Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

Reports Division

GENERAL SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1943

The transfer of 1,520 evacuees from the Tule Lake Center to the Minidoka Relocation Center and the transfer of 255 evacuees from Minidoka to Tule Lake figured prominently in the activities of most sections and divisions on the Project this month. Cooperation was necessary and was achieved among many different offices to accomplish the movement on schedule and with as little disruption of community routine and relocation and commotion as possible.

The arrival of the transferees from Tule Lake created housing and social problems reminiscent of the early days of the Minidoka Center a year ago. Because of the shortage of small apartments it was necessary to place some of the small families in recreation halls temporarily partitioned into bedrooms. This created some disgruntlement among the Tule Lake people and put the Housing Department under a strain. It was hoped that this condition would be alleviated soon by relocation and by housing adjustments.

The transfer of the 255 Minidoka evacuees to the Tule Lake Center was done without hardship. In no cases was it necessary to separate families involving small children. However, some adults in families chose to go while the rest of the family remained. By and large those going to Tule Lake were pleased to be going.

The first industries on the Project got under way with the production of soy bean cakes (tofu) and making ready for the canning of excess tomatoes from the project farm. The vegetable crop was planted very late in the season due to a late start and slow progress in clearing raw sage land and preparing it for planting. Favorable weather during the entire month was extremely beneficial in the production of many crops including onions, radishes, carrots, peas, tomatoes, potatoes, string beans, squash, turnips, green peppers and cucumbers. While a killing frost has been experienced this early and earlier in previous years, there was no heavy frost this year in September and the farm section anticipated a good harvest considering the late planting of onions, potatoes and tomatoes if favorable weather continued another two weeks. A large potato cellar was nearly completed at the end of the month and plans were

made to store potatoes, carrots and onions and to can tomatoes.

The livestock project continued to expand with an increase in hogs andchickens. Insufficient housing for enough hogs to utilize all the project garbage was a draw-back.

The advent of the harvest season in the rich farming valley near the Project brought an automatic betterment in public relations as outsiders dependent on evacuee labor took steps to insure a good feeling toward the evacuees. When a considerable number of Mexican laborers were eliminated from the labor supply the evacuee group gained in importance. While the demand upon the Center was gaining momentum at the end of the month, it appeared that the public would be satisfied and good public relations sustained.

With good wages prevailing and with more acreage in potatoes and less in sugar beets, the drain by outside jobs upon project workers was extremely heavy and many sections and divisions were hard pressed to maintain efficient operation. A good worker can make more than $200 for a month's work in the harvest fields and a large number of evacuees not interested in indefinite leave are going out on seasonal jobs to make a stake for the rest of the year.

The arrival of the transferees from Tule Lake provided the project with new workers but many of these people also went out on harvest jobs. Hunt High School made plans for a month-long harvest vacation in October which was expected to provide student workers for the project farm as well as for outside farms. On September 30, 1,279 evacuees were out on seasonal jobs the great majority in farm work.

Community activities suffered from the exodus of persons in the active groups. Plans were made for a play cooperative to finance community activities. The community activities staff assumed responsibility for preparing a souvenir booklet containing pictures of the residents of each block, office groups, social groups, and others. The Minidoka Consumers Cooperative will finance this.

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General Summary of Administrative Reports for October, 1943

The peak of the demand for evacuee harvest workers was reached during October and much of the activity and energy usually devoted to permanent relocation was side-tracked into getting evacuees out on farm jobs.

During the week of October 9, 780 evacuees left the center on seasonal leave. The accomplishment of this task meant special effort by the outside employment office, leaves and furoughs and statistics, but the job was handled without confusion. The farmers in this region who sought harvest labor seemed to be well satisfied with the percentage of workers answering their call and the quality of their work. The refusal of the WRA to permit commuting caused some adverse criticism by farmers in the immediate vicinity of the center but nothing serious came of this.

The segregation movement necessitated the housing of some transferees in recreation halls and this situation was done away with early in October by means of housing adjustments. The housing situation remained tight with division of large rooms into two small rooms needed to house the population on an equitable basis.

Project farm crops which were planted late in the season due to land clearance difficulties were favored by an unusually late frost. The first killing frost of the season occurred on October 13. For several weeks prior to this date frost had been anticipated and the agriculture division had made an effort to harvest all tomatoes and other crops which would ripen after being picked or which were ripe enough to be used. The tomato cannery, located adjacent to the hospital to utilize the steam boilers, got under way this month and is expected to turn out a sizeable quantity. Harvesting of potatoes was started and they were found to be of excellent quality. Onions likewise were of a good quality but nearly half the crop did not reach maturity before harvest. A large potato cellar was finished. Onions, carrots and cabbage also will be stored.

Construction of a gymnasium and community building was started late in the month. The building of staff housing units was pushed and at the end of the month 24 families were living on the project.

Public relations during the month were not quite as good as in previous months due to some post-war thinking on the part of veteran groups and other persons who became concerned over the possiblility of a large number of evacuees remaining in Idaho.

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Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for November, 1943

The end of the harvest season in the agricultural region around the Minidoka Relocation Center sent hundreds of evacuees back to the center and boosted the center's population from 6,954 on November 1 to 8,595 on November 30. About 2,500 evacuees were out on seasonal work leave at the peak of the season.

Issuance of indefinite leaves declined slightly during November with 147 evacuees departing. On November 30 a total of 2,184 evacuees were out on indefinite leave from Hunt.

Schools:--The junior-senior high school re-opened on November 15 after a six weeks harvest vacation during which more than 300 Hunt high schoolstudents participated in outside farm work and an equal number helpted to harvest crops on the project farm. Construction of the high school gymnasium-community building continued with the foundation nearing completion. Shop students began construction of a building for shop classes. Remodelling of elementary school buildings was scheduled as approval was received. The high school science room which was located in the laundry room of the high school block was partially destroyed by fire which started in the boiler room.

Employment:--Project employment increased 13 1/2 percent to 3,460 and unemployment increased 17 1/2 percent to 583 as seasonal workers returned from outside jobs. Employment increased markedly in Fire Protection, Education, Central Services and Recreation which had been understaffed during the farm season.

Community Activities:--An active winter program of community activities got underway upon the return of leaders from the harvest fields. A two-day flower arrangement exhibit on November 7-8 attracted 2,917 visitors and a six-day art exhibit attracted 2,511 visitors. The center is now divided into two recreation areas and a weekly mimeographed sheet is being issued in each area to inform residents about forthcoming activities. The first Community Sing in several months was held. The Minidoka Consumers Cooperative granted a lease to Community Activities to operate movies on the project. A schedule of two films a week to be shown at two rec halls, one in each end of the camp was established. Students are admitted free on Saturday and Sunday. This motion picture program is expected to be a sub-

stantial source of revenue for community activities.

Co-op:--The co-op opened a store in the administration area for the use of appointed personnel although trade will not be restricted to them. Starting with a stock of non-rationed items the store plans to add rationed items as arrangements are worked out. A drive for memberships among the appointed personnel was started. A program to train apprentices is worked out and will be acted upon by the Executive Board. The co-op paid a state chain store tax on five locations on the assumption that each group of shops and service outlets constitutes one unit. Fish sales were resumed at each store instead of at a fish market as before.

Staff Housing:--Seven units of staff housing totaling 28 apartments are now occupied in addition to the three dormitories which have been occupied since the start of the project. Three more apartment units with a total of ten apartments and two additional dormitories with a total capacity of 32 rooms are under construction and will complete the present staff housing building program.

Evacuee Housing:--The return of evacuees from seasonal work and the transfer of nearly 100 evacuees from Tule Lake filled the center to its capacity and five families and four bachelors had to be housed in recreation halls in addition to doubling up of numerous other families in large barrack rooms. The housing situation was critical as the month ended. Social problems arising from two families living in a single room caused considerable discord and some families were voluntarily moving into recreation halls rather than live with another family. No immediate improvement of the situation is in prospect since more evacuees are being received including internees and transferees from other centers. Forty-one internees from Santa Fe including former Alaskans were scheduled to arrive early in December.

Hospital:--The transfer of a doctor and a medical student from Tule Lake bolstered the medical staff. There were 18 births and two deaths during the month.

Internal Security:--As the first instance of its kind, a barrel of sake was found in a sewage plant pump house and a second barrel of amasake was found in the hospital kitchen.

Project Farm:--The agricultural department completed a season which was very successul in view of the difficulties encountered in getting fields cleard and planted last spring. Because of the lateness of the planting of some crops, some were almost a total loss but by and large the harvest of more than two million pounds of food crops from 270 acres of land that were covered

with sagebrush a year ago was a noteworthy achievement. A start was made on the enlargment of the farm 1,000 to 1,200 acres next spring. The large root cellar constructed on the project now holds an ample supply of onions and carrots, potatoes and cabbage. The cannery processed 2,029 cans of tomatoes. The tofu plant is turning out 10,00 soy beam cakes a month for project consumption. The project's livestock program is providing the mess halls with pork and eggs.

Community Government:--The proposed community government charter was approved by the Washington office and as soon as it was received on the project planswwere started for presenting it to the residents for ratification or rejection. The charter is essentially the same as the one rejected last June. Careful planning is being done so that the charter will be fully explained to all the residents this time and acceptance of the charter by leaders is being worked out so that the charter stands a good chance of going through.

Evacuee Property:--This is the season for renewal of farm leases and the majority of evacuees owning farm land show no inclination to sell it. They express a desire to return to it when the exclusion restriction is lifted. On the other hand, evacuees owning hotel and apartment house leases are disposing of them because of the difficulties encountered in obtaining renewals. One Portland owner has refused to accept lease payments from evacuees and other attempts have been made to cancel leases held by evacuees.

Public Relations:--The communities around the center did not demonstrate much concern over the Tule Lake incident as related to relocation centers. The evacuee community itself considered the incident the number one story of the month and showed great interest in all details. The sentiment expressed was definitely not in sympathy with the actions taken by the Tule Lake residents. The State Liquor Board became concerned over complaints from the Twin Falls area that evacuee residents of the Minidoka center are buying up a large proportion of the small liquor supply made available to the public at the State Liquor Store in Twin Falls. With the holiday season approaching the liquor supply is a "touchy" matter and charges that evacuees are spotting the arrival of the weekly allotment and then are buying the best available before the general public can get to the store are enough to create some feeling, regardless of the facts. It is impossible for the project to determine whether evacuees buyingliquor are residents of the center or out on leave. The project director plans to meet with influential business men of Twin Falls to discuss the matter unofficially.

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Monthly Report

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for December, 1943.

With the approach of winter bringing about a lessening on outside activities, community activities inside the center increased. The population rose from 8,622 on December 1 to 8,964 on December 31 as more evacuees returned from seasonal farm work. In this group were many leaders who took the initiative to promote interest in community affairs. The competition among all blocks in decorating their dining halls at Christmas brought young and old together in a friendly cooperative spirit. On December 28, the residents of the community voted at a special election and ratified the charter providing for a community council.

Relocation:--A total of 180 evacuees left the center on indefinite leave during the month, a slight increase over November when 147 departed. At the end of December, 2,275 residents of the Minidoka Relocation Center were out on indefinite leave. The leave clearance hearing board heard an average of eight cases a day in an effort to handle all cases in the near future.

Employment:--Project employment increased 237 to a total of 3,687 including 159 business enterprise employees and 295 part time workers and trainees. The increase of employment off set the return of workers from seasonal leave and the number of unemployed was practically unchanged at 589. Adjustments in project employment to meet third quarter quotas were started and in at least one section serious difficulties were in sight. The boilermen and janitors were requested to go on a 24 hour basis to keep fires going 24 hours a day during the cold weather to prevent damage to property from freezing and fire. These workers advised the project director that they would be unable to make this adjustment unless two more workers per block or a total of 70 were added to the boiler-janitor crews. The new schedule called for the two boilermen and one male janitor in each block to work an 8 hour shift each and to share boiler and janitor work. The janitress in each block would continue to work an 8 hour day time shift. When the community was faced on December 31 with the prospect of no hot water in the laundry and shower rooms beginning January 1, a delegation of community representatives called on R. S. Davidson, acting project director, and he asked boilermen to continue working on the present basis until January 4 when a meeting of all janitorial workers would be held.

