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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

Feb. '44

Interviews for Relocation During Month

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 1351

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 1

(b) Other — 1350

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 1900

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 850

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 650

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 2201

	Number
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	51
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	106
Individuals included	127
Applications approved	104
Average amount approved (including travel)	$59.76
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	319
(b) Pending action at center	67
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	3
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	2
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocati planning

A. Evacuee participation

The evacuee participation consists of the organization of the Relocation Planning Commission, and special committees.

The newly elected council is preparing to participate and a reorganization of evacuee participation will soon be accomplished.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The staff committee on relocation is functioning. Meetings are held with staff members of divisions and sections to co-ordinate relocation planning.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Executive Board is not set up as yet. This has been delayed pending installation of Community Council. Staff and Evacuee activities will be co-ordinated through the Executive Board.

Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Relocation information has been presented to the evacuees by the visit of the Relocation Team and also by showing the "This is America" series of movies.

A Relocation Library is partially developed in which is maintained folders, books, etc., pertaining to relocation.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

No special progress has been made; however, a continuous small flow of residents are leaving the project. The principal problem is one of finance, and reluctance of older people to separate from old and new friends.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The relocation program can be improved by quickly dispensing with the leave clearance program and completing segregation at the earliest possible time. More liberal aid in moving evacuee property would help.

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Minidoka Relocation Center

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

March, 1944

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 1870

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 1870

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 2410

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 1260

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 1320

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 3130

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 46

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 174

   Individuals included — 222

   Applications approved — 217

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $52.48

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington — 478

   (b) Pending action at center — 34

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee — 1

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation consists of the organization of Relocation Planning. The Community Council is participating along with various committees.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The staff committee on Relocation is functioning. Individual contacts are made with staff members of divisions and sections.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Executive Board is not set up on this project as yet.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Relocation information has been presented to the colonists through the Relocation Planning Commission, the distribution of printed pamphlets and further development of the Relocation Library.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Progress of Relocation has improved materially last month. We expect to maintain an average flow of 60 or better each week. No new problems have developed during the month.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The Segregation Program should be quickly dispensed with and all Leave Clearances cleared up at the earliest possible time. The procedure for visits to the Center of people on seasonal leave should be revised to make visits possible under other than absolute emergency conditions.

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APRIL MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. **Interviews for Relocation During Month**

a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 627

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 109

(b) Other — 518

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 169

b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 396

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 113

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 1023

	Number
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	0
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	118
Individuals included	122
Applications approved	116
Average amount approved (including travel)	$64.06
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	329
(b) Pending action at Center	49
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	4
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	4

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

A. Evacuee participation.

During the month of April, several meetings were held on a formal basis with the Council Committee on relocation and three informal meetings with the Chairman of the Committee. There is evidence of increased interest and participation on the part of the Council Committee on relocation, and it has been particularly stimulated by the announcement regarding Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans.

For the first time a bulletin has been prepared on the subject of relocation by this committee and is being

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circulated among residents. There is still a very difficult situation so far as activity on the part of Community Council is concerned but it has been certainly more active than it has been for some time.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

The Welfare Section and the Relocation Division have been working closely together both in the planning and carrying out of relocation discussions with the families in the center. However, responsibility for the conduct of the program still rests with the Welfare Section. Through the Staff Relocation Committee meetings, efforts and interests of the various operating sections and divisions on the project have been brought to the surface, problems discussed and ironed out, and all functions brought more closely together toward the facilitation of the relocation program.

C. The Executive Board on relocation consisting of representatives from the Community Council and representatives of appointive personnel have met weekly and reports have been made to clarify the status of the relocation program and plans have been worked out through this channel for more complete dissemination of information to the entire evacuee population.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The major change made during the month was in the routing of all job offer digests, information series, and new instructions regarding relocation to the Council Relocation Committee for distribution to the residents.

The Relocation Library and reading room has been maintained and no other new innovations have been made in addition to those presented in the March report.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

There is a definite tendency among the young men subject to Selective Service to relocate before they are called in order to experience civilian life prior to induction. This, however, has been offset by cancellations of applications for indefinite leave on the part of some people who are hesitant to take their families outside and leave them in a precarious economic situation when the breadwinner is inducted.

Some members of the resident staff of the Relocation Division have relocated during the month and this is presenting a personnel problem inasmuch as replacements are very difficult to obtain. The authorization of three temporary appointive personnel staff people is of great benefit and it is felt that during the coming month the whole program will improve as a result.

The issuance of the new regulations on movement on property and the announcement regarding the Reconstruction Finance Corporation Loans, as well as the Director's letter on Social Security assistance, etc., has been of a great deal of help.

The Leave Office has spent the month of April clarifying the status of all residents whose leave clearance has been in doubt. At the end of March there were 528 persons in this category. By the end of April, this number was reduced to 359. Hearings have been held or will be held during the next week for all persons not now completed. This includes all adults scheduled to be transferred to Tule Lake or Crystal City.

Although the number of leave clearance received during April was less than the number received in March, the pressure on the Leave Office has been considerably reduced since many of the clearance received during March were for individuals who had immediate relocation plans. However, pressure has increased during the last few days due to interest in seasonal leave. Five persons were relocated to Hawaii by the permission of the Navy, and the authorization for issuance of relocation assistance grants to these people was particularly valuable in making for good relations with the residents.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Further efforts are being made to obtain more office space for the Leave and Relocation Office but so far little progress has been made. This situation is becoming more and more acute.

It is suggested that each Field Relocation Office be asked to furnish the project with 125 to 150 copies of the semi-monthly job offer digests. It is, also, suggested that the various Field Offices shape their information to appeal to or to furnish guidance for Issei.

It has been found that there is very little interest in the new indefinite trial leave period. The general complaint is that this provision is useless unless they can be considered eligible for an assistance grant at the time they leave for their trial period. It is felt that this subject has considerable merit and that it could undoubtedly result in considerable increase in relocation.

MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER
Hunt, Idaho

MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
April 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 81

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 81

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 175

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 10

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 12

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 91

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 33

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 172

   Individuals included — 203

   Applications approved — 171

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $49.72

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington — 368

   (b) Pending action at center — 34

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation is progressing with satisfactory results. The Relocation Planning Commission is functioning under the supervision of the Community Council. The Council is taking a definite interest in the Relocation Program.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The Administrative staff, in most instances, are cooperative with the Relocation Program. Many individual contacts have been made with various staff members, divisional meetings are held and the staff committee maintains an interest in the over-all program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Executive Board is organized and are attempting to coordinate staff evacuee joint participation. More development along this line is essential to the success of the program.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

Relocation information is presented to the colonists through the Minidoka Irrigator, Relocation Planning Commission, Schools, Church groups, and the Relocation L ibrary.

10. . Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

During the past month there has been no special progress or special problems incurred. However, due to some labor disturbance on the Project, it has been difficult to make further progress in evacuee participation; however, this has developed no special problems. The situation will be clarified in the near future.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The completion of segregation and the leave clearance program is still the paramount issue with respect to improvement of the relocation program. More complete information on successful relocatees should be forwarded to the Center through the Reports Division for use in the Center newspaper. A complete family budget of the family residing outside should be established to use in wide publicity over the Center. This should also be accomplished for a single individual, especially, a female relocatee. The Reports Division should develop more information for dissemination on the Project. The procedure for visits to the project of residents on seasonal leave should be liberalized to permit certain visits other than those of an emergency nature. This particular requirement should be based on a Center policy rather than an over-all policy.

MAY MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 601

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 24

         (b) Other — 577

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 2082

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 112

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 115

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 713

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 14

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 127

   Individuals included — 179

   Applications approved — 123

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $49.54

4. Leave clearance dockets

   a. Awaiting clearance in Washington — 139

   b. Pending action at center — 9

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Committee — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

   A. Evacuee participation

      The Relocation Planning Commission is in the process of reorganization to more fully gear the work of the commission with the Community Council.

   B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

      There has been no formal meeting of the Staff Committee during the month. Individual discussions have been held with various staff members.

   C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

      The executive board is organized and is attempting to coordinate staff-evacuee activities. The community Council is also contributing along this line.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Relocation information has been disseminated through the Minidoka Irrigator and by controlled distribution of available material. The Reports and Relocation Divisions are planning the distribution of material to reach more center residents. D isplays of pictures are to be more advantageously displayed by rotating the panels from one location to another.

The interviewing program is making a decided contribution to relocation information.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

An upturn is noted in family relocation--this is due to more concerted effort for individual family conferences. The interviewing program is contributing to family relocation.

The labor trouble currently present on the project is our most difficult problem.

It is also a problem to make people believe that travel grant will not hinder any further indemnities after the war.

11 Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The relocation program could be materially improved by the addition of an appointed secretary to handle all confidential correspondence, and to manage office so the Program Officer could spend more time in field. Visits to other P rojects by Program Officers would be most valuable. Mr. Moulton's visit to this center developed some definite contributions to our program.

