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MONTHLY REPORT -- CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION

March

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 — 409

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

(b) Other — 409

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

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 691

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — ____

c. Total interviews (sum of a.(1) and b.(1) — 1100

As the program for interviewing Basic Family Units has not been used as yet in this center, our records for the number of people interviewed do not allow us to obtain the number of individuals interviewed including one person per Basic Family Unit in time for this March Report. The figure 409 is the total number of initial interviews in March.

No record keeping system has been set-up in time to obtain the figure for 1.a.(2). for this March report.

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — Number 0

As mentioned above, since we have records by individuals rather than by families the number of families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers are not available. In the month of March there have been 85 letters written to the various relocation offices for different individuals asking for general invitation to the district or for specific opportunity for the particular individual. 304 wires for the same purposes were sent.

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	253
Individuals included	390
Applications approved	303
Average amount approved (including travel)	$76.89
4. Leave clearance dockets	
(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	522
(b) Pending action at center	842
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Division Committee	0
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee participation-

The Poston organization for relocation planning is centered about the present evacuee organized groups. These include the three Block Manager Systems, the three Unit Councils, the Community Council, the Executive Board, the Adult Education Department, The Agricultural Committee, and the Unit Administrators. We have had complete cooperation from these groups on all relocation problems presented to them. As relocation grows steadily along and as Selective Service enters the picture, we find that these groups are comprised more and more of older people. Relocation for them has as yet not been stressed because we have not been able to materially assist them through the old plans. With the new seasonal leave and the new trial indefinite leave with added emphasis on on farm and group activities, these organizations will be better equipped to help the people which they represent.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Cooperation from all divisions has been very helpful in the Relocation Program in Poston. The coordination of this work through the division chiefs and the delegated representatives has brought about a better understanding of their problems and a clearer picture of relocation. Through staff meetings and other types of meetings, we have been able to present relocation program, its many possibilities and its many problems to all staff members. Because of the many problems in Poston confronting the Administrative staff, some of which are caused from the turnover in Personnel and some from change in policies, it has taken time to approach a unified goal with complete cooperation from all. Although this goal has

not been reached, we feel that the foundation has been established and we are ready to build a sound program. Early in the month, the members of the Relocation Team, Mr. Harold S. Fistere and Mr. Robert Cullum, addressed a meeting of the large number of appointed personnel during which time a summary was made of the relocation program as a whole and questions answered.

Early in March as well as in late February, the Community Analysis Office and the Community Activities section provided the assistance in carrying out the functions and meetings of the Relocation Team. This was done under the supervision of the Relocation Division. All offices on the project are supplied information of incoming relocation opportunities and its localities through the Relocation Bulletin. When William Kir-Stimon, Grand Rapid's Relocation Officer was here, he worked principally in Unit III and also with the Unit III schools in interesting the young people in relocation planning against the tide of expatriation applications.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff activities-

The regular bi-monthly Relocation Staff meeting has been a clearing house for relocation problems that originate in the unit field offices. Prominent evacuee leaders and appointed personnel attend these meetings when special problems are discussed. Suggestions and criticisms are then taken back to the evacuee and staff groups for planning and discussion. These meetings have helped iron out the different interpretations of existing regulations. As a whole, the activities of both staff and evacuee members have worked smoothly and in cooperation with the relocation program.

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

Relocation information is presented to the evacuees in three principal ways. First, through the means of a bulletin of job offers, "Relocation Opportunities", and through the "Poston Chronicle", the center paper. The "Relocation Opportunities", which contains job offers sent in by various relocation officers, announcements, and any information pertinent to relocation, is issued at least three times a week. 14 issues were made in March. These bulletins are distributed to the blocks to post on the block bulletin board. Plans are to distribute them to each apartment in the block about once or twice a month by having them distributed with the "Poston Chronicle". Copies of the "Relocation Opportunities" are sent to each division and section of the center and to places where people congregate. The "Chronicle" carries articles and stories sent in by the Relocation Division or obtained through other sources. Information is given to the evacuees, secondly, through the Relocation Advisers. All information received by the Relocation Division is sent immediately to the Relocation Advisers. Booklets, such as the Facts about America Series, pamphlets, etc., which may come in from the Washington Office, Area or District Offices are turned over to the Relocation Advisers for distribution to interested persons. The Relocation Reading Rooms, one in each of the three unit relocation offices, are the

third way. In these reading rooms are all the informational material concerning relocation from the various sources. In March we received weekly copies of newspaper from 23 cities and also the materials listed on the attached sheets. Pictures left by the relocation team are also on display at the Relocation Reading Rooms and arrangements have been made to make displays of the additional photographs received where people congregate, as the canteens.

Materials Received in the Month of March, 1944

Booklet	The State of Iowa Welcomes You
Booklet	Saint Louis Views
Scrapbook	A Peek at St. Louis
Booklet	Kansas (Point of Interest), Historic, Scenic, Recreational
Map	Travel Kansas--Cross Roads of a Continent
Booklet	Inscriptions on Kansas Historical Markers
Map	Minnesota Road Map
Map	Illinois Official Highway Map-- 1942
Booklet	Utah-- Land of Endless Scenic Discovery
Map	Wisconsin Official Highway Map
Map	wisconsin State Highway Commission (large)
Map	Idaho Highway Map, 1942
Map	Iowa, 1942
Map	Michigan, 1942
Map	New Mexico, The Land of Enchantment
Booklet	New Mexico "Land of Enchantment"
Map	Montana Highway Map-- "Travel Strengthens America"
Map	South Dakota Highway Map
Map	Battlefields of the Conquistadores in New Mexico
Map	Map of Montana--The Land of Shining Mountains
Map	Pictorial Guide to Washington, D. C.
Map	Pictorial Guide to New Jersey
Map	Pictorial Guide to Pennsylvania
Map	Pictorial Guide to New York
Map	Pictorial Guide to New England
Map	Metropolitan New York
Map	Pictorial Guide-- North Carolina and South Carolina
Map	Pictorial Guide-- Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware
City Map	Helena, Montana
Booklet	State Parks and Memorials, Illinois
Map	North Dakota Highway Map
Map	A Map of Vermont, the Green Mountain State
Map	Nebraska Highways-- Official Map
Book	New Jersey-- A guide to Its Past and Present
Book	Massachusetts-- A guide to Its Place and People
Book	Delaware-- A guide to the First State
Book--	Maryland-- A Guide to the Old Line State
Book	Virginia-- A guide to the Old Dominion
Book	Texas-- A Guide to the Lone Star State
Map	Highway Map of Tennessee, July 1943

Booklet	These Are Our Parents by Morimitsu
Booklet	The Smiths' and Their Wartime Budgets
Booklet	Service in the Armed Forces
Booklet	O.P.A. Bulletin for Schools and Colleges
Newspaper	The Clinton Herald, Iowa
Booklet	Facts about Upper Yellowstone Valley of Montana
Pamphlet	Address by Sergenat Kuroki
Map	Connecticut Highways, 1943
Map	Official Road Map of Indiana
Booklet	Civilian Living in Wartime
Map	Michigan Official Road Map
Map	Ohio Metropolitan Cleveland
Booklet	Maine, The Land of Remembered Vacations
Map	Route Map of Maine, 1942-43
Booklet	New Mersey, The Garden State
Map	Route Map of Massachusetts, 1941
Booklet	Challenge
Map	State Highway System of Arkansas, 1941
Map	State Highway Map of Oklahoma, 1941
Map	Texas Official Highway Map
Newspaper	Boston Globe, March 22, 1944
Pamphlet	Relocation Problems and Policies

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

1. We initiated the procedure for payment of cash grants and subsistence at the time of departure rather than the afternoon or the day before departure. We have found that this not only sends our residents away with a better feeling of security, but is much easier to handle. By so doing it this way, considerable time is saved by both the Relocation Division and the Agent Cashier.

2. The change from the issuing of travel vouchers from the Fiscal Section to the Relocation Division has also facilitated our procedures and eleminated considerable duplication and saved many working hours in time.

3. Sharp increase in the number returning to the project has presented specific problems in determining the project status.

4. Through the coordination of the Woman's Club, Steward's Office, Community Activities, Schools, and the Leave Offices, a weekly instructional dinner was initiated to inform the individuals in present-day etiquette and about travel regulations. These tie in with classes of the same nature started in by the Leave Officer early in the month. and which are being continued once a week.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

1. Expedition of leave clearance cases would greatly facilitate relocation.

2. An adjustment of leave clearance policies in order to equalize citizens and alien cases on a more just basis should be made.

3. More careful selection of destination of individuals because Isseis are depending upon the Nissei to open up the way for their relocation. If we continue to send young people to jobs without complete consultation with the families, relocation for the family will never be completed. This procedure should be initiated immediately and worked on a family rather than on an individual basis.

4. Seasonal leave should not be encouraged or possibly even allowed in restricted areas. One of the best aids to relocation is to have individuals first go on seasonal in order to test the community, the climate, the kind of work, and then to have him return the following year for indefinite relocation. To encourage seasonal to restricted areas prolongs relocation and in most cases prevents it entirely.

5. A closer coordination between evacuee relocation plans and California Property is imperative. On the one hand, we have Evacuee Property men in California trying to settle property affairs, mostly through sales. On the other hand, we have the Project Relocation Division trying to relocate people in the best possible manner. Once their property is sold, it cannot be replaced. If it cannot be replaced, relocation is stopped. It may be too late to do them the good that was needed, for many hundreds of family have disposed their property through the WRA policies. However, some goodstill can be done.

6. The Evacuee Property staff should be increased considerably. Their delay in handling property problems, in most cases, definitely stops relocation.

7. During the winter, many families had made plans to relocate in the spring. Selective Service definitely interrupted their plans. A national policy should be established where family relocation is affected, to temporarily defer for three to six months the induction of the father or the son upon whom the family is depending. Relocation will not take place for the duration if such an individual is taken. However, should the individual be given the opportunity to relocate his family and to have them adjust their resettlement, he would be much better qualified to serve our country and at the same time his family would be away from the center growing up in an American community.

Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
April - 1944

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1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 242

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 26

(b) Other — 216

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 119

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 345

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — ____

C. Total interviews (sum of A(1) and B(1) — 587

The special counseling program was installed with the cooperation of the Welfare Section and the addition of Mrs. Harriet Powell and Tsunezo Tanaka as Interviewers. Considerable discussion was necessary before the heads of the Welfare Section and Community Management Division were convinced of the necessity of emphasizing relocation rather than mentioning it as one factor in future plans. However, emphasis in direction of Relocation was made clear at a meeting of Welfare and Relocation with the Project Director on April 17. Several other joint meetings were held by the Welfare and Relocation staffs to clarify policies and procedures to be followed.

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — Number 0

No Relocation Summaries have been referred to the Relocation Officers, but 25 letters and 120 wires have been sent to the various Relocation Officers for individuals asking for general invitations or for specific opportunities.

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 122

Individuals included — 182

Colorado River Relocation Center
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MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
April - 1944

Exhibit-A

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: 242

(a) Referred from Welfare Section: 28

(b) Other: 214

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals: 119

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total, including additional interviews with same individuals): 148

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed:

C. Total interviews (sum of A(1) and B(1): 527

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2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers: Number 0

Relocation Summaries have been referred to the Relocation Officers, but Relocation Officers have been sent to the various Relocation Offices for consideration for general invitations or for specific opportunities.

3. Families for whom Relocation Officers have received grants for leave assistance: 122

Families included: 122

Applications approved	128
Average amount approved (including travel)	$75.05

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	377
(b) Pending action at center	858

5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	2
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee participation-

Definite steps for evacuee participation in the relocation program and the special counseling campaign were made during the month of April when the Community Management Chief was asked to analyze the background of the evacuee leaders with an eye toward an approach to them for cooperation and assistance. On April 24, he and the Acting Relocation Program Officer conferred with Mr. Itaru Kubota, Acting Chairman of the Community Council on the April 15 letter of Mr. Myer on recent developments in the relocation program. Mr. Kubota is a newly elected councilman who is acting in the place of Thomas Masuda, Council Chairman, who left the center on a sixty-day tour of relocation offices. Mr. Kubota's attitude emphasized the necessity for future planning on the part of evacuees, including relocation, and it is a contrast to the negative approach of the former Council chairman who went to Crystal City to join his parents this month. A translation of the Director's April 15 letter has been secured and arrangements have been made to present it at the May 4 meeting of the Council.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff-

At each meeting of the Administrative staff, relocation was brought up and achievements and problems reported. The new counseling program has brought the Community Management Division into closer cooperation with the Relocation Division. The Reports Officer has been helpful in securing translations of official material, including the Relocation Opportunity Bulletins, and additional plans were made to secure more material in Japanese. The Reports Officer has been requested to prepare a program to assist the Relocation Division. She has conferred with the Chronicle staff, and as a result, it will continue to carry more relocation news and features in both English and Japanese. The Community Analyst and Community Activities Supervisor have been asked to prepare a plan of coordinating their sections' activities with the Relocation program, primarily in the organization of nisei and kibei groups and upon recommendations of William Kir-Stimon, Grand Rapids' Relocation Officer. The Operations and Administrative Management Divisions have played a routine role in relocation with Operations procuring lumber for evacuees' freight and administrative management processing leave assistance applications. It is necessary

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to inform and improve the staff attitude on relocation. No organization for relocation has been formed by the Administrative staff.

