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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF THE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SECTION
EVACUEE PROPERTY OFFICE, WRA, SAN FRANCISCO

For the Period Beginning January 26, and Ending March 31, 1944

MAJOR ACTIVITIES

During this period, work on the procurement, cataloging, and classification of information concerning real estate ownership by evacuees was continued as proposed in Project Work Outline "A Study of the Ownership of Rural and Urban Real Property by Persons of Japanese Ancestry in the States of California, Oregon, Washington, and Arizona". Accomplishments on this activity during this period are as follows:

1. All mapping of evacuee farm properties in counties formerly surveyed in the states of California, Oregon, and Washington has been completed.
2. A master evacuee name index card file showing all types of property owned by each individual evacuee has been completed.
3. All duplicate evacuee property cards have been typed.
4. All statistical tabulations and informational write-ups have been prepared for each of the counties surveyed.
5. Assisted by Miss Elinor Bauman, Documentarian, and Miss Barbara Ingalls, the Economic Analyst spent three weeks in Los Angeles gathering information concerning evacuee owned real properties in Los Angeles County. More than 1,600 evacuee ownerships were identified and information regarding the location, size, structures, and assessed value of each property was obtained. This survey shows that Los Angeles County has the largest concentration of evacuee owned real property of any county on the Pacific Coast. It contains about 30 percent of the total number of properties now covered by the survey, most of which are residential and commercial properties. The completion of the survey in Los Angeles County raises the total number of properties now covered by the survey to a little more than 5,200. It is estimated that this represents about 90 percent of all of the evacuee-owned recorded properties in the western evacuated area. During next month, all of the cards containing information for the Los Angeles County properties will be edited, classified, mapped and tabulated in the usual manner.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

1. Several days were spent making arrangements for the duplication of evacuee train lists, in accordance with a request by the Washington office of WRA.

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2. A survey of methods of duplicating information contained in evacuee property dockets now in the various field and project offices was made and the information turned over to the Chief of the Evacuee Property Office.
3. Several days were spent in preparing an organizational plan for a proposed research section designed to gather and record all pertinent information concerning evacuee property within the western evacuated area.

CONFERENCES

All members of the Economic Analysis Section attended two general staff conferences.

TRIPS TAKEN

Accompanied by Miss Elinor Bauman, Documentarian, and Miss Barbara Ingalls, the Economic Analyst traveled to Los Angeles for the purpose of obtaining data on evacuee ownerships in Los Angeles County. No automobile mileage was involved as all travel was by train.

SPECIAL COMMENT

The Economic Analyst wishes to express appreciation for the capable assistance rendered by Miss Elinor Bauman, Documentarian, in the evacuee ownership survey of Los Angeles County.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Miss Barbara Ingalls was hired on a special thirty day temporary appointment for the purpose of assisting in the Los Angeles County evacuee ownership survey.