Public Health:--The national flu epidemic reached the project but did not assume alarming proportions. The number of evacuees treated at the out-patient department increased from 1,826 in November to 2,531 in December due principally to respiratory infections and influenza. An average of 50 to 55 evacuees called daily for treatment for these ailments.

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Absences in the project s hools increased 20 to 25 per cent. Increasing the seriousness of the situation was the absence of several of the hospital personnel due to influenza. There were no serious complications to the flu epidemic and no deaths.

A particularly vicious rumor concerning the hospital was circulated rather widely over the project. It was rumored that a new baby had been dropped by a nurse's aide and had died as a result. The baby in the case was a one-day old infant whose death was due to a brain hemorrhage which without question had occurred during the course of labor prior to delivery.

Reports and Public Relations:--Public relations i proved during the month with leading newspapers of the region carrying favorable editorials. The Idaho Statesman at Boise, leading newspaper of the State, printed an editorial entitled "Un-American" which attacked an Idaho State Grange resolution against selling or leasing of land to Japanese. The editorial called the resolution "stupid and contemptible.....piece of barbarism.....bad patriotism.....bad Christian doctrine.....a form of gangster democracy" and concluding "If we are not going even to make an attempt to be decent with the loyal Japanese fighting side by side with our own sons, then to hell with the war and let the barbarians have it". The Twin Falls Times-News, closest daily to the center, printed two editorials answering a letter in the San Francisco Examiner which called Twin Falls a "Jap Hot Spot" dominated by evacuees. Claude Detweiler, president of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, wrote a long letter to the Examiner on the same matter defending the evacuee's rights and praising the contribution to the war by harvesting food crops. There was a report circulated in Twin Falls that the evacuees were buying all the liquor at the state dispensary which in a pre-holiday rush was open only for a few hours when each rationed weekly shipment arrived. The state superintendent of the liquor dispensary visited the center and Twin Falls and upon returning to Boise issued a statement carried by the Associated Press declaring that the evacuees were buying only small proportions of the liquor and not more than their share.

Community Government:--By a vote of 257 to 686 the community ratified the charter for community government on December 28. This was the second vote on the charter. It was turned down last June. The substantial margin indicated that the residents were anxious to have a community council to make for better relations between the WRA and the community.

Schools:--Construction work on the high school gymnasium-auditorium was halted to enable the carpenters to build winter shelters for chickens and pigs. High school shop students worked on the construction of a sh p building. The foundation and flooring were completed. The flu epidemic disrupted classes to some extent with 20 to 25 per cent of the students absent and several teachers unable to report for duty.

Housing:--The camp is filled to capacity as far as housing goes, and very few changes and new assignments were made. About nine families were still doubled up and 28 persons were living in recreation halls. In each case the family selected the people with whom they were to live.

Partitioning of large rooms to make small rooms is planned but has not been started because of the shortage of rooms for those persons living in the rooms to be partitioned.

Community Activities:--The national Christian Mission was held for one week ending December 3 and was conducted by leaders from Seattle, Pasedena and Portland and Twin Falls. Christmas activities dominated the month. An anonymous relocated evacuee sent $525 from Denver for the children's Christmas and this plus additional funds contributed by the Community Activities' trust fund made it possible to have a community wide Christmas celebration without a fund raising drive as was done in 1942. A total of 3,400 gifts sent by outside groups and individuals were cataloged and wrapped for distribution. These gifts were distributed on a value basis and by ages. The dining hall decoration contest aroused a fine spirit of cooperation among all residents. The Christmas season was filled with special events including a Nisei talent show, a Community Sing, a Japanese talent revue, record concerts and a new year's eve carnival.

Business Enterprise:--The question of appointed personnel holding memberships in the Coop was raised and the Project Attorney believed they could not be members under terms of the Coop license. The sale of rationed goods in the Ad area store was held up pending a clarification. The selection of a general manager continued to be a major problem in personnel. It was decided that the co perative would sell American Express travelers' checks. The certificates of indebtedness and interest will be paid off as of January 20, 1944.

Evacuee Property:--There was an increase in active farm cases including renewal of leases for the 1944 crop year, collection of past due rental, collection of proceeds from the 1943 crop and negotiations for sale of farm tracts.

Welfare:--The Welfare office was in charge of a junior counselor due to two vacancies caused by the departure of the counselor and his assistant. Only emergency matters can be handled. In addition, relocation of evacuees has made it difficult to find qualified persons for other staff positions. An increase in public assistance grants was noted as relocation of young people left elderly evacuees without support. Internees released to the center usually are in need of help.

Evacuees on seasonal leave from Tule Lake created a problem when they visited this project and asked to be inducted so that they would not have to pay visitor's room and board fees. Until these evacuees are transferred officially from Tule Lake to this project, we cannot induct them.

Agriculture:--The harvesting of some radishes and spinach completed the farm year. The project shipped 30,000 pounds of onions to Heart Mountain and 31,000 pounds to Rohwer, the first excess farm produce to be exported from this project. A total of 125 hogs were slaughtered for use in the community mess halls. Their weight average was 283 pounds.

About 1,000 capons averaging 8.6 pounds were killed for the New Year's Day dinner in the community. Egg production increased to 111 cases. This was from 2400 chickens.

Cold weather stopped plowing and land levelling operations.

Since all industries on the project are related to food, the Agriculture division is in charge. Fifteen hundred pounds of green melons and 11,800 pounds of nappa were pickled. The tofu plant turned out 2,875 bean cakes. Further expansion of facilities is necessary for satisfactory processing of food. Results of the canning last year were not satisfactory. More space is needed for the tofu project. Pickling is being done in barrels. An increase in potatoes, beans and peas is planned for next year for canning. Some soy beans will be raised for tofu and a trial planting of Mung beans for sprouts will be made.

Construction---Four central laying houses, 100 by 20 feet, were completed at the chicken ranch. There are now eight houses completed with six more under construction. Work on 75 farrowing houses was continued at the hog farm. A garbage house and feeding strips will be built. Construction of two 16-persons domitories and three apartment units was continued in the staff housing area. Two apartment units will have three apartments in each building and one will have four apartments.

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Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for January

Population: During the month 91 departed on indefinite leave and 42 already out on other types converted to indefinite. The population declined steadily from 8964 on January 1 to 8857 on January 31. At the month's end there were 2391 out on indefinite and 517 on seasonal.

Employment: Project employment matters were uppermost in project developments during January as adjustments and curtailments were considered in view of the quotas set for the third quarter. A proposed change in the janitorial service which would not reduce the personnel, but would increase the individual work resulted in a work stoppage by approximately 160 boilermen, janitors, janitresses and supervisors from January 4 to 10. The camp laundry rooms and lavatories were without hot water for this period.

The administration had asked the boilermen and janitors to go on a 24-hour schedule in order to protect water pipes from freezing during the cold weather and to guard against fire in the event that fires in the boilers and stoves were left banked for the night. This meant that the two boilermen and one janitor in each block would have to each work an eight-hour shift and, equally important, would have to share the janitorial and boilermen duties. The practice was for the boilermen to work six-and-a-half-hour shifts, one beginning about 6 a.m. and the other about 4 p.m., seven days a week. The janitor and janitress worked eight-hour shifts, five and one-half days a week. The janitorial workers declared that additional workers, one or two per block, were needed to establish the 24-hour schedule. Since this personnel increase was impossible under the quota the only alternative for the administration was to ask the boilermen what service they could perform with their preset crews and when the boilermen determined that they could provide the residents with hot water on the old schedule, they returned to work on that basis. Night vigilance to protect property from freezing and fire remained the responsibility of the administration. This will cease to be a problem as cold weather abates.

The janitorial service at the month's end was still far from quiet and the evacuee leaders threatened to strike again on the slightest provocation. They feel they were defeated in their attempt to secure more workers per job and with talk of drastic employment cuts circulating over the project the tension grows. It has been implied by evacuees to the placement office that the steward's division will strike if any cut is made in their staffs. The personnel office has issued an order that no new assignments or replacements shall be made until the project total is down to the quota. However, evacuee personnel have ignored this order in some instances and the evacuee placement office personnel have filled requisitions signed by evacuee supervisors.

Housing: While relocation continued and the population showed a decrease, the evacuee housing situation did not improve. Relocation was principally of single people and did not affect the housing for the rest of the family. More paroled internees arrived, many to rejoin wives, requiring small apartments. Partitioning of large rooms into two small ones finally was started. Small families are increasing numerically on the project.

Business Enterprise: The board of directors hopes to work out details with an optical firm to have an optometrist visit the project from time to time to give prescriptions for glasses which would be sold through the Co-op. The board also decided that insofar as possible necessities rather than luxuries would be stocked in the project stores. The Co-op is seeking a better grade of shoes for their stores. American Express Travelers' checks were put on sale at the cashier's office and the first month's volume was $2300. The barbers asked for a pay raise and the board withheld a decision pending more information. Three buyers were sent to Market Week at Salt Lake City.

Welfare: Six families were transferred to Crystal City. It was reported here that rumors circulating at Sante Fe internment camp were to the effect that more internees would be released if housing were available at Minidoka. This project has never refused to accept a paroled internee. The welfare office is being criticized by evacuees for not being more liberal in the issuance of grants. Some evacuees feel that we should issue the maximum grant as some projects are reported doing; that we should issue clothing allowances to all unemployed persons rather than help them on the basis of need; that we should issue public assistance grants more liberally without regard for personal finances. There is an acute need for more appointed and evacuee personnel in the welfare office.

Government: The delegates held a nominating convention and elected 21 nominees and 17 alternates for the community council election on February 7, to be Minidoka's first community council. By the end of the month all but 16 had resigned as nominees. Various reasons were given: some were paroled internees who did not want to assume a public position in the community until they had been here longer; others declined for personal reasons and it appears that several made the gesture of resigning in the hope that the evacuees would draft them, but no draft was forthcoming. A clause in the charter providing that evacuees must have leave clearance to be eligible for the council was interpreted, after consultation with the Washington office, to mean that evacuees not denied leave clearance are eligible. This situation arises from the incompleteness of leave clearance hearings and decisions.

Fire Protection: A barrack fire resulted in $5 real and $50 personal property damage.

Livestock: Thirteen of a lot of feeders purchased in Denver died of hog cholera and pneumonia and 16 feeders in nearby pens contracted cholera. A total of 148 chickens died, 109 of them mainly from overcrowding in poultry houses and 37 from causes traceable to construction work nearby on new poultry houses.

Education: The schools are faced with the prospect of cutting courses and classes in view of the acute shortage of teaching personnel. There are now 14 vacancies on the staff. Construction of the high school gym-auditorium

is at a standstill, but the shop building is being completed rapidly by students. Equipment for shop classes is sorely needed. The classroom lighting system for grade and high schools has been improved vastly.

Health: Births outnumbered deaths again this month, 19 to 6. Flu cases kept the hospital busy.

Internal Security: Winter road conditions in the center caused an increase in the number of traffic accidents. Six were reported, all involving one or more vehicles and no pedestrians.

Community Activities: Provided with adequate leadership and funds from nightly showing of movies, community activities reached an active state this month. An important achievement was the formulation of a policy of cooperation between the block clubs and Community Activities. This policy was advocated by the C.A. to hold down the rising prices of dances and to bring about coordination of these activities. The C.A. now provides the public address system, posters, invitations, decorating paper and floor wax in return for a ceiling price of 25 cents or less per couple (for refreshments) and the right of the area C.A. office to handle half of the invitations. Numerous athletic contests, exhibitions, record concerts, speaker programs and other entertainments were held.

Public Relations: The Bataan atrocity story brought no unfavorable reaction toward the evacuees. The project restricted day passes to town temporarily as a precaution. It appears that the public in general is now able to distinguish between the Japanese of Japan and the evacuees. The principal point in public relations continues to be the matter of permanent settlement of evacuees in Idaho. The Idahoans think the evacuees should go back to the coast after the war. The boilermen's strike on the project was not overplayed by the newspapers and the story received fair treatment.