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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) _____

		Number
2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	7
3.	Applications for leave assistance grants received	77
	Individuals included	97
	Applications approved	77
	Average amount approved (including travel)	$25.26
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
	(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	249
	(b) Pending action at center	216
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	2
6.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
7.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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5. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation is becoming more realistic. This has been manifested by individual action rather than that of any organized group. It has mainly been expressed through applications for short-term leave by individuals anxious to obtain firsthand information on relocation prospects offered by different areas and to determine the area in which they wish to resettle.

Mr. H. K. Ozawa, a member of the Project Director's Advisory Committee and a prominent evacuee of the Manzanar Center, has been touring widely separated areas. He has initiated a correspondence with the Project Director and others in which he has written fully, favorably and in an encouraging tone, of the relocation possibilities in the areas that he has visited. A few months previous to this tour, Mr. Ozawa had been outspoken in his opposition to relocation. His change of viewpoint is also reflected in other persons now on short-term leave. Also, a similar change of viewpoint inside the Center has increased the number of applications for all types of leave.

Evacuee members of the Relocation Planning Commission have indicated a new readiness to assume the initiative. This was evinced through the appointment, by their request, of a subcommittee to study and to make recommendations for increased grants. This movement went ahead, although the evacuees had a clear understanding that there was little possibility of obtaining a further revision and that such a procedure was against the advice of the Director. A subcommittee is now engaged in obtaining realistic figures as to the cost of family maintenance and the cost of living quarters in various cities. This is being accomplished through correspondence with various Chamber of Commerce organizations. They plan to correlate this data and to make it a basis for a request for an increased grant. Their aim is to obtain a grant which would take care of all necessities until a paycheck could be received.

The possibility of California becoming open for resettlement was discussed at the meeting of the Planning Committee. Evacuees divided the problem into two parts; one, the method of returning without upsetting public opinion, and, two, the practicality of the return to California. It was suggested that the block managers' assembly appoint a committee to study the problem. It was the intent of the Committee to have a realistic approach which would include a study of the economic opportunities in California for persons of Japanese ancestry, to weigh what California could offer against the offers of other states, to determine the number of evacuees interested in a return to California and to advise prospective relocatees to California to have a definite plan to go. As yet, this has not gone beyond the discussion stage.

The Planning Commission also suggested the greater use of block managers, possibly in a paternal manner, in the furtherance of relocation. This idea will need further nurturing.

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Evacuee attendance at the panel series on "The Making of America" and the interest in that discussion was very pronounced. In the middle of the series, attendance dropped off, but in the final stages, the series was given to a capacity house. The discussion, also a panel, on "Future of Japanese-Americans" aroused a special interest.

The block managers' interest in relocation has increased. This has made evidence by managers now wishing to have relocation news and developments at weekly meeting. Until a short time ago, this interest was not noticeable and this type of discussion not possible.

B. Coordination of administrative staff

The interest of the appointed personnel has increased for relocation. All of the staff have given assistance to evacuees known to them in the formation of their relocation plans. The department heads have cooperated in prominently displaying relocation opportunities. To further assist this staff and to further acquaint them with relocation, each member has received a summary of relocation policy.

Each division has contributed what it could towards relocation. The Mess Division has invited the Assistant Relocation Program Officer to meet with the chefs to discuss resettlement possibilities. Important points to be considered and to watch for in agricultural contracts have been prepared by the superintendent of agriculture. He has given freely of his advice to farmers desiring to relocate. A special counseling service has been initiated by the Welfare Department. All of the departments have cooperated in training the interviewers for this service. The Manufacturing Division has had results from the training given to their employees by the successful relocation of a number of them. The Education Department has completed a survey of the high school students. Included in this survey was questions concerning indefinite and seasonal leave. The high school seniors demonstrated special interest in seasonal leave expressing the desire that this would be available to them during the summer months. A check of the course for relocation offered at Granada shows that almost every point of this course is already being covered at Manzanar as an integral part of the regular school subjects. The grade school students gave a program entitled "The Making of America" which was a history of America's development. Its treatment of minorities was portrayed by song, pantomine and narration.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Each month, a closer cooperation has been effected between the staff and the evacuees. During May, comprehensive reports to evacuee groups were given by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer and the Assistant Project Director. These reports gave information gathered from their personal observation concerning relocation during the time of their trip to Washington, D. C., the relocation conference and various relocation offices. The high school has invited the relocation personnel to talk with students on various factors of relocation. Wherever possible, evacuee meetings have had staff representatives to answer and to elaborate on on relocation.

It is planned to have a series of informal discussion groups in each block by the representatives of the Administration and interested evacuees. The chairman of the block managers is arranging the first of these meetings at present.

An attempt has been made to integrate all of the sections of the Center so as to make available to the evacuee whatever information and advice is needed by him in the completion of his plans for resettlement.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

A three-faced bulletin board has been constructed and located where it can be readily seen by the evacuees on the trips to the administrative center of the Project. The latest information concerning outstanding relocation possibilities are placed on this board. Also displayed are releases concerning any change of policy. This information is changed at reasonable intervals so that constantly new information is available on the board.

Publicity has been translated to the Japanese section of the Project newspaper. Thus, latest information is available to persons who can not read English, as this group represents a large percentage of the population, and as more planning is needed with them to complete their relocation plans, special care is taken in the writing of the publicity.

A new project has been designed as a means of getting factual information to the residents of Manzanar. This project consists of two display boards, 4' by 8'. On one of the display boards is a large map of the United States showing the areas by color where relocation is not possible, where relocation is restricted and the open areas for resettlement. On this board are releases in both English and Japanese on such topics as "I Am Old, What Can I Do?", "Big City, Little Town", "How Can I Farm?", and "How Can I Get Into Business?" and other topics designed to aid the issei. Four charts are also on the board giving the statistical information on the percent of all Center residents relocating, percent of relocatees reinducted and the number of evacuees relocated in different geographical areas. The other display board has a map showing the population density of relocatees in different areas, and all of the relocation offices. This board has such topics as living conditions, available housing, job opportunities in the various cities of the United States. This display will be exhibited at various meetings within the Center where they can be readily viewed by the evacuees. It will also be used for various block meetings and will be elaborated by relocation personnel if anyone requires more information. It is anticipated that this effort will have a favorable effect. The material will possibly be released in pamphlet form at a later date.

Through the cooperation of the Center librarian, plans are being made to index and to display literature such as Facts About America Series, Chamber of Commerce releases and newspapers from the various cities in the Relocation Office. This is necessary because, as yet, space for the

Relocation Library is not available. Previously, this literature was displayed in the Center's libraries and the new plan will make available this literature both in the Relocation Office and libraries.

The current distribution of reading materials in the libraries is supplemented by news releases in English and Japanese in the Project newspaper, by weekly talks to the block managers' assembly by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer, by the distribution of specific literature to the division employing persons of that qualification and Project meetings with evacuees and appointed personnel.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

A total of 522 evacuees are now out on seasonal leave. Of this number, 232 persons were aliens. This demonstrated an interest not shown previously by the issei. In 1943, approximately 10% of the seasonal workers were issei. During the month of May, 472 evacuees left on seasonal leave. Concurrent with this recruitment, 98 persons left on indefinite leave, 6 persons left on indefinite leave trial period, and 53 persons on short-term leave.

This resulted in Manzanar leaving the cellar in percentage of number of relocatees into the medium position in April, and remaining at the same high level in May. It is not anticipated that this high momentum of relocation will continue at the same rate. However, on the return of the seasonal workers, an increase in the number of indefinite leaves can reasonably be expected.

Another result of the program has been the change in the attitude of the remaining population. It is now possible to talk relocation directly at various gatherings without the evacuees feeling that pressure tactics are being used. In fact, it is the other way around. The people now wish to have relocation information. In several instances, a discussion of the relocation plans of one individual member of a family has resulted, through a right approach, to the relocation of the entire family unit.

Although the special counseling program has not been operating a sufficient time to obtain a general picture, it has commenced in two of the Center's blocks. Early observation indicates a good reception of the program by the evacuees. This program, following the successful panel discussions on "The Making of America" and coupled with the adoption of informal block meetings and the new project for presenting information to the residents, should have a constructive effect.

With the number employed in the Relocation Office in February, 1944 as a basis, a total of 153% of the Relocation Office's evacuee employees have relocated. This high percentage of turn-over has brought the problem of an adequate staff to carry on the relocation functions to a crisis. This is likewise true of the appointed personnel. One of the persons appointed as a Relocation Interviewer has been used in the Relocation Office due to the fact that when the appointment was made, the special counseling program was not as yet organized. Only his presence and effort made it possible to accomplish the work of the past month. His functions should continue

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to assure the efficiency of the Relocation Office.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

In March, 1944, there were 728 male citizens in the Center between the ages of 18 and 38. Now there are approximately 300 in this age range. It is not known exactly how many of this group are expatriates, but an estimate was made that they will number at least 75. Also now there are only 850 female citizens in this age group remaining in the Center.

