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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

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

20

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

0

(b) Other

20

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

51

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

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

800

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed

125

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

820

Number

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

20

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

110

Individuals included

159

Applications approved

110

Average amount approved (including travel)

69.79

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

344

(b) Pending action at center

526

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

3

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

1



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

A. Evacuee participation

The Relocation Planning has been organized for several months with actual if not nominal representatives from most of the sections on the Project. The addition of new members has necessitated several orientation meetings in order that members may know the procedures and policies involved in relocation.

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P.D.S.* Because the Commission felt that a statistical reaction of the residents toward some of the problems of relocation was necessary in order for the Commission to know the problems to combat, a survey was conducted (copy attached). Although tabulations are not complete it may be safe to say that there was 30% response.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Because of the many hearings on leaves, stop lists and parolees which are being held, many of the more important members of the staff have been unable to find the time to spend on Relocation. It is anticipated that when the more urgent cases are disposed of in the near future, definite planning and consultations will be possible.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Pending the completion of the Staff Relocation Committee set-up on a stronger and more practical basis, coordination between it and the Planning Commission has more or less been held in abeyance.



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)

An issei was assigned by the Relocation Division to the definite task of writing Japanese articles for the Gila News-Courier. His task is not merely to write the articles but to sound out the residents in order to find those points that need clarification. The Facts about America are distributed at least to each Block Manager and where quantity warrants to those residents whose occupational cards show preference. We are attempting to distribute Job Digests in such a manner that each unit receives one copy. The Relocation Library is being slowly built up so that the residents may have a complete as possible knowledge of the section in which he is interested.

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

An impetus to the program was given by the Visiting Team. As expected, conflicting reports were given as to their value, but in the main it can be stated that the team clarified and made definite conditions regarding the voluntary nature of relocation and the services of the Social Service Board. One of the biggest problem confronting the Issei who relocate is the travel restrictions in free zones. It may be wise to work toward a more liberal attitude since travel restrictions and indefinite leaves are incompatible and tend to create unnecessary hardship in pursuing one's business.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

A closer liaison among all levels should be maintained so that all may have complete information regarding the relocation program as a whole. The Commission members feel that inasmuch as time and effort were expended in drawing up the agenda for the postponed Chicago meeting, copies of which were forwarded through Washington officials visiting the center, and no acknowledgement has been received, their efforts were either impractical or unappreciated. It must be remembered that no matter how earnestly altruistic the Commission members may be, the lack of acknowledgement of their efforts has a tendency to discourage.

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## MONTHLY REPORT -- GILA RIVER RELOCATION DIVISION

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month	
a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below)	<u>39</u>
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	<u>0</u>
(b) Other	<u>39</u>
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>148</u>
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)	<u>415</u>
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>189</u>
c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1))	<u>454</u>
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>Number</u> <u>39</u>
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>198</u>
Individuals included	<u>230</u>
Applications approved	<u>all</u>
Average amount approved (including travel)	<u>7060</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>415</u>
(b) Pending action at center	<u>276</u>
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>3</u>
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>1</u>
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>4</u>



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

A. Evacuee participation

Because it was felt that a smoother running organization that would more directly and beneficially affect the residents of the two camps. The Planning Commission was split into two distinct organizational units. This step makes it possible to increase the roster so as to include representatives of the sections on the project mentioned in Manual Release No. 51 and still keep the commission membership down to a workable unit. Representatives from the following sections are approached and consented to serve on the Commission: Community Enterprise, Community Analysis, CAS, Evacuee Property, and Agriculture. This leaves the following sections without representation: Health (member relocated), Reports office, Operations Division and Personnel Management. Contacts with the foregoing sections have been made in most instances and results should be forthcoming very shortly.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

Temporarily the Staff Relocation Committee meets occasionally to discuss new regulations, scope of program and cooperations necessary from all departments. The Adult Education Section, however, has a program which is actively preparing the residents for relocation. The activities are:

1. Use of weekly news magazines.
2. Use of descriptive literature such as that which you sent me recently.
3. Use of films showing geographic and economic conditions in other parts of the United States.
4. Use of dummy ration books and discussion of rationing in general.
5. Study of transportation problems involving the packing, purchasing of tickets, use of storage lockers, getting a hotel, etc.
6. Discussion of hunting a house for rent, renting a hotel room, finding apartments, eating in restaurants, etc.
7. Organizations within the classes under parliamentary procedure. A class has president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, committees, etc., in order to become familiar with democratic practices in conducting meetings.
8. Social gatherings where typical American manners, customs, introductions, etc., are practiced in a natural way.







9. Discussions of American sports, such as baseball, football, basketball, including such secondary activities as eating of hot dogs, drinking pop, cracking peanuts, and "razzing the umpire".
10. Practice in the use of American table service, etiquette, and parlor manners in real or imaginary situations.
11. Discussions of American history and developments with emphasis on understanding of the rights and responsibilities of constitutional government.
12. In vocational classes the emphasis in English is on the technical vocabulary needed to carry out the particular vocations in which the training is taking place.
13. In our letter writing class, practice in writing personal and business letters is given. This includes also the filling of business forms, writing of checks, sending money orders, filling application forms, etc.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The Executive Board meets each Thursday morning with the Project Director to discuss the program. It is here that evacuee and staff activities are coordinated.

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

Dissemination of literatures has been placed in the hands of the Publicity Director of the Relocation Division. The Block Managers, through the efforts of the Central Block Managers who are members of the Commission, have cooperated by posting notices in conspicuous places and placing Facts about America Series in the Block offices. Realizing that these block offices are much more accessible than the Relocation Office, we are gradually building up individual libraries within the block.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Prior to March 25th, all applicants for a definite leave were required to be interviewed by the Project Screening Committee. Since that date the Project Director, at the insistence of the Relocation Division and Executive Board, changed procedures so that all those who



had previously received Washington approval would be spot-checked by the Leave Officer in order to bring the file up to date.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation

The Planning Commissions of both Butte and Canal have recommended that relocation of families in rural communities be handled in cooperation with the church who perhaps exert the most influence in the community. This sponsorship by the church would keep negative community reaction at a minimum and would greatly help the evacuees during the initial crucial period of adjustment. The Commissions feel that this possibility should be explored to the fullest extent.



GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of April, 1944	
a. Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below	<u>52</u>
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	<u>0</u>
(b) Other	<u>52</u>
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>183</u>
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1) Individual interviews (ive total including additional interviews with same individuals	<u>560</u>
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>310</u>
c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)	<u>612</u>
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>40</u>
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	<u>167</u>
Individuals included	<u>227</u>
Applications approved	<u>All</u>
Averag amount approved	<u>70.50</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>295</u>
(b) Pending action at center	<u>192</u>
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>2</u>
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>0</u>
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>1</u>



Narrative statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning

A. Evacuee participation

The Relocation Planning Commission is organized to practically 100% of its organizational capacity. If the personnel status quo could be maintained, the same high level of efficiency could be held, but the rapid turnover due to relocation necessitates a continual orientation program among the Commission Members. Selective Service is in the process of taking its toll among the members. The problem then becomes one of finding placement at a far more rapid rate than has been found to date.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

The absence of the Program Officer has hampered the coordination of the appointed personnel. This program will, in all probability be considerably accelerated after the return of the Officer.

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

The program outlined in our last report is being carried out.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

With the issuance of the release granting pullmans in special cases, the Relocation Division assumed the responsibility of placing reservations with the ticket agents in Phoenix. This service is being rendered to those who are willing to pay their own expense because their cases are not serious enough to merit approval from the Medical Officer, but would be convenient for those with younger children. It is felt that issuance of pullman accommodations for (1), (2), and (3) under Leave Assistance Grants 60.13 (.12A) should have been made mandatory inasmuch as it becomes difficult to convince one party why his case had been denied and his friend's whose age or condition is similar had been granted pullman accommodation.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

One of the greatest incentive for self-improvement is the competitive urge to be as successful as the next fellow. If it were possible for the relocation office to publicize as frequently as possible the successful adjustment of persons who have relocated from Gila River on a mere factual and homey bases than the news clipping compilation issued by the reports office, the feeling of dissatisfaction with the present environment will furnish the primary urge to relocate. This program will necessitate considerable work on the parts of the relocation officers, but we feel that the selling program can never be successful until the residents feel that camp life is an unsatisfactory way of living.



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GILA RIVER RELOCATION CENTER  
MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

1.	Interviews for Relocation During Month of May, 1944	
a.	Initial interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)	
(1)	Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below	<u>140</u>
(a)	Referred from Welfare Section	<u>62</u>
(b)	Other	<u>78</u>
(2)	Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	<u>431</u>
b.	Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)	
(1)	Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals	<u>764</u>
(2)	Total number of individuals interviewed	<u>423</u>
c.	Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1)	<u>904</u>
2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	<u>56</u>
3.	Applications for Leave assistance grants received	<u>232</u>
	Individuals included	<u>297</u>
	Applications approved	<u>296</u>
	Average amount approved	<u>73.21</u>
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
(a)	Awaiting clearance in Washington	<u>185</u>
(b)	Pending action at center	<u>71</u>
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	<u>4</u>
6.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	<u>1</u>
7.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	<u>0</u>



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

A. Evacuee Participation:

The Relocation Planning Commissions met four times during the month of May. A great portion of the time spent at these meetings was taken up in orientation regarding new procedures, the progress of the program in the field and specific problems that we are being confronted with at the center. The following are some of the recommendations that the commission members went on record as favoring:

1. The appointment of a librarian whose duties in the main would be to: a. catalogue, arrange and maintain two relocation libraries now in use and to assist in setting up block libraries on a limited basis. b. With the approval of the Program Officer make requests for new information and for additional copies of what is on hand in order to round out all libraries. c. Correspond with relocated people and local relocation committees in an attempt to secure a true picture of the outside for center use. d. Collect letters from relocated people who are corresponding with friends, relatives or acquaintances in the center. e. Assist block managers in overcoming physical handicaps in setting up small libraries in each block, such as providing desks or tables and chairs if necessary. f. Contact returning evacuees in order to interview them about their experiences on the outside and if expedient arrange for their appearances before groups interested in relocation. g. Work in close cooperation with the Reports Officer and School Librarian in attempting to broaden out library facilities.
2. The dissemination of more literature in the Japanese language by the Washington office. The commission has detailed a translator for several months whose duties consist mainly in translating procedures, job offers, relocater letters and information on sentiment, housing and general data affecting relocation. In addition he also handles in a very adept manner matters which are vital to relocation such as rumors and controversial questions in the Japanese section of our center newspaper..
3. The transportation of personal property. Reports are still coming back to the center that relocators after five or six months are waiting for their personals to be shipped from California. This has been particularly acute where family relocation is involved. In several cases it is urgent that personal property be shipped quickly because of the selective service status of some member of the family. In many instances the delay has caused a prospective inductee to fail in relocating his family before his call came.
4. A counseling program which is conducted on a practical basis for future planning. There has been a feeling that the initial stages of the counseling program has lacked objectivity and that in many cases it has been interpreted as a social analysis wherein it is another survey



- to determine the immediate desire for relocation.
5. The establishment of special block bulletin boards which would be labeled "resettlement". This would serve to focalize a spot in each block where people could view relocation materials.
  6. The receiving of more human interest stories and pictures of relocated evacuees, with particular emphasis on those who have departed from this center. For several months now we have had two large resettlement boards in our administration buildings which we are finding increasingly difficult to post because we do not receive enough materials which are of particular interest. The facts of America series depicting Cleveland serves to illustrate the point. This has created a great deal of interest in Gila because of the portrayal of former residents.
  7. The exploration of community invitations where groups like the protestant churches or services organizations would assume preponder and roles in sponsoring whole family units. For Gila this would mainly affect the relocation of farm families. Were it known by a family that as they arrived in a new locality that there would be additional security in the form of friendly civic or church people we believe that the present tendencies of restraint would be in a great degree lessened.

B. Coordination of the Administrative Staff.

The education section is performing a good job in activating relocation mindedness. The Adult Education classes deal with Americanization courses which embody the use of English for Isseis and Kibeis; study the history and development of America; deal with every day problems in commercial law that face the small business man. Much time is spent in studying rationing, transportation problems in relocation, vocational opportunities and regional geography. Classes are also held in etiquette in order to prepare people to work as domestics and to familiarize themselves with typical American table service and food preparation. In one of our high schools there has during the last semester been a course given on relocation, the results of which has been very gratifying. The vocational trainee program is comprised of training in office practices, mechanics, agriculture, electricity, carpentry, warehousing, laboratory technician and dental technician courses.

The Hospital provides counseling on Saturday afternoons for those who wish to secure various types of hospital work and particularly for those who wish to enroll in the Cadet Corps. The chief nurse is presently writing to all relocators who at one time has worked in the project hospital in order to evaluate their outside experiences.



C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff activities.  
The Executive Board did not meet during the month.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees:  
We feel that our former Relocator News sheet formerly attached to our project paper had more merit than we supposed when it was discontinued last fall. We are now experimenting with a periodic issue which is called "Resettlement". These are prepared as often as we find time to compose them and are distributed to all staff members, to the planning commission members, councilmen, and block managers.

Frankly we admit that we not reaching the great portion of our population as effectively as we would want to. For instance it is felt that forums on a limited scale conducted by evacuees and staff members could do a great deal of good. However Community Activities should play a predominant part in fostering this type of meeting. With a new director recently assigned to this section we feel that we may be able to accomplish more.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred on relocation.

Our transportation problems are not to be minimized. For instance our relocators ordinarily travel over the Santa Fe railroad and are forced to lay over a night at Ashfork Arizona whereupon they catch a train out there sometime the next day. Sometimes relocators are forced to wait until five o'clock that day in order to board a train. In addition grant to cover the night's lodging or any additional meals which they necessarily have to pay for. Were we able to use the Southern Pacific railroad the time of travel to Chicago would be diminished by approximately 22 hours. In addition to this cut in travel time none of the relocators would be forced to change trains enroute.

