managers and assistant block managers, and one of the appointed staff members of the Welfare and Relocation divisions. He lent a sympathetic ear to our problems and promised to assist us, particularly in the matter of obtaining group employment offers and housing for residents who wish to return to California communities.

The second edition of the northern California News-Letter was received at the project. We feel that Mr. Cozzens and his staff should be complimented for their efforts in putting out this bulletin, and we hope that the west coast Reports Offices will continue to provide us with more informational data regarding the

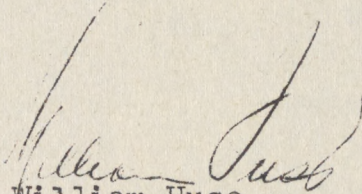
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California scene.

A committee composed of Mr. Todd, Mr. Shelly, Mrs. Fleming, Mr. Davidson, Mr. Janeway, Mr. Graham and myself was set up to review the personnel needs of the various divisions and sections concerned with the center closing program. It is believed that this committee will bring about a more equitable distribution of the available personnel.

Arrangements have been made to enlarge the facilities of the Leave Office by moving the statistics unit and giving the Leave Office the entire building, Warehouse 69-9.

It is hoped that it will be possible to staff the Leave Office with appointed staff members as soon as possible. Two appointed staff members are needed in the Leave Office immediately to handle the present load of business, and three more will be needed to replace evacuee workers who are expected to relocate.


William Husc
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

July 30, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: L. H. Bennett, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

267 persons departed on terminal leave during the past week.
57 entire family units relocated with a total of 186 persons. The
destinations were:

California, Oregon, Arizona.

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Sacramento, California | 17 |
| Selma, California | 16 |
| Los Angeles, California | 13 |
| Oxnard, California | 10 |
| Fresno, California | 6 |
| San Jose, California | 6 |
| Fowler, California | 6 |
| Stockton, California | 6 |
| Pasadena, California | 5 |
| San Leandro, California | 4 |
| Santa Clara, California | 3 |
| Parlier, California | 3 |
| Sanger, California | 3 |
| Reedley, California | 2 |
| San Mateo, California | 2 |
| San Francisco, California | 2 |
| Dinuba, California | 1 |
| Linder, California | 1 |
| Oakland, California | 1 |
| Pendleton, Oregon | 2 |
| Glendale, Arizona | 4 |
| Phoenix, Arizona | 1.....114 |

Rocky Mountain Region

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| Denver, Colorado | 22 |
| La Junta, Colorado | 7 |
| Fruita, Colorado | 7 |
| Ogden, Utah | 14 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 9 |
| Brigham City, Utah | 8 |
| Mesa, Idaho | 4..... 71 |

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Other

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Chicago, Illinois | 38 |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 10 |
| Lakewood, Ohio | 4 |
| Hammond, Indiana | 4 |
| New York City, N. Y. | 3 |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 3 |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 3 |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 3 |
| Detroit, Michigan | 2 |
| Morristown, New Jersey | 2 |
| Birmingham, Michigan | 2 |
| St. Louis, Missouri | 2 |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 1 |
| Waterbury, Connecticut | 1 |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 1 |
| Oak Park, Illinois | 1 |
| Stillwater, Oklahoma | 1 |
| Columbus, Ohio | 1..... 32 |
| Total | <u>267</u> |

Trends

The sign-ups for the third consecutive week exceeded 300. During the week there were 118 from Canal and 187 from Butte. We realize that the tempo needs to be stepped up in the Canal Community, but at the same time it is also true that we need far more agricultural opportunities both from the West Coast and the East for the residents in Canal. We have sought to get out as many as possible on short term leaves to the Coast and the results of nearly all trips have lead subsequently to terminal departures. However, there are certain conditions in California not exactly encouraging. The Visalia office does not encourage farmers to come out on short term leave in search of opportunities. The office at Fresno beckons the residents to come out to the hostel but does not solicit any farm offers. The Relocation Officer at San Jose admits that jobs are plentiful in a wire received Saturday, but states that housing is desperate.

This leaves two areas where we can still hope to place a number of fruit and delta farmers: Stockton and Sacramento. The large operators near Stockton have been cooperative for many months but the former employers in Walnut Grove, Suisun and Vacaville have failed to show much interest in hiring back old employees. The offers submitted by the Sacramento office have not originated from former employers of our residents. The latest information supplied by both the Santa Rosa and Sacramento offices indicate that it will be another 30 days before there is a change in attitudes in these districts.

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Unfortunately, nearly all Canal residents are looking toward California in hopes of going back there even if they have to live in tents. The Canal Council chairman realizes that steps will have to be taken to offset this manner of thinking. As a result of our conversation, we have wired about eight midwestern and eastern field offices to submit to the Canal Chairman all farming and domestic job offers where there is housing for families of three or more members, a copy to be forwarded to the Canal Relocation Office. It is intended that a series of meetings under the sponsorship of the Council will be held to discuss these opportunities together with general relocation problems.

Counseling

Since nearly all Canal residents desire to go back to their old homes or into areas that they know something of, we are preparing data for submission to the various western field offices showing family compositions, occupations and pertinent information about families or individuals. While this is being done we are attempting to convince the families that they should accept any opportunity whether East or West which gives them a livelihood. There is no inference on our part that they should wait for opportunities in California.

Counseling in Butte is progressing although we do not have sufficient staff to cover the community along the same technique used in Canal. We are, however, concentrating on 8 blocks and will complete them around the 2nd of August. Residents will be asked to come to the office rather than have Advisers go out into the blocks. Heretofore the Advisers have been calling in about ten families per day in addition to their regular counter business on job offers and general counseling.

Job Opportunities

A number of family heads accepted the Mesa Orchard offer at Mesa, Idaho and have already reported. Housing for twelve families will be available by the 15th of August when the balance of the families will leave. Since there was unusual interest among Gila families on this offer all new housing will be allocated to us.

Russell Robinson reported by telephone that a Mr. Mosher of Elk Grove is offering work until November 1 for about 20 single men at a salary initially of 75¢ per hour with housing furnished. S. Sasaki will visit the project sometime this week for the purpose of recruiting on the offer.