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Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

April 5, 1944

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for March:

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE: The Finance and Investment Committee of Business Enterprise decided to declare a patronage refund of 10% on sales in its meeting of March 24, 1944, at which time it was estimated that sales for the fiscal year was $691,500.00 and an estimated savings of about $88,000. One-half of one per cent will be set aside for the educational fund and the remaining net savings will be placed in the deferred patronage refund account.

An Educational Supervisor was hired during the month, one of his principle activities being the institution of a Co-op column in the IRRIGATOR.

GOVERNMENT: Probably the outstanding event in Community Government during March is the visit of Solon Kimball of the Washington Office to assist in launching the operations of the Community Council. The Director, Assistant Director, Reports Officer, and Mr. Kimball met in an informal evening meeting with the Council, where relationships of the Council and the administration were discussed. Arrangements were made for the transportation to the hospital for pregnant women and other serious cases. Older drivers were assigned to this job. Major complaints filed were those due to the shortage of coal in the block, plumbing trouble in the block and the pool accumulated from the sewage disposal plant.

The Council and the Commission are getting off to a great start. The attitude of the men is splendid. They are proceeding cautiously and with wisdom. Mr. Kimball's presence on the project is proving to be of inestimable value. Committees, boards, and commissions

appointed by the Community Council were Health, Welfare, Public Relations, Education, Juvenile, and Cemetery Board. The Welfare Committee report that $2,226.90 was collected on the project in the Red Cross War Fund Drive.

RELOCATION: Relocation information has been presented through the Relocation Planning Commission, through distribution of printed pamphlets, further development of the relocation library and through the IRRIGATOR. It is expected that an average flow of relocation of 60, or better, will be maintained each week. 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.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Little change is noted in the over-all health situation on the project during March. The recent disturbance of the dental department created by placing all dentists on half-time work in order to meet the quota of five has been overcome and a large volume of dental work is now being performed.

There was a total of 19 births and 5 deaths during the month.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Only two minor fires on the project, with no resulting damages, was the record for March. A series of surprise fire drills was carried out on March 3, 6, and 10, in the schools. It was found there was no adequate system of fire alarm or means of conveying it. The result of the fire drill was very discouraging. It brought out a desperate need for some kind of fire alarm system to be combined with more extensive fire drills. In a few days, inspection of the attics of evacuee apartments will be completed.

INDUSTRIES: The supply of project-produced vegetables available for pickling was exhausted during the month and the pickling crew was reduced to a main-

tenance basis. Pickling will be resumed when surplus vegetables become available from the farm. Tofu manufacture will continue as at present. Facilities for canning will be needed by July 1.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Public concern of this month for the Community Activities Section was the handling of the Red Cross Drive. This year, more than ever, the Red Cross is being stressed. Over 250 incoming and 250 outgoing messages are being handled by the Red Cross, besides other personal and family affairs, all of which is supervised by Community Activities. The residents have been busily engaged with indoor tournaments and various types of entertainment. With the coming of warmer weather, the program is gradually focusing toward outdoor events.

WELFARE: A new assistant counselor, Nevin Wiley, arrived March 14. Mr. Wiley is assuming supervision of Housing and Clothing Allowance Offices, as well as of evacuee case workers, and is carrying a confidential case load. For the present, this is not too much for him to handle. Some physical and routine changes have been made in the office to allow for more privacy in interviewing and more confidential handling of case records. A handbook has been started and has been added to by routines worked out in joint conference between appointed and evacuee staff.

HOUSING: While the population of this project is constantly decreasing, due to the approach of agricultural activities of this locality, it does not relieve the crowded housing situation to any appreciative degree. This is due to the fact that most of the indefinite leaves are for either bachelors or for the younger generation members of a family. The number of doubled-up families is being decreased little by little. During the month, we have gained twelve 14X20 apartments and six 16x20 apartments. At the same time, we had to lose six 20x20 apartments, and five 24x20 apartments, making a net gain of 7 apartments. This does not help in solving the

present housing situation because of the fact that 28 vacantapartments are not in condition to be occupied because of a lack of chimneys.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: The auto mechanic class had an initial enrollment of 24 students and a final enrollment of 22 students. From this class, seven have relocated, and five have found employment on the center. Carpentry class had an initial enrollment of 12 students and final enrollment of 12 students. None has relocated from this class; two have found employment in the center. The tractor and truck maintenance classes terminated March 25 with no completed record of their placement available. The adult trade classes and Shorthand I and II and Typing I and II had to be cancelled due to lack of instructors. Supervised apprentice courses set up in truck farming, poultry farming, electricians, plumbing, and food preparation have been approved and we are now engaged in recruiting these apprentices, and expect to have these courses in actual operation in a few days.

AGRICULTURE: Field work was started early in the month and some early vegetables planted. General spring work of ploughing, leveling, and feeding-bed preparation is fairly well-organized. Double shifts on tractors have been initiated but the poor condition of some tractors result in about the same amount of work per day tractor.as would be expected in a normal day on an outside farm. The turn-over in tractor drivers has been very high. The season is exceptionally dry and it is doubtful if present plantings would germinate without rain. Irrigation water will not be available until after April 15th. Hot bed planting is completed and some beds are up. No feeder hogs were purchased during the month since present facilities are not adequate for the number of hogs now on hand.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John Bigelow was relieved, on March 17th, by Angus A. Acree as Reports Officer, after a two-weeks understudy by Mr. Acree.

Mr. Bigelow is now awaiting call for induction into the United States Navy.

During the month, they made two swings around the region to contact editors and press association men. Favorable contacts were made in Boise, Nampa, Pocatello, Idaho Falls, and small towns en route. The attitude of in general was good with editors and wire services all showing a willingness to cooperate. A new newspaper, The Telegraph, shortly will be opened in Twin Falls by the owners of the Idaho Statesman in Boise.

Angus A. Acree
Reports Officer

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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.

Reports Office

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

May 5, 1944

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for April

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Issuance of the "Minidoka Interlude", souvenir annual depicting life of the colonists in the project is regarded as a significant achievement of this department for April. It is a nicely bound book of 180 pages and is dedicated to the "America of Tomorrow".

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Hinkle W. Cox took over this office as acting evacuee property officer vice Clyde W. Linville in the latter part of the month. Mr. Linville was transferred to the Portland, Oregon office. The reports shows that this office issued 149 memoranda to colonists regarding their property on the Pacific coast and elsewhere. A total of 375 letters and telegrams were exchanged during the month regarding the evacuee property.

GOVERNMENT: The Community Council has been quite active during the month, several major questions having been referred to it for action by the Project Director. A number of meetings were held with the Project Director and others including Solon T. Kimball of the Washington Office who assisted the council in its process of organization. The major item referred to the council was that of the current labor difficulty on which it is still working as these reports were submitted.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: This section has discussed ways and means of operating the fish department and a number of motions were made and carried regarding this activity. The Co-op also decided that the Co-op should issue its own newspaper in addition to the Irrigator as an additional median between itself and the residents. Both English and Japanese sections are to be issued. A $1300 reserve was set aside for the Co-op's additional program for the fiscal year beginning July 1. It was felt by the Co-op that the space available to it in the Irrigator was not sufficient to carry on its educational program.

EDUCATION: The Hunt schools were visited this month by the Idaho State Board of Education following Mr. Acel Chatburn, Superintendent of the State Board of Education, issued a public statement in the newspapers saying "The Hunt schools are in a satisfactory condition." The school authorities are pessimistic regarding com-

pletion of the project high school gymnasium and ask that the Washington Office give what help it could to its completion. Resignation of Ethel Fitzsimmons, elementary school principal, effective May 15 is announced by the superintendent.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: The project attorney recites in discussion with the Jerome County Attorney concerning payment for bail expenses in housing evacuee prisoners and for attorney fees for attorneys appointed to represent evacuees in insanity hearings. Several other matters also were discussed with the project attorney.

INTERNAL SECURITY: The chief of internal security reports that 28 cases were closed in April with 7 left pending at the end of the month. This makes a total of 547 cases closed and 651 cases pending to date.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The Chief Medical Officer reports that there was no out-break of contagious diseases during the month and again no maternal or surgical mortalities during the month. Then he also tells of the 3-day visit to the project of the Chief Medical Officer from Washington.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Only one fire was reported during the month and this resulting in no damage. It was a vehicle. There was a total of 653 inspections during the month with 253 reinspections all made by four inspectors.

RELOCATION: A total of 81 interviews were held during the month looking toward relocation of families involving a total of 175 additional family members. This report states that 368 applications for leave clearance awaiting clearance in Washington and 34 pending in the center as the month closed.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Due to seasonal demand for farm labor and warehouse men, recruitment in WRA supervised apprenticeship courses have been delayed. The total in training as the month closed was six males, two each in the poultry farm, electricians and cooks. The vocational training section was visited during the month by Mr. Richard B. Johnston, supervisor from the Washington office.

WELFARE: Miss A. Lidie Fite, councilor, attended a welfare council in Washington from April 20. Applications for repatriation and expatriation decreased from 53 in March to 20 in April. An increasing number of families has requested assistance in filing clearance for service men dependency allowances.

HOUSING: Owing largely to seasonal leaves, the project population has continued to decrease. The housing situation is easing thereby and there are now 57 vacant rooms. The project has gained 24 smaller rooms at a cost of 15 larger rooms and a net gain of nine rooms.

REPORTS: The reports officer continues to stress the need of a faster action camera on the project. Due to the only camera for use on the project being a 5 x 7 view camera loan of a speed graphic from a nearby newspaper has to be resorted to in order to get any action pictures.

AGRICULTURE: Precipitation both snow and rain totaling 3½ inches during the month made the ground too wet to level and plant during most of April. Crops planted in March are in satisfactory condition. Hot bed plants are being transplanted into cold frames and an abundance of plants is being produced. Feeding facilities for hogs are still incomplete and wet weather with its shortage of bedding and feeding space makes a very unsatisfactory situation and causes some loss. No feeders have been purchased for two months. Sows have started farrowing. An average of seven pigs in normal litter are being saved. Relocation if reducing farm crews particularly in poultry and tractor drivers. Attempts to secure replacements have been unsuccessful to date. A project-wide drive for more workers is being organized. If it is not successful livestock goals will not be met.

Angus A. Acree
Reports Officer

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Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

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June 6, 1944

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for May

AGRICULTURE: This department reports a heavy labor turnover with replacement becoming difficult and a large percentage of inexperienced workers. Crops are being planted as rapidly as land can be prepared. Crop conditions are very good. Irrigation started at the end of the month on growing crops and a good rain was noted at the end of the month. Hog losses were reduced by change of foreman and closer supervision of feeding. Chicken losses, however, continued heavy and it appears advisable to discontinue additional purchases of chicks for the remainder of the season.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Only one fire was reported for the month; that on May 27 at 7 - 5 - E. It originated from a shortage in an overloaded extension cord. The fire had been burning for 20 or 30 minutes before it was discovered. There was little damage to government property but the losses were in the form of personal property of the evacuees and was fairly heavy.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Good progress in this field is noted by the director of vocational training especially in the O. S. Y. A. shop in warehouse 18. Aside from the educational aspect, he considers the contribution this group has made to the project from the production standpoint has been considerable. During the month the State Vocational Director, Mr. William Kerr, was visited in Boise by the vocational director of the project.

EDUCATION: Recruitment of teachers continues most difficult. There are few applicants and only a few of these are really interested. Salaries paid in the public schools in Idaho and adjoining states are now comparable to salaries paid here. There will be 17 vacancies during the summer. Work on the high school gymnasium proceeds slowly. It is doubtful if this building will be completed by the time school begins in the fall.

WELFARE: Emphasis have been on relocation interviewing. A total of 601 persons representing 2082 family members were interviewed between May 16 and May 31. Those who reported were friendly and seemed to have no suspicion or antagonism toward the program. One of the greatest needs is for psychiatric consultation for cases in personality and behavior difficulties.

