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ACTIVITIES REPORT for Week Ended 3/7/42Evacuation of Aliens of Enemy Nationalities
from Prohibited Areas

| A. TOTAL CASES | Number | | | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | New This Week | Cumulative to Date | | |
| (1) Total Contacts | 989 | 10779 | | |
| (2) Information Only Contacts | 640 | 4982 | | |
| (3) Service Cases Total | 349 | 5797 | | |
| a) Minor Service | 292 | 5462 | | |
| b) Major Service | 57 | 335 | | |
| (1) Received Financial Assistance | 45 | 149 | | |
| (2) Received No Financial Assistance | 12 | 186 | | |
| B. CASES RECEIVING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | Total This Week | | | |
| (4) Total Cases Receiving Financial Assistance | 104 | 149 | | |
| (5) One-Person Cases | 36 | 42 | | |
| (6) Family Cases | 68 | 107 | | |
| a) Persons in Family Cases | 313 | 471 | | |
| C. OBLIGATIONS INCURRED FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE | This Week | Total | One- Person Cases | Family Cases |
| (7) Total Obligations | | \$2183.25 | \$410.84 | \$1772.41 |
| a) Cash Grants | | 1438.22 | 165.94 | 1272.28 |
| b) Indirect & Kind Grants Total | | 745.03 | 244.90 | 500.13 |
| (1) Government Travel Requests | | --- | --- | --- |
| (2) Transportation of Household Goods | | 80.77 | --- | 80.77 |
| (3) Groceries and Food | | 552.76 | 214.90 | 337.86 |
| (4) Medical Care | | 6.00 | 6.00 | --- |
| (5) Other (Rents & Utilities) | | 105.50 | 24.00 | 81.50 |

Date of Report March 12, 1942Signature Vlad F. Ratay

TOLAN COMMITTEE

San Francisco, Cal.
April 5, 1942

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From John W. Abbott to Robert K. Lamb
Subject: Analysis of FSA Situation

In response to your request for additional details concerning the administrative memorandum sent out by the FSA on the meeting with various agricultural groups, of which you have a copy, the following may be helpful.

I do not believe Hewes had any particular motive in this move, other than his usual lack of judgment. My information is that he allowed himself to be persuaded by the following argument: That the Army had delegated to FSA the responsibility for disposition of farm land owned or leased by the Japanese and the continuity of agricultural production. The same argument also contended that if the FSA did not satisfy its obligations with the Army within the deadline set, that the agency would not look good in the eyes of the Army and correspondingly an adverse report would be forthcoming to the Secretary of Agriculture. The argument further contended that it was not going to be possible to meet the deadline if individual transfers were continued and that, therefore, the thing to do was to call in the large groups and have them take over, thereby cleaning up the job fast and presumably insuring as far as possible continuance of agricultural production.

Hewes, of course, did not see that this reasoning failed to exhaust all the alternatives as far as the FSA was concerned. He could have declined in the first instance to have anything further to do with the disposition of farm properties until he was granted the freezing power needed, or if he had decided that continuance of production was the paramount issue, he could have ~~be~~ made a public statement and invited all qualified groups, including Chinese, Filipinos and Mexicans, to come in on the deals providing they could make a showing of assets and responsibility. As matters stand, Hewes has been stampeded into a bad move from the standpoint of the FSA. In fact, he probably will lose out all around now since, as you know, the disposition of farm properties has actually come now more or less within the purview of the state and local war boards.

An extended criticism in our report of the way in which the farm property disposition has been knocked about would probably serve little purpose at this late date. However, I believe that in our section on property, we should pay attention to the fact that up to April 5 no formal notification had been received by Mr. Eisenhower that the assignment of the freezing power from the Treasury Department to the Secretary of Agriculture's office had been completed although, as you know, Eisenhower assured me such authority would be forthcoming last Thursday.

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WFA Office
Sacramento California
April 15, 1942

Narrative Report
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Mr. Wm. C. Helvey
Program Chief WFA

Dear Mr. Helvey:

To aid in making clear the position of the Sacramento WFA Office, the following programs are in process at this time. The area serviced by this office is varied and each case has a separate and distinct highly specialized type of farming enterprise. The counties serviced by this office are Sacramento, Solano, Yolo and Placer. Yolo and part of Solano and Acramento counties include the major portion of all of our tomato and sugar beet acreage.