Mr. Robinson was concerned over the failure of several workers to report immediately to employers in the Sacramento area, especially when they arrived on week-ends and sought to do some reminiscing among friends at the hostels before showing up for work.

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A representative of Seabrook will visit our project about the 10th of August after visiting Manzanar and Poston. Mr. Lotts will attempt to recruit 150 families for whom there is now housing. It was my understanding, in a telephone conversation with Harry Munyon of Seabrook, that we will be eligible for at least a third of this housing, but to make sure we will perhaps call Lotts at Manzanar on Tuesday night. The teletype received from Yaeger of the Philadelphia office indicating that half of the 150 units had been assigned was an error. This will be the last effort by Seabrook to recruit residents from the Centers.

Information to Residents

The Reports Office continues in doing a bang-up job on getting information to the residents. Miss Hokenson is specifically detailed to this function and has done a remarkable job. Within the next day or two there will be a blackboard in every block which will carry items on employment, housing, etc., in the Japanese language. Those already in use have certainly shown definite results.

The pictorial boards are being distributed to every Block Manager's office. These are attractive boards carrying primarily pictures of relocated Gileans.

The daily mimeographed sheets of job opportunities and information about current housing are being duplicated in numbers of 250, giving sufficient coverage in all blocks. During the month of July there have already been 121 job offers advertized.

Hostels Planned in Parlier and Oxnard

Reverend Masunaga will be accompanied by two other families when he returns to Oxnard on August 14. There is a hall formerly used by the Japanese which is available for hostel use and he will attempt to secure cots, mattresses and blankets for about 50 persons. He will also need some materials, such as lumber and plumbing, before the hall can be fully utilized. This is being taken up with the Santa Barbara office.

Jontaro Sakuma is returning to Parlier where he will make arrangements to use the old Japanese Language School for a hostel. He will attempt to make accommodations for about 40 people. Several families from Gila are awaiting developments on this conversion.

Miscellaneous

We are pleased with the service being given us by the Department of Immigration and Naturalization on requests for Parolee travel or change of residence. It is now not uncommon to secure approvals within four and five days from date of request.



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Miscellaneous (Continued)

It does not appear that Relocation Officer Chapman of the Philadelphia office will be able to come to Gila on detail. However, Ed Berman of the Newark office, will arrive on the project between August 5 and 11. Berman is a very sound fellow who has had experience both on project and outside office levels.

The cooperation of staff members in the various moves necessary for the expansion of the Leave Office has been commendable. Five or six departments made various adjustments in office space in order to give the Leave Office an entire barrack. With the recent move of the Agent Cashier's Office to the east side of the Administration Building, all cooperating offices are within a 150 foot radius of the Relocation Office in Butte.

A booklet recently arrived setting forth the conditions of employment at the Wilson Plantation in Arkansas, an offer which is being revived. It is our understanding that a Mr. Rogan is now at Poston on detail from the New Orleans Office in the interests of this opportunity. It is believed that there exists a great deal of interest in this group offer at Gila. A considerable amount of ground work was done by Harry Nishimura of the Butte Council who translated the former literature sent out to the project three months ago.

A Tribute to Mr. Bennett

The entire personnel of the Relocation Division regret the departure of Mr. Bennett and we extend our wishes for his continued success. It goes without saying that we have enjoyed his leadership and counsel. He has been practical in his approach toward the relocation program and we believe that the foundation he has laid will make it possible to liquidate the center on schedule.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

August 5, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities.

Departures

238 residents were processed on terminal leave. Fifty-five entire family units relocated with one hundred eighty family members. The destinations were:

California and Arizona

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|----------------------------|----|-----|
| Fresno, California | 31 | |
| Los Angeles, California | 22 | |
| Sacramento, California | 15 | |
| Selma, California | 11 | |
| Fowler, California | 8 | |
| Parlier, California | 8 | |
| San Jose, California | 7 | |
| Berkeley, California | 6 | |
| Mt. View, California | 6 | |
| Pasadena, California | 6 | |
| Tracy, California | 5 | |
| Santa Barbara, California | 4 | |
| San Fernando, California | 4 | |
| Oxnard, California | 4 | |
| Harbor City, California | 3 | |
| Oakland, California | 3 | |
| Reedley, California | 3 | |
| San Francisco, California | 3 | |
| Mt. Eden, California | 3 | |
| Rosemeade, California | 2 | |
| Beverley Hills, California | 2 | |
| Florin, California | 2 | |
| Walnut Creek, California | 1 | |
| Glendale, Arizona | 6 | 165 |

Rocky Mountain States

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| Layton, Utah | 6 | |
| Denver, Colorado | 5 | |
| Crowley, Colorado | 5 | |
| Brighton, Colorado | 5 | |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 3 | |
| Mesa, Idaho | 3 | |
| Tooele, Utah | 3 | |
| Gallup, New Mexico | 1 | 31 |

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Other

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|----------------------------|-----|----|
| Chicago, Illinois | 17 | |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 7 | |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 5 | |
| Stillwater, Oklahoma | 4 | |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 3 | |
| New York City, New York | 2 | |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 2 | |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan | 1 | |
| Elmhurst, Illinois | 1 | 42 |
| Week's Total | 238 | |

Relocation Prospects

The average departure flow for the past three weeks has been approximately 250. There will be an increase in August but the total for the month in terminal departures will not exceed 1200 unless there is unusual sign-up activity during the next two weeks.

Canal had an increase in sign-ups with 144, while Butte lagged with 163. The total for both communities again, however, exceeded 300. During the following weeks you may expect a decided up-turn in sign-ups which should be reflected materially this week. The prospects in Canal are far brighter than they were a few weeks ago and this can be partly attributed to the attitude of the Council leaders who concede that the job should be completed and are doing something to assist in the completion of the program.

Pick-up, Crating and Shipping of Freight

We are up against a very serious situation in the disposition of evacuee freight. We literally wobbled through during the past week and only because certain appointed staff members as White, Sprinkles, Slate, Reynolds, Bemis, Griswold and Williams worked day and night in the delivery of boxes, performing pick-ups and loading of truck vans. Up until a short time ago we had been delivering boxes at least seven days before departures, but the shortage of labor was so acute last week that we actually made deliveries three days before residents were scheduled to leave.