HOUSING: The center population has continued to decrease this month due to seasonal crop leaves. We gained 56 smaller rooms through the partition program, losing 41 larger rooms. There still are 18 doubled-up families but all of these have been offered separate rooms and hence are living in the crowded conditions by choice. The hostel in recreation hall #5 has been discontinued as Community Activities has requested the return of the building. We are using vacant rooms in Block 5 for visitors.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: Mr. Frank S. Barrett arrived during the month to relieve Mr. Ralph Barnhart, acting project attorney for this project and Topaz. He has participated in joint meetings between the Fact Finding Committee of the Community Council and the Executive Staff of the Project Director relative to the labor troubles in the warehouse area. The task of preparation of a summary of all the evidence adduced at these meetings devolving from the Project Attorney in conjunction with the clerk of the Community Council. This task extended over into June.

RELOCATION: The interviewing program instituted by this division is being pressed vigorously in an effort to complete the interviewing program by July 1. An up-turn has been noted in relocation due to more concerted effort in individual family conferences. The interviewing program is contributing to family relocation. Cooperation by the reports and relocation divisions is developing plans to place distribution of relocation information material in the hands of more center residents and to make displays of pictures more thorough by rotating panels from one location to another.

Angus A. Acree
Reports Officer

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

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June 8, 1944

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for May

EVACUEE PROPERTY: The high light in this department during May was the visit of about one week of Mr. S. G. Hagan, Property Supervisor, from the Seattle Office who held several meetings with evacuees including one complete mass meeting.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The Community Activities division was especially active during the visit to the project of T/Sgt. Ben Kuroki in the first few days of May. Another high light in this department was the visit of Marshal Stalley, Community Activities Supervisor from the Washington Office. Due to the induction of Mr. Walter Kipp, practically all endeavors of this department has been carried on with vigor during the month.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The hospital staff's difficulties increased during the month with further relocation of important members. Dr. Masayoshi Ito relocated and notice was given also of the relocation in June of Dr. Paul Shigaya, physician, Mrs. Paul Shigaya, x-ray technician and Mr. & Mrs. Kai Fujioka, laboratory technicians. Dr. L. M. Neher, chief medical officer was detailed to Granada for two weeks and Dr. Sekiyama was detailed from Granada to Minidoka at the same time. There were no particular outbreaks of contagious diseases over and above usual problems. Dr. Neher returned to duty here May 31.

GOVERNMENT: The Community Council has been particularly active during the month. Its principal problems have been in sponsoring a Fact Finding Committee to deal with the warehouse labor troubles reported upon in quite some detail in weekly reports. A detailed report of its activities is attached to WRA-237, Part 2, here-with. The Council also recruited 75 volunteer workers and supervised the work of repairing the destruction by fire of 1800 feet of rip-rap on the irrigation canal banks which had been blamed to Japanese when the damage was first discovered. The Council did not debate the matter but shouldered the responsibility for repair and completed it within the week receiving the thanks and public accolade of the surrounding community.

Angus A. Acree
Reports Officer

June 30 '44

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

No.s Taking Pictures in month of June

5"x7" Films

Welfare Office
Funerals — 24

Irrigator Office
News — 6

Identification
Photo stat
Irrigation — 11

Land Reclamation Office
Irrigation — 12

Community Activities
Sport
Entertainments — 7

60

Total 60 pcs

J. M. Tanaka

June 30 '44

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

No's Taking Picture in
month of June

35 M.M. Picture

22 Rolls

22
36

132
66

792

Total 792 pictures

5175
792

5967

792
330

1122

J. M. Tanaka

Minidoka War Relocation Project
Hunt, Idaho

Reports Office

August 7, 1944

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington 25, D.C.

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ATTENTION: M. M. Tozier

Summary of Monthly Reports for July, 1944

PUBLIC HEALTH: July was essentially a quiet month for the hospital and health section. There was no definite decrease in the total amount of work the hospital was called on to perform. There were no outstanding public health problems such as epidemics or other alarming situations. The detail of Dr. Adrian J. de Haan from Rohwer and the transfer of Dr. Isami Sekiyama from Granada has relieved temporarily the acute shortage of physicians here. Mrs. Maxalyn Evans, chief nurse since the opening of the hospital, resigned during the month to return to private life and has been replaced by Miss Josephine Rappaport, transferred here from Gila River Project.

INTERNAL SECURITY: The month closed with ten cases pending and thirty-two closed. Twelve arrests were made this month by outside authorities and not reported in the foregoing as arrests by project staff. These were largely for violations of the Selective Service Act.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Activities in this department show that assistance was given to evacuees in the sale of 80 acres of farm land to the total amount of $5,100 which is the outstanding feature of this month's report. Collections were made for evacuees totaling $356.87. The total amount involved in transactions on behalf of evacuees was $9,085.64. The total of 17 new cases were received during the month and 17 cases were completed during the month. There were 250 cases pending at the end of the month.

AGRICULTURE: July has been a good month for crop growth and development. Some of the crops have suffered from lack of water, mostly grain and potatoes, and others have had too much water. In the main, however, a satisfactory growth has been obtained. Cultivation has been a stumbling block but now is progressing satisfactorily.

INDUSTRIES: Now that industry activities such as pickling, tofu, etc. have been reassigned and the industry section has such eliminated, the Agricultural Section is carrying this project rather than see it discontinued, as no other section seems in a position to carry it on at the present time. Mr. Rawlings, Acting Assistant Project Director in charge of operations under whom this activity comes, asks suggestions for future responsibility for this project. A total of $165.10 worth of sewing was done by the sewing plant composed of two men and three women during July.

GOVERNMENT I: Very little is at hand to be reported by this division in July owing to the fact that we were awaiting the arrival of the assistant project director for community management. Only a routine report is made listing the number of matters referred by the Project Director to the Community Council and the number of matters referred to the Project Director by Community Council.

GOVERNMENT II: The Community Council in its monthly report lists three items as having been satisfactorily settled during July as follows: (a.) mail delivery problem; (b.) complaint about Lt. Harrington's speech at the Army induction ceremonies; (c.) organization and program for Hunt soldiers killed in action. In this connection, the Harrington matter appears to be largely a matter of misunderstanding on both sides rather than a matter for complaint. At the first induction ceremonies held at this project Lt. Harrington inadvertently referred to inductees as "you Japanese." This was resented by members of the Council who feel that Lt. Harrington should have referred to the young men as "you young Americans of Japanese ancestry." However, after investigation, I am convinced that Lt. Harrington's choice of words was purely inadvertent and that his heart is in the right place.

EDUCATION: This report reviews in detail the summer activity program which began June 26. Camping was featured during the summer activity program in which about 500 children were sent outside the project to summer camps were located at the foot of Sawtooth Mountains in the pines near snow-covered peaks. Mr. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education, comments: "We are justly proud of its success." Mr. Kleinkopf further comments: "We still have vacancies in our school system. Salaries paid by adjoining districts are so high that we find it extremely difficult to hold our teachers. There certainly needs to be adjustments made in the salary schedule."

WELFARE: Statistics and details of the welfare program are given in this report and no outstanding accomplishments or problems are listed. Routine matters are given rather in detail and are well presented.

HOUSING: The original housing board of 4 members was reduced to 2 members during July with the termination of a third member. No outstanding problems are presented in this report other than a problem of steel cots in which a shortage is noted. The steel cots on hand are being reserved for the sick and aged, consequently there are none to be released for use at Tule Lake.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Only one on-project fire with damage set at $35 is listed in July. A total of 1,195 fire extinguishers were installed during the month and 2,406 were inspected. Some of the Foam Fire Extinguishers were found to be defective and unserviceable. Procurement has taken it up with the manufacturer for adjustment, but as yet no reply has been received. Rye and weeds have been cut and disposed of in most of the blocks, thus eliminating to a great extent a fire hazard that the Fire Prevention Bureau was concerned about in the last report.

ENGINEERING: Construction has been continued on 12 projects which have been listed from time to time and progress made on each. There is no outstanding feature in this report.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: During the month, a legal aid lawyer had heat prostration which kept him from the office for 3 weeks. The law clerk was absent practically the entire month because of the illness of his wife in the hospital. Also, 3 of the typists in the legal aid property office left to relocate. However, a good deal of work was accomplished for the evacuee residents and for the administration. The problems covered welfare, Selective Service, taxes, and insurance.

RELOCATION: Since the installation of the Community Council on the project in February the Relocation Division has been attempting to have the Relocation Planning Commission set up under the Community Council. Since this has not been accomplished to the satisfaction of the formal members of the Relocation Planning Commission, the entire group placed its resignation in July. The Community Council is in the process of organizing a new Relocation Planning Commission which is expected to be accomplished shortly.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The month of July proved to be full of activities with sports, socials, camping, and other summertime programs going on in full swing. The summer program opened on July 26 and continued throughout July. The first week was church schools and the next 6 weeks consisted of classes in folk dancing, arts and craft, music, shop work, dramatics and educational activities such as typing, shorthand and first aid.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Considerable activity in planning for vocational training is set forth in the narrative report of Mr. Arthur F. Cutkosky participated in by a number of members of the staff. Four major problems are treated of in the report which are too much in detail to describe adequately in a summary.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: Merchandising, executive and operation, finance, investment and auditing committees have meetings and make various recommendations. The Cooperative has established a new newspaper in addition to the IRRIGATOR called the COOPERATIVE NEWS WEEKLY published in the Japanese language. The total patronage refund of $61,721.17 paid as of August 3, 1944, is noted in the report.

REPORTS OFFICE: The Reports Office has functioned in a routine manner throughout the month. It has been noted that the Co-op has established another newspaper in addition to the IRRIGATOR known as the COOPERATIVE NEWS WEEKLY and published according to that report exclusively in the Japanese language. The purpose of this edition of the newspaper has not been fully explained to this office and seems to be a useless expenditure of paper when any possible function could be taken care of by the IRRIGATOR.

Sincerely,

H. L. Stafford
Project Director

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Minidoka Project
Hunt, Idaho

Reports

September 6, 1944

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Mr. Dillon S. Myer
Director
War Relocation Authority
Barr Building
Washington, 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: M. M. Tozier

Dear Mr. Myer:

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR AUGUST 1944

COOPERATIVE: The personnel and membership committee has been afflicted with a difficulty which has become epidemic here--a constant turnover due to resettlement and short-term leaves. A committee has in most cases, however, been able to find many qualified replacements. The merchandise committee has made a persistent effort to inventory the stock and to segregate quick turnover goods from dead stock. After careful consideration, the education and news committee acquiesced in the demand of a printer for a 25 per cent flat increase in the printing cost of the Irrigator, which is published by the Cooperative. Free copies of the Irrigator will continue to be supplied to Center residents. The Cooperative education program is at present stagnant, but an attempt will be made through movies and other means of publicizing Cooperative problems.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Most of the work of this department has been concerned with the collection of rents and conditional sales on contracts.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: The project attorney conducted meetings with the Spanish Consul and Department of State representatives, the Community Council, and Consumers' Cooperative, the adult education class, and the Federated Church group for the discussion of active problems. The project attorney and other appointed personnel conferred with the Community Council regarding the question of the smooth functioning of the Center by the proper

organization of the Central Service labor and transportation pool.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Most acute difficulty of the Health Section in August was that concerned with the maintenance of hospital services with the greatly curtailed evacuee personnel. Lack of sufficient personnel was most noticeable in the nurses' aid classification; many of the girls in that classification returned to school, and a number of others left the project on seasonal leave. Mr. Sullivan, project sanitarian, returned to duty after an extended leave of absence. He reported that the sewage treatment plant was not in use and that raw sewage was being pumped out of the project. He also reported the extremely poor maintenance of sanitation in the vicinity of the hog farm. There was no outbreak of infectious disease during the last month. There were four deaths and no still births as contrasted with twenty-one live births.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: At a recent conference, it was decided that everything possible should be done to encourage evacuees in learning new jobs and in encouraging the establishment of better work habits. Mr. Joseph Beeson, relocation officer, read at the meeting a letter received from a relocatee which said: "Most difficult adjustment on the part of a relocatee is the problem of working away from the work habits acquired in the Center."