From these figures, it can be seen that emphasis must be more and more to assist the issei in the development of his plans for the future. The day of easy fitting of jobs to people, such as was the case with younger persons, must change to intensive planning and in making use of all the facilities and agencies available. The special counseling program of the Welfare Department will be of immeasurable assistance in this regard. However, it would be of value if the various field offices would incorporate in their digest information to appeal and to furnish guidance to the issei.

The survey completed by the high school indicates a great many high school seniors and juniors are anxious for an opportunity to work during summer vacation. Of course, adequate supervision would have to be provided for the utilization of this labor. If possible, it would definitely increase the interest in relocation and would provide finances for later relocation plans. Perhaps, some arrangement could be made in connection with cannery work or with fruit pickings that would give these students the opportunity they desire. The interest shown by the students in possible seasonal leave deserves some thought on solving the problem.

It would be of great assistance to the Project if the Relocation Officers would submit 75 to 100 copies of their Informational and Job Digest to the Project. This procedure was agreed upon at the Chicago meeting. With 75 to 100 copies of each digest, a center-wide distribution could be achieved. In this manner, more of the evacuees could be currently informed as to relocation possibilities in all areas and a wider degree of interest maintained.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT

JUNE MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 1186

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 56

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 4151

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 21

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 25

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 1207

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 16

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 153

   Individuals included — 200

   Applications approved — 153

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $51.72

4. Leave clearance dockets

   a. Awaiting clearance in Washington — 124

   b. Pending action at center — 26

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Executive Board — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

   A. Evacuee participation

   There has been no change in evacuee participation during the month of June. It has been necessary to use a number of people connected with the Relocation Planning Commission as assistants in the Interviewing Program. Therefore, no formal meetings or further relocation of the Planning Commission has been accomplished.

   B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

   There has been considerable staff discussions regarding the Relocation Program during the month. The administrative staff

has developed an interest in the Interviewing Program, and while no formal meetings have been held, we feel that the staff activities are well coordinated.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Community Council is contributing to coordination of staff-evacuee activities.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

Relocation information continues to be assimilated through the Minidoka Irrigator, and available materials have been distributed to all the residents. The cooperative agreement between the Reports Division and the Relocation Division is accomplishing a wider distribution of material and causing this material to reach more people on the center. Displays of pictures on the project are rotating from one location to another and this has made these more available to the people.

The Interviewing Program on the center has made a decided contribution to the dissemination of relocation information. Through this program many people have received information heretofore not available. This program has created a keen interest among the evacuees.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Family Relocation continues but no special progress has been made during the month. More professional people seem to be leaving the project. During the month three doctors and their complete families left the project.

The problem still seems to be mostly with the respect to the financial condition of the people. Some people seem to be holding back in hopes that greater financial assistance will be forthcoming. Internal labor disturbance has created some problem.

11. Recommendations for improvements in Relocation Program

The Relocation Program could be improved by closer coordination of the program in the various centers. The evacuees continue to bring up information that "They don't do it that way in Heart Mountain or they do it different in Topaz, etc." While it might not be possible, it occurs to us that the performance of the Relocation Division could be identical in all centers. Continuing the Counciling and Interviewing Program will materially improve the program.

The addition of an Appointed Secretary in the Relocation Division should be accomplished.

MONTHLY REPORT --- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
FOR MONTH OF JUNE, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below _____

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section _____

         (b) Other _____

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals _____

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) _____

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed _____

   c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1) _____

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries No. have been referred to District Relocation Officers 0

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 85

   Individuals included 107

   Applications approved 85

   Average amount approved (including travel) $20.80

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 303

   (b) Pending action at center 142

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

7. Meetings Of Relocation Executive Board 0

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8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

Evacuee participation was evidenced during the month by the suggestions of evacuee members in the relocation planning committee that the committee sponsor a "Think of Your Future" week. Each evening during this week, a different pertinent topic would be discussed under the leadership of prominent and qualified evacuee and appointed personnel. The evenings would not be characterized so much by long talks of one or two persons as they would be to give specific counseling to interested evacuees and, in discussion, to answer questions raised by the audience as pertained to their future. The emphasis of the week will be to assist the Issei but an evening also will be devoted to the youth in the center, as well. A tentative schedule has been arranged for the week as follows:

1. "Vocational Guidance"
   Participation in by leading tradesmen and professional persons of the center.

2. "What Keeps the Issei in the Center"
   With letters also from relocated Issei to be read and talks by Issei who have returned to the center on short term leave.

3. "The Cost of Living"

and topics of similar nature. The whole week is designed to further relocation, both in the present and in the future, the approach to be realistic and objective. At the conclusion of the week a talk will be given by the Assistant Relocation Program Officer on the situation as he found it in the relocation districts which he visited. This idea was approved by the committee and a sub committee for "Think of Your Future" week was appointed to arrange the details. The week starting July 31st was set at a tentative date for "Think of Your Future" week.

Other evidences as to evacuee participation were, in the main, letters from various Issei who were either touring relocation districts or who had relocated, explaining the situation as they found it. A prominent evacuee, Mr. H. K. Ozawa, who had been on a short term leave, converted to indefinite leave while in the field. This action when taken into consideration with his previous objections to the relocation program is having a very good effect in the center. The letter written for publication by Robert Goka explaining the relocation opportunities in the vicinity of Houston aroused considerable interest. Carl Kondo, who had had journalistic experience and who relocated to New York, wrote a report on New York City which received wide circulation. This report was objective and contained suggestions for relocating evacuees.

There had been several reinductions into the center from evacuees who had their physical examination for the Army and who had received their Certificate of Physical Fitness. When several of this group reapplied for indefinite leave after a short stay in the center, it had a noticeable effect in interesting other evacuees in relocating opportunities.

A significant reflection of continuing evacuee interest in relocatinn was the desire of the block managers for news about outstanding job opportunities and changes in relocation policies to be presented to the weekly meeting. These men are representatives of the persons living in their blocks. One can assume that the attitude toward relocation generally is very healthy.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

The different divisions in the center were further integrated as the result of a policy adopted by the Relocation Office by which the heads of the divisions would be personally contacted in regard to relocation possibilities for their employees. Winslow Stephens, Relocation Coordinator, from the Washington office held a meeting with the different division heads, Which has probably resulted in a better understanding of the relocation program by the different divisions.

The High School actively assisted in the preparation and orientation of High School boys about to leave on seasonal opportunities. The welfare counseling program continued in its operation. According to to welfare heads, it is having a beneficial effect in acquainting the evacuee with what services are available to them. One result had been the referral of persons to the Legal and Evacuee Property Divisions. The outstanding counseling program as given to the evacuees will probably result in the increased relocation of families in the future, after their personal problems have, to a degree, been solved. It has served to stimulate the thinking of persons interviewed as to their long range plans.

The Adult Education Department has sponsored a language center. This center will be used for informal gatherings of the Issei where the only language to be spoken will be English. Besides conversations being in English, there will be counseling as how to better understanding the Nisei children and the children's desire to relocate.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Another series of panel discussions are planned. The topics of the panel will be aimed to assist the Issei in formulating their plans for relocation. The title of the new panel series is "Planning for Tomorrow". The panel series will revolve around discussions such as,

Post-War Re-adjustments in Business, Should the Japanese Return to California, Public Opinion, The Farmer and His Future, Money and Taxes, The Worth of Your Dollar, and other topics of a practical nature.

Evacuee and staff activities were further integrated by a program of Vocational Guidance participated in by leaders of the various trades and professions in the center. It is realized that some of the Issei will need to adopt a new trade after leaving the center. The Vocational Guidance will not only be aimed at assisting the youth but will also be aimed at giving assistance to the Issei.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The project inauguarated last month giving factual information to the residents of Manzanar, received so much interest that the information on the project has been incorporated into a pamphlet, in both English and Japanese. It is planned to have a sufficient number of these pamphlets mimeographed to make the material containing job offers available to all of the families of the center. It is hoped that, as this pamphlet includes topics which are relative to the panel discussions planned and the "Think of Your Future" week, that the combined effort s will result in the relocation of persons who have had, as yet, not included this step in their plans.

Issei now represent the controlling group of the center. The Relocation Office has been submitting job offers and relocation policy, to be translated into the Japanese section of the Project newspaper, so as to reach this group. To give additional coverage and to include a wider variety of information, the Relocation Office is now preparing a Relocation Newspaper. This newspaper will be distributed with the Project's newspaper and will be in Japanese. Besides this coverage, the release of information will be continued in the English section. It is hoped that this change will bring news of value to every person in the center.

The distribution of other information has been carried on as in the previous month. The Three-Face Policy Board has been utilized to publicize outstanding opportunities.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

It had been anticipated that a decrease in the number of indefinite leaves application would be in June. This anticipation was based on the assumption that the large seasonal leave recruitant had removed from the project a number of persons who had been contemplating indefinite leaves. This supposition was correct, and, although the number of persons relocated during the month was slightly higher than previous months, the number of applications received has decreased

nearly a third. This drop will be reflected in the July totals. It was gratifying to receive a large number of conversions to indefinite leave from persons who were absent from the center on other types of leaves.