We will encounter the same dilemma this week and unless steps are taken to provide this department with sufficient labor, the whole program will break down. We either need more evacuees or authority to add persons to the appointed staff. As to evacuee labor we cannot direct persons being terminated from other sections to accept this type of work, but we can place a priority there which will keep labor from being dissipated into other sections which in many cases are supposed to be reduced. A wire has been sent to Washington for permission to hire general laborers on the outside. This appears to be a better solution than any attempt on our part to maintain an adequate labor supply among residents.

Special thanks are due Harold Asami, Central Block Manager for the

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recruitment of four young men on this detail. He is attempting to secure through all Block Managers two persons from each block. An attempt will also be made to have blocks assume an innate responsibility in this regard. In the meantime all workers assigned to this department will receive \$19 per month salary.

Canal Council Cooperation

Ben Fukuzawa, Canal Council Chairman, has suggested that a series of meetings be held in Canal to discuss rationing and eastern farm offers. As a result the Public Relations Committee of the Council is sponsoring four meetings to end this week on ration problems. At the two meetings held last week, Lucille Peddy and Etta Mayhan very ably discussed ration factors and explained the manner in which books are tailored according to OPA stipulations. There were 60 at one meeting and 100 at the other. Mr. Kiriara and Mitsuyoshi have put in a considerable amount of effort on these meetings.

Recruitments this Week

Herb Lettis of Seabrook and Ed. Berman of the Newark office will arrive at this project on Tuesday morning. Lettis will attempt to recruit families for Seabrook in Canal First. There are opportunities at Seabrook for 60 families who will live temporarily in the dormitories and be given apartments on the first of September. We are advised that there is ample work for any family member who goes to Seabrook and that there will also be part time work for school age youngsters.

Also arriving on Tuesday are Mr. Regan and Mr. Mewing who will provide all the latest data on the Wilson Plantation Offer. You may recall that when the offer was first broached about three months ago that the Butte Council did a lot of preliminary work on the opportunity including a translation of the original offer. There appears to be some interest in the Arkansas deal and therefore the opportunity should be advertized as widely as possible. I am a little concerned about the results of recruitment efforts because of the mandatory clause calling for cotton raising. Perhaps the fact that there is an opportunity for vegetable raising will offset the ordinary aversion to the raising of cotton.

A Mr. Sasaki from Elk Grove is now recruiting single men for an offer submitted by Mr. Mosher. He has I believe about twelve men already signed up. A similar deal for twenty-six men was developed in Fresno by one of our Canal Residents.

Miscellaneous

The bus service provided for relocatees who are returning to California has proved to be unusually good. Since the inception of the greyhound service there have been four busses leave per week. This number will shortly be increased.

Our most prominent baseball enthusiast, Mr. Zenimura, relocated with his entire baseball club to Fresno last Monday night where he hopes to become engaged in his old business and will attempt to sponsor a semi-professional ball club.

The housing lists submitted to us by the Los Angeles office failed to provide any housing leads. In nearly all cases the residents had disposed

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of their dwellings or lots since evacuation.

We had received assurance that the question of teacher details would be decided by the first of August. This problem is proving to be vexing and we need to have a decision at once.

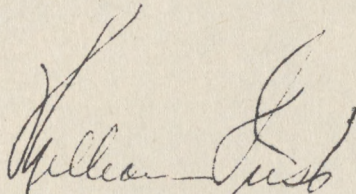
Sufficient blackboards have now been provided by Engineering for every block. These are primarily for Japanese translations of job offers, items on housing and other factors related to relocation. Miss Hockenson had spent much time with Mr. Asami, Block Managers and Relocation Block Clerks to make these boards good informational mediums.

It becomes apparent that more and more residents are becoming concious of the mimeographed job sheets distributed by the Reports Division. There are approximately five copies posted in every block, so they are accessible to everyone.

For several weeks now an effort has been made to secure some understanding with the Army through the San Francisco office concerning the 14 to 17 year olds. There are about 100 who do not appear on any army list and hence they have been held up by the local military commander under orders from the Presidio in San Francisco.

Had it not been for the intercession of Victor Furth, a young man of fourteen years, would not have been able to accompany his non-English speaking father this past week on an exploratory trip to the coast. He did not appear on any Army list, therefore was refused an exit at the gate. This is not only impeding relocation, but is downright ridiculous. We have now prepared as complete a list as we are able on boys in this category and have asked the company commander for a determination on them through the headquarters at San Francisco.

In our June report one of our recommendations related to the deductions made in the computation of resettlement assistance. Cash advances and clothing allowances are deducted from the otherwise eligible amount a family may receive. While this may be a means of providing wider distribution of resettlement assistance it is having a disastrous effect on our employment situation. Assistant Relocation Advisers advise me that the Relocation Clerks report a widespread disaffection among residents who are quitting jobs long before they anticipate relocation or who will not accept new assignments upon termination because they cannot see any reason for working if the amount they would receive is to be deducted anyway. This philosophy is apparently being fostered also by those who would not receive this assistance anyway.



William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

August 13, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

286 persons left the center on terminal leave during the past week. In addition to singles this represented the relocation of 69 entire family units totaling 233 members. It is interesting to note that a family of seven went out, six families of six and four families of five. The destinations were:

California

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| Sanger, California | 21 | |
| Los Angeles, California | 19 | |
| Fresno, California | 17 | |
| Selma, California | 17 | |
| Cupertino, California | 17 | |
| San Jose, California | 15 | |
| Fowler, California | 14 | |
| Parlier, California | 7 | |
| Marysville, California | 6 | |
| Del Rey, California | 6 | |
| Pasadena, California | 6 | |
| Santa Barbara, California | 5 | |
| San Lorenzo, California | 5 | |
| Sunnyvale, California | 5 | |
| Hanford, California | 4 | |
| El Monte, California | 4 | |
| Oakland, California | 4 | |
| Rosemead, California | 4 | |
| Kingsburg, California | 3 | |
| Hollywood, California | 3 | |
| Elk Grove, California | 3 | |
| Sacramento, California | 2 | |
| Watsonville, California | 1 | |
| San Francisco, California | 1 | |
| San Marino, California | 1 | |
| San Gabriel, California | 1 | |
| Orosi, California | 1 | 188 |