FIRE DEPARTMENT: An Emerson Resuscitator has been purchased by the Red Cross to be used jointly by the high school and the fire department. The fire department responded to eight alarms during the month of August. Of the eight alarms five were brush fires, one a building fire, one a vehicle, and one a false alarm. The government loss in the vehicle fire amounted to $502.70. A fire protection official and the chief electrician inspected some of the Cooperative canteens and found that, in some instances, electrical systems were overloaded. Steps were taken to correct this condition. The personnel of the Fire Control Section is very good and near maximum strength.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: August, as a whole, was a rather uneventful month. One of the important community activities was the Grand Magic Valley Softball Tournament conducted on August 28 with fourteen boys' teams and two girls' teams from surrounding communities participating in the event. The tournament was valuable not only in amusing residents but by creating goodwill. One hundred forty-three children, under the sponsorship of the summer activities program, camped from July 31 through August 5

upon the Baptist camping site at Sawtooth Mountain. During August 5 to 12 inclusive, the Girl Scouts held their camping trip at the Presbyterian-Methodist grounds at Sawtooth Mountain.

EDUCATION: The Project high school opened August 21. The elementary schools were not in session in August. Three hundred sixty-nine students enrolled in the camping activities during the summer school activity program. Five hundred ninety-five students were enrolled in the elementary schools for the summer activities. Most of the high school students worked on the project farm or went out on seasonal leave. There has been considerable physical improvement in the schools as a result of work during the summer months. Many of the rooms have been redecorated. Five vacancies still exist in the high school with one vacancy in the elementary school. A project librarian is needed badly. The library has been without adequate supervision since June 10.

AGRICULTURE: The cultivation of crops is virtually completed with the exception of a few late potatoes, daikons, nappas, and fall turnips. The harvesting of crops is well under way with the exception of grain and feed. We are extremely short of labor. There is something of a dearth of feeder hogs on the project, and they are extremely scarce in the locality. We pay ceiling prices for what few we obtain. The poultry flock is doing better this month than in July. We lost 455 in August as compared with 749 the previous month.

RELOCATION: No problems have developed during the month in connection with the coordination of evacuee and staff activities. No special problems have arisen during the month in relocation. Family group relocation continues on a slightly upward trend. It is felt that the prestige of the Relocation Division at this Center would be materially enhanced if the division could be set up on a basis comparable to Community Management, Administrative Management, and Operations.

REPORTS: The Reports Division functioned under a handicap because of the sudden absence through illness of Mr. Angus A. Acree, regularly assigned reports officer. He was succeeded on detail by Harry F. Tarvin, relocation reports officer at Denver, who had no opportunity to talk with Mr. Acree before his removal to the United States Veterans' Hospital at Salt Lake City for treatment apparently appeared to be of chronic ailment. Tarvin has sought to improve relations with the Irrigator staff, and apparently has at least in some measures succeeded. The

Reports Division, like other offices, has suffered considerable inconvenience because of personnel turnover. The reports officer's secretary and file clerk both terminated in order to accept seasonal leave. The secretary has been replaced, but no one has been recruited for the position of file clerk. The Irrigator staff also has been operating with reduced personnel. A staff of three has been editing the Irrigator, and at the same time attempting to publish an anniversary edition in mid-September. Tarvin returns to his official status September 8.

Sincerely,

H. L. Stafford
Project Director

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA PROJECT
Hunt, Idaho

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS
SEPTEMBER 1944

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In general the monthly reports from section and division heads at the Minidoka Relocation Center reflect no unusual conditions during the month of September. Rather normal operations were carried forward. The high school gymnasium job represents the last major construction project and is sadly needed. Efforts will now be directed to get it completed in less time than had been estimated. After this work is done, the construction activities will be confined mainly to a maintenance operation.

We have had a change in the Relocation Planning Officers with Mr. Beeson leaving the WRA staff for work with the Veterans Bureau and his place taken by Mr. McLaughlin. In many cases, it has been found that seasonal leave has been interfering with the relocation of people permanently. This is because many times the head of a family may be away from the project on seasonal leave and not available for interview when suitable opportunities for permanent relocation are offered. It is expected that this situation will be better in a short time when some of the demand for harvest workers in the adjacent area has been filled, or the harvest season ended. Not enough of the seasonal leaves are being converted into indefinite to justify the amount of work entailed at the present time.

During the month we have completed a check-up of fire hazards and tested thoroughly all equipment and hydrants. Mr. Hoffman paid a routine visit to the center and was present while some of this check-up was being done. There was a fire loss of only $5 in government property during September.

We are still short five teachers in the high school although the elementary staff is now filled. Vocational training is going ahead with cooperation between the project sections and the relocation planning officer.

The issue of the anniversary number of the Irrigator, project newspaper, was the most important accomplishment in the Reports Division. This was an excellent paper, and 2,000 copies were purchased for use in the public relations work by the WRA. The Business Enterprises has

ordered a miniature photostat edition of 3,000 copies, which will be distributed mainly to points on the West Coast from which the residents of Minidoka were evacuated. This should have a good effect in public understanding, particularly in Washington and Oregon. It is to be noted that the Irrigator is maintained by the Business Enterprises at a financial loss and that such efforts as this to aid in public understanding and to foster relocation are to be commended. The paper has now attained an outside regular paid circulation of approximately 1,000 copies each week.

Routine operations marked the month in Community Activities, Health Service, Evacuee Property, and Project Attorney's offices. The Project Attorney has had a number of inquiries from persons on parole from internment camps for aid in discharge of parole in order that they might relocate. These cases are being followed through the United States Attorney's offices in the areas of original residence.

The Welfare Section has instituted interviews with young people who are leaving the center on seasonal leave. Another innovation which is being considered is to have the Welfare people conduct interviews and act as guidance persons for juvenile delinquents on parole.

The population of the Minidoka Center at the end of the month was down to 6,893 and there were nearly 200 vacant housing units.

Approved by:

Project Director

Prepared by:
Allan Markley
Acting Reports Officer

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

REPORTS DIVISION

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for October 1944.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT: The public telephone pay station has been moved from the Administration Building and the Western Union from the Relocation Office to the Post Office Building.

FINANCE SECTION is working on a final form of streamlined and modified finance procedure to be submitted to the Washington Office for consideration and adoption in whole or part.

Quarterly census as of September 30, has been completed by the Statistics Section and roster forms sent to all section and unit heads.

PROPERTY CONTROL OFFICE has been moved from the Administration Building to Warehouse #1.

INTERNAL SECURITY. Two cases involving theft were handled by the Internal Security this month. There were two motor vehicle accidents this period, ten pending and 25 closed.

EVACUEE PROPERTY. Nine cases concerning urban and commercial property totaling $3,456.09 were handled by the Evacuee Property Office. Twelve new cases were received this month and 17 were completed.

RELOCATION DIVISION. Number of evacuees represented in discussions of relocation during the month was 381; those who had initial family interview with relocation or welfare section was 7,749. The relocation summary of 54 families have been referred to district relocation officers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT. This department answered eleven alarms during the month which ten were brush fires and one a building fire in which the Government suffered loss. During the Fire Prevention Week short talks and fire drills were held in the grade schools. Art classes in the high school provided the fire prevention posters. Fire hazard in the form of weeds are slowly being eliminated. Personnel in the Fire Protection Section remains critical.

ENGINEERING SECTION. 1. Construction, types of project and percentage completed:

A.	Irrigation	86	F.	Onion Storage	85
B.	Hog Project	100	G.	Ad Area Road	90
C.	Garage & Motor Pool	70	H.	Grain Bins	50
D.	High School Alterations	95	I.	Partitions, Whse. #1	100
E.	Gym	70			

ENGINEERING SECTION, Con't.: 2. Agricultural Land Development, types of project and percentage completed:

A.	Cutting Brush	33	C.	Leveling and Floating	32
B.	Raking and Burning	33	D.	Field Ditches & Drains	30

EDUCATION: Secondary schools were closed during October for harvest vacation. Miss Rita Hanson, Idaho Elementary School Supervisor visited here on October 10 and gave many helpful suggestions to the Education Section. Mr. Arthur M. Kleinkopf, Superintendent of Education attended a conference of secondary and elementary school administrators at the University of Idaho. Vacancies in the Education Section still exist in Spanish, Girls' P. E., Music, Social Science and Library.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING. Enrollments are:

Farm Apprentices	5	Carpenters	2
Clerk Stenos	1	Farm Mechanics	13
Farm Carpentry	8	Transcription	22
Typing and Shorthand	26		

All high school classes were closed for harvest vacation.

AGRICULTURE. Of 1,737,750# of produce harvested this month, 257,110# were used in the center; 440,640 were shipped to other centers; 1,030,000# were stored for future use and shipment to other centers. Hog feeding results were only fair. Thirty were lost though they were of light weight; 169 pigs were farrowed with a loss of 54. This resulted from the feeding of too much grain to the sows. Of 4,000 baby chicks purchased last month all with the exception of the pen of Reds which had a slight infection of coccidiosis are doing well. Mortality of capons and laying hens have been exceptionally heavy though all have had splendid care. The production was down at the first part of the month, but is now up to 200 dozen a day.

WELFARE. The evacuee staff both counseling aides and stenographers has become increasingly difficult to obtain. The revision of the statistical recording system has been completed. Two new groups of cases have been brought to our attention:

Soldier's Dependency cases and inquiries from the federal penitentiary on men who refused to be inducted into the Armed Forces.

A Child Welfare Coordinating Committee has been organized under the chairmanship of our Assistant Project Director in Charge of Community Management. During October the evacuee staff of the Clothing Allowance for all employed residents will be about three weeks late.

GOVERNMENT: Questions discussed this month concerned proposed standards for food handlers, preparation of code of ordinances, request for backing on recruitment program and "guarantee" that gym can be completed by December 31st, reduction of evacuee hospital staff, resignation of Clerk of Community Council, protest closing of Community Activities, decision by Manpower Commission to consider separately each activity in preliminary survey of re-allocation of manpower.

Two evacuees charged with assault and disorderly conduct resulting in 90 day probation.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE. All dry goods department heads have discussed dead or slow moving stocks. The Executive and Operation Committee has accepted employees' recommendation on the system of employees incentive awards. Replacements have been difficult for Treasurer, Chief Accountant, Inventory Officer, and Head Buyer. The results of a special election showed that 24 are opposed to cooperative establishment with domestic service while 10 were in favor. The fish market established in Fire Station #2 has received eviction orders and since there is no suitable space available at this time, temporary suspension has been authorized by the Board of Directors. The main office is so congested that more than a half dozen employees do not have desk space. Motion picture service has been re-established due to the discontinued service by the Community Activities.

PROJECT ATTORNEY. Legal service to evacuees included interviews 159, letters 88, powers of attorney 6, Federal Reserve Bank applications 2, parole matters 15, leases 2, divorce 2, legal memoranda 2, miscellaneous documents 14; cases referred to private attorneys outside 3; evacuee property cases included: sales 2, leases 2, escheat 1, restoration of citizenship 1, probate 2, claims and bankruptcy 2. Council and Judicial Commission at Minidoka and Central Utah are in need of Code of Ordinances on health and police. This has not been pressed since pressure might be regarded as coercion.

REPORTS OFFICE. The gymnasium question has been of extreme concern to the Reports Office from the standpoint of good public relations and understanding between the Administration and the evacuees. This has necessitated considerable missionary work and while the gymnasium is no nearer completion, I believe that it can be honestly stated that community representatives have a more complete understanding of the Administration viewpoints as a result of this, the Reports Office activity.

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Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for November 1944.

PUBLIC HEALTH: The month of November has been essentially quiet, although there was a mild epidemic of chicken pox. The patients were not hospitalized, but were isolated and cared for in their own homes. The 9 deaths recorded were slightly above average, the majority being elderly persons with inoperable malignancies. Of 18 births, 7 were boys, 9 were girls, and 2 were stillborn. There was no obstetrical or surgical mortality.