Particular effort was made this month to arrange seasonal employment for high school students. Full cooperation was secured from the Education Department. This effort was rewarded with considerable success. A high school questionaire revealed that there were 136 students interested in seasonal work. Out of this number, 54 actually signed W.F.A. contracts with the W.F.A. representative. After this recruitment was completed, the date set for travel, and the baggage shipped to its destination, an attempt was made by W.F.A. to cancel 19 of the contracts. This action of W.F.A. is being protested, and the issue is not finally settled at this time. However, evacuee misunderstanding has arisen out of this situation. Their misunderstanding has by no means been ironed out. It will probably have an adverse effect on the entire relocation program, as the evacuees believe the cancellation attempt to be not only unfair, but a breach of faith. It is regrettable that this occurred at the time when the interest of the center's residents was at such a high pitch as regards relocation.

A continuing trend on the positive side is the reception by evacuee leaders of the relocation program. This has been particularly evidenced by the sponsorship of the "Think of Your Future" week. It is the desire of the evacuees that objective information be made available to the Issei so that their relocation plans can be put into effect.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation progress

The future of the relocation program depends on the attitude of the Issei. For this reason, it is important that the opportunities presented from the field offices be designed to give assistance to this group. As yet, this project has not been in receipt of the Japanese translation of theChicago Job Summary for persons over forty. We believe that if we could obtain translations in Japanese of all job summaries and in sufficient quantities for a wide distribution, that this would have a very noticeable effect on the number of relocatees. If we could also receive from 75 to 100 copies of the English versions of the job summaries it would stimulate interest. By obtaining sufficient copies all of the leaders of the center could be provided with these summaries. In this manner, the different divisions and evacuee leaders could further integrate at their work in assisting the center residents on their relocation plans.

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JULY MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 295

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 295

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 933

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 46

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 39

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 341

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 27

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 70

   Individuals included — 104

   Applications approved — 68

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $52.60

4. Leave clearance dockets

   a. Awaiting clearance in Washington — 140

   b. Pending action at center — 9

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 1

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Executive Board — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization o for relocation planning

   A. Evacuee participation

   Since the installation of the Community Council on the Minidoka Project in February of this year, we have been attempting to have the Relocation Planning Commission set up under the Community Council. Since this had not been accomplished to the satisfaction of the former members of the Relocation Planning Commission, the entire group placed their resignation during this month. The Community Council is in the process of organizing a new Relocation Planning Commission which will probably be accomplished in a short time.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

Discussion is continuing to be held with individual staff members, divisions, and section heads. Most members of the Administrative Staff on the project are enthusiastic about the Relocation Program. Information is supplied various staff members so that they may answer evacuee ques- regarding relocation. It has been suggested that each division designate a representative to act as liaison officer with the Relocation Division.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

During the month there has been no special contribution towards coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The plan disseminating relocation information incorporated on this project by the Relocation Division, Reports Division, and the Community Activities Section is showing very beneficial results. In this plan two evacuee members are responsible for properly posting and distributing information on the bulletin boards and throughout the project generally. The cooperation of the Minidoka Irrigator has been normally accomplished. In almost every issue of the project paper some relocation information is printed. Information is also disseminated by the Interviewing Program. However, this has not been too successful during the month due to the fact that the Assistant Advisers' positions have not been filled.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

No special problems have been faced during the month in relocation, and the progress of family group movements is on an upward trend. Several movements of complete families have been accomplished during the month, and others are scheduling to leave the center shortly. The problem of moving families to smaller apartments when part of the family members leave the center is retarding relocation to a certain extent.

11. Recommendations for improvements in Relocation Program

Closer coordination of the program between centers and identical programs as near as possible should be accomplished. The positions of Assistant Relocation Advisers should be filled as soon as possible. It might enhance the program and tend to make better coordination if delivery of workers between centers in the Relocation Division could be accomplished periodically. The addition of an Appointed Secretary in the Relocation Division should be accomplished as early as possible.

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AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 88

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 88

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 308

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 254

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 176

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 342

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 42

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 79

   Individuals included — 105

   Applications approved — 74

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $52.50

4. Leave clearance dockets

   a. Awaiting clearance in Washington — 121

   b. Pending action at center — 2

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Executive Board — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

   A. Evacuee participation

   Evacuee participation has consisted of activity of the Interfaith Council of Churches and other individual colonists. There is no regularly organized Planning Commission functioning at present. However, the Community Council expects to set up the Commission in their meeting of September 5.

   B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

   Individual discussions with staff members, division, and section heads are accomplished to coordinate the Relocation Program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

No problems have developed during the month in connection with the coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The plan of disseminating relocation information described in the July report continues to show good results. Individual interviews and family visits are helpful. The relocation library is used slightly more as time goes on.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

No special problems have been faced during the month in relocation. The family group movement continues on a slightly upward trend.

11. Recommendations for improvements in Relocation Program

It would materially improve the Relocation Program on the center if the Relocation Division could be made a complete division comparable to Community Management, Administrative Management, and Operations. This would give the entire staff of the Relocation Division greater prestige on the center.

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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

   a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 14

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 14

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 49

   b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 150

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 128

   c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 164

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 25

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 104

   Individuals included — 130

   Applications approved — 100

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $51.42

4. Leave clearance dockets

   a. Awaiting clearance in Washington — 144

   b. Pending action at center — 48

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission — 0

6. Meeting of Staff Relocation Executive Board — 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board — 0

8. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

   A. Evacuee participation

   To date the Council has not appointed a new Relocation Planning Commission. Evacuee participation has been rather good in the recruitment program for the Ordnance Depot at Sidney, Nebraska.

   B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

   Since Mr. J. G. Beeson, our Relocation Program Officer has left Minidoka Project for a position with the Veterans Administration, it is rather difficult to report on coordination of administrative staff. However, there have been

individual discussions between staff members and members of the relocation staff and considerable progress has been made in coordinating the Relocation Program.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Quite a number of discussions have arisen out of the recruitment program for the Ordnance Depot. To iron out misunderstandings and answer questions regarding this Ordnance recruitment, various meetings were held within the project. Also a meeting was arranged for the Twin Falls F. S. A. Camp to acquaint those workers on seasonal leave with opportunities of employment upon the termination of their seasonal contracts. This week another series of meetings initiated by the Community Council is being held in various blocks in the center in an effort to acquaint all project residents with this employment opportunity.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library).

At the present time ways and means of disseminating more widely relocation information are being discussed. Individual interviews and family visits are being used to better advantage since the interviewers are becoming better acquainted with project residents. We feel that with the addition of new staff members, our relocation interviewing program will become more useful both to residents and relocation officers.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Family group movements are on the upward trend. However, difficulties have been encountered in our Interviewing Program because family heads are absent from the center on seasonal leave. We have begun a program to interview all residents returning to this project from seasonal and other types of leave as soon as possible after their reinduction. In this way we feel we will be able to interest evacuees in permanent relocation with their families. However, with our limited staff, we are not able to accomplish this to our entire satisfaction.

11. Recommendations for improvements in Relocation Program.

As our Interviewing Program progresses, we find that relocation officers are beginning to depend more and more on these summaries and requesting that they be received as far in advance as possible. We feel that these summaries are being beneficial both to field officers and to the project and hope that soon we will have available sufficient staff to send more complete and useful relocation summaries ahead of relocatees. It will materially help our interviewing program if we can get out of the seasonal labor market as we do not feel that the amount of work and staff required to administer seasonal leaves is producing sufficient results toward permanent relocation.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending OCTOBER

Center MINIDOKA

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 45

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 3

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 45

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	102	381
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	2214	4749
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(0)	(0)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(45)	(157)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(2169)	(7591)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....		