We are accosted with considerable gripes about the slowness of WFA contracts in arriving at the center. Many interpret this as a premise that WFA is not particularly interested in permitting anyone going out on seasonal work.

To anticipate seasonal recruitment on farm labor is extremely difficult. We dislike taking surveys because expectancies are not always forthcoming and we do more harm than we would in merely advising the residents that we can only talk intelligently about seasonal employment when we know of wage contracts, housing and the duration of work. Once a WFA re-



presentative arrives on the project we find that he expedites recruitment in a much more efficient manner than formerly was characteristic of Sugar Beet recruiters.

We find it disconcerting to discover that letters are floating about attesting to the unfair treatment that relocators have been given in defense plant terminations. In most cases there is probably adequate reasons for dismissals but it is difficult to account for these actions. While it may appear perfectly plausible to us why a dishwasher should be let out of a university important to the war effort, it is quite difficult to stymie a rumor which seeks to make such action appear ridiculous. It is equally hard for us to account for the seeming discrepancies that occur in the interpretations by the various service commands as to what is considered vital and important to the Army in the war efforts.

It is our feeling that prior to sending a recruiter out to the project of specific recruitment that our approval should first be secured. Most prospective relocators feel that such recruiters are dispatched to projects because they cannot compete on an equal basis with other employers in matters of wages and facilities and hence come to the projects to secure workers who may not be informed about prevailing wages and conditions.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

The recommendations of the commissions adequately cover this phase.



## MONTHLY REPORT -- GILA RIVER RELOCATION DIVISION

Rivers, Arizona

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month <sup>JUNE</sup> May, 1944

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

217

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

(a) Referred from Welfare Section

163\*

(b) Other

54

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

525

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

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

531

## (2) Total number of individuals interviewed

386

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

748

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

Number

## 3. Applications for leave assistance grants received

186

Individuals included

270

Applications approved

186

Average amount approved (including travel)

72.35

## 4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

222

(b) Pending action at center

49

## 5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission

4

## 6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

0

## 7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

0

\*This represents total number of cases referred to Relocation Divisions as result of family counselling interviews by Relocation interviewers. A large percentage of these people had previously contacted the Relocation Division.



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

A. Evacuee Participation

The Relocation Planning Commissions met four times during the month. The principal recommendations which resulted from the meeting of these bodies were:

- a. That someone be detailed in full time capacity to handle all the problems of selective service. We were recently advised by the Washington office that the responsibility for this program devolves on one or more of the Interviewer positions allocated to the relocation division. Some difficulty will arise in filling the Interviewer opening primarily responsible for this work.
- b. That the joint councils of both communities appoint an evacuee Property Committee to assist in the settling of property problems such as evacuee participation has been able to do in reference to community and relocation problems.
- c. That more Issei counselors be placed in outside relocation offices whose duties in addition to counseling would entail a certain amount of reporting through approved channels so that the projects would be more aware of what is transpiring in matters such as assimilation, employment, housing, et cetera.
- d. That more information be available for the centers in respect to parolees who are desirous of changing their status and that project relocation offices should once more inform all parolees about the mechanism of leave procedure. A representative of the El Paso Immigration and Naturalization Service has recently informed us that the number of parolees who will be able to have their status rescinded will be almost negligible. In all cases it will be necessary to have a rehearing. We have periodically advised all parolees by personal letters about the necessary steps to be taken when they wish to be processed by either indefinite or seasonal leave. The Japanese translator detailed to this office will shortly condense the new leave regulations in order to again provide the parolees with the changes in procedures.
- e. That the purposes of the counseling program be restated in the English and Japanese versions, in order to obviate the growing feeling that the service provided is a mere prod toward relocation. Several members have observed that this could be easily done when the appointment slips are sent out to those who are tentatively scheduled for counseling.

B. Coordination Administrative Staff

During the month of June there were only two persons working on the relocation staff and hence we were unable to devote any time to this phase of relocation.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

The extent of coordination between evacuee and staff activities was confined to several members of the appointed staff attending several of the relocation planning commission meetings.



9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to evacuees

The Resettlement Bulletin is being composed periodically for the benefit of staff members, block managers, councilmen, planning commission members and other leaders of various activities. Although this bulletin was originally recommended largely by the commissions of both communities, the responsibility for composition and distribution has rested mainly with the relocation staff.

We realize that a great portion of the population is not being reached in respect to distribution of relocation materials but outside of the possibility of giving them general or specific job offers we are in a dilemma as to what we should provide. We attempt to give the residents a composite picture of job offers in every issue of our center paper but it is difficult to accurately appraise the results. About five months ago we mimeographed a job opportunity booklet which was issued by the Chicago office, which appeared to give us a lift. If it is at all possible, we believe that a reprint of a job digest prepared by an area office should be given to every family in the center every two or three months.

The Japanese translator detailed to our division keeps in continual contact with the block managers, explaining procedures both in English and Japanese as well as distributing informational data to these bodies.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

During the last two weeks in June the majority of our relocators were provided with a special car on the Southern Pacific railroad which passes through a portion of the prohibited area in Southern Arizona. As long as we are able to insure a minimum load of forty people this service will be provided. This accommodation obviates the stay in Phoenix as well as the overnight stop in Ashfork and insures every one a seat on the same coach to Chicago. Prior to the Jerome ingress we were in desperate need of evacuee personnel. Our needs have been largely taken care of although we are still trying to fill the openings of coordination assistant and librarian.

Several evacuee leaders who are members of our Canal Buddhist Church have solicited our help in resettling a Buddhist priest in Cleveland. Although the plans for this relocation have as yet not been consummated we are hopeful that they will be effected. We feel that this move will materially assist us in relocating more Isseis to this area.

There is an increasing number of persons who are becoming interested in trial leave. Those who are accepting this type of leave are in the main family members who hitherto have been restrained by family heads from going out at all and in some cases family heads are signing up for this kind of leave because of the assurance that the gates are not closed in case they fail to become make a go of relocation.

As an experiment we have detailed one of our counselors to our offices in order to provide orientation in relocation which will be valuable to her as she resumes her duties as a counselor. We plan on having an in-service training for all counselors in order to strengthen their confidence in handling topics which specifically refer to resettlement.



11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

It would be appreciated if more information from relocation offices could be transmitted to us of a personal nature which would disclose how relocators meet their problems in reference to employment, housing, assimilation and education. The population as a whole realizes that there are sufficient jobs available in most of the occupations but in many cases the actual incentive for relocation arises when a friend or relative informs the prospective relocator that things have been favorable for him and on the strength of such counseling indecision turns to decision.

The presence of those in the center who are scheduled for segregation is hampering our attempts instill a philosophy for relocation. As long as we have these people amongst us in every block we must be faced with the fact that dissenting rumors will flourish and the efforts of the commissions and staff will be flaunted in many instances.



## Rivers, Arizona

## 1. Interviews for Relocation During Month July, 1944

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below) 181

(a) Referred from Welfare 61\*

(b) Other 120

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals 418

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

(1) Individual interviewss (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) 462

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed 355

c. Total interviews (sum of a. (1) and b. (1)) 643

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers Number 31

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received 150

Individuals included 205

Applications approved 150

Average amount approved (including travel) 73.38

## 4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington 187

(b) Pending action at center 80

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 2

6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0

7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0

\*This represents total number of cases referred to Relocation division as result of family counselling interviews by Relocation interviewers. A large percentage of these people had previously contacted the Relocation Division.



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

A. The Relocation Planning Commissions reacted very favorably toward Mr. Arnold's suggestion that existing center commissions might assume the responsibility for a relocation bulletin. The members decided to issue a periodic bulletin to be delivered to the homes of all residents along with the center newspaper. The responsibility for the composition of the bulletin has been vested entirely with the commissions who are delegating this specific detail to their secretary and translator. At the outset it was difficult to anticipate how often this special supplement should be published because of such factors such as paper supply and availability of articles suitable for this type of publication. However our translator has stated that it is highly probable that we can look forward to a weekly issue.

The members of the commissions have proposed that for the time being this bulletin appear only in the Japanese language. The English section of the center newspaper carries sufficient articles for the Nisei readers and since only a portion of these actually appear in the Japanese section, it was felt that it would be fitting to give the Isseis a periodic sheet for their own information. While the first two issues consisted mainly of letters written by relocators who had been prominent either in relocation activities or in center civic affairs it is anticipated that future publications will provide a wide variety of subjects dealing with all phases of resettlement.

The present Executive Secretary cannot devote full time to his office and has suggested that a replacement be secured. From past experiences we find that this opening is the most difficult one to fill on the project. However if the duties outlined in the recent manual are fulfilled, especially as they pertain to the drawing up of interesting agendas for commission meetings, assisting in rounding out relocation libraries and in coordinating activities with other evacuee bodies, it is highly necessary to have someone who can contribute all of his time to the job.

Our relationships with block managers have been very favorable. We are in almost daily contact with some of the managers relating to distribution of relocation materials and usually we have someone from the division attend most of their regular weekly meetings. We believe that further cooperation can be secured if an assistant can be detailed to each block manager whose duties would in a large measure entail responsibilities toward the relocation program. It is believed that the appointment of an assistant in each block would help materially in setting up a suitable block library and assisting in the problem of keeping the residents informed about new developments in resettlement.

Through the persistent efforts of the Relocation Planning Commissions the problems occurring in the disposition and transfer of evacuee property are being studied by the center councils. A committee has as a result been set up in one of our communities and it is contemplated that another will be formed. If the net results of these committees contribute nothing more than arousing people to be more cognizant of their property problems and impressing them to



make use of the facilities provided to take care of their needs, it will have been a worthwhile effort.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

Approximately 1000 families have been interviewed in the process of our family counseling program. We have been hampered by our inability to keep our counseling force properly staffed, however, it now appears as though this problem is about to be met. The continuous change in clerical workers has also slowed up the tempo, yet, it is not anticipated that we will get much relief from this quarter because of the rapid replacements being made as a result of relocation.

The first group interviewed consisted of 135 families where one or more members of the family has already resettled. 46% of this number were favorable toward relocation. The second group consisting of a random sampling wherein every 5th card in the population file was pulled and families scheduled accordingly, disclosed that 39% were amenable toward relocation. 205 families belonged to this category. The third and largest group numbering 603 families were interviewed where two or more members were employed on center activities. 35% of these families showed a decided interest in relocation.

A tabulation has been made of the various types of inhibitions given as the reason for the delay in making concrete relocation plans. The reasons encountered and the number of times they occurred in the summary are as follows:

Age and poor health	521
Fear of the outside	320
Language handicaps	250
Return to California	198
Selective Service	168
Preferred to stay in center	168
Plans to be made by other members	153
Lack of Resources	135
Refused to be interviewed	57
Stop List	49
Return to Japan	39

Our interviews are conducted in the homes of the residents. This has perhaps accounted for the negligible number of family heads who have refused the opportunity of being interviewed. We feel that the home-call interview has been satisfactory for several reasons among which are the fact that a greater ease has been secured during the counseling period and the fact that it has provided an opportunity for several members of the family to engage in the discussions.

The problem of explaining the program has been largely overcome which may partly be attributed to the confidence we have instilled among the evacuee leaders. Of course we still have to contend with those who wish to sign off interviews by the simple expedient that they wish to return to California and hence in many cases consider the appointment irrelevant. Unless a person being interviewed becomes too annoyed with a discussion we seek to explore their plans about eventual return to this state. We have sought to crystallize their thinking in such cases by discussing problems of employment, property and sponsorships where it appears that their plans are in a sense feasible. This has in many cases brought about a better mutual understanding.



The Adult Education conducts classes in English, Americanization, pattern drafting, tailoring, auto mechanics and woodshop. About 700 persons are enrolled in these classes, many of whom are attending more than one class. Approximately 450 persons are receiving instruction in basic English which has been invaluable to many who have relocated. The women incidentally outnumber the male students two to one.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to the evacuees.

The relocation supplement initiated by the Planning Commissions and described under evacuee participation will be an important factor in conveying pertinent information to the Japanese speaking portion of the population.

Our relocation bulletin boards in the administration buildings are important guideposts to relocation materials. However we realize that only a relatively small portion of our population actually see these boards.

We have been unsuccessful except in isolated instances in setting up libraries in each block. Despite our failure in this respect we are still hoping that we will be able to accomplish this end. If it is held feasible to provide an assistant for each block manager who realizes that a goodly portion of his duties pertain to relocation matters, we believe that materials can be disseminated in a more effective manner.

The translations of certain pamphlets first appearing in the English language such as the job digest "over 40" and "farming in Michigan" have been distributed in all blocks and appear to be doing some good.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred in relocation.

Twenty persons were given their pre-induction physical examinations during the month and thirty six were inducted into the reserve. There were no calls for active duty. The applicant selected for the assistant Adviser who will handle selective service matters will not report for duty until about the first of September and in the meantime the duties will be carried on by the Leave Officer.

The Seabrook farm recruitment during the latter part of the month has provided an impetus for Issei relocation. We have been enthused over the reception of the offer and would like to see other openings of this nature available to the older residents.

Our efforts in placing a Buddhist priest in the Cleveland area has been unsuccessful despite the fact that this highly regarded person has from the outset been in favor of accepting a domestic job in order to get himself and his family members resettled. The problem of placing a son of school-boy age has retarded the family relocation plan.

We hope to rearrange our office plan so as to provide adequate space for our staff. This will perhaps necessitate the moving of the leave unit to an adjoining building. However the stringency of office space is temporarily holding up this proposed change. When this is effected it will give us a reception room which will at the same time be used for library purposes.