Rocky Mountain Region

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| Denver, Colorado | 10 |
| Gallup, New Mexico | 6 |
| Smithfield, Utah | 4 |
| Ogden, Utah | 2 |

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|--------------------------|---|----|
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 2 | |
| Grand Junction, Colorado | 2 | |
| Crowley, Colorado | 1 | |
| Cheyenne, Wyoming | 1 | 28 |

Eastern States

| | | |
|------------------------|-----|----|
| Chicago, Illinois | 31 | |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 6 | |
| New-York, New York | 5 | |
| Evanston, Illinois | 4 | |
| Eau Claire, Michigan | 4 | |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 3 | |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 3 | |
| Detroit, Michigan | 2 | |
| Piedmont, Illinois | 2 | |
| Ann Arbor, Michigan | 2 | |
| Waterbury, Connecticut | 1 | |
| Barrington, Illinois | 1 | |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 1 | |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 1 | 66 |
| Total | 286 | |

Relocation Trends

389 residents signed-up for future departure dates. Of these 167 were from Canal and 222 from Butte. This represents a decided increase over the preceding week and augurs well for a continued step-up on a voluntary basis. The departures for this week should exceed 300.

There is an undercurrent of resentment among the adamant group as a result of Administrative Notice No. 289. This of course was not at all unexpected. Actually many who have boasted about being here on Center Closing Day are now busy on planning. Several have been in my office intimating that they have ceased to consider it smart to be here on CC day. Unfortunately in a few of these cases it will be necessary to dispatch dependency summaries immediately since there are health problems that need to be anticipated upon relocation.

Implications of Adm. Notice 289

Administrative Notice No. 289 was read and interpreted to the combined Council, Block Manager and Relocation Block Clerk groups prior to a center wide mimeographed distribution of the instruction. Copies were supposedly sent to every barrack and in the meantime a translation is being prepared in Japanese. Steps will be taken immediately in both communities to determine probable departure dates and destinations by the 10th of September.

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In Canal three Assistant Advisers, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Hart, and Mrs. Butler are being detailed to survey all blocks in an effort to secure definite dates of departure. All residents who prior to August 15th have not picked definite dates will be interviewed on the 15, 16, and 17th of this month. We will solicit all definite plans and will notify those who are unable or unwilling to provide one that within two weeks from the date of the interview a decision will have to be made. Residents will be encouraged to set the time of their departure provided that too many do not indicate a choice during the last two weeks. If there appears to be collusion on this aspect for a considerable portion of the population a rigid scheduling program will necessarily have to be set up. However, I am of the opinion that we will have relatively little difficulty on this point provide that we receive assistance in housing in the central part of California.

In Butte the techniques used in getting this information will be different, due in part to the fact that center closing is not so imminent. We would like to suggest that an article be prepared for the Courier which would restate the main points of Administrative notice 289 and request the residents to come in voluntarily to the relocation offices with their plans by the first of September. It is also recommended that we include in the same article a statement that we will be canvassing the entire population, requesting that they keep all appointments on call-ins. Call-in notices should be sent out under your signature with a definite time for an appearance.

Service By Greyhound

The long awaited bus service to Chandler and Phoenix will commence on Wednesday. There will be two round-trip schedules to Chandler and two to Phoenix, which will make connections with nearly all trains at the two terminals. Whether there will be sufficient pay loads to warrant these schedules is another matter. On this point we will have to wait and see.

In the meantime the charter service to the coast has worked out very well. The residents are pleased with this transportation and we have been able to move the people on schedule. We hope that we will not have to defer departures in the manner we did several weeks ago. Earl Parks district manager of the Greyhound reassures us that they will be able to provide a minimum of 12 to 14 busses which will be needed on or about the first of September for west bound departures. If this arrangement is carried out it will mean that we need not rely to any extent on train accomodations to California.

Recruitments during the Week

Herb Lettis of Seabrook and Ed Berman of the Newark office spent several days in both communities in the interests of the Seabrook offer. Several families have signed up and it is our belief that we will be able to recruit about 50 families. The contacts that these men made

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substantial and the publicity on the opportunity reached the residents through the Courier and in the blocks on mimeographed sheets.

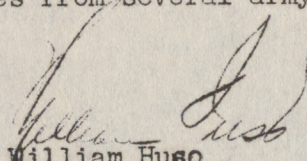
Prior to the arrival of Mr. Mewing and Relocation Officer Regan, the Reports office had distributed about 400 pamphlets on the Wilson Plantation offer. They appeared at a combined Block Manager and Block Clerk Meeting in Butte and at a Block Clerk Meeting in Canal. There were a little over 30 persons who appeared at a discussion held on Friday night on the Wilson offer. Numerous contacts were also made among influential farmers, particularly those from the Guadalupe-Santa Maria area. There are no definite results yet, but several have evinced a great deal of interest in the opportunity.

Army Stop List

An instruction has now been received by the local M.P. Commander that boys under seventeen years of age need not be checked against the Army register. A new development has however occurred in the matter of clearances. All females must now be checked for authority to leave. The reason ascribed for this new policy is that there has been a number of women who have renounced their American nationality and hence they need to check all women who relocate.

Evacuee Freight

Freight shipments were stepped up this week with approximately 225,000 lbs. being shipped. All freight movements were dispatched on schedule while the pick-up and box delivery service was effected with better regularity. The entire boxing and pick-up detail is now under the immediate supervision of the Engineering section. Steps have not been taken yet to place the responsibility of boxing and crating on the relocatee nor can this be done until we receive more lumber. Herman Ott states that we will receive about 200,000 board feet of lumber sometime during the next ten days which will help considerably. We hope too to receive additional cars of boxes from several army depots in California.