California Packing Corporation have 1880 acres of tomato land under contract in Yolo, Solano, and Sacramento counties. Of this amount new operators have taken over 1850 acres of this land. There were 33 Japanese operators on this land and 30 of these operators have relinquished their properties. The other three involve 30 acres and are now in the process of changing their properties over. In other words, California Packing C. will not lose an acre of tomatoes this year according to their own man's report.

There are 22 Japanese sugar beet operators who farm a total acreage of approximately 2774 acres. This land has all been taken over by new operators--in some cases, however, the deals are not complete but as far as Spreckles is concerned it is merely a matter of working out a few details.

Crystal Sugar has eight operators who are all transferred except one and it is in process.

In the Florin area which is our most congested area--we have a large strawberry area. These strawberries are marketed through the Northern Fruit Co. through the Florin Berry Growers Association and then a couple of independent concerns. The Northern handles about 40% of the berries involved. They are controlled by the Safeway Stores and their field representatives are Mr. Meade and Mr. Packwood. They are working now to provide labor if the Japanese are to be evacuated prior to the completion of the harvest this year. Mr. Meade indicated to me that 50 of these operators have already given over power of attorney to their lawyer and indicated that 40 more have indicated that they are willing to do so. This will take care of about 35% of the strawberries in the Florin area.

The Florin Berry C. are turning their rights over to the Independent Produce Co of Seattle, Washington--whose representative, at this time, is in the area and is working on the same setup that the Northern Berry Growers are doing. This will probably be complete within the next five or six days. Mr. Meade and the representative of the Florin Berry Growers and field man from Produce Independent Co. are meeting me Sat. morning to go over their progress to date and indicate to me what arrangements for labor they have made.

Mr. Meade is working with a group of Filipino labor leaders who have indicated to him source of labor supply to handle their strawberries if the need arises. The soil here is extremely shallow and adapted to all shallow rooted crops. It requires a great deal of commercial fertilizer

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to produce the strawberries and it is believed that a rest period of a few years would do the land considerable good as far as strawberry production is concerned.

We have also in that area quite a large acreage in Tokay grapes. The soil is shallow also and requires specialized farming to keep the grapes in production.

The Japanese who ship to the Florin Fruit Growers and the Florin Winery Association held a meeting of the Japanese who were operators of vineyard and adapted certain resolutions unanimoously. The resolutions adapted were rejected by this office for the reason they wanted this agency to absorb any loss which might occur if production and harvesting costs exceeded the income from the crop sales. This problem is being worked over and when settled 60 operators have signed the resolution and will give power of attorney to the Florin Fruit Growers. At this time there is in process the formation of corporation which would take over part or all of the ranches if the operators are willing to sign power of attorney to them. This, I believe, will be done by all of them who have not already indicated that they would sign.

In respect to Placer County, there is at this time formed the Placer Lands, Inc. Their corporation papers approved and powers of attorney are being signed at this time for this company to handle their ranches. Their loan papers will be submitted to this office early next week and will probably involve a loan of between \$40,000.00 and \$50,000.00. There are 14 of them signed up with the possibility of 25 to 30 in this one corporation. These are growers who ship to the American Fruit Co.

Also the Loomis Agency, Inc. who have 17 growers who are ready to sign powers of attorney to the corporation. This will involve a loan of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Companies that are now starting the formation of corporations in this area are Nash DeCamp who have 18 growers in Loomis and will also take in the grape growers who ship to them in the Florin area--22 or 23 in number. They indicated that they would be willing to take over considerable large acreage in that area as also did the Pacific Fruit and Gerrard Fruit Co.

Corporation papers are also being prepared for Heggblade and Maryuillose, who will operate in Penryn and will have approximately 14 ranches to operate.

The Pacific Fruit Co. have instructed their attorney to file corporation papers also. All six of these corporations are going to require a loan. Mr. Hodson and Mr. Thompson of the Negotiation Department, FSA, are doing a good job on this and we are rushing this program through as fast as humanly possible. This to me appears to be the only solution for that county insofar as individual experienced operators in that type of fruit farming just cannot be found, that are capable of taking over this critical time. The plan of operation of these companies are following more or less the same lines, that is, they will have an operating crew with experienced foremen who will farm each individual ranch. All of the details will be contained in the loan docket and which will be sent in with the the first case, which will be sent in next week.