HOUSING: The housing situation is becoming increasingly satisfactory, owing to a policy of allowing families having absent members to remain in their apartments until the rooms are needed for larger families. Of 2,801 rooms, 2,420 are being used for housing and 228 for other purposes.

WELFARE: Two new Junior Counselors arrived during the month of November; all public assistance grants were increased to the amounts specified in the manual; the Child Welfare Coordinating Committee is progressing, although the schools and Internal Security have noted an increasing number of children with emotional and behavior problems; no reply has been received as yet from request for soldier's dependents allottments, since out letter suggesting an agreement on the federal level between the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits and WRA; the clothing office is almost up to date with its work despite the handicap caused by evacuee workers going out on seasonal leave in September; there were 331 families assisted this month and 1,971 allowances were issued.

ENGINEERING: All projects undertaken by the engineering department are nearing completion, with the exception of the Staff Housing at the M.P. area, which is 1% completed; and the moving of a building from the area for the use of the Leaves office, which is 15% completed. There were 556 jobs completed on roads and buildings, and 51 were devoted to janitorial services and utilities. A total of 42,344,000 gallons of water were used this month, representing a per capita water consumption of 6,876 gallons.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: One fire was reported this month in a 6-apartment barrack, October 24. The fire was confined to space underneath the barrack and did not enter the barrack.

AGRICULTURE: All crops were completely harvested, with the exception of potatoes, of which 100 acres out of 130 were harvested; carrots, 18 out of 29 acres; nappy, 6 acres out of 20; celery, partially harvested; cabbage, 15 acres out of 27; gobo, 3 acres out of 10; and 10 acres of soybeans which have not been threshed. This latter crop is the only one rated poor.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: The project attorney is considerably concerned about the untrustworthiness of persons to whom evacuee owners entrusted their property at the time of evacuation. Rental, farm, hotel, apartment and greenhouse payments have been withheld or refused. In one case the agent of a hotel has failed to account for collections of operation profits for over two years. During the month of November the Project Attorney interviewed 203 people; wrote 98 letters, prepared 7 affidavits, 11 tax problems, 8 estate cases, 3 divorce cases, and prepared 33 real estate sales, and miscellaneous memos. The divorce cases were referred to private attorneys outside. Evacuee property cases referred by the Evacuee Property office totaled 35.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Of $953.28 in transactions handled by Evacuee Property, $5.35 involved miscellaneous transactions and $947.93 involved collections. Total cases received this month were 17; 239 cases were pending at the first of the month, 3 cases were completed, and 253 are pending.

INTERNAL SECURITY: Three cases involving theft were handled by Internal Security this month. Two cases involved disorderly conduct; 1 miscellaneous offenses; 2, motor vehicle accidents; 1, mental case; 3, cases involving contraband; 4, involving infractions of project regulations and 2, miscellaneous; 20 cases were closed during the month, and 4 are pending.

EDUCATION: For the 18 days school was in session during the month of November the average daily attendance in the elementary schools was 611.11 and in the secondary schools 950.1; 160 high school boys and 220 high school girls were in the vocational training classes. The PTA in the Hunt Hight School has recently been organized. The first meeting, held on November 27, was attended by 100 parents. The Huntville elementary school PTA has a membership of 204. The Stafford school PTA has a membership of 248. To date, the total membership of Minidoka Center PTA's has been the third largest in the State of Idaho. There are 7 teaching vacancies in the high school.

Narrative Summary of Administrative Reports for November 1944-3.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: 15 farmers, 1 clerk stenographer, 19 carpenters and 3 electricians were in training this month, of which the clerk stenographer was certified to employment. 22 Farm mechanics and 7 in farm carpentry were enrolled in the state administered course for adults. WRA adult training classes had an enrollment of 22 in transcription and 28 in beginning typing and shorthand. 47 males and 220 females were enrolled in the high schools vocational training classes.

GOVERNMENT: Matters referred to the council by the Project Director this month included; The daily progress report on gymnasium construction; communications concerning the walk-out of gymnasium workers; the temporary closing of c.a.; the Army map service request, and the proposed dog ordinance. Community coucil this month referred to the Project Director, the question of donations for Imperial Japanese prisoners of War in this country and matters concerning the discontent of the gymnasium workers. The Manpower Commission reviewed the farm program; the fire department, the gymnasium construction and made a survey of so called unpopular jobs on the project.

REPORTS OFFICE: With the exception of the Broadcast of the "March of Time" on K.T.F.I. on November 14, 1944; and the customary breaks in the newspapers in this area, there has been no unusual activity in the reports office, as far as the outside is concerned. Within the project, however, the reports officer has spent considerable time on the project problems; but much work, such as reports has been delayed due to lack of competent assitants.

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REPORTS DIVISION

NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS FOR DECEMBER, 1944.

AGRICULTURE: We completed harvesting this month including 1300 lbs. of potatoes, 3100 lbs. of turnips, 18,500 lbs. of cabbage, 23,200 lbs. of nappa, 4,000 lbs. of daikon, 3,700 lbs. of gobo and 12,300 honeydew melons. Due to the ground being frozen 30 acres of potatoes, 6 acres of carrots, 6 acres of turnips, a few cabbage, and quite a lot of nappa remained unharvested. However, we still retain enough potatoes, onions, and carrots for our own use. 128 head of hogs have been slaughtered this month.

The sewing plant operated this month, filling all requisitions with the exception of gloves. More help is needed in order to supply sufficient gloves for the project. The pickling plant completed all vegetables on hand and expect to close January 6.

EDUCATION: The most important school event during the month of December was the high school PTA meeting preceded by a membership drive. 393 parents have already joined and they expect to reach the 500 mark in membership. This combined with the elementary PTA membership will reach the 1,000 mark. Approximately ten thousand tuberculosis seals were sold by the elementary students. The students purchased $420.00 worth of War Stamps.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Dr. Akamatsu returned from relocation and began work on the medical staff December 1. Dr. de Haan submitted his resignation but consented to remain on duty until Dr. Sekiyama returns from vacation. The worst problem encountered during the month was the breakdown of the sewage effluent line between the canal and the highway. This was promptly taken care of by the engineering department and is now working satisfactorily.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: There was no fire loss during the month. The fire department is working with full strength in personnel. Due to inclement weather, outdoor drill is curtailed.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: There was no increase in vocational training classes this month, and a continual decrease is expected in the classes we now have due to the curtailment of the farm program. There is sufficient work in the repair of farm machinery and enough farm carpentry work to keep the OSYA classes going until the first of April.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Three shipments were received during the month and 18 were shipped to relocation points. 30 cases were completed, 12 received, leaving a total of 235 cases pending, mostly of a contraband nature.

RELOCATION: This office has been extremely busy interviewing applicants wishing return to the outside. A staff relocation committee has been formed which will assist in many ways with relocation problems. A number of family summaries have been transmitted to the field offices.

for cases which will require various assistance. Many individuals have returned to the project who had previously relocated due to the exclusion order, seeking information regarding the return to the coastal area.

PROJECT ATTORNEY: The Project Attorney had 121 interviews, wrote 51 letters, handled 4 realty sales, 14 tax problems, 7 etates, and issued 9 Federal Reserve licenses.

Itthas been necessary this month as in months preceding, that the Project Attorney divide his time with the Central Utah Relocation Project, at Topaz, Utah, and the Minidoka Project.

GOVERNMENT: Matters referred by the Project Director to the community council this month included: Mr. Myer's reply to the council's memo of November 20 concerning the gym situation; letter concerning the termination of the emergency crew; a desist order regarding Koen-Kai and use of government buildings; letter concerning minimum mess hall operation.

Matters referred by the community council to the Project Director was a request for use of the gym to hold memorial services and the postponing of mess halls to give residents an opportunity to recover from recent events.

Five meetings were held with the council this month with the following things being discussed: coal hauling situation: gym situation; lifting of the West Coast ban; need of gym for meetings. A manpower commission meeting was held with nurse's aide recruiting problems being discussed.

ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGEMENT: The status of appointive personnel has not changed particularly during the month. There is not yet an adequate amount of appointive personnel. Inventories on the project are still being taken.

WELFARE: The Welfare handled 39 cases for Servicesman's Dependency Allotments. Final plans for interviewing the dependency cases have been completed and will begin as soon as the new Manual Release on the subject is received.

HOUSING. The population increased this month by 103 owing to residents returning from seasonal leave. The number of visitors also increased. A new plan has been devised for a more accurate reporting to the Housing Officer when visitors are admitted to the center.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The office has been reopened with a skeleton staff. Although the Community Activities office was closed for a month, all programs continued as usual. A dining hall decoration contest was held and many Christmas programs were completed. Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Reserves, and Hi-Y are meeting regularly.

INTERNAL SECURITY: One case of drunkenness was reported; 4 motor vehicle accidents, 12 miscellaneous cases and one was referred to outside officials. One arrest was made during the month.

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February 12, 1945

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

RELOCATION: An evacuee relocation planning group was called together and suggestions were made regarding relaxation of regulations now prohibiting investigation trips to the West Coast at government expense. Plans are being instigated for the Hood River, Oregon farm group to return. This includes approximately 20 families who have intimated their desire to return as soon as obstacles can be removed. More information is needed by the Relocation office concerning the return of aliens to Alaska and Hawaii.

REPORTS OFFICE: The main emphasis continues to be the education of Minidoka residents for relocation. All information that can be obtained is being published in the project newspaper. We have constructed large bulletin boards displaying pictures of relocated peoples which we are displaying in the mess halls--a different one each day. The weekly radio broadcast continues on Thursday instead of Monday. 300 copies of the pictorial supplement of the IRRIGATOR with a form letter were sent to various newspapers in the principal cities of the United States.

COMMUNITY ACT: Numerous parties were held this month and the new U.S.O. lounge was opened. The gymnasium is completed sufficiently for large community wide affairs. This office is compiling data on each youth of this center in order to provide Relocation and Welfare with a complete picture of the youth's achievements. The hope is that this information will help his acceptance in his new community.

AGRICULTURE: All harvesting is completed except a few acres of gobo and carrots which we hope to harvest in the spring. There were 153 hogs slaughtered this month, leaving 449 heads. We intend buying more feeder hogs in February. Poultry losses are still tremendous. Personnel in this department is being shifted to other sections where needed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Four fire alarms and two false alarms were received this month. The flushing of fire hydrants has been postponed until warmer weather. The department is working at full strength with excellent cooperation from the appointed personnel and the evacuees.

EDUCATION: Enrollment in the Minidoka schools for the month of January are: secondary, 954; high school students in vocational training, 289; students taking part time in-service training, 135; and nursery schools, 232. A hearing was held for Haruo Nishimura, a high school student, who was charged with threatening one of the high school teachers. He has been put on a three months parole to the social welfare section. The Parent-Teacher Association has a paid up membership of 1087 which shows how extremely interested the people are in this organization.

PUBLIC HEALTH: There were five deaths with miscellaneous causes, and 17 births. The only problem encountered was the gross contimination of one of the water towers. This was rapidly corrected, however, with the help of the engineering department.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: A combined meeting of the Community Council and Block Commissioners was held with Mr. Kimball of the Washington office. Residents brought up questions concerning the closing of the centers to Mr. Kimball, who in turn gave the W.R.A.'s view and responsibility to the residents. He informed them that W.R.A. was ready to tackle problems, but first the problems had to be encountered, that other government agencies were able to offer loans and assistance. Many of the residents had no place to go and those that did were desirous of waiting until they found out definitely the public sentiment regarding Japanese-Americans on the outside.

In the monthly council meeting, it was decided to form a special facts finding committee to make an intensive study concerning the question of closing the centers. A special committee of three was appointed and given the power of rejecting any declinations for candidacy to the Community Council whose reasons aren't justified.

A nominating convention was held with 49 delegates. Election tellers were elected who in turn nominated the 21 candidates.