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 54

A. Community Invitation.....

B. Advance Approval.....

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	87	115		
Approved	83	111	$6,253.74	$56.34

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 128

B. Pending action at center..... 45

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

A. Evacuee participation

The Council has been busy during the past month and have not been able to appoint a Relocation Planning Commission. By using key evacuees in our Recruitment Program for Ordnance work we have been able to step up the recruitment program to a fairly satisfactory level. At the present moment we have 47 families signed up for Sioux Ordnance at Sidney, Nebraska. We have been able to inform project residents pretty well of all phases of the Ordnance Program.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

During the past month we have called upon various divisions within the project for assistance on our family interviewing program. Response from Welfare, Medical Welfare, Schools, Vocational Training Unit, and Internal Security has been splendid.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

No special meetings have been held during the month; however, many informal meetings have grown out of Ordnance Recruitment and other problems vital to relocation. Many of the appointed staff members have requested and received information regarding various problems brought to them by the evacuee.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

During the month, 54 family summaries were completed and sent to Relocation Officers. These 54 families are either ready to relocate or have already left this project. The largest family relocated during the month was the family of eight, sent to Kalamazoo, Michigan. We feel that by November 15 we should have completed practically all initial interviews for this project. Special effort is being made to complete all necessary follow-up interviews at the earliest possible date in an effort to keep alive interest of the families who intimated interest in their relocation in their initial interview. The fact that no new family numbers have been established for newly married couples has been detrimental to us in making an estimate of the number of families yet to be interviewed.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

With the arrival of new Relocation Interviewers we are able to disseminate relocation information more widely, and by using various church organizations which have been active in relocation for some time now, we have established a very good channel through which we can pass information to project residents.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We are ready to submit some of our difficult cases arising from the Family Interviewing Program to various field offices. Welfare Section has completed and referred to the Relocation Adviser cases for which special assistance will be needed. We are anxious to give a number of these cases a good try in the field and hope that we will be successful in obtaining these special assistances. With the return of seasonal workers to this project, we feel that there will be a goodly number interested either in ordnance work or in relocation to the east. These folks returning are contacted at the earliest possible time and relocation plans are discussed with them.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We feel that during this year, more than any other year, our relocation program has not been benefited by seasonal leave. It is definitely a detriment to our family interviewing program, in that many family heads are not available for consultation.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending NOVEMBER

Center MINIDOKA

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 52

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 1363

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 921

C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	186	651
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	2287	7894
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(11)	(11)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(52)	(182)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(2235)	(7822)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	317	634

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 76

A. Community Invitation.....

B. Advance Approval.....

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	100	143	$9,004.63	$62.97
Approved	100	143	9,004.63	62.97

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 128

B. Pending action at center..... 46

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 0

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

It seems that although the Council is apparently not willing to appoint a Resettlement Commission, they will quite probably give their approval and support to the commission which we have in mind of forming at the present time. Relocation Division has always had fine cooperation from the various church organizations in this center, and quite a number of other interested evacuee groups. We have contacted members of the various churches, council members, and others who have assisted us in relocation to act as a Resettlement group. This suggestion is meeting with complete approval and a great deal of interest. Within a very short time we feel that formation of this group will be completed and will be actively functioning. It has been some time now since Minidoka has had such a group and the need for this group has been felt badly at various times, especially, in channelling information to residents.

During the past month Rev. Terakawa of this project passed away, and this was sad news to the Relocation Division since he has been deeply interested in relocation of his flock and other evacuees. We have been delaying the formation of this Resettlement Commission, more or less, awaiting the improvement of Rev. Terakawa. We feel that he will be hard to replace and hope that this will be an opportunity for another member of his group to become actively interested in relocation.

X. **Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.**

During the month of November we were finally able to complete our entire staff of Relocation Advisers. Figures show a very satisfactory increase in initial interviews, follow-up interviews, and transmittal to the fields. We were fortunate in being able to obtain the services of interviewers who were either already experienced in the program or else had previous experience in other related divisions in this project. We have made an attempt to interview returning seasonal leave workers at the earliest possible moment; however, the numbers returning were too great to accomplish this immediately. The response received from the geasonal workers concerning relocation was not as encouraging as had been expected since many of these still have plans of returning to more seasonal work early in 1945. (see attachment for continuation)

XI. **Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)**

With the developing need for more office space in block 22 we have given up our Relocation Library in that block. We do not feel that the loss of space is any great detriment since the library can function a great deal more effectively with the entire staff in the Relocation building.

Many of the interesting items in the NEWSLETTER suggested for translation have been translated into Japanese and distributed to every block in the project. We feel that this and other translations of important materials can accomplish a great deal of good in the homes of the residents. To give the Issei a better understanding of the ordnance program we are having many of the interesting employment facts concerning the Depot translated into Japanese. We are also trying very hard, and receiving fine cooperation, to get into the Japanese section of the IRRIGATOR many pertinent facts that will assist Issei in making their decision. (contd. attach)

XII. **Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.**

In cases where housing is readily available, family relocation is not too difficult a task. As in nearly every case, employment can be found for almost any or all family members. Recruitment for ordnance Depot work has increased slightly during the last few days of November. However, the two weeks prior to this recruitment was slow, possibly due to the fact that news coming from the Depot was not highly encouraging. We are in hopes that the news from those at the Depot will take on a more encouraging tone.

It seems that one of our toughest problems in this program is going to be not so much with the movement of families but rather the relocation of bachelor residents who are well satisfied to stay in this project to take occasional seasonal jobs for their income.

XIII. **Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.**

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

We still have families in this project in which the husband or some part of the family has relocated and is anxious to have their remaining members of the family with them, but to date, suitable housing have not been located. We have job opportunities for every employable person in this project, but family relocation is completely stymied where housing cannot be made available. During the visit of Mr. Gee, Relocation Officer from Detroit, first question asked him was, "Can I find housing for myself and family?"

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

During Mr. Gee's visit to this project we have found it very helpful to have on hand the following items regarding his area; (1) good state and city maps; (2) pictures of evacuees relocated in that area; and (3) full information regarding educational institutions.

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RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending DECEMBER

Center MINIDOKA

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division *under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27* during month 66

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 10

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 56

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 20

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	298	1043
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	99	8351
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(33)	(77)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(66)	(102)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(2287)	(7894)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	218	

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 52

A. Community Invitation..... _____ _____

B. Advance Approval..... _____ _____

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IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	58	94	$9,110.79	$96.92
Approved	58	94	9,110.79	96.92

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 0

B. Pending action at center..... 0

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 0

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 0

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

During December a Staff Relocation Committee was formed and two meetings were held, both of which were very successful from the standpoint of Relocation Division, and also from the standpoint of the entire staff, since we were able in our first meeting on December 16th call together the Project Director, three Assistant Project Directors, Superintendent of Schools, Community Activity Supervisor, head of the Welfare Division, a member of the Hospital Staff, head of Evacuee Property, Reports Officer, and members of the Relocation Division. In this organization it was pointed out to the various staff members that there is a very definite need of their assistance at this time, and as our program progresses, their assistance will be needed more vitally.

At the second meeting on December 30, the same group was called together with the addition of Community Analyst and Director of Guidance from the High School. In this meeting in answer to the requests for information regarding availability of assistance which would be needed by certain families before relocation could be accomplished was discussed. A complete report was given by the Welfare Section, on both public and private agencies from whichassistance could be gained. A full description of what steps should be taken, both here at the project and at the destination, was given.

This second meeting took place after the revocation orders had been received and a great deal of interest was shown by the various staff members

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X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

In our last monthly report we stated that 1300 cases have been referred to Welfare for interviewing and planning. These cases, without exception, are families who have either a dependency problem, a health problem, or some other detrimental factor which will take special planning or special assistance before relocation can actually be accomplished. It is interesting to note that during December, 33 cases were referred from Welfare, and with the addition of new staff members, this number will show a very encouraging increase in the near future. In spite of the heavy load in Welfare and a short staff, the response and attention given to relocation summaries have been splendid. In the Relocation Division the Interviewers have been kept very busy assisting residents in their planning for resettlement. The raising of the exclusion orders has not changed the plans of those families who had previously made arrangements, or were planning

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XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

By using Block Commissioners as a medium of transmittal for News releases from the various Relocation Offices and from our Washington office, we have been able to keep project residents informed regarding relocation opportunities, etc., although this method is a bit slow, especially, during these times of drastic changes. We feel that the Relocation Commission will serve as a quick channel for transmission of information vitally needed to correct wild rumors which arise in the project.

Japanese translations of interesting news, and such, are readily available to project residents at the earliest possible moment after they're released to this project. In this way, we are able to keep the Issei quite well informed and able to forestall many rumors.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We now have a number of family summaries transmitted to the Field Offices for cases which will require assistance of one sort or another. We feel that we have given these summaries wide enough distribution so that it will give us a good sampling of what actually can be accomplished in these difficult cases.

We are trying very hard to hand pick our first returning evacuees to the West Coast area, and keeping in very close contact with the Coast Offices to give them ample opportunity to proceed these families with as much information as possible. The raising of the exclusion order has brought to this project a flood of individuals, most of whom have already been relocated, seeking information regarding their return to the coast.

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XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

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in the changes in leave procedures, and assistance which would be available to relocatees, and many other questions which have arisen in the evacuees' minds since the lifting of the exclusion orders have been received. All staff members have shown splendid willingness to cooperate in any way possible in assisting the Relocation Division to accomplish the resettlement of the people in this project.

We feel certain that much can and will be accomplished through the Staff Relocation Committee, which is to meet twice a month to discuss relocation planning for every family in this project.

Unfortunately, the Relocation Planning Commission has been just as bitterly disappointing as the Staff Relocation has been satisfactory. The Council, especially the chairman, desires to have no connection with Relocation. Since he feels that the folks who elected him are looking to him for support of their contention that they are not relocatable, and hence, must seek security within the bounds of some project or institution supported by government funds, he feels that if he aligns himself with relocation, this group will withdraw their support. Since we now have the declaration that the Council is not ready to go along with the Relocation Commission, we have taken steps to call a meeting of the original group who have been assisting us in relocation from the beginning, and individuals mentioned by Mr. Wolters during his visit to Minidoka, whom he considered likely material for such a group. We have delayed a considerable period before calling the group together since it was felt by some of the evacuees that it would be much better to have this Commission okeyed and supported by the Council. This would have been desirable, but now we feel that we are free to form any group that will assist us in our Relocation Program.