C. Coordination of evacuee and staff activities

Coordination of evacuee and staff activities is pending the achievement of the organization of the administrative and evacuee groups for future planning.

9. See 8B above, regarding participation of the Reports Officer. In addition, plans have been made to change the locale of the reading rooms in our unit relocation offices. Heretofore, two have been in side rooms away from the reception point of the unit offices. We are going to use our reading material and maps, which are quite extensive, in combination reading and waiting rooms, so that individuals will not have to make a special effort to reach the reading room. Remodeling plans of the Block 27 office were approved on this basis. As much material in Japanese as possible is being made available by the Relocation Division. However, it is felt that the Washington Reports Office should publish a great deal more than it has in Japanese. The Facts about America Series in condensed form would be of great assistance in Japanese.

In addition to the regularly received material, city maps of several of the large cities have been purchased and added to our reading rooms. Requests for information on agriculture of the various states have been directed to the college of agriculture in each state. We have received several bulletins and pamphlets from them with lists of other available bulletins on agriculture.

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

A. A request was made to Washington for twenty additional copies of all relocation procedural material because of the additional participation of the Welfare Section, especially in the counseling program and also to provide adequate copies to the Relocation staff without having to type from a dozen to sixteen more copies than are usually received.

B. A step toward evacuee participation was made with the Acting Council Chairman indicating more cooperation than we have received heretofore; see 8A.

C. The Project Director's stand clearly for relocation has assisted us in forwarding the program.

D. Attitudes differing from established WRA policies have been noted on the part of some influential members of the appointed staff. Recommendations for improving these are considered under 11.

E. Results of the Council survey on future plans for the residents were made available and transmitted to Washington. It showed a definite weakness in the relocation program in Poston, particularly in regard to informing evacuee leaders and residents of their responsibility in regard to relocation, and of successful possibilities of resettlement for issei as well as nisei families.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program-

A. Although relocation on an organized scale with participation of field offices has been in existence over a year, members of the appointed staff,

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B. Evacuee participation must be secured through steady contact with leaders explaining full details and ramifications of the program as they develop, including the additional assistance being secured through the Washington and field offices for permanent resettlement of the residents.

C. The Relocation Program Officer should be completely unfettered by routine details connected with Selective Service and Leave Clearance hearings, although he may keep an eye on them in relation to the relocation program. The proper place for these detailed functions is either in the Leave Office where the individual in charge is responsible for details and record keeping on all types of leave, or by an evacuee staff. Although leave clearances have been expedited and we are thankful for Washington's cooperation in this respect, the remaining pending cases should be cleared up as soon as possible.

D. The Council survey of over 70% against relocation in 1944 presents a sharp challenge to the project as a whole and the Relocation Division in particular. It indicates the necessity for a coordinated and closely supervised program to interest the negative group in relocation, which eventually will be their only future.

E. Methods of involving the Administrative and Operations Divisions behind the relocation program should be developed at the earliest opportunity.

F. Director Myer's statement on relocation as an important prelude to return to California must constantly be emphasized and false rumors of an early or easy return must be refuted.

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COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER

MONTHLY REPORT - RELOCATION DIVISION
May - 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

      (1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 286

         (a) Referred from Welfare Section — 0

         (b) Other — 286

      (2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 72

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

      (1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 751

      (2) Total number of individuals interviewed — _____

   C. Total interviews (sum of A(1) and B(1) — 1037

2. Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 9

   Three Relocation Summaries have been referred to the Relocation Officers, and 67 letters and 164 wires have been sent to the various Relocation Officers for individuals asking for general invitations or for specific opportunities.

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 172

   Individuals included — 254

   Applications approved — 183

   Average amount approved (including travel) — $83.87

4. Leave clearance dockets

   (a) Awaiting clearance in Washington — 206

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(b) Pending action at center	756
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	4
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee participation

There has been a definite limitation on the part of the residents in participation in the relocation program. The move for relocation which has been ever increasing during the past month, brought about by the approved contracts for seasonal workers and the possibilities of deferment for older men. The leaders have used these reasons for their non participation. Many meetings were attended by the Relocation Program Officer to report the high lights of the conference. During these meetings many interesting questions were asked and vital problems discussed. Although many of the leaders in the community are interested in relocation from a personal angle they still react neutral to active participation in the program.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

Because of the number relocated, all staffs have been cut below the very minimum needed for efficient work. However, divisions have assisted to their limited degree of participation regardless of these handicaps. The Community Analyst has submitted a tentative report on relocation comments which has been helpful to the division. The Reports Officer has continually featured relocation stories and other relocation material in the Chronicle. The Administrative Management Division has assumed the responsibility for processing lumber, nails and rope to individuals relocating. The Relocation Division had previously carried this responsibility. The leave clearance section was transferred to the Project Attorney where it had a very successful month. However, in accordance with administrative instructions the Relocation Division expects to again assume responsibility for this work. As individuals and as units, we have had splendid cooperation from all divisions.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities

Continues to lag because of the restrictions placed on their activities by the community leaders. Individual efforts have been coordinated but not on group level. It is hoped that in future planning a more careful coordination can be brought about.

9. Narrative statement of program of presenting relocation information to evacuees (including the use made of Facts about America Series and other material, and developments of Relocation Library)

During the month, 2294 separate articles were received by the resettlement

information section. These include pamphlets, booklets, books, newspapers, maps and other related materials. The shifting of the libraries to the waiting room has not been completed due to scarcity of materials and carpenters to do the work. It is hoped that these adjustments may be made during the coming month. An increasing number of people are referring to the libraries for facts and information about the area to which they expect to relocate. The Reports Office has continually featured relocation material in both their English and Japanese sections of the Poston Chronicle. It is very gratifying to receive this splendid cooperation.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Actual inauguration of the Special Family Counseling Program was delayed until the second week in May, although a limited number of interviews were held previously by regular staff members. By May 8, three Relocation Interviewers had been assigned. Much groundwork had been done previous to that date in working out approach, details and physical set-up. Instructional material had been assembled in Handbooks, and a series of staff meetings between Relocation and Welfare were held, and have been held continuously, to work out procedures, interpret policies and set up guiding principles.

The initiation of the Special Family Counseling Program, as far as the residents were concerned, was based on the approach that the program was an extension and development of family welfare counseling and relocation advising already in effect on the project; however, with a change of emphasis from the individual's plan to that of the family unit. In Center newspaper publicity and in discussion with community leaders and groups, the dual purpose of the program was outlined, first, that of giving information to families which would be helpful in solving the problems with which they are faced, and second, obtaining information about the kinds of problems they face so that WRA can use available resources more effectively in helping solve such problems. Although relocation assistance was stressed, it was made clear that this program did not change the voluntary nature of relocation. To date an understanding of the program on the project is still quite limited and the program has not had the active backing of evacuee bodies. There has been no resistance, rather an attitude of indifference. We are now endeavoring to work out a campaign to educate and gain the support of the leaders and residents. All material and releases from Washington have been channeled to the Community Council and Unit Administrators and at present we are working directly with the Block Managers to obtain understanding and support.

In spite of the lack of active support from evacuee bodies, the response and cooperation from persons interviewed has been gratifying. Interviewing has been done by calling persons into the Unit Relocation Offices, with a similar method used by the Welfare Section Counselors. We are, however, discussing the feasibility of a block interview, or home visits.

The visit to the project at the end of the month of Mr. Robert Dolins from the Center Liaison Section at Washington was of great value. From him we were able to obtain Washington's thinking and very definite suggestions for improvement and speeding up of the program. During his short visit, three Counseling Program staff meetings were held with him, and the most immediate result has been the setting up of a Case Review Committee with members from both the Relocation and Welfare staffs to review work and plan future steps.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

A. We would like to request that a good relocation material for Issei be translated into Japanese and submitted to all projects. It is impossible for the translators in the Reports Division to do this work under the present manpower shortages. Effective relocation for the Issei cannot progress until relocation material in Japanese is available to them.

B. We are forwarding the third report of George Nishita and Thomas Masuda. Their criticism of the field offices should be carefully considered and proper adjustments made to help relocating evacuees, particularly when they first contact the relocation offices.

C. Consideration should be given by the Washington Office for a simplification of procedures and paper work, since the constant changes and decrease in staff, both appointed and evacuee, due to relocation and selective service, is creating a situation where fewer and fewer trained and experienced workers are available to carry on an ever increasing load. This situation will become critical particularly from July through September due to staff members taking advantage of seasonal leave offers. The division will be left with a skeleton force of untrained workers, with only high school students to call on for replacements.

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MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
June 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 406

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 12

(b) Other — 394

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 44

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 611

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — _____

c. Special Family Counseling Program

(1) No. interviews with family representative — 377

(a) No. interviews indicating immediate interest in relocation — 56

(b) No. interviews indicating interest in relocation but for family problems or other reasons relocation not presently feasible — 116

(c) No. interviews indicating uninterest in relocation — 205

d. Total interviews (sum of a(1), b(1), and c(1) — 1394

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2.	Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	28
3.	Applications for leave assistance grants received	445
	Individuals included	559
	Applications approved	438
	Average Amount approved (including travel)	$32.22
4.	Leave clearance dockets	
	(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	285 ~~1272~~
	(b) Pending action at center	657 ~~3469~~
5.	Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6.	Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
	(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	1
7.	Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee Participation

During this month, there has been a very noticeable improvement in evacuee participation. This is being manifested almost entirely on an individual basis. The spirit of relocation seems to have developed in almost every block of the three camps, and as families or individuals leave, the impulse to do likewise on the part of those left behind has become stronger and stronger. The Community Council in each of the three camps has looked with disfavor upon appointment of special evacuee committees designed to step up relocation. This attitude is, perhaps, taken because of former stands or commitments made by these leaders regarding the matter of relocation. Furthermore, it is felt by them that the indirect method of stimulating relocation on an individual and spontaneous basis is better received and much more effective than the direct approach which would appear to be a drive.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

The subject of relocation is ever prominently present in Project Staff Meetings and it is felt that Division Heads and members of the appointed

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personnel realize that the main objective of the Project is the suitable relocation of evacuee residents, and as opportunity is afforded, they use their influence in presenting the advantages of relocation to those with whom they come in contact.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities

Since relocation committees made up of evacuees have not been organized, the coordination which this subject suggests has not been particularly effective. The Relocation Program Officer frequently attends evacuee meetings and acquaints those representatives with the program and progress of relocation. By this means and also through similar special action on the part of the Project Reports Office, there has been developed a coordination which has made itself felt with favor throughout each of the three camps.

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 use of facts about America Series has, perhaps, been the most powerful agent in influencing relocation. The facts and pictures presented in these publications have gone far toward the development of the assurance and security which must underlie all serious thought towards relocation. Particular and consistent effort is put forth in making these publications available to all residents of the Project. The ingenious and interesting manner in which these publications have been prepared, with emphasis on their suitability for the purpose they were planned to serve, is deserving of high praise,

Job offers furnished from relocation areas are, of course, fundamental. As they are received at the Project Office, special effort is made in caring for their wide distribution. These are placed on Bulletin Boards in every block, and at each of the Unit Relocation Offices. The Reports Officer also arranges for publication of special job opportunities in the Chronicle, the Project newspaper in both English and Japanese. Furthermore, special endeavor is made to keep the Community Councils fully informed by quick release to them of job opportunities so that its members may, in turn, help acquaint the people whom they represent.

A library is maintained at each of the three Unit Relocation Offices. These libraries are especially developed with the view of stimulating relocation. There you will find newspaper, maps, photographs, and every type of available factual information respecting all areas of desirable relocation. These libraries are becoming more and more popular as time goes by, and their influence in promoting the main objective of the Project program cannot be over estimated.

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A great deal of special emphasis was given to the subject of relocation in connection with school activities. Senior high school classes were fully informed by members of the teaching staff and the relocation staff of opportunities which lay before them in the various sections of the country in which they were interested. They were also acquainted with the various phases of leave procedure and, in fact, every problem which confront them in planning their future course of action.