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The Vacaville area has not all been fully taken care of but we are rapidly doing so. We have there, the problem of mailly leases and getting operators who are acceptable to the owners and Japanese alike as they are not many people experienced in that type of fruit farming, however, the Fruit Co. will be taking powers of attorney and will be handled within the next few days. We are earnestly striving and all ranches will be turned over within the shortest possible time. We are very proud of the fact that all of our tomato and sugar beet land has been taken care of and I feel that practically all of our agricultural land serviced from this area will be handled in a manner that will credit the FSA when all of the coporations now in process will be completed.

We have been in our new office since Friday--prior to that time we were all in a room with Federal Reserve and were so crowded that we could not even seat the Japanese and others who came in. It was practically impossible to have a loan typed up. Since we have been in our new quarters we have submitted five laons with two more going in tonight and will have them going in everyday.

Sincerely yours,
Wayne L. Phelps
Field Agent.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Security Administration

Donaghey Trust Building
Little Rock, Arkansas
April 27, 1942

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Mr. Milton Eisenhower
Director, War Relocation Authority
Third Floor
Whitcomb Hotel
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Eisenhower:

As per my telephone conversation a few minutes ago, I am writing to state that we had a conference with the Arkansas Governor and several of his advisors at 11:00 A. M. this morning. We found the governor and his committee sympathetic but at the same time not enthusiastic. The questions crystallized out of the meeting with the governor are as follows:

- (1) The governor would like to get a formal request from the War Department asking that the State of Arkansas, as a patriotic duty, accept a number of these evacuees.
- (2) It was the definite opinion of the governor and his advisors that the army should pledge itself to move these Japs back to their original homes after the emergency.
- (3) That the army assume full responsibility for keeping the Japs under control and be responsible for their whereabouts at all times.
- (4) That the wages paid these people would be the same as those commonly paid for the same kind of labor in this area. They were very much concerned about the rising price of labor. The committee was also insistent that these camps be guarded by white troupes.

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The general attitude expressed by those in attendance was that Arkansas as a state could not afford to do otherwise than to cooperate with the government completely. I was very appreciative of the splendid attitude manifested by each individual in attendance which included the Adjutant-General, E. L. Compere. You can rest assured that the governor will give his cooperation. Please give also, as many of the details as possible incident to the handling of these evacuees. I would like to be advised when the request is sent to the governor so that I can follow up on it.

As per our telephone conversation I expect to have a conference with Governor Johnson of Mississippi, tomorrow.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ E. B. Whitaker

E. B. Whitaker
Assistant Regional Director

cc: Sent to Washington

Report of Activities of Farm Security Administration Participation in WCCA Program for Period Ending Friday, May 1, 1942