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to move east. A number of new individuals have been interviewed, who are planning an early return to the coastal area, although we have well over a thousand summaries completed on those who have previously intimated a desire to return to the West Coast.

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We have given them what answers we could and referred them back to the Field Officers for planning and further assistance. A great many of these latter individuals have been younger men whose return in great numbers might arouse considerable resentment among West Coast residents, and for the most part, we have tried to discourage these folks from making plans too rapidly and without proper planning. We still have many families in this project, parts of which have been relocated and especially families in which the wage earner is now re located, and the family anxious to join him. In some cases the reunion of this family is held up because of housing shortage, in other cases because the nature of the work in which the husband is employed is such that there can be no family relocation under present conditions. To accomplish relocation of these families will

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necessitate a move to some other area in which the husband can be employed and suitable housing found for the family. This will necessitate assistance grants for the husband even though he is considered relocated and outside the project, as many of these individuals are planning on moving east in the near future. The greater part of the above mentioned group is represented by the workers at Anderson Dam, S.P.S. Railroad, Spokane, and many farm workers in this area whose status was changed from seasonal to indefinite to enable them to assist more fully in the harvesting of crops. Grant procedure should be reviewed and consideration given to these former residents whose relocation has by no means been accomplished from a family standpoint.

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MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending January, 1945

Relocation Division
Center Minidoka

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month	121
A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling	44
B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising	21
C. No further interviewing indicated at present	

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	496	1736
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	128	448
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	(7)	(24)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	(121)	(423)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	(2396)	(9351)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	90	

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers 150

A. Community Invitation		
B. Advance Approval		

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	124	173	$ 9,653.82	$ 56.14
Approved	124	173	$ 9,653.82	$ 56.14

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 0

B. Pending action at center..... 0

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 1

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board.....

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

An Evacuee Relocation Planning group was called together January 18, 1945, consisting of representatives of various project groups who had previously stated that they would be interested in serving on such a committee. The attendance was not too encouraging because some of the prospective members were ill and others were absent because of a bad snow storm on that day. This group was not too optimistic regarding relocation, but many suggestions were forth coming and even though these were concerned with problems such as increase in grant assistance for large families, also suggestions were made regarding relaxation of regulations now prohibiting investigation trips to the West Coast at government funds for re-establishment of business enterprises.

The staff relocation committee was called together January 20, 1945, and reports on progress were made on relocation planning, departures to West Coast and difficulties encountered as the program progresses. With the establishment of the post of coordinator of information, a much smoother flow of information has resulted.

A joint Relocation and Welfare staff meeting was held on January 25, 1945 to talk over disposition of cases on which responsibilities were not entirely clear. It was felt that the review committee could clarify all such cases in regular meetings.

Narrative statement of progress in the Family interviewing and Relocation advising program.

Family interviewing has shown a noticeable increase in the number of contacts made by each interviewer. There is a tendency among residents to put off departure as long as possible, however, we feel that the visits approved for family members already relocated to discuss relocation plans have been successful in a great number of cases and justify efforts expended by relocation staff members in follow up interviews.

IX. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

With the functioning of the office of coordinator of information many problems have been solved and information has been made easily available to residents.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

Upon request of Mr. Cozzens, Assistant Director in San Francisco, the Hood River, Oregon Farm group was called together and plans for their immediate return were discussed. The problems presented by this group as deterring or standing in the way of their return were given to the Project Director, and Project Attorney for reply. Problems were regarding notification of present tenants of termination of lease agreements, assistance in obtaining necessary supplies and equipment for resumption of faming activities. These problems are being submitted to proper agencies for solution. This group, consisting of approximately 20 families, has intimated their desire to return as soon as obstacles can be removed.

Relocation to the East is still active and is slowed only be delay in formulating plans for families, where parts of the family is already out and is in need of travel assistance which must be obtained through other agencies. To date such assistance has not been readily obtainable.

W.F.A. has still not been able to effect payment of cooks who were previously in the employ of that agency and some are stuck here until payment is effected.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Information is badly needed regarding procedure on return of aliens to Alaska and Hawaii, as it has become very apparent that more than military permission is required before they will be allowed to return.

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RELOCATION DIVISION
Center MINIDOKA

Month Ending March 1

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I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... 48

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 12

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 36

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... --

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved in Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	313	782
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division Or Welfare Section.....	48	120
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(177)	(442)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(48)	(120)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(2,507) ?	(6,267)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	42	105

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 159

A. Community Invitation..... -- --

B. Advance Approval..... -- --

Applications for leave assistance grants (including travel).

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. per person
Received	152	216	$10,704.56	$49.56
Approved	152	216	$10,704.56	$49.56

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... --

B. Pending action at center..... --

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 2

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... --

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.).....

The evacuee planning group held two meetings during the month of February, and have shown a great deal of interest in further investigation of the evacuated area. It is their feeling that an issei or an older nisei should be connected with the Seattle office to assist in re-establishing the small business men. Another need suggested was that a hostel be established in Seattle at the earliest possible time to assist those returning investigate their property, etc. Reverand Fukuyama, a member of the Relocation Committee, is now visiting in Seattle and investigating possibilities of a hostel set-up.

It seems that certain groups in Seattle are ready to setup hostels but need a determination from the project level, as to actual numbers, who would use such a set-up. We feel that Reverand Fukuyama will be able to give this group definite numbers and describe actual need for such accomodations.

The staff relocation committee has been kept up to date on the latest changes regarding relocation, and members of this group have been able to assist the Relocation Division by giving residents reaction to Mr. Myer's visit and their reactions to returning to their former homes. A great many difficulties have been cleared up through this group, because we are able to get a much broader survey of exactly what is happening in the center.

Many problems that have been bothering the Relocation Division and Welfare, have been entirely clarified and the flow of cases is becoming much smoother. However, the Welfare section has been suffering an acute

ge of secretarial help, which is becoming very, very scarce in this project, the lack of this has been holding up summaries on Welfare cases. At the last location staff meeting this need was discussed thoroughly and plans were made to alleviate this situation. It will become necessary to use less competent help in the positions now filled by evacuees and also the possibilities of having to add more evacuees to help maintain production.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

The 5 Interviewers have been kept busy since the first of January interviewing and planning relocation with family groups. At the end of February there was a noticeable up turn in the number of families relocated and the number of interviews completed and dispatched to the field offices. We are attempting to solve many of the dependency cases by job placement, where employment will regulate dependency factors.

Through the cooperation of the health section, many of the cases which were classified as strictly health cases will be taken care of and are being referred to the Field, requesting necessary arrangements, for bedfast patients and other needing more or less medical attention before relocation can be accomplished.

One of the strongest factors, which seems to be deterring relocation at the present time is the effort of certain groups to hold together with the expectation of forcing possible postponement of closure of centers. Also a very important factor which interviewers are encountering is the effort of this group attempting to hold together thier constuents by using threat of retailations. This method is not affecting the young group but very effective among the isseis, whose actual post-war status is still uncertain in their minds. Few people seem courageous enough to actually breaking with the residents. Although there are few who are beginning to discuss relocation and requesting that no publicity be given to their efforts to relocate. This is a direct out growth of our failure to complete segregation on this project. Whether this group is being directed by these would be Segregatees or whether they are being used by another group is not clear. However, the out-look is encouraging because we are beginning to receive more favorable reactions from the group which previously refused to even discuss relocation.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

The The Reports Office has established a good distribution of photos received from the Field and a great deal of interest has been shown by the residents where every these pictures have been circulated. We have also established a method of mailing weekly news letters to heads of every family in this center, containing relocation information and also a summery of attractive resettlement opportunities received by the Relocation Office. This material is being submitted in that a certain stigma is attached to persons who read such information posted on public bulletin boards. This is another effort to reach every project resident with relocation information and give them an opportunity to read such information in the privacy of his own home.

ecial progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We feel that very significant improvements have been accomplished during February and January in that the Legal Aid Office has been moved next to the Relocation Building, and during February the Welfare Section was moved and their office is right across from the Relocation and Legal Section. This is facilitating the handling of cases, the solving of problems of prospective relocatees. The Relocation Building has also been remodeled, giving more privacy to the interviewers, and cutting down the noise and confusion that existed in the old setup.

The problem of handling visitors on the project is becoming more and more pressing, since many of these visitors are here only a period of two to three days. It is almost impossible to contact the family members during the period of the visit. The follow-up interviews on these visitors is taking the full time of one Advisor. It is felt that if we could transfer two or three new Assistant Advisors into this Division we could make these follow-up interviews a great deal more productive of relocation.