William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

August 20, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

342 persons went out on terminal leave during the week. Of this number 274 represented family relocation, with an exodus of 80 entire families. The destinations were:

California

| | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|
| Fresno, California | 42 | |
| Parlier, California | 29 | |
| Fowler, California | 24 | |
| Los Angeles, California | 17 | |
| Santa Barbara, California | 11 | |
| Selma, California | 11 | |
| Oxnard, California | 10 | |
| Hanford, California | 10 | |
| Kingsburg, California | 9 | |
| Pasadena, California | 7 | |
| Winters, California | 7 | |
| San Jose, California | 6 | |
| Saticoy, California | 6 | |
| Gardena, California | 5 | |
| Kerman, California | 5 | |
| Arroyo Grande, California | 5 | |
| Oakland, California | 4 | |
| Stockton, California | 4 | |
| Sunnyvale, California | 4 | |
| San Lorenzo, California | 4 | |
| Madera, California | 3 | |
| Reedley, California | 3 | |
| Ventura, California | 3 | |
| Sacramento, California | 3 | |
| Temple City, California | 3 | |
| Berkeley, California | 3 | |
| Redwood City, California | 2 | |
| Dinuba, California | 2 | |
| Pomona, California | 1 | |
| San Gabriel, California | 1 | 244 |

Arizona

| | | |
|---------------|---|---|
| Mesa, Arizona | 5 | 5 |
|---------------|---|---|

Rocky Mt. Region

| | | |
|----------------------|---|----|
| Denver, Colorado | 9 | |
| Brighton, Colorado | 8 | |
| Crowley, Colorado | 6 | |
| Ogden, Utah | 6 | |
| Tooele, Utah | 3 | |
| Three Forks, Montana | 2 | |
| Fruita, Colorado | 2 | |
| Payette, Idaho | 1 | 37 |

Eastern States

| | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|
| Chicago, Illinois | 10 | |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 8 | |
| New York City, New York | 8 | |
| Hatboro, Pennsylvania | 7 | |
| Seabrook, New Jersey | 5 | |
| Richmond, Virginia | 4 | |
| Stillwater, Oklahoma | 4 | |
| Poughkeepsie, New York | 3 | |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 3 | |
| Rochester, New York | 1 | |
| Waterbury, Connecticut | 1 | |
| Columbia, Missouri | 1 | |
| Madison, Wisconsin | 1 | 56 |

Total 342

Trends

It is evident in Canal that the majority of residents are desperately trying to shape up their plans prior to the 1st of September. The fact that 308 people signed up for specific departure dates this week strongly bears this out. While we have beckoned to all the leaders in Canal for support in arranging for voluntary sign-ups for the entire community we have at the same time issued a mimeographed sheet to all residents which firmly states that after September 1 we will assert our prerogative of scheduling departures if it becomes necessary. The attitude in Canal has been exemplary and it may well be that only an insignificant number will delay their plans to the extent that we will force a decision on their departures. At the present time there are about 1200 who have not signed up.

213 signed cover sheets in Butte during the week. While this may compare favorably with the tempo in other centers it is alarming that so many parents with children of school age are not planning to enroll them in a new school on the day of registration. It is unlikely that there will be a large up surge in Butte until we have information on

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available housing in the Southern California area. There has been a great frustration among Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Maria, Guadalupe, and Santa Barbara residents who have gone to the coast in numbers only to find that jobs are plentiful, but housing is next to impossible for families with children. There is, of course, a sizeable portion of Butte's population too who are looking intently at the liquidation process in Canal. If we are able to announce on about the 1st of September that everyone has a registered plan we will have gone a long way in adding a note of finality to those still unconvinced in Butte.

Our Crating and Pick-up problems

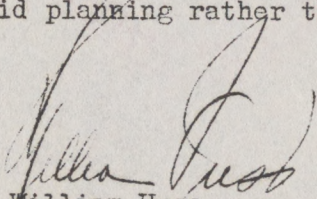
Our ability in both communities to deliver lumber, make pick-ups on time, and get the evacuee property shipped has almost come to an impasse. We are woefully behind in our Canal service and must expect a wave of cancellations if we cannot somehow catch up on our backlog. Mr. Shelly has worked closely with the Engineering section and reports that persons leaving Canal on the 27th of this month or later will be apportioned lumber for box making and crating. In the meantime there will be made an effort to take care of this week's demands. Persons or families who are unable to perform their own work will be assisted by the Engineering section. This might include the infirm and sick, families whose wage earners are out or for widows with families.

In Butte our problem is not so acute, although it is improbable that all pick-ups will be made on time during the fore part of the week. The Council and Block Managers have mutually agreed that labor shall be conscripted from six districts in Butte and in any services outside of Mess, Hospital, Fire Department, Internal Security, and Garbage detail. These persons would be subject to work for an entire day per week. The efforts made by Asami and Nishimura are to be commended.

Miscellaneous

Harry Nishimura recently returned from an exploratory trip to Philadelphia. He has talked to many residents since his return about opportunities there and feels that many Gilans should go to this area. He points out that there is urgent need for an Issei in the Philadelphia office because of the unusually large ratio of Isseis in this area.

All residents in Butte who have not declared any plans will be called in for an interview during the next two weeks. We hope to complete these interviews by the 4th of September. It is recommended that we send out a circular under your signature on September 1st calling for all plans by the 15th of the month. We would then be able in adverse cases to insist on scheduling after that date. This would mean that we would have eight weeks of rigid planning rather than six weeks.


William Huso
Relocation Program Officer



A circular red ink stamp is located in the upper left corner of the document. The stamp features a clock-like border with numbers 1 through 12. Inside the circle, the text is arranged as follows: "RECEIVED" at the top, "AUG. 27 1946" in the center, and "WARREN COMMISSION AUTHORITY" and "ST. LOUIS, MO." at the bottom. A small number "4" is handwritten above the word "RECEIVED".

