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A NEW COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR WRA

WITH ALL COMMITTEES INTERESTED IN RELOCATION OF EVACUEES

WHEREBY the Full Facilities
of All Interested Organizations
May Join in One Practical, Planned Effort,
With Assistance of War Relocation Authority.

The basic thought of public acceptance of the returnees may be put this way:

- * "AMERICAN-JAPANESE, WHO PROVED LOYAL *
- * TO UNCLE SAM IN FACE OF WAR AND *
- * EVACUATION, SUFFER NO DISCRIMINATION *
- * HERE. . . WE ARE AMERICANS ALL." *

This "creed-line" would be the dignity-theme of window-cards, posters, ad-slugs and tack-cards. All accessories too would carry it.

It should always carry a sponsorship line at bottom (in agate type) reading:

"Sponsored by (name of organization)."

Here is an example:

<p>ALL AMERICANS WHO PROVED LOYAL TO UNCLE SAM IN FACE OF WAR AND EVACUATION SUFFER NO DISCRIMINATION HERE</p>
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Sponsored by Council of Civic Unity

Specific fields covered by this program are:

H O U S I N G . . .

(Section headed by Herbert W. McCanlies .)

Working directly in full coordination with all committees joining this program, through the chairmen and secretaries, this section would first accept a housing approach agreeable to all as most feasible for immediate action. Full cooperation of WRA Reports Office would be provided, especially in presenting radio broadcasts of the forum type (as outlined below.)

E M P L O Y M E N T . . .

(Section headed by Earle O'Day .)

This section would concentrate on contacts, meetings and developments dealing with labor relations. Included would be programs utilizing the U. S. Employment Service, labor unions, trade associations, industrial firms and the like.

Posters carrying the "creed-line", public addresses and other media should be set into action.

WRA Reports Office would provide necessary detail work on radio particularly. Direct handling of employment would be, as now, through WRA's Los Angeles district office specialist, William Kir-Stimon.

E D U C A T I O N A L . . .

(Section headed by Sam Selsky; Elbert W. Cochran

Contacts should be made with Boards of Education throughout Southern California, for talks and other presentations in junior colleges and high schools. Mimeographed notices would be mailed, offering such services especially to classes in social science.

A booking department should be organized for such educational addresses, with constant follow-through to thoroughly cover the field. In this way adults are to be reached through their teen-age children.

These activities would be additional to those now being handled by Elbert L. Cochran of Los Angeles District Office, and the Area Reports Office, both of WRA.

Educational work would not be confined to scholastic fields, but would reach luncheon and civic clubs, associations, Chambers of Commerce, veterans' posts and other organizations.

R E L I G I O N . . .

(A representative of the

(Section headed by Federal Council of Churches.)

To inform those who command the pulpits of Southern California, this special section would furnish suggested "editorial" material that would be ethically acceptable to the ministry. Such matter would bring out, from the viewpoint of the church, without being at all presumptuous, the truth that Tolerance, Understanding and Human Relations, regardless of race or color, are vital community obligations that can best be oriented through religious channels.

Full recognition of the genuine importance of this problem could be assisted through this section.

Mimeograph service and other mechanical facilities would be furnished by WRA, and WRA would place at the disposal of the section its time and personnel. However, the advice, assistance and contacts of all those who are chairmen or otherwise active in religious groups working on resettlement, would be essential. They, rather than WRA, should keynote this action.

R E T A I L T R A D E . . .

(Section headed by Elmer Cordes.)

Mercantile shoppers would be reached through this division, specializing on contact of large stores (both downtown and neighborhood), particularly those using considerable newspaper space.

Distinctive window displays in keeping with the forceful yet dignified tone of the program, would be encouraged. Also small cards carrying the "creed-line" would be a part of other windows, and department store advertising would be persuaded to include the "creed-line" in the manner of a "Buy Bonds" slogan.

GENERAL PUBLIC . . .