It has been difficult to determine in the cases of Jerome transferees eligibility for assistance grants on their second request for indefinite leave. The needed information has not been transmitted in all instances to our project. The clearance stop ledger, which is important documentary evidence in any leave office, also was not sent to our center.

The use of a weekly special coach on the Southern Pacific railroad out of Chandler has been highly satisfactory. The bulk of our relocators use this means of transportation thereby saving almost a full day in travel to Chicago.

11. Recommendations for improvements in the Relocation program

We believe that the Project Director and Relocation Program Officer should be advised promptly about any incidents or any untoward conditions that arise in the field. We are first advised through the Chicago Sun about the difficulties encountered in Chicago over the employment of evacuees with the Illinois Central Railroad. In another case we learned of an unfavorable situation at Grand Island, Nebraska through a transferee from the Jerome center. We realize that such occurrences are difficult to handle from a standpoint of publicity but the chances of minimizing the disagreeable interpretations when they arise from outside sources, are much better if we are cognizant of them.

We note that the newly conceived monthly digest issued by the Washington office states that a certain center has made requests for factual stories about their relocated residents as well as accompanying pictures to be used for exhibit purposes. We have solicited this type of information for several months directly from the relocation offices. The offices at Omaha and Boston have responded with human interest stories which have been posted on bulletin boards and published in our newspaper. It is well not to lose sight of the fact that we are releasing nearly all our relocators on the Director's memo, who thereby lose their identities on the outside as far as we are concerned when we seek to know of the problems they encounter an employment, housing and general living condition



AUGUST MONTHLY REPORT---GILA RIVER RELOCATION DIVISION  
Rivers, Arizona



1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of August 1944.
  - a. Initial interviews of basic family units conducted on basis of family counseling program.
    - (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below)

393
    - (a) Referred from Welfare

95
    - (b) Conducted by Ass't Relocation Advisers

298
    - (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals

811
  - b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with relocation Div.)
    - (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)

454
    - (2) Total number of individuals interviewed

360
  - c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1))

847
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers.

119
3. Applications for leave assistance grants rec'd

131

Individuals included	<u>195</u>
Applications approved	<u>131</u>
Average amount approved (including travel	<u>\$77.40</u>
4. Leave clearance dockets
  - (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington

68
  - (b) Pending action at center

444
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commissions

2
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee

None
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board

None



8. Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

- A. The Relocation Planning Commissions met twice during the month of August. These bodies continue to function without an Executive Secretary while the agenda and conduct of the meetings are largely taken care of by the Chairman.

The special relocation bulletin composed by commission members has appeared weekly since the middle of July. The most competent translator on the project is detailed with the responsibility of its makeup. The fact that it only appears in the Japanese language is attributed to the feeling of the Commissions that the accent on relocation information should be directed to the Issei population.

The popularity of this bulletin was established at once. Its style is unique and avidly read by those of the older element who are usually quite critical of Japanese language articles in regards to grammar and idiom. New instructions and procedures are fully explained and at the same time old ones are reviewed and clarified. Letters appearing in the issues are carefully chosen in regards to subject matter. Several letters have been quoted which relate to difficulties encountered in searches for housing, in securing availability certificates and in attaining acceptability in a community. Opportunities for group relocation are explained in great detail. The opposition to the counseling program has to a certain degree been diminished by an adequate discussion of its purpose and benefits. The philosophy of eligible segregants, often very disturbing to the older prospective relocators, has been dissected and shown to be a wayward type of thinking.

The creation of Evacuee Property Committees at the suggestion of the Commission has brought about a change in attitudes toward all types of properties stored or owned on the West Coast. The committees have recommended that all evacuees make lists of their personals, showing where they are stored, and are suggesting that they take immediate steps to protect them.

The members recommended strongly that there be more public relations work done from the national level. It might be well to commence such a program among key executives in the employ of various railroads who are usually unaware of what we are trying to do in the matter of relocation. If divisional traffic managers are not aware of our program we are not in position to expect that ticket men, passenger agents, baggage handlers and others who come in contact with our relocators should be. There are also several newspaper reporters and feature writers who have a national following who well might be contacted. In many cases they are not disposed to have a grudge against either the WRA program or the Japanese Americans but are simply misguided in providing sensational copy for those readers who anticipate the worst.



It was also recommended that efforts should be made to lift some of the restrictions which aliens have to submit to when they have relocated. The travel limits in both cities and in the country are a case which contributes to many an Issei's lack of interest in relocation. They feel that since the majority of them have relatives in the Army and many have sons on active battlefronts that the restrictions are harsh. It was also recommended that Parolees be released with greater dispatch. However that members realized that the problem is being handled much more expeditiously than at any time in the past.

B.B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

There have not been any new developments in this phase of relocation.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to the evacuees.

The only change in dissemination of information has been the transmission of all specific job offers to members of the Relocation Planning Commissions who review them and in many cases pass them on to acquaintances who may be interested in these type of offers.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred in relocation.

The Selective Service Program did not present any untoward problems during the month. The following figures gives a resume of what has occurred up to the present time:

	<u>Took Physical on project</u>	<u>Took physical outside</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Number called and number volunteering	373	110	483
A. Accepted for Sel. Service	268	110	378
(1) Inducted into Army	132	91	223
a. Enlisted Reserve Corp	27	42	69
b. Active Duty	105	49	154
(2) Refused Induction			None
(3) Class 1-A	136	19	155
a. Relocated	101		101
b. On Project	35	19	54
B. Rejected	103		103
C. Refused to report for physical			None
D. Released from Army	2		2
2. Number Arrested			None
3. Volunteers prior to 1-20-44			84
4. Recalled to active duty from enlisted Reserve Corps 1-20-44			7

The Immigration and Naturalization Service has relaxed its restriction in regard to short visits to neighboring towns or to the Poston Center desired by Parolees if such visits do not exceed ten days. This is welcome change for Parolees who in numerous cases have contributed a



very effective and high type leadership.

The broadening of the trial leave features of indefinite leave so as to include all the states east of the Rocky Mountain region has been favorably received, especially since we had recommended that this be considered.

Since January 1st 145 relocators have returned for reinduction of which 68 have been young men returning for Army induction. 63 of these readmissions have been reprocessed for relocation again or have left for the Army, therefore, the maladjustments on the outside have actually amounted to only 4% of the original number leaving. The problem of handling the requests of soldier wives is the most complex one because in several cases these applicants have not resided in a center.

The contents of Rex Lee's letter concerning group relocation was taken up with the Commissions. The members felt that additional publicity should have been given to the provision in the Manual whereby representatives of groups can be allowed train fare to investigate opportunities. The Translator engaged by the Commissions has discussed this procedure at least three times in the Japanese section of the center paper but it does appear necessary to restate the provisions in both languages despite the fact that there are relatively few requests for this opportunity. They also felt that there had not been enough attractive offers, particularly farm offers, which is the most suitable for group relocation. The members also pointed out that the few group offers which had been transmitted were lacking in many pertinent details, especially those referring to housing. We have found that in several cases there has been widespread interest in group relocation but usually the number of families involved in the plans far exceeded the maximum recommended by the WRA. Certain influential farmers have large followings but the number of families which would go out in such groups have varied from twenty to fifty. In other words it has been small colonization plans. Other plans comprising a smaller number have failed for some reason or another. In the case of the representative of fifteen barbers who desired to investigate the chance of setting up a business in Chicago, the plan failed because of license requirements in that they were all aliens.

The repatriation and expatriation hearings are now being conducted in both communities. In order to obviate any misrepresentations we have solicited the aid of the Block Managers. In many cases eligible segregants have been from time to time notified of deadline dates for cancellations and therefore are in a derogatory mood. The problem of handling the outbursts of this dissident element has been most provoking. Many have sowed seeds of discord and seek to retard any program which fosters relocation. One of their favorite whims is to pass along the word that Isseis must not go out and assist in any work which will help the war effort because of the interpretation the Japanese Government will place on such activity especially in view of the fact that many will some day want to visit Japan once more. They point out the clause in the Personnel Security Questionnaire which asks for loyalty if the worker accepts employment important to the war effort.



In order to combat this type of activity the Commissions have taken cognizance of it and only recently reprinted a letter from a relocated Issei harkening the residents to spike any such ugly rumors.

During the month of August there were 390 persons processed on indefinite leave. Of this total 128 went on a trial leave basis which is relatively more intriguing to the Issei than to the Nisei. This happened to be the first month where the ratio of trial leaves in comparison to regular indefinites was so large. We can only hope that the conversions at the end of the six months period will relatively high.

We have several inquiries from residents who are interested in the RFC program and its workability. If the Relocation Officers know of instances where evacuee applicants have been assisted in setting up businesses we would like to know of them, whether the basis of assistance was effected at the project level or not.

Our freight shipments to relocators originating at the center are lagging. This has been partially overcome by setting up additional clerical help to bill the GBL's but other methods may have to be instituted such as using more than one railhead in view of the fact that the personnel of the depot now being used is very limited.

11. Recommendations for the improvement of the relocation program.

- A. It is recommended that the segregation program be expected as soon as the present hearings are reviewed and recommendations are transmitted by Washington.
- B. It is suggested that greater care be given to Japanese translations of pamphlets. In many cases the translation jobs are amateurish. We have noted that in certain instances the translators have used the word to word technique in translating whereas a thought to thought style is much more preferable because it allows the full flow of idiom usage.
- C. It is recommended that the Relocation Officers provide the projects with more human interest stories and statistics about Issei relocation.
- D. It would be very helpful if we were to receive monthly reports from the relocation offices setting forth some of the more intimate problems encountered which necessarily cannot be incorporated into the present Area Job Digests.
- E. We feel that it is very necessary to increase the appointed staff of the Evacuee Property office in an attempt to get current on property problems.
- F. It is quite important that our division be provided with sufficient space so that we can house our Assistant Relocation Advisers who are presently being given space in the Welfare section.



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SEPTEMBER MONTHLY REPORT---GILA RIVER RELOCATION DIVISION  
Rivers, Arizona

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month of September, 1944.
  - a. Initial interviews of basic family units conducted on basis of family counseling program.
    - (1) Individuals interviewed (include one persons per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below 292
      - (a) Referred from Welfare 12
      - (b) Conducted by Ass't Relocation Advisers 280
    - (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals 1169
  - b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with relocation Div.)
    - (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) 365
    - (2) Total number of individuals interviewed 321
  - c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) 657
2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers. 84
3. Applications for leave assistance grants rec'd \_\_\_\_\_
  - Individuals included \_\_\_\_\_
  - Applications approved \_\_\_\_\_
  - Average amount approved (including travel) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Leave clearance dockets \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington \_\_\_\_\_
  - (b) Pending Action at center \_\_\_\_\_
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commissions 5
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 0
7. Meeting of Relocation Executive Board 0



8. Narrative Statement on Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

A. Evacuee Participation:

The Relocation Planning Commissions met five times during the month of September. The membership of both Commissions has been maintained at a high level despite the frequent relocations among the members. There are at present twenty eight members.

The Commissions were mostly concerned during the month with the possibility of making the Tooele Depot recruitment a success. Two representatives were dispatched by the Commissions to personally investigate the opportunity and upon their return they discussed the subject at meetings with all civic bodies and special sessions with interested applicants. While the net results of their efforts have only been reflected in nine applications for work at the depot they have made an all-out effort to bring the facts to the attention of the center residents.

The contribution of the Commissions to the program will be discussed in the "Progress" and "Recommendations" categories of this report.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff.

During the past month the Family Initial Interviewing Program has been strengthened by a splendid cooperation between the Welfare section and Relocation division. The Policy Board and Case Review Committee function as an integral unit while the responsibility for scheduling interviews is centered in one of our Advisers in our relocation office. Our weekly staff meetings are attended by all appointed staff member of both divisions so that all our activities which refer to relocation counseling are discussed jointly in order to keep currently informed on developments as well as to suggest improvements in the program.

9. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information to the evacuees.

The Relocation Supplement composed in the Japanese language by one of our commission members has had a remarkable success. The relocation of this able editor has resulted in a recommendation by the Commissions that the bulletin will hence forth be prepared in English and possibly translated by two translators employed by the center paper.

10. Special progress made or problems incurred in relocation.

The problem of getting current on freight shipments to relocators has been only partially met. Evacuee property has been able to secure an able evacuee supervisor to take charge of billing and transporting of personals and the delivery of lumber for those requiring crating but without



sufficient workers in this unit we are unable to empty our warehouses. When the school boys returned to their studies the personnel was almost depleted and despite the pleas to the block managers and councilmen for aid in recruitment the department is operated with a skeleton crew. The fact that we have been unable to make prompt shipments and that crated goods have been collecting dust for two or three months certainly has been a handicap in inducing people to resettle.

The detailing of a special Relocation Officer at the Seabrook Farms was an expeditious move. Although the majority of our relocators who accepted this opportunity are Issei and therefore more stable as resettlers, there was a necessity to provide services where so many people were concentrated under one employer.

The results of the Tooele recruitment has been disappointing from the standpoint of applications received. The initial groundwork was planned under the premise that only Nisei were eligible so that when the personnel policies of Tooele were revised to include Issei it meant that a new approach had to be employed. We feel it is unfortunate that Tooele did not commence to recruit under the basis designated by the Souix depot and as I gather was the plan originally announced by the War Department.

11. Recommendations for the improvement of the relocation program.

- A. It is felt that in the relocation of families there should be express shipments allowed in order to provide them with necessary utensils and personals when they reach their destinations. We have relocated a considerable number of complete family units throughout the summer where there have been children in the no fare and half fare categories who naturally are not eligible to the checking privileges afforded adults. Usually there are as many personals involved in the relocation of a youngster as that of a grown-up and where we seek to stress family relocation this point usually causes us distress.
- B. It is recommended that motion picture film be sent to the centers depicting actual relocation scenes. This would be invaluable in our attempts to interest the Isseis in accepting relocation.