| CALIFORNIA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-------|--------|-------|-----|-----------|-----|---------|---|---------|---|---------|----|---|
| District V | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bakersfield | 54 | 54 | 100.0 | 3,373 | 101 | 39 | 39 | 72.2 | 2,936 | 87.0 | 10 | 39,790 | 9 | 30,461 | - | - | 1 | 9,329 | 2 | |
| Fresno | 223 | 221 | 99.1 | 15,617 | 429 | 154 | 175 | 79.2 | 12,983 | 83.1 | 10 | 14,400 | 8 | 13,000 | - | - | 2 | 1,400 | 3 | |
| Merced | 180 | 180 | 100.0 | 8,857 | 209 | 152 | 152 | 84.4 | 7,398 | 83.5 | 4 | 9,959 | 4 | 9,959 | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| Stockton | 298 | 298 | 100.0 | 16,192 | 222 | 265 | 271 | 90.9 | 15,732 | 97.2 | 10 | 102,617 | 9 | 101,017 | - | - | 1 | 1,600 | 16 | |
| Visalia | 59 | 58 | 98.3 | 2,322 | 144 | 48 | 47 | 81.0 | 1,790 | 77.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | |
| District VI | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hayward | 164 | 164 | 100.0 | 4,053 | 162 | 153 | 153 | 93.3 | 3,829 | 94.5 | 8 | 26,376 | 5 | 23,301 | 2 | 1,875 | 1 | 1,200 | 4 | |
| Salinas | 223 | 223 | 100.0 | 11,802 | 291 | 227 | 223 | 100.0 | 11,802 | 100.0 | 14 | 180,345 | 12 | 152,375 | 2 | 27,970 | - | - | 1 | |
| San Jose | 565 | 565 | 100.0 | 12,889 | 403 | 487 | 529 | 93.6 | 12,649 | 98.1 | 27 | 188,539 | 27 | 188,539 | - | - | - | - | 10 | |
| San Mateo | 78 | 78 | 100.0 | 1,703 | 102 | 77 | 77 | 98.7 | 1,662 | 97.6 | 6 | 24,124 | 5 | 22,124 | 1 | 2,000 | - | - | 2 | |
| Santa Rosa | 78 | 78 | 100.0 | 1,195 | 198 | 77 | 78 | 100.0 | 1,190 | 99.6 | 4 | 15,890 | 4 | 15,890 | - | - | - | - | 1 | |
| Watsonville | 109 | 109 | 100.0 | 2,211 | 79 | 93 | 94 | 86.2 | 2,082 | 94.2 | 14 | 71,567 | 14 | 71,567 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| District VII | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marysville | 55 | 55 | 100.0 | 1,639 | 129 | 39 | 36 | 65.5 | 1,109 | 67.7 | 5 | 8,133 | 5 | 8,133 | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| Pittsburg | 87 | 87 | 100.0 | 2,860 | 70 | 102 | 87 | 100.0 | 2,823 | 98.7 | 5 | 7,212 | 3 | 3,487 | 2 | 3,725 | - | - | - | |
| Sacramento | 734 | 734 | 100.0 | 41,344 | 286 | 359 | 362 | 49.3 | 21,283 | 51.5 | 34 | 334,673 | 23 | 140,961 | 2 | 30,947 | 9 | 162,765 | 12 | |
| San Francisco | No FSA Office here. Loan submitted through California Evacuated Farms Association | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 26,060 | 2 | 26,060 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Oregon | 358 | 358 | 100.0 | 14,990 | 362 | 350 | 354 | 98.9 | 14,403 | 96.1 | 66 | 242,439 | 59 | 196,429 | 5 | 41,795 | 2 | 4,215 | 7 | |
| District VIII | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hood River | 98 | 98 | 100.0 | 4,764 | 156 | 94 | 98 | 100.0 | 4,288 | 90.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | |
| Portland | 234 | 234 | 100.0 | 8,928 | 206 | 231 | 231 | 98.7 | 8,826 | 98.9 | 62 | 230,280 | 55 | 184,270 | 5 | 41,795 | 2 | 4,215 | 4 | |
| Salem | 26 | 26 | 100.0 | 1,298 | - | 25 | 25 | 96.2 | 1,289 | 99.3 | 4 | 12,159 | 4 | 12,159 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| Washington | 798 | 798 | 100.0 | 16,540 | 942 | 367 | 370 | 46.4 | 10,539 | 63.7 | 153 | 1,151,705 | 140 | 533,562 | 5 | 429,364 | 8 | 186,779 | 39 | |
| Yakima | 115 | 115 | 100.0 | 6,712 | 410 | 110 | 109 | 94.8 | 6,330 | 94.3 | 82 | 381,553 | 80 | 366,015 | 1 | 10,000 | 1 | 5,538 | 2 | |
| District IX | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Seattle | 546 | 546 | 100.0 | 7,111 | 272 | 168 | 172 | 31.5 | 2,489 | 35.0 | 36 | 495,094 | 27 | 66,089 | 4 | 419,364 | 5 | 9,641 | 25 | |
| Tacoma | 137 | 137 | 100.0 | 2,717 | 260 | 89 | 89 | 65.0 | 1,720 | 63.3 | 35 | 275,058 | 33 | 103,458 | - | - | 2 | 171,600 | 12 | |

ACREAGE REGISTERED FOR RELINQUISHMENT

(Shaded Area Shows Acreage Transferred as of Friday, May 1, 1942)