10. Special Progress made, or Problems Incurred on Relocation

The high record of the year, and of the project was made during the month of June respecting for Indefinite Leaves. The total Indefinite Leaves was 402. The trend in family relocation was much more pronounced than during previous months.

Making necessary family adjustments occasioned by the great number of young men called for Army Service has naturally been very difficult for those families who depended on them for leadership and help.

11. Special Family Counseling Program

The Special Family Counseling Program continued to develop and show results in its second month of operation. During June, 377 family representatives were interviewed by the Relocation Division, making a total of 587 since the inception of the program. The Welfare Section has interviewed approximately 394 families in May and June, making a total of approximately 981 families interviewed by Relocation and Welfare since the program was initiated. Results from the Statistical Section tabulations are not yet available, and we are waiting with interest to see the statistical analyses.

The Welfare Section and Relocation Division have worked almost as a unit in the operation of the program to date, with frequent staff meetings and weekly meetings of the Case Review Committee. However, to facilitate preparation of basic material and to maintain a control system, early in June the Welfare Section took over the function of preparing all 329's. This has been of great advantage.

Also, as the program developed it became evident that if the Relocation Interviewers were to continue giving initial interviews, it would not be possible for them to give adequate attention to those cases which emerged as needing immediate relocation advising, nor cases requiring detailed follow-up.

We were, therefore, extremely glad to be advised by Washington recently that Assistant Relocation Adviser positions would be set up after July 1, and we are waiting expectantly to receive from Washington instructions on the operation of the program after July 1.

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Two new Relocation Interviewers arrived on the project during the latter part of June and have been given an informal orientation course. We feel the basic preparation for counseling or relocation advising is most important and hope that it will be possible to have the quota for the proposed new positions filled as soon as possible in order that the preliminary training may be given in a group, with the benefit of the experience of the present staff. Also, with the number of interviews indicating an interest in relocation, we feel the time element is extremely important and are anxious to get the new program underway with the least possible delay.

12. Recommendations for Improvements in Relocation Programs

1. The Assistant Relocation Program Officer left for Army duty on May 7, 1944. His successor has not been appointed although repeated requests and recommendations have been made. It is extremely important through the success of the Relocation Program that this position be filled immediately.

2. Effective July 1, six positions of Assistant Relocation Advisers were created. Three of these positions have not been filled. Appointments should be made as quickly as possible.

3. We recommend that more individual assistance be given by the Field Relocation Offices to those who leave the centers. We have an unusually large number returning to the project, mainly for Selective Service purposes. Almost without exception, they complain, not only about the attitude of the Relocation Officers and staffs, but about the lack of genuine assistance given them. These complaints contain statements that they wait a long time to talk with the one in authority and after they get to see this individual, very little if any assistance is given. We wish to recommend that a very careful check be made of all Relocation Offices and that steps be taken to re-organize their methods of handling individual cases with particular emphasis upon those who are going to the offices for the first time.

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
July 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit; total of (a) and (b) below — 864

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 5

(b) Other — 859

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 34

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 350

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — ____

c. Special Family Counseling Program

(1) No. initial interviews with family representative — 81

(a) No. interviews indicating immediate interest in relocation — 33

(b) No. interviews indicating interest in relocation but for family problems or other reasons relocation not presently feasible — 7

(c) No. interviews indicating uninterest in relocation — 41

(2) No. relocation advising follow-up interviews — 46

d. Total interviews (sum of a(1), b(1), and c(1) — 1241

2. (a) Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 18

(b) Number of individual records referred to Relocation Officers — 10

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 161

Individuals included — 203

Applications approved — 112

Average Amount approved (including travel) — 70.85

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	261
(b) Pending action at center	602
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division Staff	5
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee Participation

A fine interest on the part of the people, generally, has been manifested throughout the month, and this interest proves itself by the number of indefinite leave departures. Through the preceding months, the greater percentage of those relocating has been the Nisei. Through their leadership in taking this forward step and by their influence otherwise, there is an apparent realization of responsibility on the part of the Issei, to meet the challenge of relocation. In other words, feeling seems to be more general among them that since their children are making re-adjustment to relocation, they, themselves, should be able to do likewise.

Camp security seems to be fading with respect to those who remain in it and this becomes more pronounced as the weeks and months of departures take place. There is a pervading restlessness that seems to have found its way into almost every block and every home. Participation on the part of the evacuees is very evident, but continues to show itself largely on an individual basis.

B. Coordination of Administrative Staff

Relocation is becoming more definitely recognized as the prime objective of the Project by every member of the appointed personnel. This recognition is influenced from week to week through necessary release of evacuee help as they depart from the Center on Indefinite Leave. The evacuee personnel of each division is in the course of continuous adjustment, and such adjustment is properly accepted by those responsible in the administration of the various divisions. The desirability of relocation, respecting every evacuee at the Center, is effectively stressed at practically every staff meeting.

The recent installation of the Project gate procedure, whereby employed personnel check outgoing and incoming people, has called for special coordination of plan and activity on the part of the Statistical, Welfare, Finance, Transportation, and Relocation Sections and Divisions. This new gate procedure caused some confusion at first, but is now operating more smoothly.

The Reports Division makes definite and regular contribution to the relocation program through the release of employment opportunities in the tri-weekly Chronicle, the Center newspaper. The influence of this Division is at all times inclusive and effective regarding the program of relocation.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities

Representative groups of evacuees including Executive Board, Community Council, Block Managers, and Block Councils are kept informed of relocation opportunities. Furthermore, their meetings are frequently attended by the Relocation Program Officer or his representative and by special recruiting agents who visit the Project from time to time. These evacuee groups quite willingly and helpfully disseminate relocation information to the people.

The procedure respecting coordination and staff activities is somewhat different in each of the three camps and the plan of operation must, therefore, be especially prepared to meet the particular set-up. While this Center does not have relocation committees made up of evacuees, there is, nevertheless, very satisfactory coordination of evacuee and staff activities.

9. Narrative Statement of Program for presenting Relocation Information to Evacuees (Include use made of Facts about America Series and other materials, and development of Relocation Library)

The Relocation Libraries continue to be most helpful in successfully caring for the relocation program. The use of these libraries is becoming more pronounced as time passes. With the beginning of the Fiscal Year, renewals and new subscriptions are in order. Careful study is being made with the view of retaining those publications of greatest value, and of discontinuing those of questionable value. Subscription for publications in the class of "Time", "News Week", and "National Geographic" have been receiving studied consideration, and some or all of these will probably be included on our list for each of the three Camp Units.

Job offers continue to be distributed to each of the blocks of the three Camps. Special offers are also presented in the Project newspaper and to the representative councils.

10. Special Progress made, or Problems Incurred on Relocation

The number of indefinite leaves during the month has been very encouraging and definitely proves that relocation is 'on the march'. During the month, a representative of Seabrook Farms, New Jersey, was here, and he met with many evacuee groups and presented the offer of employment. Quite a number of workers were recruited and have gone to Seabrook Farms. The interest continues to grow and applications for Trial Indefinite and Indefinite Leaves for Seabrook Farms are being taken from day to day. The recently evolved plan of Relocation Officers extending invitations of community acceptance will shorten the process of arranging for leave, and will facilitate the work of relocation. We heartily welcome and approve this procedure.

Our greatest problem in connection with our relocation program is that of transportation from the Railhead, Parker, Arizona to destinations. We have two trains, daily, leaving for points East. One, going directly East from Parker, leaves at 6:30 AM. Travelers taking this train experience much difficulty in making connections with the main line of the Santa Fe. There is one stop over at Wickenburg, Arizona of about 8 hours, and at Ashfork, the junction on the main line of the Santa Fe, there is a further wait of about 12 hours. These wait overs sometimes prove unpleasant and embarrassing since community acceptance in each of the two small towns is not wholesome. However, this area is within a free zone and escort is not required.

The other train leaves Parker at 10:30 PM going West into California, a distance of about 85 miles, to Cadiz, junction on the main line of the Santa Fe, thence to eastern points of the United States. However, in traveling from Parker to Cadiz, California, and from Cadiz to Needles, California, which is on the California-Arizona line, an escort is required since this area is within a restricted zone. The Parker -Cadiz-Needles route is the desirable one because connections are very good. The problem of an escort must always be confronted and, as a consequence, departures are usually arranged for only one day each week. If an avenue of railway travel from Parker to Cadiz and Needles could be allowed without escort, the business of this Center in carrying forward the program of relocation would be highly improved. It seems that this arrangement could be made without imperiling the country's safety.

We believe Seasonal Leave would prove quite beneficial if areas of employment were open to permanent relocation. However, almost without exception, areas popular to seasonal leave are restricted in not allowing indefinite leave. Many people on seasonal employment would like to establish themselves in those areas where they become acquainted, and it is difficult for them to favor going anywhere else. This causes seasonal leave to be harmful rather than helpful.

Lack of appointed personnel to fill established positions has been a severe handicap to the operation of the program. During the month of July the Division operated without an Assistant Relocation Program Officer, without a Leave Officer, without one of the two escort positions, and without the Selective Service postion being filled. The Leave Officer was on detail off the project and has since resigned. The detail to the project of Mr. Corlies Carter, Assistant Relocation Program Officer at Topaz, will be of invaluable assistance. Mr. Carter arrived at Poston on July 31.

11. Special Family Counseling Program

The establishment of the six Assistant Relocation Adviser positions as of July 1, and receipt of the Handbook Instructions outlining the operation of the program, enabled the Relocation Division to go forward with its part of the Special Family Counseling Program on a more positive basis.

In accordance with plans made in June and approved by Washington, the Welfare Section is undertaking District interviewing based on assignment of an interviewer who is responsible for interviewing all families in given blocks whose residents come from the same area of origin. Referral is made to the Relocation Division of persons interested in relocation and as the block plan progresses, the number of referrals is increasing. The Assistant Relocation Advisers are continuing initial interwiewing in certain cases, but are devoting the majority of time to relocation advising.

Because of possible devlopment of family relocation resulting from individuals relocating, and because of a number of inquiries received from the field for Family Summaries of persons already relocated, it was decided early in July to make a counseling interview a part of the leave process for all individuals applying for leave who have families remaining on the project. This plan is now under operation and has many advantages. It also ties in closely with provisions made in the new Handbook for preparation of relocation summaries for single individuals.

The Welfare Section is planning a second orientation course for the early part of August for the benefit of the new Welfare Counselors and Assistant Relocation Advisers. The Relocation Division is cooperating in these plans and we feel the review will be most beneficial to the future progress of the Counseling Program. Relocation and Welfare continue to work closely together in all phases of the program, with weekly meetings of the case Review Committee.

12. Recommendations for Improvements in the Program

It is recommended that there be a relaxation of regulations pertaining to short term leaves to California for business or personal reasons; specifically, that individuals desiring to inspect leased property or business be issued short term leaves, with military permits, judgment regarding issuance of short term leaves to be at the discretion of the Project Director; that WRA escorts be mandatory to point of destination at which time provisions be made that responsibility for escort service be delegated to responsible individuals or organizations on voluntary basis.

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Poston, Arizona

MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
AUGUST 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit) total of (a) and (b) below — 294

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 3

(b) Other — 291

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 174

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 288

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 273

c. Special Family Counseling Program

(1) No. initial interviews with family representative — 45

(a) No. interviews indicating immediate interest in relocation — 42

(b) No. interviews indicating interest in relocation but for family problems or other reasons relocation not presently feasible — 2

(c) No. interviews indicating uninterest in relocation — 1

(2) No. relocation advising follow-up interviews — 84

d. Total interviews (sum of a(1), b(1), and c(1)) — 627

2. (a) Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 32

(b) Number of individual records referred to Relocation Officers — 64

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 118

Individuals included — 141

Applications approved — 118

Average Amount approved (including travel) — $90.985

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	285
(b) Pending action at center	589
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	1
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

Very little new work was done during August on center organization for relocation planning. This was largely due to the lack of a leave officer and one advisor, making it necessary for the Program Officer and his assistant to spend much of their time on detailed routines.

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

Each unit has its relocation library, comfortably arranged and furnished. In Unit 3, this library has moved from the back of the office to the very front of the building, where it is in a place more easily accessible to the evacuees. Maps, folders, pamphlets, books, and newspapers are displayed in bookcases and on racks in each library. W.P.A. State Guide Books and Facts About America Series are particularly objects of interest. Job offer digests and job opportunity lists are distributed through the block managers, and some of the larger operating sections; news releases, human interest articles, and outstanding job opportunities are published in the project paper.