Recruitment for Ordnance workers is still slow, though considerable good was accomplished by one of the workers, who returned from the Ordnance Depot to the project for a short visit in the effort to assist us in further recruitment. A few are interested but we still can not seem to interest them in any appreciable number.

Three project residents visited Lewiston, Utah, to investigate share crop offers submitted by the Lewiston Sugar Company. These folks were favorably impressed an anticipate to resettle in that area, if they can come to terms with the owners.

We have submitted and obtained two Welfare Assistance grants for individuals relocated in this area, and now desiring to relocate with their families further East. There was very little delay in the processing of these applications and our office met with fine cooperation from the Welfare workers.

The movement of our Alaskan and Hawaiian people is the most stubborn problem we have at the present time, because these folks are anxious and ready to move, but we seem to lack necessary procedure to accomplish the movement. It is necessary for us in the case of Alaskans to accomplish this movement at the earliest possible time, so that these folks can participate in the seasonal work in that area, otherwise, most of these returning Alaskans will need financial assistance as we understand job opportunities are limited, except during the summer months.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It would help materially if the Western Defense Command would complete the determination in all cases, and give us the necessary data. The uncertainity in all cases and the lack of adequate information is deterring a number of folks from planning relocation. The very fact that the Western Defense Command has served only Exclusion orders, even in the cases of those the have listed in the segregated list makes a very embarrassing situation, and very little planning can be done by other members of the family where one person's status is in doubt.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION
CENTER MINIDOKA

Month Ending March 31, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... 36

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 4

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 32

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 0

II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	407	1017
A, Those who have had initialfamily Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	36	90
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	(11)	(25)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	(36)	(90)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	(2543)	(6357)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	6	

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers 275

A. West Coast 40

B. Other 235

IV. Applications for leave assistance grants (including trave

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average A Per Person
Received	262	385	$ 18,162.00	$45.72
Approved	262	385	$ 18,162.00	$45.72

V. Leave Clearance dockets None

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 2

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

IX. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

During the past month the Relocation Commission received an answer to their request for a hostel in Seattle. Reverand Fukuyama, a member of the Commission, visited Seattle early this month in an effort to appraise those interested in Seattle in a hostel as to the number of people needing hostel accommodation. The last meeting of the Relocation Commission was not well attended because 3 members of the commission relocated in the past month, and 3 other members were out of the project on a business trip. However, we have called a meeting for the first week of April of the remaining members and request that they nominate new members to fill the vacancies created by relocation.

Three members, project residents were appointed to make an inspection trip to the Sioux Ordnance Depot and returned with favorable information. They will report on their trip at the next meeting.

The staff Relocation Committee has been concerned in ironing out problems pertianing to the movement of people and property, and we feel now that all Divisions can give us needed assistance to facilitate these movements, also we have made an effort to keep the staff Relocation group up to the minute all latest relocation information.

During the month Mr. Dolins visited this center and was able to help us a great deal in making minor readjustments and also assist us in obtaining necessary appointed personnel to augment our Relocation Interviewers. In prospect now is the detail of Mr. Steiding from the New York Office on detail for several weeks to this project and we have been able to obtain one new interviewer in this vicinity. This will bring our staff of interviewers up to 5.

We feel that during the past month that we have been able to iron out the movement of evacuee property with the assistance of the Coordinator of Information and the Operations Division personnel has been detailed to assist facilitate the movement of property.

X. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

During the month of March the Relocation Advisors have been kept busy taking carecof the active cases and have not had ample time to assist in planning with families who are not immediately ready to leave. However, with an increase in personnel of our staff, we feel that we will be able to not only increase our number of interviews but materially increase the number relocating in the present month.

Mr. DeSmidt, Agriculture Specialist, from the Mid-west visited this project for a period of 10 days. Though he was not able to arouse much interest among our farmers here, there was at least one encouraging result -- that was that through his efforts the Hood River farmers who were hesitant about relocating, have just about decided that even though the prospects in the mid-west were good they still perfer to return to Hood River. He was able also to show them the futility of continued residence here when there are numerous attractive offers on the outside.

A number of farmers from the Hood River area, returned with Clarence Arai from an investigating trip. Mr. Arai was also able to report good reception and ample opportunities available in that area for any returning resident.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other material, and development of Relocation Library.

Relocation Division met with the Reports Officer and the Coordinator of Information to set up necessary procedure for disseminating information through the Reports Office. The first bulletin is to be published for distribution to the residents April 4, and Relocation Bulletins will be sent out every other Wednesday thereafter. Reports Office circulated throughout the project various photographs sent in by Field Offices and a great deal of interest was shown by the residents wherever the photographs were displayed. At present we are attempting to speed the dissemination of job information throughout the project, as many times if this is delayed the job is filled before the interested resident can be relocated.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We now have the Relocation Division setup in two buildings, the Relocation Interviewing building occupying one building along with the Relocation Library; and the other building serves as the Leaves building and the office for the Relocation Program Officer, Assistant Relocation Program

Officer and meeting room for the Relocation Planning Co
The new setup in the leaves office enables us to handle a
much greater flow of Relocatees with about half the previou
confusion and time.

A great deal of pressure, which was being brought to bear on us by visitor s coming into the center, has subsided and it is possible now to have the Relocation Interviewers make regular checks on visitors within this project to assist them in planning relocation for family members. We have received no reports to this date on the 60 or 70 Welfare cases for families which were submitted to the field. We have been able to move a few cases which were of the Welfare category by finding them housing and suitable employment for wage earners in the family. However, this type of leave has been especially slow.

We had anticipated receiving from our Field Offices summaries on relocated family members in an effort to rejoin other members of the family, who are still in the project, however, this has not materialized, because only one such such summary has been received from the field offices.

The delay by the Army W.D.C. Hearing Board in arriving at this center has caused a number of families to postpone or completely suspending family planning until final determination can be made on those people. We feel that this delay is unwarranted and it certainly has upset plans of families who had completed plans as far back as November and December of 1944, only to find now that they can not leave nor set any date to leave.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Many 388's and 325's are being submitted or brought in by visiting evacuees, where prior approval has not been granted by this office. In all those cases it merely delays our efforts to contact families and in many instances the visitor has left before we find he has been allowed to visit this project. We are being notified every morning the visitors arriving the day before, however, had we received a 388 for them prior to their arrival we could study their family file, and be prepared to go down and talk to the family about relocating.

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Relocation Progress Report

Month April 30, 1945 Center Minidoka

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month		6730
B. Last day of month		6263
II. Number relocated during month	292	467
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated		
B. Number of other families relocated		
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	653	1732
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	40	
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	4	4
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	281	545
A. Community Invitation		
B. Advance Approval		

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Am Per Person
Received	271	475	21586.35	43.33
Approved				

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 2

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board _____

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) _____

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

During the month meetings were held with the Coordinator and Reports Officer to establish ways and means of disseminating relocation information throughout the project. One member of the relocation staff is detailed to assist the Reports Officer in assembling all information for bulletins which are to be sent to all project residents each week.

Two meetings were held for joint welfare and relocation staff attended by Mr. Webb and Mr. George Young of the Washington office.

Our relocation library has been set up in the front of the building used by the interviewers. We feel that it is now located and arranged so that it will serve the needs of greater numbers than it has been.

Two staff meetings were held during the month to discuss problems arising as relocation begins to take on appearances of reaching numbers somewhat closer to our quota. Staff participation is making for smoother functioning of the program.

The Evacuee Commission was able to meet once during the month. The efforts of the relocation interviewers were noticeable among the Commission members as all but three members relocated. A new group has been formed and called together for May 3. We anticipate good attendance.

Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

We now have a full staff of eight interviewers and our zoning system is showing results as we are able to divide the project into areas small enough so more frequent contacts can be made. The present plan is to have interviewers work in teams, with one working in the project and the other taking care of those coming to the office. Each member is in the office on alternate days. We now have 4 such teams assigned to the project.

E. Price Steiding, Relocation Officer from New York, spent two weeks at Minidoka assisting us in our interviewing. His short visit was of great assistance to us and we hope that Mr. Steiding will return at the conclusion of his detail in Seattle.

Mr. Aldrich of Minneapolis is now assisting us and will be here for thirty days. We are anticipating a busy month for him.

XII. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

We have transferred Mr. Nivor, Adult Educational Supervisor, to Relocation Division to assist us in our informational program. He is still carrying on his school and also working with the Reports Officer in an effort to attain complete and adequate news and informational coverage of the entire population. We feel we are progressing in the right direction and will soon be in a position to attain complete and thorough dissemination of information to all residents both in English and Japanese.

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

During the month of March over 500 residents relocated. We did not quite reach the 500 mark during April. One factor which hurt the departures was a wave of cancellations about the middle of April. This was due in part to rumors circulating over the project that seasonal leave was to be reinstated. We used every means to combat this rumor and have been able to pick up a few of the cancellations to date.