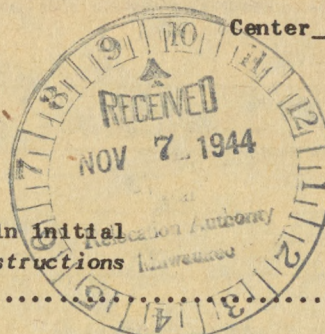


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## MONTHLY REPORT

## RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending October 31, 1944Center Gila River

## I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month ..... 474

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 48

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 72

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 354

## II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>154</u>	<u>240</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>98</u>	<u>174</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	( <u>0</u> )	( <u>0</u> )
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	( <u>12</u> )	( <u>19</u> )
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	( <u>86</u> )	( <u>155</u> )
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>56</u>	<u>66</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....	<u>135</u>	<u>160</u>
A. Community Invitation.....	<u>125</u>	<u>147</u>
B. Advance Approval.....	<u>10</u>	<u>13</u>



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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	78	128	9,172.96	71.67
Approved	78	128	9,172.96	71.67

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....	179
B. Pending action at center.....	129

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

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

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

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

The Relocation Planning Commissions continue to function actively for the promotion of relocation. Fortunately these evacuee bodies are composed of the real leaders of both communities and the attendance and interest in meetings does not seem to lag.

Some member of the relocation division staff usually makes an appearance at the regular block manager meeting in order to acquaint the managers with new relocation data, distribute pamphlets and to explain new procedures. We feel that the Block Managers are contributing substantially to the understanding of the program.



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

A total of 1965 families (including unattached singles) have been counseled since the inception of the program. 474 Counseling interviews were completed during October. Relocation and Welfare are coordinated as a single unit with the control centered in Relocation.

While 53% of those counseled during October were favorable toward relocation and 47% unfavorable, there has been a decided change in the frankness of attitudes expressed. Whereas a month ago many explained that they were waiting because of draft problems, reopening of the restricted areas or climate now they show no hesitancy in stating that they "intend to remain in the center until it closes."

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

We are about to experiment further in making more widespread use of the Area Field Bulletins. In addition to distribution for Block Managers, Councilmen, Planning Commission members and staff members etc., we are preparing attractive manila folders to hold these digests which will be distributed in various section offices and in classrooms.

The recent translation of "New York City", a Facts about America series bulletin, has been well executed. These are being distributed to Issei whose ability in English is negligible. Our Counseling dockets are used to make the determination. State and city series are being distributed to students in geography, history and current events classes.

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

By conducting weekly staff meetings composed of relocation and welfare staff personnel we are able to keep abreast of all current procedures and techniques. This has been particularly helpful in the Counseling program.

We are continuing our special relocation supplement in the Japanese language. Our eleventh issue has been published.

Nine out of thirteen applicants for the Tooele Depot employment have been cleared, although only one family is on the job. The remainder of the cleared applicants now hesitate for one reason or another, the main objection being that the entire family unit has to go.

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

It is hoped that additional assistance can be provided for express shipments of personals in cases where a family or remnants of a family relocates as a unit. Under 100.3.4B-1d of Manual Release #116 there is a provision for shipments up to 500 pounds; however it appears under the



category of Commercial Equipment and hence is not considered to be applicable in shipment of household and personal belongings.

There should be a uniform regulation on the problem of readmissions so we would have a categorized yardstick in the handling of re-entry requests.

During the winter months when the scheduling of special cars is difficult, our relocators are routed over the Santa Fe railroad. This necessitates an overnight stop in Ashfork which costs a relocator a night's lodging. The regulations provide for lodging grants when travel is done by automobile but fails to give this assistance in cases where train connections are unfavorable.



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## MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending Nov. 30, 1944Center GTIA

## I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial  
interview by Relocation Division under instructions  
of Handbook Section 130.27 during month .....360A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 59B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 86C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 215

## II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>107</u>	<u>197</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>73</u>	<u>125</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	( <u>0</u> )	( <u>0</u> )
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	( <u>9</u> )	( <u>16</u> )
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	( <u>64</u> )	( <u>109</u> )
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>34</u>	<u>72</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....	<u>43</u>	<u>69</u>
A. Community Invitation.....	<u>39</u>	<u>62</u>
B. Advance Approval.....	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>



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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	29	43	2660.90	61.88
Approved	29	43	2660.90	61.88

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 77

B. Pending action at center..... 95

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

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

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

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

The Relocation Planning Commissions met twice during the month. In the absence of the Program Officer for the entire month and that of the assistant Program Officer during the latter half of November very limited planning occurred among evacuee groups or within the appointed staff.

George E. Graff Relocation Officer from the Buffalo New York Office has been on detach to our project since the 22nd of November. Arrangements were made for a series of talks among civic and occupational groups.

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

The initial interviews on the counseling program are still being conducted jointly by the Welfare Section and the Relocation Division. To date 2323 families have been interviewed and a balance of 927 remains to be done. The majority of these 927 are single men. Interviewing is now being conducted at the rate of 380 per month, however, the single men interview should allow us to double our present rate.

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

Our relocation libraries have been rearranged so as to depict the materials by areas. A great number of manilla folders have been lettered by the high school art class which will be used for displays of field bulletins. These will be distributed throughout the project and posted currently.

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

We have set up a committee to study the problems of reintroductions as to determining yardsticks for readmissions and pass on requests for re-entry.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

It is recommended that the relocation offices recapitulate the important information transmitted to the various projects so that valuable information sent out to the project as a result and inquiry of summary may be available to all centers.







Gila River

Excerpt from Welfare Section Monthly Report--November, 1944  
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During the month several conferences were held in order to establish a procedure for re-induction of persons to the Center. This was done because official instructions from the Washington office were not sufficiently clear and definite to enable us to adopt a logical and reasonable policy. In attendance of this conference were the Counselors of the Welfare staff, the head of the Relocation Division, and the Project Director as chairman. Briefly the following procedure has been adopted: Anyone applying for re-admittance to the Project as a resident will complete a brief application form at the Leave Office. This form will be sent to the Welfare department. The Welfare department will be responsible for obtaining pertinent project records (for example, Hospital, Internal Security, Employment, etc.) and assemble these into a complete folder. The Welfare department will hold any necessary interviews with the applicant. When all information has been compiled including a recommendation of the interviewer, the Head Counselor will review the record and make a recommendation. From the Head Counselor the record will go to a committee for further review. The Project Director asked the chief of Community Management Division to be the Chairman of the committee and to choose his own committee. This committee will review the record and send it to the Project Director with their recommendation. It is not anticipated that the committee will contact the applicant although they may do so in individual cases if they so desire.

The problem of re-induction to the Center is becoming increasingly important particularly if the applicant is a discharged soldier. A recent letter from Mr. Myer indicates that at the present time force should not be used in ejecting an applicant from the Center. In a number of cases we have pending, the matter will eventually reach this point. These are cases in which the applicant returned without getting proper permission from the Field Relocation Office and their return was completely unjustified from a social standpoint.

It should be noted that especially in the case of discharged veterans the 30-day period in which we have to make the decision is not at all adequate. This does not allow sufficient time for the obtaining of necessary medical information from the military or Veterans Administration. This time should be extended.



In November an interesting technicality arose. The situation was one in which a discharged veteran insisted that he had to re-induct him inasmuch as under Selective Service laws he was entitled to have his old job back. Inasmuch as this involves a legal interpretation of "employment" the problem was referred to the Project Attorney. The Attorney in turn referred the matter to the Washington legal staff for answer. Insufficient time has elapsed for the receipt of an answer to this question.



## WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

## MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending December 31, 1944

*Lee*  
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RELOCATION DIVISION

Center Gila River

## I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

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

398A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 76B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 92C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 230

## II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>81</u>	<u>125</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>62</u>	<u>88</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	( 0 )	( 0 )
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	( 4 )	( 9 )
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	( 58 )	( 79 )
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>19</u>	<u>37</u>

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

3952A. Community Invitation..... 36 47B. Advance Approval..... 3 5



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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	28	43	2582.74	60.07
Approved	28	43	2582.74	60.07

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....

B. Pending action at center.....

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 3

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

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

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

Advisory Board has been set up in response to the Director's letter of December 7 to handle questions arising after the lifting of the exclusion orders to pass on distribution of materials and to expedite the dissemination of accurate information. This board consists of two members of the Planning Commissions, the Council Executive Boards and the Central Block Managers. There have been several meetings at which time the Advisory Board has met to discuss the letters and pamphlets forwarded to us on the Post-Exclusion Program. It is our intent to orient the leaders of our three major evacuee bodies initially in order to provide each block with one or more persons who can direct questions to the Advisory Board if they are unable to answer them.

The entire staff met once to discuss the Post-Exclusion Program and section head staff meetings have been held several times on the same phase.

The Relocation Planning Commissions met three times during the month principally to have an account of the Relocation Program Officer's detail to the New York office and also to discuss the lifting of the exclusion orders.



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

After the end of this month the Welfare Section will be unable to continue their assistance with the initial interviews. To date we have interviewed a total of 2721 family units, and we have a balance of 612 left to do. Nearly all the 612 are single men. The balance of our interviews will be conducted in the office instead of in the homes. We are interviewing 12 families per day per interviewer or 180 per week.

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

We have placed field bulletins bound in attractive folders in numerous offices and we will post them as these job digests arrive on the project.

Facts of America series pamphlets such as the Japanese translation of "New York City" are being distributed to families who according to Family Discussion Records would appreciate this information.

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

The problems incurred on the Post-Exclusion Program are being forwarded by letters and teletype.

*What's in a name  
How?*

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We would like to recommend that we be allowed at Gila to supplant the Relocation Executive Board with the newly created Advisory Board. In the first place our Relocation Planning Commission, a vigorous evacuee body which has held regular meeting for eighteen months, is not affiliated with the community councils although we have as members councilmen as well as block managers. In the second place we regard the commissions, the Councils and Block Managers the three most important evacuee organizations at the project and hence we should have important liason contacts with these bodies. This is possible through our present Advisory Board.







EXCERPT from p. 11 & 12 of Summary of Monthly Report of Gila River's  
Monthly Report for December 1944

".... After this month the Welfare Section will be unable to continue its assistance with the initial interviews. To date 2721 family units have been interviewed. The balance of 612 are almost entirely single men." ....

EXCERPT from Welfare Section's Monthly Report of Gila River for December

"The highlight and the most concentrated part of the work during this month, and a continuation from the previous month, was the completing of our problem on reinductions. Referring to our monthly report, column A-1-3 (b), 43 of these service cases were reinduction requests, out of which nineteen were in the Butte camp and 24 in Canal. The Counselors interviewed persons applying for permission to be reinducted into the center, and attempted to work out a suitable plan for relocation. You will note that the heaviest load of reinductions were in Canal. This was handled by our Assistant Counselor who is in charge of that office. In Butte we had two Jr. Counselors completing the work. After our summaries and



recommendations were assembled on each of these cases, they were forwarded to the Relocation Officer for his recommendation, then to the "Committee on Reinductions" for review, and finally to the Project Director for his disposition. All cases where the decision cannot be reached will be forwarded to Washington for their disposition. The Welfare Section has now completed all of their work on the pending cases. We shall be interested in the outcome of the remaining cases in the hands of our Committee due to the Manual Release 158, Post-Exclusion Program, other memorandums and bulletins issued in the latter part of this month."



## WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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## MONTHLY REPORT

## RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending January 31, 1945Center Gila River

## I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

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

311A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling.....109B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising.....57C. No further interviewing indicated at present.....145

## II. RELOCATION ADVISING

	Number Basic Family Units	Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	<u>988</u>	<u>2975</u>
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>941</u>	<u>2783</u>
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	( <u>11</u> )	( <u>29</u> )
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	( <u>311</u> )	( <u>797</u> )
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	( <u>619</u> )	( <u>1257</u> )
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	<u>47</u>	<u>192</u>
III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers.....	<u>151</u>	<u>386</u>
A. Community Invitation.....	<u>136</u>	<u>257</u>
B. Advance Approval.....	<u>15</u>	<u>42</u>



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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	90	170	\$9390.30	\$55.25
Approved	90	170	\$9390.30	\$55.25

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....

B. Pending action at center.....

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

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

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 2

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

The Evacuee Relocation Planning Commissions continued to function as in the past with regular meetings scheduled. Attendance at these meetings was higher than in the past and the interest greater because of the new problems concerning the Post-Exclusion Program. Interest was particularly high at one meeting at which Mr. Shig Kubo related his experiences at the Inter-racial conference in San Francisco and in Sacramento and Placer County, where he visited his former home and his old associates. The Commission was particularly impressed since Mr. Kubo had made a close study of community sentiment in an area which is reported to be particularly hostile to the return of the evacuees.

Positive steps were taken during the month to reactivate the Appointed Staff Relocation Committee, consisting of all department, section and unit heads and other key members of the staff. James Shelly, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management, conducted the first meeting in a very aggressive and positive manner. It was pointed out that the Committee would meet at irregular intervals, whenever there was a speaker or an event which offered appropriate topics of discussion. In addition, the Project Director has devoted most of his bi-weekly staff meetings in discussing relocation problems. The Welfare Section continued to meet jointly with the Relocation Division in our weekly staff meeting. At the last meeting an attempt was made to work out a joint procedure for handling relocation plans of persons who are considered by the Welfare Section to be dependency cases. A meeting was held during the month with the Medical Social Worker during which the procedure for obtaining medical record checks from the hospital on persons planning relocation was revised. The hospital staff has been very cooperative in this regard although they are hampered by a lack of clerical staff in providing prompt information in some cases. The Relocation Program Officer has attended the weekly meetings of the Butte and Canal Council and Block Manager's and has conferred with the Joint Executive Board to obtain advice and information on topics concerning the relocation program.