10. Special progress made on problems incurred on relocation

Considerable progress was made during the month in reorganizing the leave clearance procedure and providing for more rapid project clearance of pending cases. Work in several units had to be reorganized due to departing personnel. Since several high school students were working in the division and are returning to school, considerable difficulty is being experienced in recruiting replacements.

There are now 55 men who have refused induction into the U. S. Army, and one of our major problems is the long period of time spent awaiting trial. Since many have been released on bail, they have a bad influence on other young men in the center.

11. Special family counseling program

The counseling program is going ahead as planned. There has been developed a close working relationship between the Welfare Section and the Relocation Division in each unit.

Weekly orientation meetings conducted by the Welfare Section for Counselors and Advisors are now completed and were very valuable in adjusting the new workers to the program.

12. Recommendation for improvements in the program

A disproportionate amount of effort and time is expended by the relocation staff in arranging for escorts through the evacuated area. It is, unfortunately, necessary to enter and leave the evacuated area through Barstow and Needles, California, in order to travel east. It is suggested that every effort be made to have that part opened to facilitate the program here as well as to conserve expenditure of funds.

The Western Defense Command is becoming increasingly cooperative in the issuance of permits to evacuees for the purpose of traveling to California. This, however, is increasing our problems in arranging for escorts and in processing such permits. It is suggested that the local Service Command be given authority to issue all such permits and that the regulation pertaining to escorts be limited to individuals denied leave clearance.

The regulation that all checkable baggage privileges must be used in order to be eligible for movement of freight at government expense is turning out to be a nuisance. It requires considerable effort and time for accurate checking, and is valueless since we find that evacuees invariably use their full privileges. It is recommended that this restriction be abolished in the interests of necessary full use of increasingly scarce personnel.

Evacuees who relocate in their own private cars generally take others with them, and we find that this means of transportation results in considerable saving of transportation money to the government. On the other hand, they are handicapped in not being eligible for the checkable baggage privileges accorded to those traveling by train. It is recommended that provision be made to transport by express an amount of personal baggage not to exceed that which could be checked free if they were traveling by train.

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
September 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

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

(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit) total of (a) and (b) below — 209

(a) Referred from Welfare Section — 14

(b) Other — 195

(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals — 144

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

(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals) — 259

(2) Total number of individuals interviewed — 254

c. Special Family Counseling Program

(1) No. initial interviews with family representative — 54

(a) No. interviews indicating immediate interest in relocation — 25

(b) No. interviews indicating interest in relocation but for family problems or other reasons relocation not presently feasible — 21

(c) No. interviews indicating uninterest in relocation — 29

(2) No. relocation advising follow-up interviews — 22

d. Total interviews : sum of a(1), b(1), and c(1) — 212

2. (a) Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers — 22

(b) Number of individual records referred to Relocation Officers — 68

3. Applications for leave assistance grants received — 107

Individuals included — 149

Applications approved — 152

Average Amount approved (incuding travel) — $96.17

4. Leave clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearance in Washington	143
(b) Pending action at center	297
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	2
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee Participation

There was more cooperation on the part of evacuee organizations toward relocation this month than there ever has been previously. This interest was largely centered around the Tooele Ordnance Plant offer. This job offer was discussed with the local community council in all three camps, who in turn selected a total of three delegates to travel to Tooele for investigation of the job there. Upon their return they appeared highly impressed and reported accordingly to the community, both verablly and in written form.

B. Coordination of the Administrative Staff

The Administrative Staff is cooperating very well in helping to meet relocation problems. The Welfare Section is continuing with its family counselling program. From time to time other sections make suggestions and assist with the various problems met within the Relocation Division. The other divisions have been particularly cooperative in helping us to meet the escort problem.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Committees

There is as yet no definite evacuee committee or organization on relocation.

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

There has been no change in our program as outlined in last month's report, although we are endeavoring to obtain a good translator who can assist us in presenting relocation bulletins to the center residents.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Special progress has been made during the last month in regard to the attitude of community leaders toward relocation, particularly in reference to the Tooele Ordnance Plant offer, which we outlined above. Problems of relocation are increasing since those remaining in the center are the people whom it is more difficult to assist in re-establishing themselves, due to the large size of their families, their age, or bitterness. However, every effort is being made through the family counselling program and through the intensive work of the employees within the Relocation Division to facilitate the solving of their individual family problems. The month of September showed a falling off of the number relocating, which can be at least partly explained by the coming of the fall season. It should be noted that residents of Poston are particularly reluctant to go to the cold regions of northeastern United States during the fall and winter months.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

The experience of sending representatives to the Tooele Ordnance Plant, and the consequent interest which it stimulated, indicate more than ever the advisability of liberalizing provisions of the Handbook pertaining to WRA paying the expenses of representatives investigating relocation opportunities for various groups on the project. It is suggested that provisions be made to provide subsistence expenses en route, in addition to the coach fare which is already provided for.

COLORADO RIVER RELOCATION CENTER
Poston, Arizona

MONTHLY REPORT - CENTER RELOCATION DIVISION
October, 1944

1. Interviews for Relocation During Month

a. Initial Interviews (first contact of Basic Family Unit with Relocation Division)		
(1) Individuals interviewed (include one person per Basic Family Unit) total of (a) and (b) below		165
(a) Referred from Welfare Section	7	
(b) Other	158	
(2) Additional family members included in relocation plans discussed with these individuals	60	
b. Follow-up interviews (second and subsequent contacts with Relocation Division)		
(1) Individual interviews (give total including additional interviews with same individuals)		204
(2) Total number of individuals interviewed	219	
c. Special Family Counseling Program		
(1) No. initial interviews with family representative		69
(a) No. interviews indicating immediate interest in relocation	12	
(b) No. interviews indicating interest in relocation but for family problems or other reasons relocation not presently feasible	28	
(c) No. interviews indicating uninterest in relocation	29	
(2) No. relocation advising follow-up interviews		15
d. Total interviews (sum of a(1), b(1), and c(1)		537

2. (a) Families ready for relocation for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred to District Relocation Officers	25
(b) Number of individual records referred to Relocation	36
3. Applications for leave assistance grants received	86
Individuals included	127
Applications approved	68
Average Amount approved (including travel)	61.25

4. Leave Clearance dockets

(a) Awaiting clearnce in Washington	192
(b) Pending action at center	170
5. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission	0
6. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee	0
(a) Meetings of Relocation Division staff	3
7. Meetings of Relocation Executive Board	0

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

A. Evacuee participation

There has not as yet been developed any formal organization; however, there is an organization forming in Poston of individuals who own property back in California which seems to have two motivations: (1) to protect their property from possibilities of confiscation, (2) to plan for return. The Relocation Program Officer and the Assistant Relocation Program Officer have talked with organizers of this group and there have been mutual assurances of cooperation in tying in their efforts with the Relocation Division's where there seems to be mutual interest. To date the relationship has been very much in the formative stage, but it is hoped that this may be the lever through which closer working relationship can be developed with evacuee groups.

B. Coordination of Administrative staff

As usual, various operating sections and divisions have been very cooperative with the Relocation Division, and it is planned in the near future to start a series of additional meetings with the divisions, sections and units in order to more fully acquaint everyone in the appointed staff with the relocation policies. It is felt that this is particularly essential since there have been a large number of new people coming into the project in recent months.

C. Coordination of Evacuee and Staff Activities

Very little has been done since there is no formal organization among the evacuee groups pertaining to relocation. A great deal of contact is done in the daily work in the division and we find a great deal of cooperation extended, particularly from the block managers' organization.

9. Narrative statement of program of presenting relocation information to evacuees (including the use made of Facts About American Series and other material, and developments of Relocation Library)

In addition to the regular activities as detailed in our previous monthly reports, an Issei has been placed on the payroll who is acting as translator. As a result, we are now sending out bulletins in Japanese with information which is particularly applicable to the relocation problems of Issei.

10. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation

Problems of reinstatement requests revolving around Handbook Chapter 60.4.21.3 have caused a great deal of worry on the part of the staff here during the last few weeks. Relocated evacuees do not adhere in many cases to the provisions of Handbook Chapter 60.4.21.2 for a variety of reasons. They fear that if they apply for reinstatement to the relocation officer in the field, they will not receive sufficient attention to their own particular problem. We have had some people inform us that members of the field office staffs have told them that if they return without approval, the project will be placed in a position where they cannot refuse to reinstate them. In connection with this, we have been unable to ascertain who was giving them such information, but we are under the impression that they were members of the clerical staffs in the offices. Experiences have been cited by some returning evacuees that indicated to them that the field offices

do not properly understand their problems of adjustment. Almost all returning evacuees feel that if they present themselves to the center without money and without any means of returning we will not simply close the gate in their faces, thereby depriving them of livelihood.

Other problems of reinstatement center about servicemen and their wives. The major problem is the predicament of servicemen's wives who under normal circumstances would join his or her family when the soldier is called to active duty. Even though the Army makes an allotment to the wives and families of servicemen, we are faced with the situation of refusing to allow such persons to rejoin his or her family in the center, which is a very common practice under normal circumstances.

Other cases of reinstatement pertain to medical problems. Occasionally a person does not return to the center for medical attention but does return due to a physical disability which prohibits him from working and supporting himself on the outside. It should be emphasized that the whole question of reinstatement is a very acute one from the standpoint of evacuee relations with the Relocation Division. Relocation itself is not as yet a popular theme, particularly among family groups. We must, therefore, in order to maintain the confidence of the residents, demonstrate an understanding and sympathy for their problems. It is therefore necessary that we be exceedingly careful in our decisions regarding requests for reinstatement, not only from the standpoint of the individual or family problem presented but also in order that we do not destroy that confidence which we have gained among the evacuees and thereby causing a broader injury to the relocation program as a whole on the project. We have not been able to present any specific suggestion that would alleviate the problem that requests for reinstatement present but do feel that a very liberal approach towards such requests is indicated in order to not affect adversely the attitudes of individuals who are now considering relocation.

11. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program

A. It has been suggested that the War Department automatically issue individual exemptions from the Exclusion Order to all men upon their discharge from the Army. If this were possible, it would undoubtedly result in a better attitude on the part of dishharged servicemen and their families and friends toward the whole relocation program.

B. From time to time, families relocate in their own private cars, thereby obviating the necessity of use of coach fare tickets for each member of the family. In every case where two or more drive by private car, the Government saves considerable money. Recently, one of the Poston families departed by private car for the Tooele Ordnance Depot. During the exit interview, problems of adjustment in Tooele and other matters were being discussed and the head of the family remarked that we were doubtlessly glad that he was going by automobile since we thus saved the train fare for his wife and children. He went on to say that he did not understand why, since he was willing to drive his own car and to save the cost of extra train fares, the War Relocation Authority could not pay the cost of a night's lodging en route which he would not have had to pay if he had gone by train.

After this family had departed, the question continued to bother us, and we consulted the Manual. Handbook Chapter 60.13.10 indicated that we were correct in not allowing a night's lodging en route. Looking further, however, Manual Chapter 50.3.24B allowed for lodging cost of $2.50 per night at Government expense. It appears to us that this Manual Chapter would justify the issuance of a grant to cover lodging, even though our Relocation Handbook does not provide for such assistance. We would appreciate very much your favorable opinion on this matter since it would encourage relocation and simplify many of the problems involved when families relocate in their own private cars.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending November 30, 1944

Center Colorado 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 96

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

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 59

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 33

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.....	433	880
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	292	550
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(10)	(16)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(106)	(230)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(176)	(304)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	141	330

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 68

A. Community Invitation.....	41	90
B. Advance Approval.....	27	56

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	----	----	----	----
Approved	127	171	$7,159.21	$41.86

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... 105

B. Pending action at center..... 128

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

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

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.).....

Each of the Unit Relocation Offices held regular staff meetings during the month of November, each of which was characterized by the presence of speakers from other sections and divisions. There were two meetings of all three units in the project office to bring about better staff coordination.

There is a weekly meeting held in the Project Director's Office composed of the division chiefs and the unit administrators to discuss problems of operation of the project, and at the last meeting it was decided that this group would be the logical one to carry the functions of a staff relocation committee. Several relocation problems have been discussed already, and it has been found that this organization is very effective. A discussion was held between the Property Owners' Protective Association in Unit III and the Relocation Program Officer, with excellent results in-so-far-as joint planning is concerned. A bulletin was put out by the resident organization covering the matters discussed and circulated to all families in Unit III.

Several discussions were held with the Evacuee Property Officer and the Assistant Project Director in charge of Administrative Management to bring about a more adequate coordination of the activities of the Relocation Division and the Evacuee Property Section.