ADM. MANAGEMENT: There continues to be an enormous turnover in personnel. Miss Spriggs and Mr. O'Bryan have been detailed from finance to other units, and one transfer was effected in the form of Mrs. Vera Isom from

the Twin Falls Relocation office to Property Control and Warehousing. Four resignations were received leaving a total of three vacancies.

After returning 43 rental typewriters to the Idaho Typewriter exchange, a check was made on the 212 W.R.A. typewriters, finding three short. This information has been released to Internal Security. Concerning fourth quarter budgets, there is a question as to what extent centers should prepare quarterly estimates. The inventory for budget purposes is still incomplete, but a status report has been sent to Washington.

It is believed that with the appointed personnel on 24-hour gate control, an accurate account can be kept of all transportation.

In order that residents will be thoroughly informed as to the closing of the mess halls, data will be released two weeks in advance. All equipment removed from these mess halls will be declared surplus.

WELFARE: At present there are 1169 cases in the dependency file. Relocation is being stressed to the fullest extent. Some of the dependency cases seem to have done little thinking concerning their future. Some say that they have no intention of leaving the center until they are forced.

This department is operating with extremely inadequate personnel. We are urgently in need of a Junior Counselor, and two secretaries. A military barrack has been moved to the Ad area which we intend occupying. The new location (floor plans have been submitted to Washington) improved telephone facilities, full time use of an automobile, additional personnel, and proposed realignment of functions, will make for greater efficiency.

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

HEALTH: This department functioned along general routine lines with an increased shortage of nurses due to the resignation of three appointed personnel nurses without replacement.

INTERNAL SECURITY: Handled 18 cases this month with five still pending consisting of Assault, drunkenness, three motor vehicle accidents, three burglary, one of disorderly conduct and other cases.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Two fires were reported this month with no loss incurred. The new quick action lead in valves has been received and installed; also a hose rack, carrying 1½" hose line of 200 ft has been installed on Engine Company No. 2. Preparation is under way for a Clean-up Week in the near future.

AGRICULTURE: This unit finished the remainder of the pickling which consisted of 2395 pounds of carrots. 1,104 pairs of gloves were completed by the six people employed in the sewing plant, also 10 aprons for the Mess Division and repaired 16 helmet bands.

EVACUEE PROPERTY: Current accounts collected this month were $1,950. and $1,094.25 on old accounts. Mrs Fred Minnesang has been added to this department as assistant evacuee property officer relieving part of the load carried by Mr. Cox.

GOVERNMENT: New members to the Community Council have been elected with three former members remaining. The Project Director heard four cases involving assault and destruction of government property, two of which have been held over. Memos received from Mess Hall Workers' Association were transmitted to Mr. Provinse. The new amendment to the Council Charter has been approved by the Project Director.

EDUCATION: Observance of "Founders' Day" was held this month in the gymnasium with approximately 2,000 people present including 65 caucasians from the surrounding area. Mrs. J.E. Hays, National publicity chairman of P.T.A. was the principal speaker and a program consisting of oriental dances and songs followed.

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Mr. Richard B. Johnson who visited the center on February 20-21 was instrumental in setting up a program for the continuation of vocational education.

Morale of the Hunt High School is much improved since the apprehension of the boys responsible for destruction of government property.

VOCATIONAL TRAINING: Commercial, Advanced mechanical drawing, farm mechanics and carpentry courses are being continued as long as project needs necessitate them. At the combined meeting of the Adult Education and Vocational training committee meeting, the Adult Education committee was dissolved and will hereafter be known as the Adult and Vocational Education committee.

REPORTS OFFICE: Material is being collected and disseminated as rapidly as possible with relocation remaining the goal. The staff is working in excellent co-ordination at an extremely high tempo in order to expedite current problems. The Project newspaper continues to be our best source of releasing information for evacuee consumption with an increased amount of photographic documentation.

ENGINEERING: A large part of the labor of the 206 employees in this department is being charged to Utilities for repair on the Out-Flow line.

WELFARE: Out of 80 families known to be potentially dependent transmitted to the field through Relocation Officers, only five replies were received from Portland stating that more information was needed and one other from the Chicago Relocation Officer stating that the Salvation Army would take care of the family mentioned.

It was decided that emphasis should be placed on families known to be actually dependent and therefore a special index card file is in the process of being set up in the Relocation Office, consisting of 150 units. Others will be added to this list, all being under Welfare's supervision. The remaining cases will be investigated by Welfare as quickly as possible.

This department moved into new quarters in the Ad. Area providing more privacy and sufficent space with separate places for the different types of work. The secretary of the Red Cross also has a private office which will make for better cooperation between the two offices. Plans are underway for the Clothing Unit to move to the Ad. Area under supervision of the Finance Section.

This month Servicemen's Dependency Benefits, Old Age claims referred to Social Security Board office,

and Survivor's Insurance claims, also three cases involving juvenile delinquency, were handled by this department.

Counselor Carper is assisting in the sponsoring of U.S.O. hostesses and Counselor Creusere is cooperating with Community Activities in sponsoring a "Teen-Age Canteen." We are still operating with an inadequate amount of personnel.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Numerous meetings were held this month with regard to Mr. Myers' visit, the Salt Lake Conference and election of council members. Plans involving questions to Mr. Myer were formulated and delegates were appointed to represent the residents in Salt Lake. Problems presented to Mr. Myer involved removal of "No Japs" posters, insurance for Isseis, protection from Federal agencies, housing facilities, and direct financial help from the Federal government.

A new amendment to the Council Charter was approved which states simply that no person will be nominated without his acceptance to run.

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SUMMARY OF MONTHLY REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH

PUBLIC HEALTH: The main issue in this department at present is the difficulty of maintaining adequate in-patient care with the extreme shortage of nurses. Our non-professional personnel is relocating and we anticipate a grave problem there in the near future.

HOUSING: We assigned 39 apartments this month with 13 being allotted to married couples, social cases, hospital cases and larger families. One was assigned to Community Activities for use as a "teen-age" canteen. Records in this department reveal that between March 1st and March 29, 83 families and 139 bachelors have relocated leaving 87 more vacant apartments.

EDUCATION: In line with the overall relocation program the Adult Education group has organized a course in letter writing and a class giving relocation advice. These are necessitated by the younger people on the project relocating, leaving the Issei with inadequate communication facilities. Classes in practical geography of the United States is being undertaken. The use of films will be emphasized.

Farm carpentry will be discontinued as of April 1, but the farm mechanics course will continue through April.

WELFARE: There is excellent coordination in this department at present with both the evacuee and appointed personnel. We are fully staffed with the addition of two evacuee clerical workers. The clothing unit has been transferred to finance with the assistance of Mr. Webb who drew up the agreement of transfer. We find that clothing allowances have been going to unnecessary places, for instance, in one case the husband and father had been outside working, making sufficient money but had accepted no responsibility for his family in the center. Due to this a number of names have been deleted from the list. The dependency file hasn't been used adequately because it has been so bulky, but we have been working oniit, and we now find that less than 10% are actually dependency cases. In many cases families have relocated without any assistance from Welfare

With the lessening of field work we find that a car full time is unnecessary, therefore we are

making use of taxi service on the project.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Responded to two alarms of fire this month with a small government loss incurred in one. Weeds and grasses along the ditches were burned to eliminate that fire hazard.

REPORTS OFFICE: In compliance with suggestions from the Washington office, this department is in the process of reorganization with principal emphasis being placed on the dissemination of information to the residents.

RELOCATION: The addition of one new interviewer and Mr. Steiding from the New York office will release the tremendous load previously present and will enable us to increase the number of interviews and also the number relocating.

The Hood River farmers who were hesitant about returning to the Hood River district have just about decided that even though the Mid-West looks good, they still prefer Hood River.

We are now operating in two buildings, one used as the interviewing building and relocation library and the other as the Leaves office and office of the Relocation Program Officer.

Favorable reports were brought back by investigators to both Hood River and Sioux Ordnance.

AGRICULTURE: The shipment of produce to other centers has been completed which included 35,230 pounds of carrots and 94,125 pounds of onions leaving a balance for project consumption of 107,855 lbs. of onions and 113,400 pounds of potatoes. Plans have been completed to liquidate the farm unit by April 30. The poultry unit will be cleaned up by May 31 and the hog unit by the end of May.

GOVERNMENT: Names were sent to the Project Director and the announcement of Iwao Oyama as Chairman of the Community Council. A judicial Commission and a Juvenile Board were formed.

A letter regarding the destruction of Reg. #39 was delivered to the Council and also a teletype on mess hall closures.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The highlight of the month was the opening of the "Teen-Age" canteen in Block 22. It is composed of a ping pong room, game

room, lounge, and snack booths. Outside there is a volley ball court and horseshoe pits. Students can spend free time there anytime during the day.

The boy scouts and girl scouts are both active on the project participating mainly in the Boy Scout Paper Drive, and services in hospital wards.

INTERNAL SECURITY: This department handled four cases of theft, one auto theft, three motor vehicle accidents and four home accidents.

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May 15, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARIES FOR APRIL

INTERNAL SECURITY:

Six cases of theft, one burglary, 1 suicide and three cases of lost and found were processed this month.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

Relocation is making a serious dent in all of the national organizations on the project necessitating the combination of many groups and a closer cooperation between C.A. and the organizations. The WMCA is going to work in connection with C.A. on a community wide recreation program for the summer.

The scout units assisted in the paper and clothing drives. The U.S.O. is operating with recreation at a high tempo including taffy pulls, waffle parties, ping pong tourneys, etc.

HEALTH:

The issue in this department continues to be inadequate personnel due to relocation and flucuation of appointed personnel. One of the nurses has received her papers to report for army physical and if she is accepted it will be impossible to continue full coverage of the hospital.

EDUCATION:

There are 689 students in the elementary grades, 864 in the secondary grades, 190 in vocational training classes with 42 appointed teachers and 7 evacuees.

EVACUEE PROPERTY:

Completed three real estate cases this month, 1 lease and $558.71 collected. 185 family lots were shipped to relocation points.

AGRICULTURE:

All harvesting is completed and all workers have been terminated or transferred to other divisions, with the exception

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of 16 workers in the hay unit and 46 in the poultry unit, both of which will be liquidated in May. After consultation with the chief of Operations it was decided to terminate all employees as rapidly as possible keeping a crew of 12 to 15 for clean-up work.

The industry unit was discontinued April 28 and all equipment declared surplus and turned over to Property Control for disposal.

WELFARE:

The Welfare section reports an increasing flow of summaries which, since the Washington Legislature has adjourned, are being processed in the field. Some evacuees report that there is too much repetition of questions in connection with relocation planning.

Despite an agreement with Relocation that only unattached children not traveling with or to relatives be referred to Welfare, the staff is convinced it should also consider plans of unattached children traveling to relatives.

Cases continued from the previous month by family unit totaled 939; 40 were added; 155 were closed and 824 were continued to next month.

REPORTS OFFICE:

With relocation the objective all available means are being used to increase the flow of information to the residents. At present these consist of a weekly bulletin in Japanese, the IRRIGATOR and numerous pictures of relocatees.

Attempts are being made to produce a weekly cartoon instituting WRA policies and procedure and to set up a relocation information booth in the area. Two radio shows for West Coast consumption are in the process of completion.

GOVERNMENT:

The Community Council protested to the Project Director on the "closing of schools" and the "project unemployment" situation. The school question was discussed in a conference with P.T.A. members, the Council and the Project Director. Copies of the comments and recommendations of the Salt Lake Conference, also correspondence from the Director, were transmitted to the Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

This department functioned along general routine lines responding to one fire. 121 fire hydrants were tested and 10 burning permits issued.

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BUSINESS ENTERPRISES:

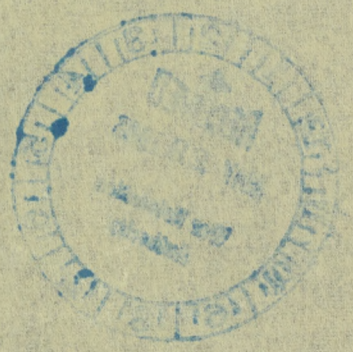
Relocation is causing many vacancies and it is difficult to locate replacements. The overall inventory on March 31 reveals a total of $29,813.04 with much of the slow moving and dead stocks being disposed of. The total sales for the year 1944 were $719,149.19, a total of $25,000 over last year.