We are now face to face with a shortage of secretarial help as our efforts have been particularly effective among our own secretaries. Very shortly we will have almost no evacuee help and at present have only one appointive secretary in the entire division. With the load growing greater as we progress and the lack of this type of help practically exhausted, we are hoping to hold together until we are able to obtain some of the teaching staff on detail.

The Union Pacific Railroad has been very cooperative in assisting us in the movement of bed patients and supplying needed pullman reservations. The Western Pacific has come to our rescue and furnished reservation to California for two semi-invalid cases. We have had a good supply of freight cars to enable us to move much of our evacuee property shipments.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

That positions be created for appointed personnel to staff the Relocation Division looking forward to the time when evacuee help becomes completely unobtainable.

R RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

ith May 31, 1945 Center Minidoka

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month		6221
B. Last day of month		5496
II. Number relocated during month	362	725
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	20	58
B. Number of other families relocated	342	667
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.	595	902
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	24	25
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	2	5
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	300	773
A. Community Invitation		
B. Advance Approval		

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amount Per Person
Received				
Approved	469	856	33372.79	38.98

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission _____

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 1

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board _____

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) _____

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

With the increase in relocation, it has been very difficult to keep intact the Relocation Commission. Practically all of the original commission has relocated, and new members were chosen to form another group. Before a meeting of this second group could be called, all but two of them had been relocated. We have been able to meet twice with the Council Group and Block Commissioners during the past month. These meetings were arranged by the Project Director for the purpose of disseminating information. It has more or less offset the need for a Relocation Commission for the time being. Another attempt will be made to establish a new Relocation Commission in the near future.

During this month staff participation has been more noticeable and productive of relocation than heretofore. Only one staff meeting was called for the month of May, and weaknesses that have shown up in our organization due to the increase of relocation were brought up for discussion, and we feel a clearer understanding was reached which will make for a smoother functioning. It is quite evident that the majority of families in the center have made pretty definite plans towards relocation, and in most cases now are in the process of solving individual problems.

XI. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

During the past month it was necessary to detail one of our interviewers to the Leave Office to assist in travel counseling. However, with the detail of one teacher to the Leave Section, we will be able to return the advisor to the Interviewing Section. This will again bring our staff of interviewers to 8. The interviewing program has been seriously handicapped because of the complete lack of secretarial help. We are still without secretarial assistance, and the detailing of clerical help from other divisions has not worked out due mostly to the fact that relocation has increased the load of other sections making it impossible for them to release anyone on detail.

XII. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

Steps are being taken to readjust the information program since it was impossible to transmit to center residents information vital to relocation through the original set-up. Plans are being formulated for the mimeographing of this weekly bulletin.

ecial progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

During the month of May we have hit a new high in relocation. We feel that June will be another large month.

The Army Hearing Board made one visit to this project and heard 10 cases. No decisions were given in any of these 10 cases. We understand that the Board will visit this project again in the near future but no date has been set.

We have just received information that beginning June 1 ERC will be discontinued and all inductees will be sent directly to the Reception Center upon induction. This will clarify many of our problems.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

That something be done about creating positions in the Relocation Division for appointive secretaries. It is now impossible in this project to obtain secretarial help among the residents.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month June 1945 Center Minidoka

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month		5453
B. Last day of month		4819
II. Number relocated during month		677
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	7	8
B. Number of other families relocated		669
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	604	852
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	51	66
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	15	23
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	352	618
A. Community Invitation		
B. Advance Approval		

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amount Per Person
Received				
Approved	391	701	29,074.17	41.46

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Committee _____

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee _____

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board _____

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) _____

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.)

During the month the appointive staff was able to meet once with the Council and Block Commissioners. However, due to the teletype announcing the closing of the units in Poston and Gila, these meetings were cancelled to give the Council and Commissioners a chance to discuss with the residents, points raised in Mr. Myer's teletype.

Mrs. Freidman of the Portland office spoke to this Council Commissioners' group and they showed a great deal of interest in what she had to say regarding the Portland area. It is felt that her talk made a very good impression on the members of this group and quite a number of others have either made very definite plans for relocation, or are taking short-term leaves to go over and investigate the area for themselves.

Staff participation during the month of June has been excellent. The combined Relocation and Welfare staffs were brought together in two joint meetings to discuss the new resettlement assistance programs and iron out difficulties arising from changes involved. The Welfare staff has been able to orientate their new workers and be of great assistance to the Relocation Division by facilitating and speeding up decisions and planning in individual cases.

Although June was a rather disappointing month in the number relocated, as against the month of May, however, there are definite signs that many more families are planning relocation and seeking assistance and advice than previously.

XI. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

At the present time the relocation interviewers are bringing up to date every family file so that each file will show an interview within the past sixty days. In quite a number of instances, we find that in the original family interview people were determined to return to Japan and have not evidenced any change in attitude since the original interview. However, this is not true in all cases, as many of these show a very definite change in attitude in favor or relocation. The interviewers with the exception of the last week in June were quite busy.

We have made a change in the Family Summary and have cut out most of the narrative which accompanies the summaries and are now using a more or less check-chart system, since secretarial help is not available to dispatch any longer narrative statements to the field offices. We are still very short on secretarial help and are facing the possibilities of being shorter still. There are practically no evacuee secretaries left on the project.

Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

We have been able to obtain considerable information from the Western field offices and, also, from other areas and place this information in the hands of the residents. We feel that much good is being accomplished by this bulletin and have requested the Reports Office to issue a similar bulletin in English.

XIII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We now have our third Army Hearing Board in the project. However, only one report has been returned on cases heard by the first Hearing Board. This is very, very unsatisfactory, since the people were given to understand that a decision would be forthcoming very shortly after the hearing.

We have been able to obtain special cars through the Union Pacific Railway for East and Westbound departures, approximately one each way each week. This is a great incentive to the residents toward relocation and gives them a chance to travel with their friends. It is becoming increasingly more difficult to obtain necessary accommodations because of Army demands upon transportation. However, we feel that the railroad employees have given us yeoman service in obtaining accommodations to date, and they have assured us of their continued support and cooperation. To date we have been able to obtain all necessary Pullman reservations for bed patients.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

None

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month July 1945 Center Minidoka

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	2137	Approximately 4400
B. Last day of month	1970	Approximately 3824
II. Number relocated during month	167	585
A. Number of Welfare referrals relocated	13	25
B. Number of other families relocated		
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	946	2365
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	74	89
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	56	70
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	307	623
A. Community Invitation		
B. Advance Approval		

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amount Per Person
Received				
Approved	326	599	27,912.94	46.60

Meetings of Relocation Planning Committee _____

Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 2

III. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board _____

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee 1

X. Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning. (Include statements about evacuee participation, staff coordination and joint planning of staff and evacuees.

Relocation Division has had fine cooperation from the Finance Section where the change to cash payment of grants was made without incident and to date, they have been able to keep abreast of relocation.

We have occupied a goodly share of the Legal Offices time with problems pertaining to relocation and have been able to accomplish a great deal towards speeding up relocation in various types of cases where legal problems have been deterred. The Assistance Program carried on by Welfare seems to have become more or less routine after the first flurry of excitment caused by the instatement of the program. Council representatives who were able to visit Seattle and Portland have returned with a few reports and have met with various groups throughout the Project, giving information to these groups and urging residents to return to their former homes as soon as possible.

XI. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Relocation Interviewers have completed their re-interview of the entire Project and have found the Project consists of three general groups:

1. Those definitely planning to relocate and setting dates for departure.
2. Those planning to relocate but plans are held up either by housing or other deterring factors.
3. Those not planning to relocate either because they have requested repatriation or on the Army stop list or are just lacking in ability to make plans.

Strongest resistance was found in the bachelor groups who are readily influenced by others within the Project or who, for the most part, have been transit laborers all their life and find in this Project, a welcome retreat with three meals a day and a place to sleep.

XII. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees. (Include use made of "Facts about America" series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library.)

During July, it was necessary to rework our information bulletin in an effort to produce a more acceptable type of bulletin and remove the obstacles delaying the issuance of the bulletin. It is still a little early to venture a guess as to how this readjustment in the issuance of this bulletin will work.

. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation.

We are now having the Fourth Army Hearing Board in the Project. However, since we have heard from only two cases heard by the board that visited here in May, there is little possibility that residents will become very enthused about this visit of this Fourth Board.

We have been able to obtain special coach cars each week to Seattle and with the exception of the last week of July, a special car was sent East each Thursday. It is possible to handle East bound traffic on the regular trains eliminating the necessity of asking for special cars to that direction. We have cars ordered out West bound for each Tuesday for the Month of August.

There is every indication now that August will be a good month for relocation.

We have the Interviewing Section completely staffed with Appointed Personal with the exception of two interpreters. It was felt that with the shortag of Evacuee help becoming more acute and the possibility that the work would increase within the next 15 days, it was better to make this change over at this time. We are using Evacuee help in the Leave Office and the Evacuee Property Office and expect to continue on this basis in these two offices as long as possible.

XIV. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

None.