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

All three units are now using the "block system" in carrying out the family counseling interviews. Many consultations have been held with the Welfare Section to bring about a closer working relationship and to avoid duplications.

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

The three unit libraries are still being operated, and additional literature was added during the past month in the way of weekly news magazines and other material of general interest. It was found that such material is an incentive for residents to use the library facilities. It is also felt that the general interest type of literature assists in the preparation of evacuees for residence outside.

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

Although the number who relocated during the month of November was not high, there was an indication that there is an increasing tendency toward complete family relocation. Over fifty people have now left for the Tooele Ordnance Depot and there is still considerable interest.

Problems of request for reinstatement are still very difficult. At the present time, there are 250 visitors on the project, and an investigation is planned in order to discover if there is any relationship between the large number of visitors and the requests for reinstatement in order that a more careful approach can be made towards discussing the future plans of those individuals who are visiting the project on a long time basis. Mr. Berryman's presence here from the N. Y. district office has been very helpful.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

Recently military permits issued by the Western Defense Command have come with the following wording: "Escort will be designated by the WRA". Manual Chapter 50.3.22 states that escorts must be employees of the WRA, selected from among the appointed personnel. In view of the fact that there are persons residing in the project who qualify

as escorts but are not WRA staff members, consideration is reques of changing the wording to permit such use of non-members of the appointed personnel.

The most outstanding improvement to be made in the relocation program at Poston is in the development of a greater degree of evacuee participation and joint planning. In order that the type of organization may be formed that is really effective, it is not simply a question of requesting the Community Council for a committee or a commission but requires a more subtle approach through arousing interest on the part of various evacuee groups in order that the formation of a formal evacuee organization comes through their own recognition of its need. Efforts are being made in this direction but results are necessarily slow in coming.

Our leave clearance problem is in the best shape that it has ever been, there being only 128 still pending action at the center. Most of the people included in this figure are individuals who failed to report, when requested, for hearings.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

MONTHLY REPORT

Month Ending December 31, 1944

RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Colorado River

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I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month..... 105

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

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

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 45

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.....	488	951
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	452	907
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	25	44
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	88	348
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	339	538
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	36	84

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 146

A. Community Invitation.....	16	22
B. Advance Approval.....	26	124

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	41	70	.....	.....
Approved	64	85	$5,040.76	$63

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....Does not apply.

B. Pending action at center.....Does not apply.

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

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 4

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

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

During December, plans for the formation of an Evacuee Planning Commission had been started at Camp III at the request of the Property Owners' Association there. The proposal for this organization has been submitted to the Community Council by interested residents but has not as yet officially come to the Administration. Prospects for evacuee participation through this organization in Camp III are excellent.

There is not as yet any formal basis for such an organization in Camp I or II; however, an Advisory Committee on center closure including key members of the appointed staff, the evacuee Unit Administrators, Block Managers' Supervisors, and Council Chairman has been formed which is working together in planning the approach to the closure problem and is in successful operation.

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

Part of the re-organization of the Relocation Division which occurred during the month was directed towards accelerating and improving operation of the Family Counseling program. The emphasis has been not only upon improving the services and operation of the unit offices, but in working out closer relationships with other sections concerned. Semi-monthly meetings are being held jointly by the Relocation and Welfare Sections, attended also by the Medical Social workers. In addition, because of the problems involved in the post-exclusion program, a number of special meetings have been held, particularly during the visits of Mr. Dolins. The Joint Review Committee was reorganized on a unit basis with weekly meetings. Individual cases are discussed and criteria for referral and categories of information are being developed. Questions arising have shown the advisability of including the Medical Social workers in certain meetings to assist in working out plans where health problems are concerned.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information. See No. XII.

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

During the month of December a complete re-organization of the Relocation Division at the project was made. The Advisers were shifted among the units in order to provide for best possible utilization of their abilities.

Up to the present time, Personnel Management and the Relocation Division have shared offices in the units, thereby causing congestion and confusion in the use of files. In Camps II and III the Personnel Management Section has now moved to separate offices, thereby giving much larger space to the Relocation Division which will allow expansion of the library facilities.

In Camp I arrangements have been made for the movement of the Unit Relocation Office to the north wing of the administration building where they will occupy the offices formerly occupied by the Operations Division. This will not only give greater space but will allow individual interviewing rooms for the assistant advisers, provide for an excellent Relocation Library and reception room and bring Evacuee Property, Welfare and Relocation physically closer together.

A coordination program has been instituted which has accomplished a great deal in straightening out a complete understanding of the respective functions of the Welfare Section, Evacuee Property Section, and the Relocation Division. Joint staff meetings are now being held with the Welfare Section with the Medical Social workers invited to attend. Joint case review committees are under way in all three units, and already good results are showing.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

In looking forward to the large movement of people during the coming months, it is recommended that the staff of Assistant Advisers be doubled and that additional appointed personnel positions for stenographers be approved. In a letter from this project on December 19, it was recommended that negotiations be made with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Farm Security Administration to develop eligibility of aliens for loans. We feel this is very important and would appreciate the opinion of the Washington staff.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending January 31, 1945

Center Colorado 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	39
A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling	4
B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising	21
C. No further interviewing indicated at present	14

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	2,039	4,549
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	1,365	3,329
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	(45)	(119)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	(37)	(76)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	(1,183)	(3,118)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	674	1,107

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers		220
A. Community Invitation	55	104
B. Advance Approval	43	116

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	115	152	$12,049.81	$63.76
Approved	133	189		

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... Does not apply

B. Pending action at center..... Does not apply

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... _____

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 3

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

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

During the month there has been some progress made in evacuee participation. At one of the meetings of the Community Council the question came up from evacuee members as to the advisability of forming a center evacuee organization for the rehabilitation of evacuees through relocation. It was tabled but shows that the work being done to bring about evacuee participation through pressure from below is bearing some fruit.

In Camp III, although no formal organization has as yet been established, interest is growing rapidly. At the weekly meeting of appointed and evacuee key staff members, relocation is becoming increasingly a topic of discussion and evacuee suggestions are becoming increasingly more constructive.

A great deal of work has been done during the month of January in coordinating the plans of the various divisions as they apply to relocation. A completely new program has been organized for the centralized crating of evacuee property and the preparation of pre-fabricated boxes for their use. The activities of the Health Section and the Welfare Section have been more closely tied in with the program of the Relocation Division than ever before.

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

Since the announcement of the Post-Exclusion Program, there has been a great deal of voluntary interest developed on the part of residents in making definite and constructive plans for family relocation. This interest is also heightened by visitors returning to the center who, during their short stay, are trying to work out sme suitable plan for relocating members of the family. The importance of successful relocation of the first group returning to California necessitated careful planning, even in connection with short term passes in some cases, looking forward to permanent relocation. It has therefore not been possible to do initial interviewing, other than those cases which have come to the Relocation Offices without previous contact by either the Relocation Division or the Welfare Section. However, the Welfare Section is progressing with initial interviewing, with coverage of the camps soon anticipated. (Continued on Page 4.)

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.)

Continuing the reorganization of the three unit offices, which last month was accomplished insofar as it related to present personnel, efforts this month have been devoted to improving the physical lay-out. In each office the Relocation Library has been enlarged and placed at the front of the office, with sufficient space to display material and to serve as a reception and waiting room. In addition to dissemination of resettlement information, Post-Exclusion information releases have been given wide distribution, both in English and Japanese.

With the realization that much of the material must appeal to Issei, releases in Japanese are being prepared on the project and additional Japanese translations, such as the forthcoming "Business Opportunities for Issei in New York" pamphlet, will be appreciated from Washington and the field.

Splendid cooperation is obtained from the project newspaper which carries a considerable number of releases each issue on (Continued on Page 4.)

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

The most significant improvement achieved during January was improvement of the office set-up in the three units, geared towards the load which is to come upon Relocation. Previously in all three units the Employment Division offices functioned in the Relocation Office space. Employment has now been removed from each office, giving Relocation the additional space. The Unit I Relocation Office was moved to the Administration Building where it is adjacent to the Welfare, Evacuee Property, Legal, and Finance offices. All units have private interviewing rooms now for the Advisers. In achieving these new arrangements, greatest cooperation was received from other divisions on the project, some offices of which were dispossessed in the interest of the Relocation Program ahead.

One of the main problems during the month was the handling of visitors on the project. At the time of the rescission of (Continued on Page 4.)

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We are eagerly awaiting clarification of the visitors' policy, particularly in regard to their status as to payment of room and board charges. The Washington Office can be of tremendous assistance to us here at Poston in (Continued on Page 5.)

.. Narrative statement of progress in the Family Interviewing and Relocation Advising Program. (Cont'd)

Weekly meetings of the Joint Case Review Committee by unit, initiated last month, have proved of great value, not only in discussion of specific cases, but in developing criteria and setting patterns of referral. As a result of these meetings there has developed a closer working relationship between the Welfare Section workers and Relocation Interviewers. Summaries and findings of meetings are distributed and thus the benefits of unit discussions are made available to all members of both staffs.

Physical proximity of the two sections has proved important in day by day contact. In Units II and I the Welfare and Relocation Offices are adjoining, and we understand that in Unit III the Welfare Section is considering moving into an adjacent barrack as soon as space can be made available.

Over-all problems are discussed at semi-monthly meetings of the Welfare and Relocation staffs. During January the Relocation Division acted as leaders at two such meetings, taking advantage of the presence of Mr. Dolins to interpret Post-Exclusion policies and procedures, and the last meeting was devoted to a discussion of the new Welfare Section Handbook Release, and techniques to be used in counteracting disbelief and worry over center closure.

The appointment of a Principal Medical Officer on the project, and a visit from the Chief Medical Officer, who stressed the need of the Health Section's cooperation in relocation problems, has resulted in a Relocation Clinic whereby health problems will be cleared with professional assistance of a doctor and the Medical Social Workers with the least possible delay.

XI. Narrative statement of program for presenting relocation information, etc. (Cont'd)

resettlement information and experiences. The Chronicle has been helpful in reporting stories of satisfactory adjustment in return to the evacuated area, to offset the many adverse rumors, generally unfounded, which have spread through the project at various times.

In Unit II the high school has made a contribution to the library through a project carried out by the students. Large illustrative booklets were prepared relating to various cities or areas which are promising for relocation. The students were allowed to select the area of their choice and, out of a class of 40, booklets relating to 28 separate states were prepared. These furnish authentic information and are interestingly and artistically prepared. The material is useful to the library and undoubtedly the work was stimulating to the students and probably their families.

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation. (Cont'd)

the Exclusion Orders there were approximately 360 visitors, all of whom had to be interviewed within a short time. Because of the necessity of developing family relocation plans whenever possible, often in a limited time, the problem has been extremely pressing and has consumed considerable time and effort of the Advisers. Unauthorized visitors have complicated the situation and a great deal of time has been spent in establishing procedures and working arrangements between the Gate, Finance, Statistics, and Internal Security, suitable to the three-camp division of the project. Revision in instructions to allow reinstatement of medically discharged soldiers releived considerable pressure. (Continued on Page 5.)

XII. Special progress made, or problems incurred on relocation. (Cont'd)

During the first three weeks, demands of the Army Hearing Board were heavy relating to calling for files and scheduling appointments. The Army Team was made up of officers of a high calibre who won the respect of both the evacuees and staff, but the setting up of records, themany lists which have had to be checked, and the lack of understanding regarding procedures, particularly by the officer in charge of the local M. P. Company, caused complications.

Motor equipment limitations which have developed in recent months on the project indicate that shortage of project equipment and gasoline may cause real difficulty in transportation of individuals between units, the project and the Parker Depot, and in the transportation of baggage, express and freight.

Preliminary arrangements have been made for setting up working arrangements with the War Manpower Commission working out of Phoenix. A USES interviewer will visit the project regularly, and as often as needed, possibly on a permanent basis. We are looking forward to the development of similar arrangements with other agencies, particularly some arrangement which may assist in the housing problem.

In response to a plan for resettlement of a minor in Phoenix, we have recently been advised again that the Governor of Arizona will not approve the resettlement of evacuees in Arizona unless they were former Arizona residents. Although we do not believe that the number of persons wishing to relocate in Arizona would be large, we do believe that this point should be settled once and for all, particularly in view of the proposed working arrangement with the Phoenix USES which is supposed to handle jobs for the West Coast and Arizona.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

locating Assistant Relocation Advisers. There are at present seven vacancies. The pressure on the staff is now extremely heavy and develops more each day. The new visitors' regulations required the work of at least three-quarters of the time of the Assistant Advisers during the month of January. There are many preliminary questions and inquiries of all sorts pertaining to relocation which cannot be properly termed "relocation advising" but does take up a large part of the time of the appointed personnel. If we do not have an adequate staff to care for this, the relocation program will necessarily suffer. Recruiting locally has met with no success, and there is no indication that this situation will be changed. The only solution apparently available is through recruitment on a national level, possibly through borrowing from other agencies. We cannot overemphasize the need for this assistance.