(Section headed by Eddy Eckels and H. L. Walker.)

Here would be set up the mechanics of inaugurating and carrying through weekly radio broadcasts. Stations KFVB, KMPC and KMTR are in mind, and it is possible that networks could also be used to some extent. Regular airshows could be: "Human Relations Forum"
"Human Engineering Clinic"
"The Color of Democracy"
"We Work for Peace".

This type of program would be presented with a moderator assisted by authoritative, authentic experts on the subject of the week. Needless to say all leaders of friendly committees would be included, such as Messrs. Booth, Gillett, Marshall, Cummings, Thurburn, Gleason, Hardwick, Kent, et al.

There would be radio debates to explode common fallacies about returnees. Other subjects might be: Housing, Employment, Tolerance, Returnee Problem, Nisei in California, Are You an American?, and so on.

Not to be overlooked would be Social Relations as set forth in the public schools, as a radio topic.

To avoid adding to the already imposing work now being accomplished by the several friendly committees and their chairmen and secretaries, the WRA Reports Office would undertake responsibility for detail work of turning out these radio scripts and arranging broadcasts.

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THIS, then, is the brief outline of the proposed new cooperative plan. It would attempt to acquaint the public with the problem of the returnees and secure necessary action from the communities of the area. It would develop material assistance from civic leaders, technical specialists, and the public.

It would seek to overcome all possible opposition, especially the smouldering spirit of dictatorship preying on the uninformed and prejudiced, that might at any time flame forth into brutal race hatreds taking perhaps violent forms.

It would achieve, in the case of those of Japanese descent, the practical acceptance in all walks of life of the basic thought of . . .

" AMERICANS ALL . "

Oct., 1945.

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War Relocation Authority, 1031 S. Broadway, L. A. 15 (Prospect 4711)

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(Rohwer, Ark., boarded up on schedule, Nov. 30)

- * There are still 14,000 at Tule Lake.
- * Half of them are now ineligible to relocate
- * Those eligible are leaving at the rate of 500 a week
- * Tule Lake will be closed down Feb. 1.
- * Those ineligible are being shipped back to Japan (except for those who have appealed their cases, who will stay at Tule Lake pending appeal.)
- * All the other WRA centers are now closed completely.
- * Tule Lake is the only one left of the original 10.
- * A little over 100,000 Nisei and Issei have left the centers at one time or another since they were set up after evacuation from the coast in spring of 1942.
- * Relocation is now practically completed. Housing and employment are provided, but much remains to be done to see that permanent housing and post-war jobs are properly forthcoming.

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All others (except segregation center Tule Lake) will be closed not later than Dec. 1. EVERY CENTER ALREADY CLOSED HAS CLOSED EITHER ON SCHEDULE OR A FEW DAYS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE!

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Total.....	2,398

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Of those at Tule Lake, about 5,500 Nisei renounced their citizenship. Some of them have petitioned for a writ of habeas corpus to reestablish their citizenship, on the ground that they were pressured into renunciation.

Meantime those Tule Lakers who want to be deported will be deported. The first Army transport carrying them to Japan will leave Sat., Nov. 24, with 1,500 Japanese deportees aboard; but only 428 are from Tule Lake, the rest coming from Dept. of Justice camps (not connected with WRA relocation centers.)

Probably 7,000 of the present Tule Lake population are loyal Americans or aliens no longer subject to parole, and are free to relocate anywhere at any time. At the present rate of 500 a week leaving Tule Lake, most all will be relocated by the time Tule Lake closes on Feb. 1.

It is well to point out at this time that NO relocatees are disloyal. All are approved for their loyalty -- both the Nisei (American-born and therefore citizens) and the Issei (Japan-born and therefore aliens).

Hostels, ex-army barracks and trailer camps are housing the returnees. 80% of all those leaving centers now are coming to California. There are well over 30,000 in California now.

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Mailed 11/21/45 to members of committees interested in returnees.

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