Report of FSA Participation in WCCA Program

| | May 15 1942 | | | | | | | | | May 22 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|-------|------|--------|-----------|
| | Total | Calif | Oreg | Wash | Stocks | Flour | Pumpkins | Wool | Sacks | Total | Calif | Oreg | Wash | Stocks | Flour | Wool | Sacks | |
| Farms Subject to Relinquishment: total | 6647 | 5,399 | 368 | 849 | 303 | 303 | 59 | 115 | 302 | 6,789 | 5,560 | 368 | 830 | 303 | 330 | | 184 | 361 |
| Transferred: No | 6302 | 5,172 | 365 | 734 | 303 | 180 | 55 | 108 | 237 | 6,505 | 5,325 | 368 | 781 | 303 | 150 | | 184 | 307 |
| Percent | 94.8 | 95.8 | 99.2 | 86.5 | 100.0 | 59.4 | 93.2 | 98.9 | 78.5 | 95.8 | 95.8 | 100.0 | 94.4 | 100.0 | 45.5 | | 100.0 | 85.0 |
| Acreage Subject to Relinquishment: total | 227,240 | 194,402 | 14,135 | 17,265 | 15,827 | 8,000 | 1,781 | 10,740 | 14,178 | 231,492 | 198,572 | 14,135 | 17,347 | 15,827 | 8,654 | | 13,007 | 19,959 |
| Transferred: No | 221,554 | 189,633 | 14,033 | 16,450 | 15,827 | 6,250 | 1,668 | 10,620 | 12,301 | 225,165 | 192,726 | 14,135 | 16,866 | 15,827 | 4,650 | | 13,007 | 14,168 |
| Percent | 97.5 | 97.5 | 99.3 | 95.3 | 100.0 | 78.1 | 93.7 | 93.9 | 86.8 | 97.3 | 97.1 | 100.0 | 97.2 | 100.0 | 53.7 | | 100.0 | 88.8 |
| Loans Submitted: No | 706 | 415 | 77 | 211 | 19 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 57 | 761 | 436 | 83 | 239 | 21 | 0 | | 0 | 73 |
| Amount | 4,214,226 | 2,539,972 | 281,972 | 1,389,567 | 137,354 | 0 | 8,133 | 0 | 983,242 | 4,346,365 | 2,598,821 | 291,499 | 1,473,330 | 142,039 | 0 | | 0 | 1,019,222 |
| Loans Approved: No | 650 | 367 | 70 | 190 | 18 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 48 | 695 | 395 | 77 | 220 | 20 | 0 | | 0 | 63 |
| Amount | 2,666,161 | 1,776,974 | 225,727 | 660,745 | 124,234 | 0 | 8,133 | 0 | 475,850 | 3,016,056 | 1,978,445 | 238,754 | 796,142 | 128,919 | 0 | | 0 | 616,610 |
| Loans approved for future payment: No | 38 | 37 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 42 | 41 | 950 | 0 | 9,720 | 0 | | 0 | 28 |
| Amount | 290,302 | 289,352 | 950 | 0 | 9,720 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 264,275 | 323,289 | 322,339 | | | | | | | 296,762 |
| Loans rejected or cancelled: No | 46 | 33 | 5 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 51 | 35 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 0 | | 0 | 6 |
| Amount | 934,636 | 289,677 | 41,795 | 603,164 | 3400 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 101,530 | 949,473 | 291,112 | 41,795 | 616,566 | 3,400 | 0 | | 0 | 101,530 |
| Loans in Process: No | 30 | 15 | 2 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 15 | 6 | 1 | 8 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 4 |
| Amount | 323,127 | 183,969 | 13,500 | 125,658 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,587 | 57,547 | 6,925 | 100,000 | 40,622 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 4,320 |
| Loans to be submitted | 98 | 81 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 33 | 24 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 3 |
| Loans checks withheld until conditions met | 121 | 81 | 10 | 30 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 105 | 74 | 3 | 28 | 3 | 0 | | 0 | 9 |

f: acreage yet to be transferred represents that registered by Italian alien farmer

FSA lease

Hatch Oct 11 '44

Very unsatisfactory. Used their regular forms and ~~and~~ added by long-hand and subtracted by scratching in order to make the ^{final} lease. Procedure very unsatisfactory & ~~very~~ liable to misinterpretation.

Vacaville Case: On margin of lease additional clause on "option to purchase", initialed by tenant, but this clause was not on vacaville's copy who maintained that he had not signed this clause. & refused to sell.

Stockton case: similar clause, initialed by both vacaville & tenant; but Japanese maintained that he had not understood the clause & refused to sell.