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

A marked acceleration of the relocation advising program took place during the month of January. The main reason for this increase was the fact that a considerable number of people who have not been interested in relocation heretofore, are now planning to return to the West Coast. The new Manual procedure for handling visits to the Project, which requires that the center Relocation Division approve all such visits in advance, has also provided us with an excellent opportunity to conduct planning discussions with families who have relocated members. We have revised the procedure in arranging short term leave between Gila and Poston which has also stimulated the relocation advising program.

The Family Counseling Program was discontinued on January 19 because it was felt that the staff could be much more advantageously employed in assisting those persons who have immediate relocation problems. Initial interviews have been held with all except 80 families and 125 unattached people. Of those who have not been interviewed, 75% are classified as Welfare Dependency cases. Of the other 25%, the majority will either become Welfare cases or will appear on the final segregation list so it is believed that for all practical purposes, the initial interviewing program had been completed.

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

Early in January, we distributed most of our surplus copies of the Facts about America pamphlets, field bulletins, and other information data which had accumulated in our office library. This material was sent out through the mail with a letter signed by the Project Director encouraging all persons who do not have specific homes or relocation opportunities on the West Coast to investigate employment openings and community resources in eastern areas. It is believed that every family in camp has received at least one booklet or pamphlet through the mail in the last month. In addition, we have set up a distribution list containing the homes and addresses of about 250 of the most influential family heads in the Project to whom we sent copies of current information data as it arrives from Washington or the field offices. Our bulletin board has been made more attractive as a result of a large number of excellent photographs of former Gila residents which the Washington Report office has provided. The WRA photographers are to be commended for the excellence of their work and for their promptness in providing us pictures of the Miyama family, the first Gilans to return to California after December 17.

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

In addition to the heightened interest in relocation during January which called forth increased activities on the part of the staff, we have virtually completed the reorganization of our office to meet the requirements



of the new program. In order to gear our activities to the new policies and to the expected rise in the work load, we have rechecked and consolidated most of our files, rearranged our offices, and distributed or disposed of all our surplus and out of date supplies and materials. We are expecting two new Assistant Advisers to enter on duty February 1. Their services are already urgently needed.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. The Hawaiian evacuees who have all been excluded from the West Coast should be given definite assurance by the WRA or the Army that their transportation expenses will be paid when they return to Hawaii, regardless of whether or not they relocate to the inland United States.
2. A project wide personnel priority system should be established if the present situation wherein more appointed jobs are established than the project ceiling will allow to be filled. At the present time the project personnel ceiling prevents us from employment qualified applicants for vacant Assistant Adviser or clerk-steno positions as applicants become available. In view of the increased work load and the relocation of the members of the evacuee staff it is extremely important that vacancies be filled as soon as possible.
3. As new advisers are appointed it is necessary for additional partitioned rooms to be constructed in the Butte office so that private interviewing space is available. The Public Works Section has submitted plans for this revision of the office to Washington. Action on approval should be expedited.
4. Any steps which can be taken to streamline and clarify the present procedure in relocating Welfare dependency cases will assist relocation.
5. A clear statement from the Director or other responsible official regarding the legal status of U. S. citizens who have been placed upon the Army segregate or detainee list would be helpful.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending February, 1945

RELOCATION DIVISION  
Center Gila River

I. RELOCATION ADIVISING

	<u>Number Basic Family Units</u>	<u>Number Individuals Involved In Reloc. Plans</u>
Number represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month.....	1094	3321

II. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE ASSISTANCE GRANTS (INCLUDING TRAVEL).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Number Applications</u>	<u>Number Indivi- duals Included</u>	<u>Amount of Assistance</u>	<u>Average Amt. Per Person</u>
Received	158	279	\$16263.18	\$58.29
Approved	158	279	\$16263.18	\$58.29

III. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... 2

IV. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 1

V. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 2

VI. Progress of Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

The most significant events of the month concerning the efforts of Center organizations came as a result of Mr. Hugo Wolter's visit. Mr. Wolter spent most of his time addressing various groups and organizations including the Relocation Planning Commission, the high school assemblies, the council and block manager groups, the Staff Relocation Commission, the Relocation-Welfare Joint Staff meeting, and mass meetings held in both camps under the auspices of the community councils in each camp. The next week the Relocation Planning Commission met to consider the application of three respected Butte farm leaders for authorization for an exploratory trip for group relocation to New Orleans and Savannah. The Commission approved the trips as requested by the Manual, but because preliminary arrangements did not proceed as anticipated, the trip was later cancelled. As the month comes to close, evacuee organizations are planning meetings to be held during the visit, early in March, of Mr. Myer.



The evacuee Property Officer and the Senior Engineer met with the Relocation Program Officer and made plans for the crating and shipping of the evacuee freight by the WRA. The Engineering Section now has in operation in each camp an assembly line which crates relocators' freight. All crating is now done by WRA rather than by the individual relocators as heretofore.

Meetings were also held by the various evacuee organizations to hear Mr. Jennings and Mr. Shiwota who visited the project from Salt Lake City to assist us in the recruitment of workers for the Tooele Ammunition Depot. Both men were very well informed and proved quite helpful. It is believed that interest in Tooele was stimulated as a result of their visit. It is our feeling that sincere and confident evacuee recruiters are helpful in developing relocation opportunities and it is hoped that more people such as Mr. Shiwota will be able to visit the project in the future.

VII. Progress of Relocation Advising and Individual Relocation Planning.

Relocation Advising activities maintained approximately the same pace during February as during January. Interest in returning to evacuated areas continued high although there was considerable anxiety, particularly in Canal, after West Coast papers carried conspicuous articles and spectacular photographs of fire and other damage done to the property of returnees from this center, now living in Fresno County. The number of people who actually changed their scheduled departures because of these events was negligible, however.

Mr. Lee Marsa, Agricultural Specialist from the state of Michigan, arrived on the project February 26 and has an interesting display of general agricultural information and farm employment offers. Although interest has been very slight in farming the North Central States, it is hoped that Mr. Marsa will be able to reverse this trend.

VIII. Progress in Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees.

The addition of Miss Cowden, former Project Librarian, to the staff as an Assistant Adviser has enabled us to enlarge our information program. We have also been fortunate in obtaining the services of Kay Kuwada, who is capable of composing or translating informational data in Japanese for publicity purposes. The Reports Office continues to be cooperative and the mimeograph section of the Administrative Management Division has given us excellent service in filling our orders promptly. We have acquired two new bulletin boards in Butte which will be placed in the Relocation Library and in the Central Post Office. Miss Eleanor Moore visited the center briefly during the month. It is believed that we were successful in acquainting her with some of our problems.

IX. Special Progress Made Problems Incurred on Relocation and Recommendations for Improvement in the Relocation Program.

The most gratifying feature of the relocation program during February was that an appreciable number of residents returned to their homes on the West



Coast and, according to most reports received from the evacuees who returned and the Relocation Officers in Fresno and Sacramento, the reception in the vast majority of cases was better than anticipated. By far the greatest difficulties encountered by returnees arise from the shortage of housing and the difficulty in obtaining essential farm and household equipment, particularly where shortages and priorities exist.

From December 17 through February, 28 236 persons returned to California on terminal leave to homes located in the following communities:

(a) Parlier	41	(f) Kingsburg	13
(b) Selma	38	(g) Fowler	11
(c) Florin	27	(h) Fresno	11
(d) Los Angeles	17	(i) Del Rey	11
(e) San Gabriel	14	(j) Miscellaneous other communities	53

The most troublesome incident which occurred during the month concerns the problem of visitors who are short of funds and have been served notice to leave the center and are willing to do so but need assistance to cover their transportation and initial expenses upon arrival at their new destination.

This problem also underlines the fact that the machinery for administration of Resettlement Assistance Funds through the State Social Security Boards and their County Agencies is not yet functioning as planned at the national level. In attempting to obtain travel funds for visitors who are stranded here and not eligible for WRA assistance, and also to obtain funds to meet household expenses for an evacuee family planning to relocate in Arizona, we contacted the head of the State Social Security Board in Phoenix. This official advised us that no Social Security or Resettlement Assistance Funds would be available to any center residents to assist them in meeting travel expenses for relocation outside of Arizona. On the other hand, persons relocating in Arizona will be offered no assistance for household or emergency needs unless they can furnish proof that they had been bona fide residents of Arizona prior to the war.

None of the delegates chosen by the residents to attend the All-Center Conference at Salt Lake City were persons who have ever been active in any way in developing the project relocation program or in planning relocation for their own families. Although the Salt Lake Conference did not noticeably retard relocation to the West during February, as we had originally expected, many people are delaying action on their relocation planning because they have been encouraged to believe that the center closing order would be rescinded. The report is being circulated by word of mouth that Mr. Myer replied in an evasive manner when asked if the centers are definitely going to close in 1945, and if the schools will definitely not reopen in September. As long as such reports exist, regardless of their lack of authenticity, they will encourage a large number of people to withhold final action on their resettlement plans. We have been handicapped in this center in this regard since we have received no official information through official channels regarding the All Center Conference.



It is recommended that events such as this be covered thoroughly and completely and that detailed information be provided to the center immediately. It is also recommended that a competent Reports Officer be assigned to each of the Pacific Coast areas to report and relay information to the centers regarding the experiences of returnees to the various coastal areas. The center is being constantly deluged with unauthoritative information of a sensational nature regarding events on the West Coast. We are ineffective in counteracting such material for lack of access to complete, impartial reports.

The Hawaiian residents are still greatly disturbed about their place in the Post Exclusion Program. They are by no means completely satisfied with the provisions of the Post Exclusion Bulletins which provide for boat transportation to be paid for those returning before March 1, 1946. Since most of the Hawaiian residents are excludées and cannot relocate to the West Coast, they do not feel that they will be permitted to return to Hawaii by the Military Authorities before March 1, 1946.

The Project Relocation Staff was greatly strengthened during the month by the addition of three new Assistant Advisors. In addition to Miss Cowden, these include Mrs. Eudora Reed, a former Topaz staff member, and Miss Katherine Butler, who transferred from the War Department in San Francisco where she had been employed as a personnel officer. Mrs. Reed is currently detailed to work in the Leave Officer, and Miss Butler enters on duty in March. The only vacancy which we have been unable to fill so far is that of the Appointed Stenographer. So far the absence of a stenographer has not been serious because we have been fortunate in obtaining very competent evacuee stenographers, but we hope to fill this position as soon as possible as it is believed that her services will be required in a very short time, as the relocation program progresses towards its conclusion.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month March

Center Gila River

Number basic  
family units

Number individuals  
involved in reloca-  
tion plans

I. Number in center on the

A. First day of month

2155

9146

B. Last day of month

2102

8922

II. Number relocated during month

146

291

(Includes 16 conversions) (Includes 36 conversions)

A. Number of welfare referrals  
relocated

22

78

B. Number of other families  
relocated

124

213

III. Number of families represented  
in discussion (or discussions)  
of plans for relocation during  
month

955

3418

A. Number referred from Wel-  
fare Section for reloca-  
tion advising during month

244

402

B. Number referred to Welfare  
Section for counseling dur-  
ing month

189

319

IV. Number of family summaries  
sent to field during month

311

1098

A. Community Invitation

311

1098

B. Advance Approval

146  
16  
130

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V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Rec'd	146	291	17343.17	59.60
Appr'd	146	291	17343.17	59.60

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 2

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 1

VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 1

IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 1

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

The most prominent activities of the various organization concerned with relocation planning centered about the visit early in March of Director Dillon S. Myer. Mr. Myer spent 2½ days on the Project. Most of his time was devoted to meeting and addressing various groups as planned by the Community Councils, the Relocation Planning Commission and the Staff Advisers. Nine such meetings were held with such groups as the appointed staff, the Councils, and Block Managers, mass meetings in each camp, high school assemblies in each camp, the Relocation Planning Commissions and a joint meeting of the Relocation and Welfare Staffs. It is believed that Mr. Myer's visit was very profitable in that he was successful in explaining to the residents the theory and the operation of the Post Exclusion Program. The Director was also instrumental in resolving several minor difficulties which have been hampering the Project relocation program for a long time.

Two weeks after Mr. Myer's visit, Mr. Rex Lee also visited the Project. No formal meetings were held and no publicity was given to Mr. Lee's visit. It was helpful to members of the Project Relocation Staff to meet informally with the Chief of the Relocation Division and discuss mutual problems.

Members of the Project Staff are taking an increasing interest in the relocation program and have been helpful in many ways. The Chief of the Agricultural Section has on several occasions offered his assistance in explaining individual opportunities to



evacuee farmers and in conducting special trips to investigate farm offers. The Project Engineer has cooperated to the best of his ability in completing the remodeling of the Butte Relocation Office. The Finance Officer is trying to assist us in enlarging our informational program by obtaining the use of the mimeographing equipment under his jurisdiction for the publication of Japanese language data on relocation. The Reports Officer has also spent considerable time and effort in helping us to enlarge upon and improve our publicity program. The Education Section has done a thorough job of planning and promoting adult education discussions on relocation topics, and in introducing relocation information into the regular school curriculum. The Evacuee Property Office has aided us by improving the services offered to relocators who wish to ship property.

The continued spirit of intelligent cooperation on the part of all members of the Welfare Section has made it unnecessary, in our opinion, to set up a detailed, formal procedure for joint Relocation-Welfare case review committees. We feel that our present system of prompt, informal discussions between the Relocation and Welfare workers concerned with various individual cases brings about more immediate and effective results with less expenditure of time than would a formal weekly case review committee meeting. To date, our experiences on cases involving joint action with the Welfare Section have been most gratifying.