This need is not limited to the Assistant Relocaion Advisers. Attempts have been made on the project level to recruit a steno-clerk for the Relocation Division for the past five months without success. Assistance in this regard would also be appreciated.

Again we wish to recommend that efforts be made to make available to Isseis the resources of the loan agencies of the Government, such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, Farm Credit Association, and the Farm

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program. (Cont'd)

Security Administration. Sample application forms and leaflets would be valuable from these agencies in explaining the resources available to the residents. In line with this request, it is also recommended that more action be taken towards the furnishing of motion pictures pertaining to relocation in any or all of its phases to the projects in order to give actual and visual substantiation of our statements in regard to relocation.

One of the most confusing aspects of the Post-Exclusion period so far has been the coordination of Army responsibility for departing evacuees with the War Relocation Authority regulation that people on the Free List should be permitted to depart upon request. Since the Local Security Command feels it is responsible for checking each individual that is departing in order to insure the detention of segregees, it has resulted in an individual check of every person, regardless of his status, upon request for departure, actually resulting in more red tape than under the previous regulations.

Efforts have been mde to streamline his process with the Local Security Command, but it is obvious that as long as they feel it is their responsibility to check everyone departing, real streamlining is impossible. It is recommended that either steps be taken to delegate to the War Relocation Authority the responsibility for insuring the detention of the segregees in the center or that steps be taken with the War Department to complete the segregation in order that this problem be not presented to us during the Post-Exclusion period, which will necessarily involve the movement of large numbers of people.

There have been continued discussions on the project regarding property clearance of departing evacuees. The question arises as to how much clearance can be required of evacuees before granting their request to depart. This is particularly applicable to those individuals requestion short term passes where there is no question of War Relocation Authority assistance involved. It has been suggested that property clearance be demanded on each person before he be permitted to leave for short periods on the assumption that some of them may convert to terminal status and have taken Government property with them that should have been turned in prior to their departure. If however, a person is free to leave the center upon request, it would not seem logical that administrative regulations should prevent his departure if he does not make use of WRA assistance. We should like to have as clear a statement as possible in this regard at the earliest possible date.

We have had many questions from residents regarding the legality of the detention of those citizens that the Army considers segregants in view of the decision in the Endo case. It would of the value to us to have a statement in that regard.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program. (Cont'd)

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APR 2 1945

Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Attention: Mr. Corlies Carter, Relocation Program Officer

Dear Mr. Mills:

This will acknowledge the monthly report of the center Relocation Division.

It is encouraging to note the large number of basic family units with whom interviews were held during the month by the Relocation Division. Continuing at this level should lay the ground work for considerably increased relocation during the coming months. We note the increasing number of summaries being referred from the Welfare Section. Every effort should be made to keep increasing the number of family relocation summaries being sent to the District Offices, particularly those on community invitation planning.

We are interested in your use of a member of the appointed staff as a librarian, receptionist and information counsellor on the Unit I Library. We would like to be kept informed of the way this arrangement works out for possible recommendation to other projects.

Your arrangement with the Education Section in utilizing the services of a number of teachers in interviewing parents to stimulate planning toward the children's school needs is an interesting experiment. We will appreciate an evaluation of its aid to relocation as soon as you have sufficient experience with it.

In regard to use of the Government Transportation Bureau in Los Angeles in making pullman reservations for evacuees, we would suggest that you ask the Los Angeles Area office to investigate the possibility of such arrangements for you.

In XIII you recommend extending relocation assistance to persons who had been reinstated on the approval of the Project Director after July 20, 1943. Could we have a more detailed report analyzing how the present regulation affects your work and to what extent. For visitors

who have no means to leave the center, we suggest that you continue to submit individual cases for review by the Director where you feel that an effective family relocation will result in providing this additional relocation grant.

We appreciate the fact that a definite policy statement from the War Department and Department of Justice in regard to segregants and excludees will be very helpful in relocation planning. The best we can tell you at this time is that WRA is doing everything it can to try to stimulate these agencies to speed up the final recommendations in their program. You have already received Administrative Notice No. 229 reporting that the Immigration and Naturalization Services has no further plans at this time for reunion of Japanese families in internment camps.

There appears to be no immediate possibility of a change in the policy which requires visiting soldiers to pay board charges.

Now that your group of Assistant Relocation Advisers is practically complete and your space and library arrangements have been adquately taken care of, we look forward to interesting relocation results from your center.

In your next report we would appreciate a full analysis of status of evacuee participation, analyzing the various steps you have taken to try to increase it.

Sincerely yours,

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Acting Chief, Relocation Division

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION

Month Ending February 28, 1945

Center Colorado 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..... 66

A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling..... 5

B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising..... 17

C. No further interviewing indicated at present..... 44

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.....	1,611	3,822
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	1,247	3,124
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month.....	(46)	(132)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month.....	(66)	(161)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month.....	(1,135)	(2,831)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section.....	364	698

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers..... 277

A. Community Invitation.....	124	209
B. Advance Approval.....	47	123

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	110	181		
Approved	158	248	$14,306.83	$63.17

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington..... Does not apply

B. Pending action at center..... Does not apply

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission..... --

VII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee..... 3

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

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

The work being carried on toward evacuee particiaption in relocation planning is still under way in the same manner as reported previously. There are strong indications, however, that the All Project Conference at Salt Lake City will have a definite effect upon this and may give an impetus to evacuee participation which will be very helpful.

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

Increase in the number of Assistant Advisers makes it possible to resume initial interviewing on the block system, and all three units anticipate more attention can be given to this basic phase of the program. At the same time a review is being made of cases which were tabled because of deterrents which, before the lifting of the exclusion orders and announcement of center closure, did not indicate possible action. Assignment of such cases to either Welfare or Relocation is being determined.

Major time and effort is devoted to relocation advising and to the daily "over the counter" business. The large number of visitors for relocation planning and the many short term leaves for investigation possibilities have added a new approach to family counseling.

Miss Frances Steele of the Wasington Welfare Section visited the Project for two weeks and the Relocation staff met with the Welfare staff on various occasions to discuss mutual problems of the post-exclusion program, and particularly the new Welfare Section Handbook on dependency cases. Miss Steele also attended Joint Case Review meetings in the three units. In these meetings special attention was given to border-line dependency cases and cases in which the member or members of a relocating family will need public assistance.

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

The Project also benefited by the visit of Miss Eleanor Moore of the Washington Relocation Division. In all three units there has been a marked improvement in the Relocation Libraries. Adequate space is now available, and as a result of problems and suggestions brought up during Miss Moore's visit, decorations and displays have steadily improved. In Unit I it was arranged to have a member of the appointed staff detailed as librarian, receptionist and information counselor, and this assignment has shown fine results in a more efficient library service and receptionist system and in general recognition of the possibilities and use of the library. The Unit I Library is being used as a lounge and reading room for evacuee administration workers during the noon hour, and we believe this is highly worthwhile. It is hoped the assignment of the appointed personnel worker may be continued and possibly similar arrangements worked out in the other two units at a later date.

Poston has been sent only a few relocation kits. Materials received thus far has been extremely useful, and we would appreciate receiving as many different kits as possible but urge that they be submitted in three sets for use in each unit.

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

The effect of the Salt Lake Conference still remains to be evaluated since there has not been a long enough period since the return of the delegates. However, there is a growing understanding

among the residents that the War Relocation Authority does intend to close the centers. There is, however, a very large part of the population which does not intend, at present, to relocate.

It should be noted that although the rate of relocation during the first two months of the year was higher than at the same period during 1942, '43, or '44, it is still not progressing at a rate which will empty the center within a year. This, however, was anticipated, and we expect a sharp increase, particularly during the Spring and Summer months.

The Director's visit to the center is imminent, and we are anticipating a very beneficial effect upon the residents' attitude.

Definite progress has been made in working out relationships with other divisions and sections on the Project endeavoring to anticipate problems which might arise in connection with the steadily increasing relocation load.

Gate procedures are now running more smoothly. The assignment of a new commanding officer to the Security Company has helped in overcoming some of the problems in connection with checking departing evacuees, but their orders are still that they are responsible to see that no segregants leave the Center. As a result, an M.P. is assigned to the Departure Station where he checks with our departure clerks the people leaving. This is unsatisfactory, both from the standpoint of smooth and expeditious handling of departures, and from the effect it has upon the evacuees.

The routine work in connection with visitors continues to take considerable time. Post-Exclusion Bulletin No. 6 was helpful in clarifying many questions, but unauthorized visitors, visitors who desire continued extensions, and visitors who have no money to leave the Project bring many problems.

During the month special emphasis was given to Tooele Ordnance Depot recruiting. Major Davies visited the Project with Mr. Jennings, and meetings were held in all units, later followed by a week's visit by Mr. Jennings and Mr. Keiji Shiota, Block Manager at Tooele. Various private recruiters, mostly for farm jobs, have also been on the Project. A number of these have been Japanese who have come in to see particular people. A Caucasian farmer from Reedley, California, spent three days on the Project and was instrumental in allaying fears and was successful in interesting a number of farmers in his offer.

The Chairman of the Community Council, who was also Chairman of the Unit III Council, relocated to Fresno, where he is to open a hotel and volunteered to be of assistance to persons relocating there.

During the month, three Assistant Advisers were added to the staff, one of whom is handling Selective Service. Three of the workers in the Welfare Section have requested transfer to the Relocation Division. Their transfer is set for April 1, or previous to that date, as Welfare replacements are forthcoming. With this arrangement materializing and with one additional vacancy to be filled, the established Relocation quota will be complete.

Arrangements are being worked out with the Education Section to utilize the services of a number of the teachers in interviewing parents, based on the approach of planning being necessary because of the child's school needs. A selected group of school teachers will give over a period of time each day, depending upon their load, to act as counselors of families of school-age children. This counseling will be done purely on an educational level, and its object will be only to develop in the parents a constructive attitude toward the furthering of their children's education.

During the month, the Leave Section has continued to schedule hearing appointments for the Army hearing interviews which were mainly devoted to issuing revised individual exclusion orders based on the change regarding the Eastern and Southern Defense Commands. We have had many inquiries regarding the appeals procedure, and assistance has been given in advising individuals to present their requests to the Western Defense Command and also in filling out the 20-page

questionnaire, which persons requesting appeal have received. Since only five cases are to be heard during the week March 5 - 9, we anticipate it will take some time for decisions to be reached for all persons applying for an appeal.

The problem of interpreters for the Army hearings has been acute. Since the Army would only allow appointed personnel interpreters, the burden has fallen on two members of the Welfare staff and one Relocation Adviser, who have devoted a large part of their time to this work. In addition to their own work suffering because of this extra duty, the interpreters are extremely reluctant to have the responsibility of taking part in the appeal hearings. Requests to the Army to furnish interpreters have been unavailing, and the problem grows more acute with the large number of appeals requested. The situation has been presented to the Project Director, who has again taken it up with the officer in charge.

During the past month we have had a visit from Mr. P. C. Osborne, Traffic Agent from the Santa Fe Railway. Mr. Osborne emphasized his complete willingness to facilitate the movement of our people. In our discussion with Mr. Osborne we learned of the establishment of a Government Transportation Bureau in Los Angeles to care for Pullman requests by certain government agencies. It is our understanding that at the present time WRA does not have access to the services of this bureau. Inasmuch as we expect some Pullman travel under Handbook Section 60.13.12, it would be helpful to us if arrangements could be made so that we may make use of this Transportation Bureau.

XIII. Recommendations for improvements in relocation program.

We recommend discontinuance of Form 340 - Relocation Outlook. This form is not adequate for present planning, and we believe it does not present a true picture for statistical purposes. Form 329 gives important basic family material and supplements the summary, but Form 340 should either be revised or discontinued.

It is recommended that financial assistance should be made available for payment of a relocation grant to persons reinstated upon the approval of the Project Director; also, it is recommended that a provision be made for the Project to assist a visitor financially in leaving the Project, if recommended by the Project Director. We have a limited number of cases where a visitor has absolutely no means to leave, and to date we have been unsuccessful in obtaining resettlement assistance funds for such cases.

It would be very helpful if our Washington Office could secure a policy statement from the War Department regarding the segregants and excludees. This statement should include an approximate date for actual segreagation, whether every person who makes an appeal will be heard, whether a family internment camp similar to Crystal City will be established, and if there is to be established a final date for appeals. It should be emphasized that every family that has a segregee or excludee among its members is stymied in some degree in relocation planning. When the segregee is a family head, this group is actually unable to plan until such time as the segregee is able to clear his status or clarify his future.