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

September 3, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

Departures

513 residents went out on terminal leave during the past week.
The destinations were:

California - - Arizona - - Oregon

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|--------------------------|----|
| Walnut Grove, California | 45 |
| Los Angeles | 32 |
| Stockton | 31 |
| Fresno | 26 |
| Parlier | 21 |
| Sacramento | 19 |
| Flourin | 19 |
| Monterey | 19 |
| Pasadena | 16 |
| Lodi | 11 |
| Hanford | 10 |
| Earlimont | 10 |
| Long Beach | 8 |
| Lone Star | 8 |
| Lakeside | 7 |
| Richmond | 7 |
| San Leandro | 7 |
| Armona | 7 |
| Crowley | 5 |
| San Fernando | 5 |
| San Francisco | 5 |
| Berkeley | 5 |
| Petaluma | 5 |
| Kinsburg | 5 |
| Oakland | 5 |
| Bialoa | 4 |
| Redwood City | 4 |
| Santa Barbara | 3 |
| Santa Maria | 2 |
| Del Rey | 2 |
| La Jolla | 2 |
| Seaside | 2 |
| Reedley | 1 |
| National City | 1 |

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|---------------------|----|-----|
| Fowler | 1 | |
| Sanger | 1 | |
| Guadalupe | 1 | |
| Seattle, Washington | 1 | |
| Phoenix, Arizona | 14 | |
| Glendale, " | 5 | 803 |
| Gila Bend " | 1 | 383 |

Rocky Mountain States

| | | |
|-------------------------|---|----|
| Provo, Utah | 7 | |
| Brigham, Utah | 7 | |
| Albuquerque, New Mexico | 7 | |
| Salt Lake City, Utah | 4 | |
| Crowley, Colorado | 4 | |
| Denver, Colorado | 3 | |
| Ogden, Utah | 2 | 34 |

Eastern States

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| Chicago, Illinois | 42 | |
| Seabrook, New Jersey | 18 | |
| Minneapolis, Minnesota | 8 | |
| Cleveland, Ohio | 7 | |
| Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | 6 | |
| Detroit, Michigan | 5 | |
| St. Louis, Missouri | 2 | |
| Milwaukee, Wisconsin | 2 | |
| Winnetka, Illinois | 2 | |
| Des Moines, Iowa | 1 | |
| Toledo, Ohio | 1 | |
| Sidney, Nebraska | 1 | |
| St. Paul, Minnesota | 1 | 96 |
| Total | 513 | |

Federal Housing on the Coast

Plain reporting compels us to state that the results of Federal Housing negotiations up to the present time have had a deleterious effect on residents who are trying to arrange for housing. We were advised that there were 100 units in Los Angeles and a like number in San Francisco which were to be pro-rated among the various projects with some favoritism being given Gila, Poston, and Granada because of early closing. The requests were to be analyzed and report given the centers on Tuesday, August 28. By the time we were notified on Saturday morning we were forced to cancel the special bus arrangements for this movement.

The interest in this type of housing among servicemen's families was shown immediately. 23 families desired 3 bedroom apartments, 17

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wanted 2 bedroom and 9 indicated a 1 bedroom choice. In all 216 family members were involved.

We were notified on Saturday that Federal Housing exists in the following cities and that families processed: for this housing must report between the 3rd and the 7th:

| | | |
|-------------|---|---------------------|
| Long Beach: | 2 | 2bedroom apartments |
| | 2 | 1bedroom apartments |
| Oxnard: | 9 | 2bedroom apartments |
| | 4 | 1bedroom apartments |
| Benicia: | 2 | 0bedroom apartments |
| | 7 | 2bedroom apartments |

Canal

There were 328 sign-ups in Canal during the past week which leaves approximately 538 individuals who have not indicated definite plans. A break-down may serve to illustrate our residue problems there:

| <u>Factors</u> | <u>No Families</u> | <u>No. Individuals</u> |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| Welfare-Summaries | 67 | 138 |
| Heads out on Short Term | 15 | 46 |
| Pending: housing, service- men expected back, etc., | 40 | 117 |
| Segregees | 20 | 53 |
| Excludees | 24 | 91 |
| No planning | 27 | 73 |
| Claim ill health | 7 | 11 |
| Engaged in essential employment | 4 | 9 |
| | Total | 538 |

Miscellaneous

As the week closed we were in position to say that we were up-to-date on Property pick-ups and had delivered on schedule boxes for packing. This has happened despite the fact that the increase in terminal departures rose sharply and augurs well for our ability to handle property shipments for relocatees as weekly movements will equal or exceed 500.

We have a partial answer to our Interpreter problems in that the Block Clerks have reported for assignment in our Butte Office. A schedule was arranged at the last weekly meeting whereby three Clerks will report daily for interpreting, 2 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon. As long as we are able to replace relocating Block Clerks this arrangement is quite adequate and at the same

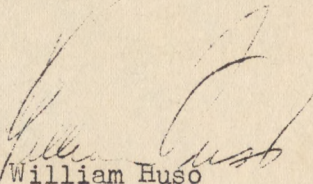
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time practical because they are ordinarily well versed in relocation matters.

Encouraging news came to the 24 Hawaiians who have been waiting for travel orders to return to Hawaii. Invitational-travel orders are to be delivered to these families and they are to be advised that they may expect a port call date quite soon.

Block Manager Miura will return to Gardena on the 5th of September to assist in the formation of a new hostel there. Various types of machanics are busily repairing the building and it is hoped that it may be opened around the 15th of the month.

The personnel needs in the Leave Office are still in an urgent state. Three clerk-typists and a receptionist are needed to replace the 5 evacuees terminated during the past week. We also need a secretary in the Butte Relocation Office.


William Huso

Relocation Program Officer

9-10-45

To: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

Subject: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities.

582 Departures
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There were 582 terminal departures during the week. It will be impossible to provide breakdowns by towns in the future because of the clerical work involved. Neither the Statistical unit nor the Leave section is able to get this information on time for the report.

The terminal departures for this week will approximate 500, while the week following will show an increase. It appears as though the population of the Center will be about 2700 on October 1.

Canal

Relatively few of those who have been processed for terminal leave in Canal will leave during the last week in September, and we will try to arrange departures for at least half of those unsigned by the 24th of the month. There are now only 384 individuals who have failed to sign a cover sheet. We are working desperately with this nucleus in an effort to convince them that they must come out for some type of plan. There are actually only 108 individuals whom we have failed to sign up who are unwilling to proffer some plan. It is probably less true that they are as a whole adamant than that a feeling of ennui has come over them making it seem impossible for them to develop some plan. In many cases we find they are parents of servicemen who have concluded that they cannot get out unless their boys are discharged. In other instances the head of the family is largely unemployable and will have to rely on mature daughters for financial support. Among a few families there seems to be an utter lack of energy for planning who when prompted for a plan will offer the defenseless argument that they fear physical harm. Up to the present time we have not scheduled a single person and it is hoped that if scheduling is inevitable that the number of families involved will number less than a dozen.