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

The number of relocation advising interviews during March was slightly greater than the previous month. The rate of return to the evacuated area continued at approximately the same pitch. There were 116 terminal departures to the evacuated area during the month. Most of these are property owners returning to Fresno County. There were still occasional rumors of unpleasant incidents in the West Coast, but the number and severity of such reports subsided considerably.

Two exploratory trips to investigate group relocation opportunities in the Eastern United States were approved during March. As a result of Lee Marsa's activities in the Center, Charles Y. Ogata made an exploratory trip to Kalamazoo, Michigan, to investigate group relocation opportunities offered by the Berrien County Package Association. Mr. Ogata has returned to the Project with the intention of beginning active recruitment for immediate relocation of five or six families.

Mr. Shotaro Hikida, active chairman of the Butte Relocation Planning Commission, left the Center on March 29 on a projected 30 day trip which will carry him through Denver, Chicago, Cleveland,



New York, Philadelphia, and Washington D. C. It is believed that Mr. Hikida is capable of making a thorough investigation of the relocation situation in these cities and that he will provide center residents with exhaustive and accurate report of his findings.

Mr. Teizo Yahanda, chairman of the Canal Relocation Planning Commission and Community Council, is now on short term leave to Monterey, California, where he is considering opening a dry cleaning establishment. Mr. Yahanda has written several letters to the Project which indicate that his reception in Monterey has been favorable.

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

For the first time since October, we have been fortunate enough to acquire the full time services of a workers capable of writing relocation publicity in Japanese. We also have a full time Issei worker who cuts stencils in Japanese. Consequently, we have begun the publication of a weekly supplement to the Gila News Courier which will appear with the Saturday issue as long as present limited paper supplies permit. This matter is written and edited and the stencil is cut by the Relocation Division. Mimeographing and distributing is handled by the News Courier Staff.

Mr. Graham, the Finance Officer, has submitted several requests to Washington for authorization to allot funds for the purchase of additional mimeographing supplies so that additional relocation bulletins may be published in Japanese. It is hoped that approval will come promptly so that we may publish a number of these bulletins before our evacuee staff members relocate themselves.

A larger number of WRA photographs were received from the Denver Photographic Unit during March than heretofore, and these pictures continue to be one of our best informational media. The photographic unit should be highly commended for its excellent work.

From March 12 to 29, a series of eighteen adult education classes were devoted to discussions of various sections of the United States and the opportunities offered for resettlers. These meetings were conducted by members of the Relocation Division Staff. The Program was publicized and translators were provided by the Education Section. Although the attendance at these meetings were sporadic, it is believed that the experiment was worthwhile not only as another means of disseminating relocation information, but because of the experience which it afforded the nine staff members who participated. The final two meetings of this series



were devoted to a report from the Relocation Program Officer on his recent trip to the relocation areas of California. He was fortunate to have obtained a number of excellent photographs on his trip including pictures of former residents who have returned to their homes. The first hand information which we obtained from the discussions with returnees, WRA personnel, and private citizens in California will be extremely useful to the relocation staff in discussing the West Coast situation with center residents.

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

After considerable delay and confusion in obtaining proper authorization, the construction of private interviewing offices in the Butte Relocation Building was completed. We now have seven private offices in Butte and feel that this will be adequate to meet the needs of the Post-Exclusion Program.

The problem of unauthorized visitors to the Project has virtually been eliminated. Although there were nearly 300 unauthorized visitors in camp when the Post-Exclusion Program was first put into operation, the number is now practically negligible. The controls which are placed upon the visiting procedures by the present manual instruction have aided us considerably in the scheduling of relocation interviews and the development of relocation plans. We hope that it will be possible to retain the present visiting procedure for the remainder of the program.

We are expecting an appointed secretary to enter on duty the 1st of April. Her services will be welcome, as several of our competent evacuee clerical workers are developing their own relocation plans.

Although the Resettlement Assistance Program does not yet operate as planned in all western states, reports received in response to a circular letter sent to all Relocation Supervisors indicates that the cooperation of the county agencies of the Social Security Boards throughout the central and eastern states has been very favorable. We feel that as specific information is circulated from the various sections of the country many center residents may be encouraged to risk resettlement.

Although there are still countless rationalizations used to prove that "Relocation is impossible", it is believed that the emotional insecurity arising from fear of financial need during the immediate transition period is the primary deterrent to most people's relocation. Relocation assistance should do a great deal to eliminate these fears.

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

It is hoped that it will be possible in the near future to develop



farm laborer or share crop opportunities on the West Coast which are comparable to those available in other section of the country. It is recommended that the Relocation Officers actively engage in the development of such job offers instead of leaving this matter entirely to the Department of Agriculture recruitment agencies.

Although the shelves of our two libraries are bulging with material, we found while attempting to prepare material for our adult education discussions that there were many gaps in the picture which our informational data gives of the relocation scene. This is particularly true when one tries to answer the question, "What are evacuees doing and how are they making out on the outside?" Although several Areas have issued a number of news releases on such newsworthy subjects such as conferences, favorable reactions to acts of discrimination, acts of heroism on the part of Nisei servicemen, etc., we have not had enough information regarding the commonplace adjustments made by the average resettlers. It is believed that graphic word pictures which could match the accuracy and clarity of Mr. Iwasaki's excellent photographs would be very helpful. The New York office has done some excellent work in this line. Since Resettlement Assistance is the most important innovation to the relocation program, we would also appreciate as many narrative statements as possible regarding examples of families helped by these funds in accomplishing successful relocation.

The following recommendations arise from reflections of the Relocation Program Officer on his trip<sup>to</sup> California, as quoted from his report of April 2, to the Project Director:

The short term leave has cast a shadow over relocation to the coastal states. In too many instances, and particularly among the young Nisei, have the parties breezed into localities and being unable to evaluate conditions in their true light have returned with distorted reports. Oftentimes the relocation offices are over looked entirely while at other times there has been an expectancy that somehow the Relocation Officer would be a combination lawyer, realtor, notary public and banker. As a result of these conditions a memo has been prepared for my staff which points out the limited services that relocation office can perform and suggests that the reasons for a short term trip be transmitted to the respective offices before their departure.

It is hoped that the balance of the planned relocation offices can be opened within the very near future. A number of evacuees from centers and elsewhere are returning to their homes before any public relations are cultivated among some of the civic or business leaders. While the importance of such advance overtures may not be as important for a farm family to return I feel that it is decidedly important to anyone returning to a town, especially in the farm areas. The success of the first family to reestablish itself



in a community determines often the tempo of future relocation.

In the matter of housing there is a concerted feeling that something must be provided and whether it results from negotiations with Federal Housing Authorities or agreements with the Army for excess housing units may not matter. It is especially important that a great number of hostels be set up immediately. If the problem of providing cots and mattresses or the moving of persons from temples or schools are the real obstacles then they should be dealt with.

It would be very helpful to have Relocation Officers with farm backgrounds detailed to various areas in order to assist in the initial adjustment. Sometimes amicable settlements can be made with tenants without resorting to the courts and this is encouraged. Assistance is often given farmers who need to round out their implement needs, however those who return to areas where the offices are not set up or in communities where Relocation Officers are too busy to devote enough time to such a request, they are not so fortunate. Evacuees need help in locating dealers and often times in the actual purchase. If there was a feeling among residents that some one would assist them in getting priorities or lend a hand in evictions it would make a great deal of difference at the centers. Such Relocation Officers could also be employed to contact larger vegetable and fruit growers in an effort to get farm offers and transmit them to the applicable project. It is important that these offers come to the center from certain sections during the next ninety days.

The Community Analysis Notes No. 8 on Sacramento County and City is very helpful to those on the staff who are not familiar with the community patterns of some of the larger localities on the coast, prior and subsequent to evacuation. More of these studies will be welcomed at the project.



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RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

MONTH JULY

CENTER GILA RIVER

I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE	No. Basic Family Units	No. Ind. Involved in Relo. Plans		
A. First day of month	2838	7514		
B. Last day of month	2362	6600		
II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH	445	936		
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	139	453		
B. Number of other families relocated	306	483		
III. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION (OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH	1846	3871		
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	94	307		
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	34	141		
IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO FIELD DURING MONTH	492	1141		
A. Community Invitation				
B. Advance Approval				
V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS				
ITEM	NUMBER APPLICATIONS	NUMBER INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED	AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE	AV. AMOUNT PER PERSON
RECEIVED	445	936	50950.25	54.43
APPROVED	445	936	50950.25	54.43
(7 Conversions)		(9 Conversions)		
VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION				0
VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE				0
VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD				0
IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE)				0



X. Narrative Statement of Progress on Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

The Relocation Block Clerks continue to be our mainstay in disseminating information to the blocks as well as reporting the relocation trends. District meetings are held weekly under the supervision of an Assistant Relocation Adviser and the group meets as a body once every week.

During the absence of the Butte Council Chairman, there does not exist much cooperation with the Administration on the part of the Councils. In Canal, however, the Chairman has recommended another series of district meetings on ration problems and farm opportunities in the midwest and east.

During the past few weeks some of our most forceful Block Managers have relocated and have left a void which makes it difficult to get needed cooperation. We are, however, fortunate in having a Central Block Manager in our Butte Community who has been extraordinarily cooperative.

XI. Narrative Statement of Progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

All Canal residents whose current planning was not known, were called in on scheduled interviews. They appeared at their Block Manager's office through the assistance of Relocation Block Clerks and Managers and in every instance appeared for an interview. The results of the interviews were categorized under the following headings: 1. Those who were largely making their own plans without assistance of the WRA, 2. Those who are presently segregated or excluded, 3. Those who are willing to relocate but under specific conditions, usually desiring opportunities at their preevacuation address, 4. Those who are referred to Welfare and 5. Those who are adamant about any type of relocation planning. Fortunately the number appearing in the last category was not very large. Family heads representing over 1200 persons were interviewed under this program.

Relocation Chief Lee visited our project during July. Russell Derrickson of the Center Liason Section was also here to consult with the Relocation Division and Welfare Section.

XII. Narrative Statement of Progress of Presenting Relocation information to Evacuees.

The Reports Office has assumed complete responsibility for the dissemination of information. All specific job opportunities whether they arrive by letter or teletype or are telephoned are routed immediately to Reports where they are mimeographed in sufficient numbers



so as to provide each block with a minimum of five job sheets. The majority of residents are becoming cognizant of these publications and the results in relocation advising have become quite noticeable.

Attractive posters of relocated Gileans are also on display in every Block Manager's office. These posters are frequently interchanged in the various offices so that a wide distribution of pictures can be made possible.

Black boards have been placed in every block primarily for the purpose of translating job offers, items on housing or relocation news in the Japanese language. Relocation Clerks and Block Managers are responsible for these translations.

#### XIII. Special Progress Made or Problems incurred on Relocation.

Greyhound Bus service was initiated on the 19th of July for movements to California. Nearly all departures to the coast are routed by Greyhound and we are able to provide transportation to points such as Fresno where an entire load can be arranged.

Western Truck Lines are performing an exceptional service in the shipment of freight to the coast and to points in northern states. Freight shipments are arriving in Sacramento on the third day and often precede the relocatee's arrival. Universal Carloading makes pick-ups of east bound freight at the project, and rounds out cars with freight both from Gila and Poston.

During the past two weeks in July we encountered an unusual amount of labor shortage in our pick-up and crating service. Despite a vigorous attempt at soliciting workers for this detail we had an insufficient evacuee staff and in order to make the deadlines a number of the appointed staff were pressed into service. Provision of lunches for carpenters and loaders and a \$19 wage designation for the entire personnel were not sufficient inducements to bring in a full crew.

26 Hawaiians placed on alert for possible shipment to Hawaii during the first week in July, are awaiting definite word. We have about 45 additional families evacuated from Hawaii who have been approved for return. In the meantime alternate planning among families of this group is negligible.

We have two residents who are contemplating setting up hostels in Oxnard and Parlier, California during the early part of August. This will assist very materially in providing temporary shelter in two localities where a considerable number are scheduled to return.

There has been a wide spread misunderstanding on ration book tailoring despite explanations appearing in our center newspaper. To overcome this feeling in our Canal Community, the council has



scheduled four district meetings for discussion on rationing.

All cooperating offices including Welfare, Leave, Evacuee Property, Rationing, and that of the Agent Cashier are now in cluster not over 150 feet from the Relocation Office. The Leave office has been provided with additional space so the congestion there has been eliminated.

The problem of arranging for change of residence for parolees has been largely minimized. We are receiving approvals from the El Paso Office of the Immigration Service within a period of 6 to 7 days from date of application.

XIV. Recommendations:

- (1) Submission of more farm offers from California.
- (2) An answer on teacher details is vital to program now.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

April

Center Gila River

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in reloca- tion plans.
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	3175	8922
B. Last day of month (error in last month's reporting)	3093	8625
II. Number relocated during month	173 (Includes <u>25</u> conversions)	309 (Includes <u>48</u> conversions)
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	<u>35</u>	<u>109</u>
B. Number of other families relocated	<u>138</u>	<u>200</u>
III. Number of families represented in discussions of plans for relocation during month	<u>826</u>	<u>2792</u>
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	<u>109</u>	<u>485</u>
B. Number referred Welfare Section for counseling during month.	<u>58</u>	<u>157</u>
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	<u>184</u>	<u>522</u>
A. Community Invitation	<u>184</u>	<u>522</u>
B. Advance Approval	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>



## V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Ind. included	Amount of Assistance	Average amt per person
Rec'd	173	309	19,451.25	62.95
Appr'd	173	309	19,451.25	62.95

- VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission 1
- VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee 2
- VIII. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 0
- IX. Meetings of Coordinating Committee (Information Committee) 4
- X. Narrative statement on Progress on center organization for relocation planning.