RELOCATION:

Due to a wave of cancellations about the middle of the month caused by a rumor that seasonal leave was going to be re-instated, the goal of 500 was not reached in April. Only 467 were relocated.

Mr. Richard Niver, Adult Education Supervisor, has been transferred to Relocation to assist in the dissemination of information.

At present our staff of interviewers is complete and we are receiving favorable results from block interviewing, however, we have a potentially critical situation here in the lack of secretarial assistance, as most of the evacuee secretaries are leaving with no available replacements.



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MONTHLY REPORTS SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

GOVERNMENT: Mr. Stafford replied to the Council's query on "Project Unemployment" and "closing of schools." Request was made for the Council to begin work on the final report. New members were appointed to the Juvenile Board.

RELOCATION: 725 people relocated this month from Minidoka. Due to the increase in relocation the Relocation Committee meeting has been discontinued since members relocate as rapidly as appointed. The staff is functioning smoothly although one interviewer had to be detailed to the Leaves office until an employee could be obtained. She is back bringing the interviewers to a total of eight.

This department is seriously handicapped by the lack of secretarial help. Detailing part of the clerical work to other divisions did not work out since the work of other divisions increased greatly. It is impossible to obtain secretarial help among the residents and therefore we recommend positions be created in Relocation for appointive secretaries.

AGRICULTURE: All vegetables have been disposed of to date including 250 bags of onions which were shipped to Tule Lake and 195 bags delivered to the Steward Division for project consumption.

Most farm equipment has been returned to Property Control and the remainder will be returned by the farm labor crew which will be retained for general clean-up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Responded to two alarms of fire, one of which was a lighted candle placed in a can causing an enormous amount of smoke, symbolic of some sort of religion. The other occurred in Block 22 in Apt. D Barrack 2 and although the fire was in a center apartment, just one apartment was destroyed.

EDUCATION: Commencement took place on June 1 with 101 seniors receiving diplomas. Three scholarships of $50. each were presented to the three highest ranking students.

The three Parent-Teacher associations

have disbanded. Six teachers have resigned and the remainder have been detailed to other divisions.

On June 1, 1944 there were 1111 students enrolled and on June 1, 1945 there were 682. The percentage of attendence was 96.

Residents do not seem interested in any kind of training classes.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Neher, was absent during part of the month of May and Dr. Richards was acting Chief Medical Officer. Due to the sharp reduction in Medical Officers, the outpatient clinic has been placed on an "Emergency Only" basis and the only regularly scheduled clinics to be continued have been the obstetrical, surgery, venereal diseases. Several cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were returned to coastal hospitals.

WELFARE: The Welfare Counselor has been concerned to a great extent this month with the reorganization of the Welfare staff. Mrs. Kimmerling, Counselor, and Miss Ruth Carper, Jr. Counselor, attended the Welfare conference in Seattle from May 7 to May 12.

The staff arranged a Welfare party Sunday evening, May 20, at the home of Mrs. Hobson, Counseling Aide, in honor of Mrs. Hana Uyeno, receptionist, who will be leaving soon for New York to be married, Mr. Hirai and Miss Saito.

There have been rumors that confidential information given in the Welfare office finds its way to the evacuee section of the project.

Welfare section is no longer a "family affairs" but a large crowded office presenting the chance of more problems and entanglements. It is obvious that more formality in the organization and conduct in the Welfare activities will be increased.

REPORTS OFFICE: This office is maintaining the best of public relations with the outside newspapers. The IRRIGATOR, both sections, are excellent mediums of relocation news.

It is suggested that a more definite information program be worked out in order that relocation may be facilitated more rapidly. The Reports Officer's opinion is that the residents can be sold on the idea of leaving the project by October 1, 1945.

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MONTHLY REPORTS SUMMARY FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

WELFARE: This department handled 68 cases during the month of June. Thirty-five summaries were sent to the field and thirty grants issued, totaling $3460.45 and averaging $115.35. There seems to be more confidence in the resettlement assistance program due to the accurate and complete publicity on the part of the Irrigator. Welfare is running along more efficient lines with the mad rush of applications easing off, fewer rejections and the more eligible people applying resulting in higher grants -- cooperation with the field offices is good.

During the month of June 206 families and 17 bachelors relocated leaving a total of 659 vacant apartments. Also during the month, 486 steel cots, 190 canvas cots, 641 mattresses and 1432 blankets were picked up.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department responded to one barrack fire during the month with no loss incurred. Numerous brush fires have broken out in the area due to high wind and dry weather. The department has been burning weeds and grass on the project and will continue clearing it as rapidly as possible.

PUBLIC HEALTH: Operated along general routine lines this month. Hospital personnel continues to decrease due to relocation. There were 4 births, 3 deaths, 29 persons admitted to the Hospital and 30 discharged.

GOVERNMENT: The teletype received from Director Myer, after a meeting with the Council and members of the A.P. staff was turned over to the Council for their recommendations who in turn will deliberate with the Block Commissioners to obtain the residents attitudes. This, it is felt, might reveal the height of the Council's prestige on the project. The Council was requested to approve the new Juvenile Board members and notified regarding the closure of Mess Halls $4 and 17.

EDUCATION: At present there are 450 students in summer activity classes and 943 in Adult Education Classes. A high rate of interest exists in Adult Education and classes will continue as long as possible, however we anticipate the first of August will be as long as they will be able to operate since we will lose the majority of our appointed

personnel teachers at that time. Interest in the vocational education classes was so lax that they were discontinued.

REPORTS OFFICE: The Reports Officer feels the project newspaper, although operating with inadequate personnel, can continue through the summer.

Besides regular relocation information bulletins, fob offer lists and news bulletins, a color chart showing the leaves procedure at Minidoka has been distributed to the mess halls. The photographic department is completing their files for the archives.

ENGINEERING: The material utilized during the month of June by 311 employees totaled $2907.16. The department operated along general routine lines, repaired 34 refrigerators and made 57 service calls. One refrigerator is out of order indefinitely due to the evaporator fins rusting off.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Stress is beingplaced entirely on a complete summer activity program. With the addition of four teachers detailed from the education department to this section and the termination of school, adequate personnel is available.

About 12 young people attended the Eden Idaho Mothers' Club and presented a musical program. Elmer Smith spoke at the same meeting on project life.

RELOCATION: Six hundred and sementy-sevenresidents relocated this month leaving the population at 4819. Two joint meetings of the Welfare and Relocation staffs to discuss the new resettlement assistance program and iron out difficulties arising from changes involved, were held this month.

The interviewers have set an objective to complete all family files so that each file will show an interview in the last 60 days.

The narrative in family summaries has been discontinued in favor of a check chart system due to an insufficient amount of secretarial help.

The Union Pacific railroad has made available one special car each way every week for East and Westbound departures. This, it is felt, is a great incentive to the residents toward relocation.

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MONTHLY REPORTS SUMMARIES

REPORTS OFFICE: During the month of July the English section of the IRRIGATOR came to a close and stress was placed on the relocation Bulletin, with an additional English Bulletin being published. Reports Office personnel is down to 7 workers from 35, including a photographer, translator and five distribution men.

The Japanese section, due to the feeling of necessity by the Co-op will continue until further notice. The Photographic Department has completed the cataloging of some 1100 pictures.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: An average of 250 people a day have used the project swimming hole which was opened on July 5. The athletic program has consisted of soft ball and tennis. Ten recreation halls were closed this month. Due to the relocation of many young people only three block parties were given during the month. Several picnics were held and the "Teen Age Canteen" was very popular.

WELFARE: The Welfare Office has been concerned primarily with summary writing during the month of July. The total number sent to field offices through July 31 is 258 of which 44 concern unattached children. The total of 390's returned is about 80. During the month 101 applications for resettlement assistance were considered, of these 28 were granted, 18 rejected and 55 still pending.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Nine fire alarms were answered by the Fire Department during July, all were brush and grass fires and no loss was incurred. In the poultry and hog farm area the weeds and grass have been bladed away from the buildings. Fire hydrants were renumbered. Fire Department personnel is still near maximum strength.

RELOCATION: From the Relocation standpoint there are three general groups of residents. (1) Those definitely planning to relocate and setting time for departures. (2) Those whose plans are held up by housing or other deterring factors. (3) Those not planning to relocate either because they have requested repatriation or are on the Army stop list. Strongest resistance was found in the bachelor groups.

There were 2137 family units or 440 people in the project on

the first of July and 1970 family units or 3824 on the last of July.

ENGINEERING: Two hundred and ninety workers were employed in maintenance and $2113.21 worth of material was used. Operation service cost $376.46. Evacuee Property cost $1492.95 and Government Property was $243.80.

PUBLIC HEALTH: In conjunction with project liquidation, the hospital census shows an overall decrease in both in-patient and out-patient work. The critical personnel situation was relieved by the addition of Dr. Sloat, medical, and Mrs. Hale and Mrs. Kimball on the nursing staff.

EDUCATION: There are four teachers still remaining in Education. The Nursery and Adult Education classes are still continuing but at a reduced schedule. All Adult Education classes are scheduled to end August 1 with the exception of English which will continue through August. The Nursery school program will stop August 17, thereafter they will be set up as Child Care Centers under joint supervision of Community Activities and Education.

GOVERNMENT: Announcement of mess hall closures was sent to the Council by the Project Director this month. On July 26 an informal discussion on relocation problems was held between A.P. and evacuee leaders. The Project Director handled one assault case, one of assault and battery and one malicious disturbance. The two assault cases were given 90 days, but suspended on relocation of the accused. The malicious disturbance case was given 30 days and a $25 fine, but this party relocated after serving part of the sentence.

Plans are being made for the Council to sponsor camp-wide informational meetings.

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MONTHLY REPORT SUMMARIES

FOR AUGUST

GOVERNMENT: It was agreed by the Council and Block Commissioners that they would take a poll of the residents and continue as at present until the center closed. The Administration agreed to this. The Council's suggestion for ten block clerk's offices was accepted by the Administration.

A series of educational meetings in the blocks was held to explain Administrative Notice #289 and #291.

WELFARE: With a definite closing date established for the center--November 1, applications increased enormously, both dependent and non-dependent families. 156 dependency summaries were sent to the field offices in August. The Counseling staff saw all dependent families and the old 370 dependency cards were weeded out and sent to the Relocation Office. An interesting note was the fact that 130 new and reopened cases were received before August 21 and the total at the end of August was 283.

There were 274 applications for temporary assistance considered during August, 94 were granted, 47 rejected and 133 pending.

There has been a rather general complaint among the evacuees that their final pay is deducted from possible temporary assistance grants, therefore many evacuees prefer to remain idle their last month in camp.

EDUCATION: All adult education classes and nursery schools closed August 31. The education staff remaining to take care of loose ends and complete final reports consists of three people including the superintendent. The high school transcripts are being handled in the superintendent's office until notice is received from Washington to transfer the transcripts to Washington.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: The majority of the organizations on the project were closed by the last of August. The "Teen-Age" Canteen was closed August 24. All participation in activities is extremely low due to relocation.

REPORTS OFFICE: Stress is being placed on the Information Bulletin and production is being increased somewhat. The photographer is taking only the necessary pictures on the project and intends to leave Sept. 15. The Japanese section of the IRRIGATOR printed its last issue on August 25 and is now in the process of "clearing out." Section heads have been contacted on the final report, but just one copy has been received which is the advance copy of the Community Analyst's report.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: This department operated along routine lines--no fires were reported, and the burning of weeds on the project is complete. With the personnel of the fire department becoming very low and an inability to recruit more, training of a volunteer group of appointed personnel will start.

PUBLIC HEALTH: At the end of August the project hospital was on an emergency basis and the obstetrical wing and one other ward was open. Two major operations were performed during the month.

INTERNAL SECURITY: One assault case, four other cases and one automobile accident were handled this month by this department.