In the following breakdown you will note that the number not planning rose over the previous week, and this is attributed to the fact that a number of the former segregates were not only shocked but aggrieved to find their rights suddenly restored:

Factors
7 persons out on short term

Individuals.
23

| <u>Factors (cont'd)</u> | <u>Individuals</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Immigration Stop | 3 |
| Welfare Cases | 117 |
| Pending: housing & c. | 129 |
| Essential single persons | 6 |
| No planning | <u>108</u> |
| Total | 386 |

In addition to intensive counseling among the group who are resisting we have notified the district relocation offices about the possibility of scheduling. We have asked them to determine if temporary housing can be arranged for specific families if our last minute efforts fail to develop a plan.

Federal Housing

Eight families have already left for Oxnard and Long Beach to accept federal housing apartments and five additional ones are preparing to leave shortly. It is probable that a few more families will sign up for housing in these two communities. As far as Benicia and Vallejo units are concerned there did not appear to be any interest, so we turned them back.

Mr. Shimpei Tanaka of the Serviceman's Families Association has been very helpful in creating interest in Butte. In the meantime a great number of prospective applicants have been called in but until there are openings in either Los Angeles or San Francisco the interest will not be overly great.

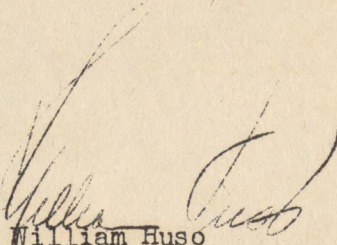
Miscellaneous

The Chowchilla farm offer near Fresno, California, has elicited small interest so far among the Santa Maria-Guadalupe farmers. Had this offer for 29 families been received six weeks ago the reception would have been different. In the intervening time the Franklin Waller Seed Company has commenced hiring evacuees on an extensive scale, several large operators are interested in the Wilson Plantation offer and the Aratani and Minami interests have in the main forgotten about California temporarily.

Harry Miyake will return from the Wilson Plantation in a day or two. Three Guadalupe farmers who had planned to make an exploratory trip there will wait for Miyake's return before making further plans. In a telephone conversation Saturday evening Mr. Miyake spoke very highly about the Arkansas opportunity having made two visits to the plantation with Relocation Officer A.N. Ragon.

There has been quite a lot of concern in Butte among a large segment of families since we distributed a bulletin in both languages about the prospects of scheduling for those who by the 20th of this month have failed to declare a plan. The sign-ups for the week were 332 but this total is not

sufficient to liquidate the community in an orderly manner. In our effort to find out the probable dates of departures and destinations we were rather unsuccessful because so many families seemed apathetic. Our attitude is becoming very firm. We know that Butte presents a far more formidable problem in liquidation than Canal did because of the population composite and origins.


William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

September 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resume of Relocation Activities

There were 552 terminal leaves during the week. The ratio of California returns is increasing weekly as we are now unable to schedule more than one special car to the midwest and east. The movement to the Rocky Mountain region continues on approximately the same basis.

The sign-ups totaled 518, of which 157 were in Canal and 361 in Butte. There has been considerable activity in our Butte office as a result of the memorandum distributed to all residents which made planning mandatory by the 20th of this month. If a limited amount of temporary housing could be arranged for those in dire need the upsurge would be immediate. There is no longer any doubt about the sincerity of those who speak of housing difficulties. At the present time there are many who return from Los Angeles without having found suitable housing, and in most cases you find that their contacts are inadequate and their language handicaps a serious stumbling block.

The population of Canal at the end of Sept. 15 was 630. Of this number a total of 388 have given us departure dates, leaving only 242 with whom we are still fretting about definite relocation dates. We had come to an impasse, so it was necessary to schedule 44 persons involuntarily to counties of pre-evacuation residences. As a result of this action it is probable that only one or two additional families will have to be scheduled against their will in order to liquidate Canal. It is highly probable that not over 80 persons will have to be transferred to the Butte community, and these will consist largely of welfare and hospital cases. The prospect of such a limited transfer will occur provided that the Oakland and Santa Rosa offices are able to provide housing for four large families totaling 44 people.

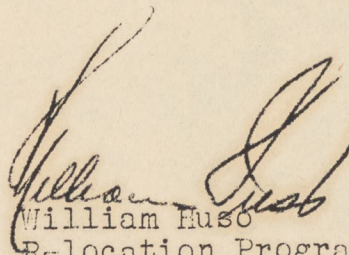
A meeting was held during the week for those who were interested in the Wilson Plantation offer. The attendance was largely made up of Guadalupe-Santa Maria people who are still in a dilemma about their future. The meeting was conducted by Harry Miyake who recently came back from the Arkansas plantation. The results of this discussion have been negligible up to the present time.

The Guadalupe leaders have decided to open a hostel

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which will be operated by Reverend Matsuura who has rendered inestimable service for the old men of the Butte community. It is hoped that this housing facility can be opened by the 1st of October.

Miss Minnie Mayhan has resigned to accept a position with the Veterans Bureau at Little Rock, Arkansas. Etta Mayhan, who has been detailed to the Canal office for the past weeks, will take over Minnie's district. Wesley Kirby will leave by the end of the month for his new assignment at the Phoenix schools, and Mrs. Reed will assume charge of her old district.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William Huso", is written over the typed name.

William Huso
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

SEPTEMBER 24, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

SUBJECT: Weekly Resumé of Relocation Activities.

Terminal Leaves--603

According to our statistical count, there were 282 persons remaining in the Canal Community at the end of Sept. 22. Transfers to Butte during the week totaled 19, and it appears necessary to allow an additional 32 persons to move immediately to Butte. These transfers are extreme hardship cases composed of welfare applicants whose county residences are still unverified and others recommended by the hospital for continued residence at the center. If the Field Offices at Santa Rosa, Oakland and Sacramento will provide us with housing for five families there will be no need for further transfers and the balance of the Canal population will be relocated before October 1.