The Relocation Planning Commission in Canal met once during the month, principally to consider the factor of exploratory trips as it affects relocation and specifically to determine through block surveys if there was present enough interest to warrant a pooling of resources for the defrayal of expenses incurred by the selected representatives. While there has been a considerable degree of interest in sending representatives to various areas from Canal it is too early to forecast the results.

The Butte Commissions has been inactive during the month mainly because of two factors: the exploratory six weeks trip by the Chairman, Mr. Hikida and numerous short term leaves taken by the Butte members. It is believed that Mr. Hikida's report will be of great interest to the Issei population, when he returns.

The Block Managers of the Butte Community, largely because of the aggressive leadership of their Chairman, Mr. Asami, have requested added responsibilities in relocation planning. Plans for more active participation are now being worked out and will be reported in the May report. Their cooperation will be correlated with the districting plan. An indication of their spirit is reflected in the request of the Managers at the beginning of the Post-Exclusion program that the Program Officer attend all of their meetings.

Mr. Nishimura, Chairman of the Butte Council, is enlisting the support of the members and is currently attempting to secure enough interest in the Wilson plantation offer so as to send an exploratory party to Arkansas.

The Program Officer held a series of meetings for orientation purposes with several sections of the appointed staff. It is intended that every section be contacted and that these meetings be held periodically in the future.

The Coordinating Committee met a number of times during April while Province, Derrickson, Steele and Bankson visited the project. The matter of districting the communities was discussed quite fully and since their departure we have set up the mechanics in our Butte Community as it fits our present Assistant Relocation Adviser staff. The centralization of information came up for discussion at these meetings as well as in separate conferences attended by the Reports Officer, Program Officer, the Community Management Head, Mr. Derrickson and Mr. Bankson. The suggestions offered by Mr. Bankson were quite practical and we feel that his efforts went a long way in



ironing out some of the problems involved.

The Community Analyst has begun a series of individual block surveys to determine a number of factors contributing to relocation planning such as a sampling of individual plans and attitudes, origin of the residents and occupational backgrounds. These will serve to assist relocation, welfare and the reports office in the matter of evaluating contact methods as well as determining the type of information which may have to be directed to individual blocks.

During the past month the Program Officer has personally called on nearly all Block Managers in their offices and in many instances made more than one call at an office. A great number of vital contacts have been made in these calls outside of the actual Manager contacts. He discovered that in a majority of cases the Block Managers were making an honest effort in the matter of distribution of informational data and were actually directing applicants to the Welfare and Relocation offices.

The relocation personnel also held numerous meetings with locality leaders who are attempting to make plans to return to Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Stockton, French Camp, Walnut Grove, Suisun, Vacaville, Florin, San Jose and Concord. A few short term leaves resulted and others will probably will occur within the next four weeks.

XI. Narrative statement of progress in the family interviewing and relocation advising program.

There were almost 1500 individual contacts with our relocation offices during the month. Although our departure flow for the month was disappointing we feel that particularly during the last week of April there has been a very noticeable change in attitudes in both communities which has been heartening. Our family relocation totaled 47 complete units involving 152 persons.

Mr. Roland Barnard, Relocation Officer from the Boston Office spent the entire month at Gila. A number of family plans have resulted and many others were stimulated in thinking more concretely about relocation. Gordon Berryman and Homer Hill of the New York and Dallas, Texas respectively arrived on the project during the last week of the month. Mr. James Jennings of the Salt Lake City office supervised Civil Service examinations for 142 candidates of whom 82 were from Canal, a community of less than 3000.

During the month all of the fifty family heads who were evacuated from Hawaii were interviewed and were assisted in making appeals to the Military Authorities for permission to return to their evacuated homes. We also assisted a number of parolees definitely interested in relocation in applying for a change of status.

It is anticipated that by the end of May the relocation family files will be completely summarized on a single interviewing sheet. Summarizations for each file makes it possible for the Assistant Advisers to become immediately cognizant of family compositions, occupational backgrounds, health problems, property problems and the results of the last contacts within a relatively short time. In many cases a file will contain as many as 20 or 30 papers which can be boiled down to series of numbered statements on one sheet.

XII. Narrative Statement of Program for Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees:

The relocation supplement has been appearing in the Japanese section in each issue of the Courier for several months. While Mr. Russell Bankson was on the Project, for the purpose of coordinating the informational program, he suggested that this special supplement appear in both English and Japanese. While this



may be practical and useful the shortage of personnel has entered in as a factor in making the change over temporarily impossible.

During the past few weeks there has been a decided change in interest towards specific job offers and hence we are mimeographing a great number of the better offers and, in cooperation with the Block Managers, are being placed in homes according to occupational designations. When each of the Assistant Advisers are thoroughly acquainted with their district they will be in a good position to channelize information according to occupational needs as well as making suggestions to the Reports Office as to specific needs within blocks. We have a great number of newspapers now from various sections of the country in which many people have shown interest so these are being distributed in offices of the Block Managers.

#### XIII. Special Progress Made or Problems Incurred on Relocation:

A great deal of time was spent during the past month amongst groups, particularly those of the Stockton area. The Farming Group, who are primarily interested in returning to the large Delta farm areas near Stockton, are very interested in returning but the leaders have felt that exploratory trips should have been allowed them in view of the fact that there were about 250 people interested in the Project as well as the fact that they felt that someone would have to explore the conditions now because of the vast changes which have occurred since they left that area. The providing of exploratory grants in the case of the Stockton group four weeks ago would, we feel, have led to actual relocation by this time.

The transfer of the Evacuee Property Section from the Administrative Management Division to the Relocation Division was accomplished without confusion or dislocation because of the harmonious working relations which have always existed between the two offices. Tom Reynolds, the new Evacuee Property Officer, formerly worked in our Division and is cognizant of our mutual problems. It is believed that this change will greatly benefit the Relocation Program.

#### XIV. Recommendations for Improvements in the Relocation Program:

It is recommended that the Western Relocation Offices provide us with specific instances where resettlement assistance has been provided. We believe that the people generally feel that resettlement assistance can be secured in the Midwest and East but they are generally dubious about receiving this aid from the West Coast.

Other recommendations for the improvement of the program have been outlined in our previous weekly and monthly reports.



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RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

MONTH May

CENTER Gila River

I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE			NO. BASIC FAMILY UNITS	NO. IND. INVOLVED IN RELO. PLANS
A. First day of month			3093	8625
B. Last day of month			2992	8212
II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH			103	397
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated			28	56
B. Number of other families relocated			75	341
III. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION (OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH			1224	3056
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month			86	271
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month			55	195
IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO FIELD DURING MONTH			247	890
A. Community Invitation			247	890
B. Advance Approval			0	0
V. APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS				
ITEM	NUMBER APPLICATIONS	NUMBER IND. INCLUDED	AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE	AVER. AMOUNT PER PERSON
RECEIVED				
APPROVED				

VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION 0

VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE 4

VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD 0

IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE) 2



X Narrative Statement of Progress on Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

The Central Block Managers in Butte and Canal have been able to recruit a person in each block whose duties will be primarily concerned with post-exclusion planning. These relocation Assistants will be placed on the payroll as of June 1. It is planned that this body will meet at least once a week and possibly more with Assistant Relocation Advisers and Junior Counselors and will be guided to a large extent by community and district chairman. These Assistants will be expected to make periodic calls at the Relocation and Welfare offices and will assist on special individual and family cases wherein counseling or assistance is necessary. They will maintain adequate block relocation libraries and recommend types of information which a specific block or family may need and will post all types of job opportunities as well as miscellaneous information on relocation that is available through the Reports Office. If locality group discussions become necessary in blocks either by districts or by communities it will be their duty to assist in scheduling them. In cases where residents are inquiring about assistance or information and it comes to the attention of the Relocation Assistants it will be given to these Assistants who will be held responsible in keeping them current. We are satisfied that the persons recruited for these jobs in the majority of blocks will be able to perform a reasonably good service to the residents.

In the interests of relocation a poll was conducted by the Community Council Chairman of Butte among the current graduates. As a result it was disclosed the # 91 had definite plans for relocation, 18 were uncertain and 17 declared that they were not planning.

During the month of May the Staff Relocation Committee met four times to discuss various phases of relocation. The Committee set up a speaker and Film Bureau consisting of the Community Activities Supervisor as Chairman and three principals from the Education Section. Recommendations were made in the field of Adult Education and at a subsequent date the Education Section made plans for short courses in cooking, and domestic service. A report by Shotaro Hikida, chairman of the Butte Relocation Planning Commission, was made to the Committee at its last meeting. He gave a very fine account of his 60 day exploratory trip to the midwest and east.

XI. Narrative Statement of Progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Two outside Relocation Officers, Mr. Gordon Berryman of the New York office and Mr. Homer Hill of Dallas, Texas, assisted us on detail assignments during the month. Berryman was able to spend four weeks at our center while Mr. Hill was with us for a period of two weeks. A great number of contacts were made by these Officers which proved to be invaluable.



Four districts have been set up in Butte and two in Canal as a result of recommendations made by the Washington office. District responsibilities have been assumed by the Assistant Relocation Advisers since the first week in May and the results are gratifying. Further success for the districting plan will be implemented by the creation of Relocation Assistant openings.

There was unusual activity among Parolees in making plans for resettlement. In cases where these persons desire to make applications to have their parolee status changed we have assisted them to the extent of our ability. There has been a great deal of concern among this group that life on the outside will be quite difficult as long as they are required to report weekly or even monthly.

#### XII. Narrative Statement of Program for Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees.

The most significant happening during the month which affected community thinking was the round table discussions held in various districts in the Butte community. As a result of an experiment in one of the blocks these discussions were planned with community-wide emphasis in collaboration with the Block Managers and the Chairman of the Council. Posters were distributed to all barracks revealing that the purpose of these meetings was to afford every resident chance to sit down informally after dinner to discuss his or her relocation problems with the Chief of Community Management, Relocation Program Officer and Evacuee Property Officer. Eight of the twelve scheduled discussions have already been held which were attended by 480 persons of whom over 90% have been Issei. We have tried indirectly to accentuate the fact of center closing and to lend belief to the fact that there will not be formal schooling after the 31st of August. At the same time we have stressed the opportunity for individual or family counseling in Relocation and Welfare. The fact that the Central Block Manager and Community Council Chairman of Butte acted as interpreters has added considerable prestige to this type of activity since they are familiar with current problems on relocation.

In cooperation with the Reports Office the Canal Relocation Office has submitted a list of residents who are not currently interested in relocation in order that various types of informational data can be mailed to them directly. Such a list is being compiled also for the Butte Community.

The visit of Reverend Kyogoku of Topaz created interest among those who plan to resettle in the Fresno area. Plans were



almost completed for the creation of a hostel in Fresno which will open sometime in the month of June with Rev. Fujinaga of the Center in charge of its operation.

Now that Kay Kuwada has relocated we are a little concerned about the future of our Japanese relocation supplement which he so successfully edited. It is hoped that Mr. Hikida of the Commission will be able to compose several articles for the Courier before he leaves on or about the middle of June.

#### XIII. Special Progress Made or Problems Incurred on Relocation

The problem of maintaining adequate personnel will somewhat be alleviated by the detail of teachers to Relocation and Welfare until August 31st. A great number of meetings with Personnel and Education have been held in working out specific assignments. We do not want to minimize the importance of having teachers round out these staffs but we realize that it will be difficult to maintain stability in our offices with personnel on detail who would naturally be looking for a chart opening or for a job on the outside.

#### XIV. Recommendations for Improvements in the Relocation Program.

We are a little bewildered about the extent of assistance which offices in the Western Relocation Division can provide.

It is perhaps natural that some of the service provided by the smaller offices should be more extensive. In some instances we have had unusually fine cooperation, particularly in Santa Barbara, San Jose, Santa Rosa and Sacramento in matters which affect not only ordinary functions in relocation but those pertaining to property matters as well. In some cases evacuees are being referred to the USFS without prior groundwork by the WRA which has resulted in a disheartening search for employment. In other cases persons have a letter of introduction to an office relative to a property problem which may mean an intercession with an OPA or WPB board but have returned to the project without having accomplished what they set out to do. We feel that it would be well if the Relocation Offices on the West Coast would outline to the project the general extent of their assistance so that we are better able to provide counseling as to what they may expect.



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# RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

MONTH June

CENTER Gila River

I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE	NO. BASIC FAMILY UNITS	NO. IND. INVOLVED IN RELO. PLANS.		
A. First day of month	2992	8212		
B. Last day of month	2838	7514		
II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH	331	652		
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	51	113		
B. Number of other families relocated	280	539		
III. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION(OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH	1331	3071		
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month.	71	173		
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	57	149		
IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO FIELD DURING MONTH	353	701		
A. Community Invitation	353	701		
B. Advance Approval	0	0		
V. APPLICATION FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS				
ITEM	NUMBER APPLICATIONS	NUMBER IND. INCLUDED	AMT. OF ASSISTANCE	AVER. AM'T PER PERSON
REC'D	331	652	34627.25	53.11
APPR'D	331	652	34627.25	53.11
VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION				0
VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE				1
VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD				0
IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATION COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE)				1



X. Narrative Statement of Progress on Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

51 Relocation Block Assistants have been under the supervision of the Relocation Division since the second week in June. Seven districts have been formed and a like number of offices set up for the purpose of having central meeting places as well as focal points where informational data can be displayed. These offices are being maintained by the District Coordination Assistants who are responsible for district activities. Meetings are usually conducted by a Relocation Assistant Adviser with the assistance of a Jr. Welfare Counselor.

All districts have had at least three meetings. During the initial week the discussion largely was taken up with the problems of resettlement assistance. The Assistants, in nearly all cases women, have responded quite favorably and have in many cases been instrumental in bringing information to the respective blocks as well as personally escorting residents to either welfare or relocation.