It would also be helpful if the Army could notify persons on the Segregation List of their status. In many cases, persons are only aware that they have individual exclusion orders but do not know they are designated as segregees. We believe this notification should come from the Army and not the Project.

We appreciate the corrections in the regulations relative to visitors. We still do not agree that it is necessary to require payment of board charges by soldier visitors. Post-Exclusion Bulletin No. 6 indicates that the main reason for requiring such payment is the fact that the Army provides a soldier on furlough a ration allowance. Actually, of course, every soldier who visits his parents at this time discusses relocation with the family. While the soldier himself may not be a part of that plan since his immediate future is cared for, his advice and counsel is definitely an integral factor in the evolution

of a family plan. Further, it appears to us that we are missing an opportunity to throw some bread upon the waters. We would gain more good will from the community by foregoing the collection of the board charges from soldier visitors than we would lose by the amount of food consumed.

Recently we have had several visitors who tell us that although they requested a WRA 325 from the Field Office, they were told at the Field Office that inasmuch as they had military status, it was not necessary for them to secure a form in order to enter the center. It is true that a form is not required for entrance, but it should be emphasized to all Field Offices that in accordance with Post-Exclusion Bulletin No. 6, any person who enters a center as an unauthorized visitor must pay two weeks' guest charges in advance. The non-issuance of this form therefore costs $8.40 to an individual.

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MONTHLY REPORT

RELOCATION DIVISION
Center Colorado River

Month Ending March 31, 1945

I. FAMILY INTERVIEWING

Number of Basic Family Units represented in initial interview by Relocation Division under instructions of Handbook Section 130.27 during month	115
A. Referred to Welfare Section for Counseling	7
B. Retained or referred for Relocation Advising	83
C. No further interviewing indicated at present	27

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	1,557	3,488
A. Those who have had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	1,251	2,886
1. Referred from Welfare Section this month	(53)	(145)
2. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation this month	(115)	(392)
3. Given initial Family Interview by Relocation Division or Welfare Section prior to this month	(1,101)	(2,427)
B. Those who have not had initial Family Interview with Relocation Division or Welfare Section	294	(536)

III. Families for whom Relocation Summaries have been referred this month to District Relocation Officers		192
A. Community Invitation	109	190
B. Advance Approval	10	16

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

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	184	318	----	----
Approved	211	348	$20,290.33	$58.30

V. Leave clearance dockets

A. Awaiting clearance in Washington.....Does not apply

B. Pending action at center.....Does not apply

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

VII & VIII. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee and Meetings of Relocation Executive Board..... 4

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

During the past month there has been an increasing interest on the part of the community in relocation opportunities, and as a result the Relocation Program Officer has been meeting with the Block Managers and Council members of all three units. A trip to California by the Relocation Program Officer added impetus to this program, since there is apparent in Poston a tendency on the part of those people who are now planning to relocate to think in terms of California, rather than the Middle West and the East.

In Unit III, one of the leading Issei has joined the Relocation Staff, which will be of considerable assistance, particularly in working with the older people.

On the administrative level, the Education Section is participating closely in the relocation program by means of selected teachers interviewing the parents of school children.

The Welfare Section is now spending a high percentage of its time working toward the relocation of dependent cases, and in connection with this work joint case review committee meetings are held continually.

The Agricultural Section has been very effective in working with the representative from New England who was recently here on the project, and as a result, several relocation plans have materialized.

The Evacuee Property Section has reorganized to meet the prospect of the movement of large numbers of people and now has a packing and crating program which is very effective.

The Reports Division, through the medium of translations and publicity in the project newspaper, has oriented itself towards a highly increased program of publicity.

Contact has been made with the various railroads and bus companies serving the project, so that it does not appear that we will have any difficulty so far as transportation needs are concerned.

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

The initial family interviewing program, as you will notice from the figures on the first sheet, has come almost to a complete halt so far as the Relocation Division is concerned, except for "over the counter" interviews with people previously unknown to either the Relocation Division or the Welfare Section. This is due to the tremendous load of relocation advising during the past month. We have, however, commencing April 1, three new workers, which may alleviate the situation to some degree in order to complete the family interviewing program.

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.)

As stated above, the Reports Division is giving greater publicity to relocation opportunities from day to day, and we are able to furnish the residents with considerably more Japanese translations, which is obviously of considerable benefit, the residual population being largely Issei.

Miss Moore's visit from the Washington Office was of considerable assistance to us in improving the Relocation Libraries, as was the recent reorganization of the offices. As a result, the Relocation Libraries are in better shape than they have ever been before.

The newest innovation in presenting relocation information to the residents has been through the activity of the Relocation Program Officer in meeting directly with groups in the center.

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

Unit I has now been divided into six districts for administrative purposes, and each district will be handled by an Assistant Relocation Adviser who will be responsible for all relocation problems within that district. We feel that this will be an excellent type of plan, since by this means the Relocation Adviser in the district will become acquainted with all of the problems in the district and the evacuees will come to understand that there is a particular person to whom they can go for all their relocation needs. The same type of organization may be established in Camps II and III.

One of the major deterrants to the relocation program in Poston at the present time is information regarding adverse attitudes on the part of Californians in particular districts. We have here the entire population from the Imperial Valley, from the Salinas-Watsonville district, and many from the Lancaster district, as well as many former Terminal Island people. The reports from these districts in California, brought back by evacuees and by letters from former Caucasian friends, are of such discouraging nature that the relocation to those particular districts is practically at a standstill.

Considerable feeling exists among former fishermen at Poston that there is no possibility of their going back to their former occupation, and as a result they are extremely discouraged. This feeling is verified by the fact that so far as we know, no person has as yet been issued a fishing permit on the West Coast.

Much progress has been made, so far as community opinion in Poston is concerned, towards the idea of relocation. As mentioned before, the community organizations have become more cooperative than they have ever been in the past. From all indications, there should be an upswing in the number relocating. Interestingly enough, in the first three days in April, 97 people left on terminal departure. We were able to arrange for a special car leaving for Sacramento.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month April, 1945 Center Colorado River

	Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	3,635	10,763
B. Last day of month	3,557	10,362
II. Number relocated during month	269	418
A. Number of welfare referrals relocated	17	44
B. Number of other families relocated	252	374
III. Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	1,273	3,234
A. Number referred from Welfare Section for relocation advising during month	114	193
B. Number referred to Welfare Section for counseling during month	40	109
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	182	495
A. Community Invitation	149	398
B. Advance Approval	33	97

V. Applications for Relocation Assistance Grants.

Item	Number Applications	Number Individuals Included	Amount of Assistance	Average Amt. Per Person
Received	199	357		
Approved	232	390	$23,660.67	$60.65

VI. Meetings of Relocation Planning Commission --

VII. and) Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee and
VIII.) Meetings of Relocation Executive Board 3

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.) .....

During the month plans for evacuee participation in relocation planning culminated in a memorandum from the Community Council to the Project Director requesting the setting up of a committee to assist in relocation planning. This organization is not now complete, inasmuch as it occurred on the last day of the month. A more full evaluation on the effectiveness of it will be made in the next monthly report.

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

As the momentum of relocation increases, the advising and interviewing program likewise becomes more intensive. With the removal of the necessity for advance approval, the advisers have endeavored to send the Field summaries containing as complete information as possible in advance of departure. This is often made difficult because of sudden decisions to leave. The pattern now is definitely towards family relocation which calls for more detailed planning because of involved problems. Although a number of initial interviews were scheduled, it is realized

that this exploratory phase of the program has passed and every interview is geared to actual relocation planning. Admittedly there are many families on the project who have no relocation plans, or the obstacles seem insurmountable to the evacuee, but the ever-increasing number of solutions to problems is breaking down many resistances. In all three units, case loads have been divided upon a district basis. This has resulted in a more even flow of work and has the advantage of the worker having a thorough knowledge of his district, with definite responsibility and sense of accomplishment.

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.)

The three Relocation Libraries continue to improve in their physical layout and usefulness. We are looking forward to expansion and benefits which will result from the Reports Office taking over distribution of the information program. During the latter part of the month Mr. Russell Bankson visited the project and plans were developed for this enlarged service.

In Unit III bulletin boards have been placed at the bus stops for use of informational releases in Japanese, and glassed-in display standard for showing of photographs is to be placed at the Departure Station in Unit I. The need increases for Japanese translations of as much material as possible, or of visual material, both in the libraries and for distribution in the community.

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

Reference is made to the weekly and special reports of the Community Analyst which currently describe and interpret progress of relocation and various problems.

Progress within the Division this month has been particularly apparent because for the first time unit offices have been working with almost a full quota of appointed personnel. By the transfer to Relocation of three workers from the Welfare Section on April 1, the Unit I office has been able to carry and distribute its load equitably. The same has been true in Unit III. However, Unit II operated under staff handicaps because of the transfer of the Relocation Adviser to the Evacuee Property Office and the loss of one Adviser who subsequently transferred to Welfare. The Leave Officer was promoted to the Relocation Adviser position in Unit II, but has been working with only one Assistant Adviser. The Project Office has been without a Leave Officer, which has been a definite hardship.

Certain problems of duplication and handling of borderline dependency cases developed in the Relocation Division and the Welfare Section. Confusion also resulted because of varying instructions from the two offices

in Washington regarding handling of temporary resettlement assistance cases. Specific cases were worked out on an individual basis, but Joint Case Review and Joint Staff meetings were postponed until the arrival of Welfare and Relocation consultants from Washington.

The new visitors' procedures will undoubtedly function more smoothly. Two questions have arisen which seem to cause complications. One is the regulation that visitors from other centers must pay guest charges, although prior approval is obtained; the other is from visitors who wish to make a short trip to California for relocation planning, or other purposes, during their visit, but by reason of leaving the project must count their visit as two visits, although the time limit is not used up.

Although we have, by necessity, established our departure procedures to comply with the regulations of the local M.P. Commanding Officer, we feel that it is an anomoly that the Endo decision has made it more difficult for people to get out of the center than previously. The double check by the M.P. of the names of persons departing causes delay and misunderstandings. This is particularly true in situations which result from checking visitors. A number of visitors have arrived at the project to find upon being ready to depart that they are on the excludee or segregation list and clearance in each case must be made with the WDC. Previously action was delayed until the arrival of the CAD representative, whose presence at the center was irregular. Recent arrangements have been made for him to spend Thursday and Friday of each week at the center; also we have been advised that the local Commanding Officer can request action by telephone from the WDC, and it is, therefore, hoped that such situations can be cleared before hardship to the visitor develops. In a number of instances the delay has meant the visitor losing his means of transportation, or being unable to get back to a job on time, both situations creating ill-will and inconvenience. The Army checking of names by soldiers of limited education or intelligence, both previous to departure and at the time of departure, delays the departure process, when train and bus schedules must be met.

The most recent regulation is that no person on the excludee list (Code 4) can leave without the individual presenting his exclusion orders in person to the local Commanding Officer. This must be done prior to checking of the departure list and necessitates a special trip to the M.P. quarters by the individual.

We are looking forward with interest to the decision to be reached regarding the trial of the draft evaders in Phoenix on April 23. Approximately 100 men are involved who have long been a problem on the project and the decision reached will also affect the plans of the families.

During the month Mr. Tats Kushida of the Kansas City Office has been detailed to the Project and has been helpful in working out plans with

persons interested in his area. Mr. Jennings of the Salt Lake WRA Office, with Keiji Shiwota, also visited the project and obtained relatively good results in Tooele recruitment. They were accompanied by a representative of the Civil Service Commission at Salt Lake City, and Civil Service clerical and stenographic examinations were given to 60 applicants, 59 of whom qualified.

Short term leaves during April increased to a total of 514; of these 167 were to California.

XIV. Recommendations for improvement in the relocation program.

Clarification of the regulation regarding assistance grants to reinducted evacuees. Numerous wires have gone back and forth between Washington and the project regarding this question, but confusion still exists. We appreciate the ruling that second transportion grants can be given to persons reinducted who did not require approval of the Relocation Officer if a family plan is established and date for relocation set; but from the evacuee's standpoint, the question arises that if he is eligible for a transportation grant, why is he not eligible for the entire grant? It is our recommendation that all resident evacuees, who although they received previous grant, if reinducted with Field Office approval, or on the basis of certificate of fitness, when such reinduction did not require Field approval, should receive transportation and subsistence grant, if they can show evidence of need.