The request for temporary housing for these five families totaling 50 persons is the only demand for shelter we have made upon the field offices in order to close Canal. Hostels in other cases have been able to attend to our needs. In nearly all of these instances, fortunately, the people have gone to Fresno, where hostel facilities have been adequate for those returning. The Relocation Officers have done yeoman service, however, in cooperating with committees in providing cots, mattresses and blankets for creation or expansion of hostels. Without this service it is doubtful if our Walnut Grove, Suisun or Alvarado groups would have been able to return from Canal to their old homes.

It has not been necessary to schedule involuntarily any more than the original group of 43 individuals whose departures occurred on the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of this month. This has had a salutary effect among the more difficult cases in Butte who were anticipating difficulty in Canal as well as hoping for transfers in large numbers.

During the next few days two new districts will be created for personnel being transferred from Canal to Butte. We had hoped to set up additional districts but several Assistant Relocation Advisers have already made future plans. Miss Minnie Mayhan and Leon Roy are already with new employers; Mr. Kirby plans to go back to the teaching profession by Oct. 1; and Miss Maxine Hagan will resign on October 15.

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The realignment of districts in Butte provides the following breakdown:

| <u>Ass't Advisers</u> | <u>Blocks</u> | <u>Population</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Mayhan | 46-47-48-49 | 416 |
| Fillorup | 56-57-58-63-64 | 417 |
| Cole | 51-52-54-55 | 341 |
| Cowdon | 59-60-61-72 | 430 |
| Reed | 32-33-34-45 | 353 |
| Reagan | 28-29-30-31 | 311 |
| Mrs. Hart | 65-66-73-74 | 324 |
| Butler | 36-44-39-40 | 352 |
| Total | | 2,944 |

Mr. Castleberry, Evacuee Property Chief of Washington, paid us a visit during the past week. He attended the Block Clerk meeting on Thursday morning and was able to meet with the Welfare section on Friday. His suggestions throughout his stay were extremely helpful. The consideration which is to be given to servicemen's families on storage of properties at the center is commendable. The fact that the 60-day storage rule will be inoperative for the families of servicemen will be a relief to this group and will no doubt hurry their decisions in accepting the present EPFA housing.

We had another visitor with us: Mr. Iwasaki, of the WRA laboratory at Denver. His mission was primarily to photograph certain happenings typifying the closing days of a center. He was able to secure good shots of relocatees boarding Greyhound busses in Butte and Canal as well as good pictures of evacuee property pick-ups, crating and loading in the blocks and in engineering shops.

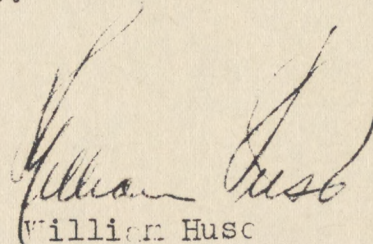
The Reverend Oshita has returned to the center for a period of three or four weeks to assist the balance of his congregation in making final plans. He states that the hostel in Santa Maria is equipped with 25 beds and that there are 9 persons in the hostel now. The Reverend has proffered to assist in interpreting for an hour each day in the Leave Office during his stay.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Canal staff for a particularly fine job almost completed. Wilson Hart and Lucille Paddy are to be complimented on their supervision. Residents spoke highly of the type of counseling given by Mrs. Reed, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Hart, Miss Mayhan and Miss Hagan, and had a very high regard for the office. Mr. Butcher also did a nice job as secretary while detailed there. We are also indebted to Earl Goodman for the many services he has performed. Mr. Jack Bryce and Mr. Knapp

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of the Canal Welfare, have also contributed materially to the successful closing of Canal. The effective handling of evacuee property by the Engineering and Evacuee Property sections deserves a great deal of credit. Other sections such as Statistics, Internal Security and Transportation have also been instrumental in completing the job.

The relocation of Harold Asani and his family today closes a chapter in Evacuee cooperation which may be unparalleled in any center. The staff owes Mr. Asani a debt of gratitude for the effective handling of a group of Block Managers and Block Clerks who were on the whole friendly and cooperative towards the Administration! The services he has performed are too many to enumerate. If awards were given his name would be first to arise at this center among eligibles.



William Huse
Relocation Program Officer

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM
GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

OCTOBER 1, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: Douglas M. Todd, Project Director

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Population 9-30-45-2610

Canal closed officially on Sept. 28. There was a total of 87 transfers who were moved to Butte where they will occupy temporary barracks in blocks 72 and 73. To my knowledge there was nothing untoward which occurred during the liquidation period. Many relocatees who were hard pressed during the last weeks left the project in a friendly state of mind, evidenced by handshakes at departure time or letters received and postmarked with new addresses.

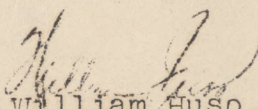
262 sign-ups during the week represents an apathy which is largely accountable to the large number who plan to return to Los Angeles County and who need in the majority of cases assistance in housing. There are about 1100 persons who wish to return to Los Angeles or environs, and it has been ascertained that over 200 family units of housing are required. For a period of about two weeks we have been unable to schedule any one from the Butte camp because of the current hostel congestion. We even had difficulty in convincing the Los Angeles office that this temporary restriction on housing was inapplicable to Canal. District Relocation Officer Kelley in a letter dated Sept. 26 reaffirms a tight hostel situation: "No further requests for hostel reservations will be made through WRA after the date of this communication. Hostel reservations will be made directly from the centers with the individual hostels, and must be made two weeks in advance."

The Assistant Advisers will from today on prepare form #156 (request for transportation of property), form #223 (request for project storage of property) and local form #1633 (request for boxes and pick-up service). The loss of two key evacuee workers in Evacuee Property has been responsible for this detail. This identical assignment occurred in Canal several weeks before closing.

The Guadalupe and Santa Maria groups met last Saturday night to listen to a report prepared by Harry Miyake and Sannosuke Madokoro who returned after a ten day exploration in Santa Barbara county. At the present time only one large employer is hiring evacuees. Others are considering the possibility but time is too short to bank on it for the many families who wish to return there.

There will be 7 Greyhound busses this week, with possibly the same number for the following one. Greyhound advises us that they are able to supply up to five or six busses on Sundays if we can use them.

There will be several schedulings within the next few days. Bachelors and unattached couples will fall within the first round.


William Huso, Relocation Program Officer