There is a large degree of timidity which has to be overcome, but as they become increasingly familiar with policies and factors in relocation, welfare, and evacuee property we believe that they will serve very usefully in the blocks.

The Central Block Managers of Butte and Canal and the Butte Council Chairman were instrumental in the scheduling of 16 district planning discussions which were attended by 852 residents. These discussions were far more effective in Butte because of the preparation and assistance given by the evacuee leaders in Butte.

The Staff Relocation Committee met once this month to discuss the implications of resettlement assistance.

XI. Narrative Statement of Progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

Seven districts, four in Butte and three in Canal, which were formulated about six weeks ago are being taken care of by as many Assistant Relocation Advisers. In addition to assuming regular counter business the Advisers have contacted as many individuals as time would allow. In one district in Butte every family has been contacted during the past two months.

These Advisers are prepared to advise on the prospects for resettlement assistance when applicants are exploring the possibilities. However the actual determination is made in the welfare offices after a referral by our offices have been made. A contact with welfare is usually not made until



XI. (continued)

an applicant has signed up for departure.

As an indication of interest in eastern and southern farming conditions there were three exploratory trips issued during the month. A considerable number of short term leaves were given for trips to Fresno, San Jose, Stockton, and Sacramento for the purpose of locating farm opportunities. Naturally many are going back to Fresno in hopes of finding farm offers because of the fact many Gilans have returned there to their old homes. However, many fine offers submitted by the Sacramento Office, particularly those in the Marysville district, have been shunned because of uncertain feelings about sentiment, ability to market products etc.

Relocation Officer Eric Thomsen and his assistant Taki Asakura, from the Santa Barbara Office, visited our center for a period of about four days. A meeting of former residents from Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo counties was attended by well over a hundred family heads. While nearly all Santa Barbara families were counseled during their stay, they were not able to reach all the Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Oxnard, Ventura, or Lompoc families on the same basis; however, it is anticipated that Mr. Asakura will return to the project within about 3 or 4 weeks and will be able to devote more time to remaining families who elect to go back into this area. Fortunately the Santa Maria group realize that comparatively few can return to this locality, since present Japanese holdings are negligible and so are planning to go elsewhere.

A great number of our Hawaiian residents have during the past six weeks been advised about their requests for a return to the islands. In the great majority of cases the applications have been approved.

XII. Narrative Statement of Program of Presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees.

The district discussions held during the past weeks have perhaps contributed more to an understanding of the program than any single factor. Every conceivable type of question was raised. Invariably the inquiries were honest and forthright and indicated that the residents were there for information about their own personal problems. Questions and answers were carefully notated by the Butte Central Block Manager who has proffered to edit them for the Japanese section of our News Courier.

The reports Office has cooperated very nicely in an effort at making the district offices an additional rendezvous where the residents may find information about the program. Whether they will be frequented enough to compensate for the efforts made to make them attractive of course will have



to be determined as time goes on. Excellent liason work however, exists between the Relocation Block Assistants and Reports in an effort to give the residents of a particular district the type of data which they want. They are being equipped with large bulletin boards displaying job opportunities and latest relocation bulletins.

For the past week and until further notice the Reports Office has undertaken to handle all job, rental, sale, or crop share opportunities. The Relocation Program Officer has arranged to have all incoming opportunities routed immediately to the Reports Division where duplicate copies are made for the use of the Relocation offices and welfare and sufficient duplicating made for camp-wide distribution. In the distribution of these opportunities throughout the communities, especial care is taken to post them in the most accessible spots. The offers are generally condensed for this type of posting.

We are again without a qualified evacuee who is able to assist in the publication of a Japanese supplement. Our Butte Central Block Manager may be available for a limited time, but within a few weeks we will be confronted with the same problem of personnel again.

In order to hurriedly acquaint our Relocation Block Assistants with the main factors in the program we have mimeographed a 9 page relocation manual for their use. As policies change or services materially differ, we will be able to revise the manual within a reasonable time.

#### XIII. Special Progress made or Problems Incurred on Relocation.

The Canal closing announcement was accepted by the residents rather calmly. We consider it fortunate that this community has had a superior relocation record as compared to Butte and since a larger proportion of people are actively planning relocation there, it will lessen our problems. The Assistant Relocation Program Officer and one Assistant Relocation Advisor have been detailed to Canal until October 1st. Commencing July 2, we will attempt to determine the current planning of every family unit whose folders at present does not indicate any type of planning. This will be done in the various block Manager's offices by appointments arranged through the cooperation of the Relocation Block Assistants and Block Managers. If plans are maturing largely without our assistance, it will be noted as well as the approximate departure date. In cases where assistance is needed every effort will be made to dispatch summaries to field offices, or use teletypes and telephone to find suitable opportunities. While three Assistant Relocation Advisors will spend about three weeks in the respective blocks in order to complete this program,



there will be sufficient office personnel in the administration building to handle the counter business. A detailed mimeographed announcement was delivered to every barracks in the community on the 22nd of June.

We were fortunate in having Robert Cozzens, Assistant Director visit our center for a number of days. Mr. Cozzens appeared at about a dozen meetings with the staff and evacuee organizations. In addition to bringing us up-to-date on California job opportunities, sentiment, marketing prospects and the like he described in detail, the services we may expect from the various coast relocation offices.

A great number of transportation meetings held locally and with the representatives of the Greyhound Bus Company in Phoenix has not as yet afforded us a commitment on transportation to the railheads. The Corporation Commission of Arizona did not allow Greyhound to schedule two daily trips to Phoenix and also two to Chandler, but there was a matter of existing rights which the company felt were being tampered with which resulted in a request for another hearing. In the meantime, Greyhound will charter busses either east or west, and this service will no doubt be arranged for soon.

31 cases of resettlement assistance applications have been approved for an aggregate amount of \$4973.09. This means that the average applicant has received about \$160.00. We are confronted with a community feeling that this assistance is difficult to get. Under existing interpretations of course many realize that their chances in getting assistance after June 1st, are quite remote whereas, if they had relocated in the midwest or east prior to that date they may have qualified. It may be difficult to find enough ten percenters.

Relocation Division Memorandum No. 93 on door delivery of freight shipments offers this project only a limited panacea. The Universal Carloading and Distributing Company Inc. stated when we contacted them that they could handle our shipments to the midwest, east, south and possibly to certain parts of Colorado. As far as movements are concerned to the west or north they are in no position to handle our freight. As a result we have met the Fleet Lines, Western Truck Lines and Pacific Freight Lines who have all indicated that they would like the business and would be able to provide a far more rapid service than is given us by LCL shipments. For instance, to Fresno shipments could be delivered in a matter of 36 to 48 hours. It is highly important that we negotiate with these freight lines since our northern and western movements may well exceed 60% of all departures.

We have eight teachers detailed from Education, six full time and two half time. Two persons have been assigned to the



Ration department, two to the Leave office and the balance to the relocation offices. While this temporary arrangement is an uplift as long as it lasts, it seriously hampers us in not having chart jobs for at least a portion of these whom we will need for the balance of the program.

XIV. Recommendations for Improvements in the Relocation Program

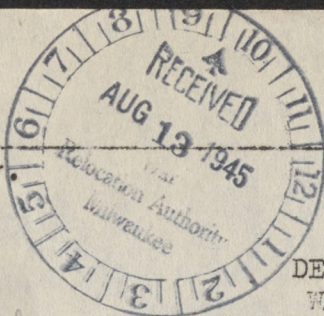
(I) It is recommended that regular cash advances, stipends or allowances given evacuees for center employment, be obviated as a cash resource in the calculation for resettlement needs.

(II) It is recommended that the projects be allowed to ship household goods by truck lines allowing thereby the payment of a higher rate than LCL. The excess in rates would be approximately 6%. Actually, the use of freight line will ultimately be cheaper for the WRA since the freight lines would pick up the goods at the project and deliver them to the destinations quickly so that express shipments would in most cases not be needed. In addition to the cost angle is of course the service provided the relocatee.

(III) It is recommended that the WRA office grant new chart openings for certain detailed personnel from Education. Unless this is acted on they will in most cases leave during the summer and will not be able to stay on later than August 31st.



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RELOCATION PROGRESS REPORT

MONTH JULY

CENTER GILA RIVER

		No. Basic Family Units	No. Ind. Involved in Relo. Plans	
I. NUMBER IN CENTER ON THE				
A. First day of month		2838	7514	
B. Last day of month		2362	6600	
II. NUMBER RELOCATED DURING MONTH		445	936	
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated		139	453	
B. Number of other families relocated		306	483	
III. NUMBER OF FAMILIES REPRESENTED IN DISCUSSION (OR DISCUSSIONS) OF PLANS FOR RELOCATION DURING MONTH		1846	3871	
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month		94	307	
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month		34	141	
IV. NUMBER OF FAMILY SUMMARIES SENT TO FIELD DURING MONTH		492	1141	
A. Community Invitation				
B. Advance Approval				
V. APPLICATIONS FOR RELOCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS				
ITEM	NUMBER APPLICATIONS	NUMBER INDIVIDUALS INCLUDED	AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE	AV. AMOUNT PER PERSON
RECEIVED	445	936	50950.25	54.43
APPROVED	445	936	50950.25	54.43
(7 Conversions)		(9 Conversions)		
VI. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION			0	
VII. MEETINGS OF STAFF RELOCATION COMMITTEE			0	
VIII. MEETINGS OF RELOCATION EXECUTIVE BOARD			0	
IX. MEETINGS OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE (INFORMATION COMMITTEE)			0	



X. Narrative Statement of Progress on Center Organization for Relocation Planning.

The Relocation Block Clerks continue to be our mainstay in disseminating information to the blocks as well as reporting the relocation trends. District meetings are held weekly under the supervision of an Assistant Relocation Adviser and the group meets as a body once every week.

During the absence of the Butte Council Chairman, there does not exist much cooperation with the Administration on the part of the Councils. In Canal, however, the Chairman has recommended another series of district meetings on ration problems and farm opportunities in the midwest and east.

During the past few weeks some of our most forceful Block Managers have relocated and have left a void which makes it difficult to get needed cooperation. We are, however, fortunate in having a Central Block Manager in our Butte Community who has been extraordinarily cooperative.

XI. Narrative Statement of Progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program.

All Canal residents whose current planning was not known, were called in on scheduled interviews. They appeared at their Block Manager's office through the assistance of Relocation Block Clerks and Managers and in every instance appeared for an interview. The results of the interviews were categorized under the following headings: 1. Those who were largely making their own plans without assistance of the WRA, 2. Those who are presently segregated or excluded, 3. Those who are willing to relocate but under specific conditions, usually desiring opportunities at their preevacuation address, 4. Those who are referred to Welfare and 5. Those who are adamant about any type of relocation planning. Fortunately the number appearing in the last category was not very large. Family heads representing over 1200 persons were interviewed under this program.

Relocation Chief Lee visited our project during July. Russell Derrickson of the Center Liason Section was also here to consult with the Relocation Division and Welfare Section.

XII. Narrative Statement of Progress of Presenting Relocation information to Evacuees.

The Reports Office has assumed complete responsibility for the dissemination of information. All specific job opportunities whether they arrive by letter or teletype or are telephoned are routed immediately to Reports where they are mimeographed in sufficient numbers



so as to provide each block with a minimum of five job sheets. The majority of residents are becoming cognizant of these publications and the results in relocation advising have become quite noticeable.

Attractive posters of relocated Gilians are also on display in every Block Manager's office. These posters are frequently interchanged in the various offices so that a wide distribution of pictures can be made possible.

Black boards have been placed in every block primarily for the purpose of translating job offers, items on housing or relocation news in the Japanese language. Relocation Clerks and Block Managers are responsible for these translations.

#### XIII. Special Progress Made or Problems incurred on Relocation.

Greyhound Bus service was initiated on the 19th of July for movements to California. Nearly all departures to the coast are routed by Greyhound and we are able to provide transportation to points such as Fresno where an entire load can be arranged.

Western Truck Lines are performing an exceptional service in the shipment of freight to the coast and to points in northern states. Freight shipments are arriving in Sacramento on the third day and often precede the relocatee's arrival. Universal Carloading makes pick-ups of east bound freight at the project, and rounds out cars with freight both from Gila and Poston.

During the past two weeks in July we encountered an unusual amount of labor shortage in our pick-up and crating service. Despite a vigorous attempt at soliciting workers for this detail we had an insufficient evacuee staff and in order to make the deadlines a number of the appointed staff were pressed into service. Provision of lunches for carpenters and loaders and a \$19 wage designation for the entire personnel were not sufficient inducements to bring in a full crew.

26 Hawaiians placed on alert for possible shipment to Hawaii during the first week in July, are awaiting definite word. We have about 45 additional families evacuated from Hawaii who have been approved for return. In the meantime alternate planning among families of this group is negligible.

We have two residents who are contemplating setting up hostels in Oxnard and Parlier, California during the early part of August. This will assist very materially in providing temporary shelter in two localities where a considerable number are scheduled to return.

There has been a wide spread misunderstanding on ration book tailoring despite explanations appearing in our center newspaper. To overcome this feeling in our Canal Community, the council has



scheduled four district meetings for discussion on rationing.

All cooperating offices including Welfare, Leave, Evacuee Property, Rationing, and that of the Agent Cashier are now in cluster not over 150 feet from the Relocation Office. The Leave office has been provided with additional space so the congestion there has been eliminated.

The problem of arranging for change of residence for parolees has been largely minimized. We are receiving approvals from the El Paso Office of the Immigration Service within a period of 6 to 7 days from date of application.

XIV. Recommendations:

- (1) Submission of more farm offers from California.
- (2) An answer on teacher details is vital to program now.