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

The change in responsibility to the Reports Division for dissemination of information has been carried out in Boston, and it is working satisfactorily. Bulletin boards are being set up at strategic places in the center and the Reports Office is in the process of preparing a regular weekly relocation bulletin, which should be of considerable help.

We are at present preparing to obtain for the Relocation Libraries material from the schools, which will improve the libraries considerably.

XIV. Special progress made, or problems incurred in relocation.

Progress made has been outlined elsewhere in this report. The problems incurred are an intensification of the questions raised in the past. The number of easily relocatable persons and families grows less and less and the number of family problems increases, with housing, resettlement assistance, dependency, and fear of sentiment occurring more and more frequently. We are looking forward with great interest to receiving the procedures for administration of resettlement assistance on the project level. The most encouraging pattern is that persons and families who have been opposed to relocation in the past are now leaving the project, or making plans for the future. Interviews held by teachers with parents during May, directed towards educational plans for the children, are resulting in numerous referrals to the Relocation Division.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Progress Report

Month May, 1945 Center Colorado River

		Number basic family units	Number individuals involved in relocation plans
I.	Number in center on the		
	A. First day of month	3,557	10,362
	B. Last day of month	3,416	9,794*
II.	Number relocated during month	195	450
III.	Number of families represented in discussion (or discussions) of plans for relocation during month	866	3,123
IV.	Number of family summaries sent to field during month	209	496
	A. Community Invitation	177	425
	B. Advance Approval	32	71
V.	Dependency Cases		
	A. Plans approved by Field	11	27
	B. Planning in progress	170	430
	C. Planning not yet in progress	576	1,803

* Population figures adjusted by Statistics Section during May.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Program Report

Month June, 1945 Center Colorado River

	Number basic family units represented	Number individuals involved
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	3411	10040
B. Last Day of month	3233	9482
II. Number relocated during month	248	575
III. Number of families represented in discussions of plans for relocation during month	1132	4201
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	358	863
A. Community Invitation	324	783
B. Advance approval	34	70
V. Dependency Cases (Forms 390)		
A. Plans approved by field	5	6
B. Planning in progress	243	533
C. Planning not yet in progress	422	1103
VI. Relocation Assistance		
A. Applications received	320	603
B. Applications approved	377	696
C. Total assistance granted	$23,126.06	
Average per person	33.23	
VII. Resettlement Assistance		
A. Number cases approved	44	
1. Total amount granted $6,709.50		
2. Average amount received 152.49		
B. Number cases disapproved	3	

VIII. Meeting of Relocation Planning Commission (Advisory Board) 4

IX.

X. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee and Relocation Executive Board 4

XI. Meetings of Coordinating Committee 0

XII. Narrative Statement on progress of center organization for relocation planning.

The Relocation Advisory Board is taking an active part in both the overall picture and in attention to individual problems. For further details, refer to minutes of the weekly meetings, which have been sent Washington.

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The reorganized Relocation Division has now been operating long enough to demonstrate the advantages of the consolidation of all relocation and welfare functions in one operating unit, resulting in better service to the residents and administrative coordination. In Unit I the number of appointments held almost doubled in volume over May. The division of case load by district with one worker responsible for all services in specific blocks has proved definitely of value, particularly in connection with the more involved planning which is now necessary for families. One problem which has developed is that the daily load become heavy in certain blocks where relocation spreads and it becomes difficult for the worker to keep ahead of the interviewing and necessary paper work. Temporary interchange of blocks or cases with a worker less pressed would impair the continuity of planning and support built up by the counselor, and the district system would break down. However, to date this has not become a pressing problem, except in a few blocks, but it may develop into one since it is proved that relocation planning within a block is contagious (just as resistances are usually block-wide).

The detail of teachers to the Relocation Division has been of assistance. Some are carrying actual case loads; some are doing the more routine interviewing or serving as office managers, receptionists, or intake workers.

During June there was a marked increase in the number of persons making definite relocation plans, and those who had been considering possibilities for several months hastened to complete arrangements. A growing realization of the fact that the Center is really closing and the desire to relocate before the opening of the new school year seems to be the main factors. Very little reaction was expressed in the Unit Relocation Office to the early closing for Camps Two and Three. It contributed to the acceleration of planning on the part of some families. Where sons and daughters had been planning on relocating east and coming back later to go with their families to California, these plans were cancelled and the entire family is making arrangements to return to California together in the near future. There was greatly increased interest in Watsonville; a few families who did not own property have relocated there and found housing. A number of persons have taken short-term leave to Watsonville and Salinas. There is an increase in number of visitors coming to discuss relocation plans or to relocate family members.

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UNIT I

June, 1945

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	1928	5622
End of month	1845	5398
Number relocated in District	126*	239**
Number summaries sent to Field	157	264
Number short term leaves in District		301
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	15	
Total amount granted	$2,462.25	
Average amount received	$ 164.15	
Number cases disapproved	3	

* Families represented

** Including 12 conversions

Departures by Blocks from June 1, to June 30, 1945, Inclusive

Blocks	No. Departed	Conversions
2	14	
3	8	
4	6	1
5	6	
6	5	
11	4	
12	6	
13	6	1
14	8	
15	8	
16	6	
17	14	
18	5	
19	12	
21	5	
22	9	
26	14	
27	1	
28	1	1
30	4	1
31	2	1
32	0	1

Blocks	No. Departed	Conversions
35	15	
36	9	2
37	1	1
38	7	
39	13	1
42	0	
43	3	1
44	8	
45	9	
46	4	
53	5	
54	6	
59	0	1
60	3	

TOTAL	227	Unit I	12
	136	Unit II	7
	802	Unit III	8
Sub Total	565		27
Short Terms	460		
Total Departures	1025		

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Anna Sofman
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 17, 18, 32

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	182	587
End of month	178	568
Number relocated in District	11	19
Number summaries sent to Field	10	42
Number short term leaves in District	12	16
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	2	
Total amount granted $347.00		
Average amount received $173.50		
Number cases disapproved	1	

BLOCK: 43

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	60	197
End of month	60	194
Number relocated	1	3
Number summaries	1	8
Number short term leaves	10	11

	Families	Individuals
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	0	0
Total amount granted	0	0
Average amount received	0	0
Number cases disapproved	0	0

BRIEF NARRATIVE REPORT (TRENDS? PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS):

Approximately the same number of families and individuals relocated in June as in May--22 as against 21. However, by the third week in June, sixteen individuals have made definite plans to relocate in July. It would seem from this trend that a greater number will relocate in July than in preceding months.

There is much greater activity in respect to short term leaves to investigate relocation possibilities and in job offers. More persons, however, seem not to need the reassurance of a definite job offer before leaving the center, preferring to investigate personally.

Housing is still the major problem in relocation, especially large families with small children.

There is not much progress with Dependency Summaries because the people concerned cannot give factual information to establish legal settlement and are, in many cases, reluctant to leave the center. This is especially true in the case of aged bachelors. They seem anxious, if relocation is accepted, to have a group arrangements made.

Block 17 shows the greatest activity, the other blocks being in relative states of quiescence. This may be partly attributed to the Block Manager who is very cooperative and interested in the residents.

Persons who have been on short term leave to San Jose come back with enthusiastic reports on the sentiment and Mr. Edmiston of WRA. They are less enthusiastic about Watsonville and Mr. Lewis.

There has not been much interest in the Monterey canneries to date.

Almost all persons discussing relocation ask regarding resettlement assistance, many seeming to accept ineligibility without distress, however.

Although single relocatees are still going East, families are looking to the West.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

ily Griest
Assistant Adviser

Blocks 15, 16, and 31

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	135	430 **
End of month	129	417 *
Number relocated in District	12	14
Number summaries sent to Field	11	13
Number short term leaves in District	[illegible]	29 29

Resettlement Assistance None

* 1 birth. Blk. 16

BLOCK 6

	Families	Individuals
Number in district		
First of month	47	116 **
End of month	47	114 *
Number relocated in district	5	5
Number summaries sent to field	5	5
Number short term leaves in District	0	4

Resettlement Assistance None

* 3 individuals moved in from other blocks.

** Adjustment made; last month's figure incorrect.

Narrative Report
Trends, Progress and Problems

Movement in Block 15, 16 and 31 has been much slower than anticipated so far as actual relocation is concerned. However, in Block 31 especially, there has been much activity in the way of discussing relocation plans with the adviser. The following trends have been noted:

1. Numerous applications from release from parole.
2. For the first time the actual relocation of parolees.
3. Applications for removal from the Army Exclusion list.
4. Many short term leaves to California, accompanied by and resulting in increased confidence regarding sentiment there, particularly in Monterey area. But many, truthfully most, return very disccouraged about the housing shortage.
5. Some interest in the Arkansas and Louisiana area as a result of the investigatory trip by the three men from the district. It is believed that a group of families can be organized around interest in the Wilson Plantation, if that offer is again opened.
6. Quite a number of people who believed they would go to Utah or Colorado are now deciding to return to California instead.

There have been no applications for Resettlement Assistance in the District since the initiation of the new plan to issue it on the Project. But there have been many inquiries about it and three or four families who have not completed their plans or set departure date will be applying for such assistance very shortly, it is belived. Only two family units in this district which were not single individuals relocated during the month.

Of the original 36 dependency cards for this district, 20 have been pulled because actual continuing financial need does not exist. Of the remaining 16 there are four or five cases in which it is doubtful that such need will exist. In the remaining cases all but two or three are being worked on.

In Block 15 former Arizona residents continue to wish to plan to return to their former residences, usually Phoenix or Glendale. The adviser has asked that some work be done in that vicinity on the problem of housing which seems to be a barrier to the completion of the relocation plans of this group.

June 30, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Walter Balderston
Assistant Adviser

Blocks: 5, 12, 38

	Families Represented	Individuals
Number in District		
June 1, 1945	133	388
June 30, 1945	125	367
Number relocated in district	13	19
Number Short term leaves in district	14	19
Number Summaries sent to field	11	16
Resettlement Assistance	0	0

The block population has beenchecked with the block manager of each block. Several discepancies were discovered where families had moved to other blocks or control hards had been made for persons who had left the center. I believe that the figures given here are more accurate than those of statistics.

Although the number actually relocating this month has dropped from the May figure, contrary to expectations, the interest in relocation is more generally distributed among the three blocks although Blocks 5 and 12 display an amount of interest that is greater than their combined population would indicate. Three trends have become evident during the month. A few bachelors are now relocating to farm and cannery jobs in California and the intermountain area. This movement will probably pick up speed in the next few months. In general it seems that several single men till go out together. Secondly, the families with school age children are beginning to take an interest in relocating this summer to establish their children in school in the autumn. On high school student, however, questioned me concerning my opinion about the continuation of the Poston schools. Thirdly, the announcement of the closing of Units II and III has stimulated a few, mostly younger persons, to remark that if those camps are closing, Camp I will not be far behind and they had better speed up their plans.

Since most of the persons relocating this month have been small families or single individuals, there was relatively little interest in Resettlement Assistance. One person discussed the matter, but did notmake an application after determining that he would probably not be eligible. He had returned to the center in the belief that each of his three remaining family members would receive $150 automatically on relocation. Another family will apply when they are ready to leave.

June 30, 1945

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Walter Balderston
Assistant Adviser

Blocks: 11

	Families	Individuals
Number in D istrict		
June 1, 1945	49	123
June 30, 1945	49	119
Number relocated in district	4	4
Number Short term leaves in district	5	7
Number Summaries sent to field	4	4
Resettlement A ssistance	0	0

The figures on block population have been checked with the block manager of Block 11 and I believe that they are as correct as they can be made.

Relocation this month has picked up slightly in this block. In general those who relocate were making their plans in May. Several families continue active planning but are not able to set a definite date for their departure. Four of the short term leaves were taken by family members accompanying a relocating person and there may be a later conversion to terminal.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Laura Dunshee
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 4, 19, 42

Number in District	Families	Individuals
First of month	177	477
End of month	171	454
Number relocated in District	13	23
N umber summaries sent to Field	11	21
Number short term leaves in District	18	23
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	0	
Total amount granted	$_____	
Average amount received	$_____	
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Yolande Davenport
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 2 - 35 - 30

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	168	456
End of month	154	424
Number relocated in District	14	32
Number summaries sent to Field	16	22
Number short term leaves in District	17	27
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	4	
Total amount granted $752.75		
Average amount received 188.18		
Number cases disapproved	1	

Bried narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

Activity in these blocks increased tremendously during the month of June. In the early part of the month while we were a waiting definite instructions from Washington regarding resettlement assistance, there was considerable speculation among the people in the blocks regarding the extent of the restrictions which would be imposed upon the grants. Some families from Block 2 especially came in to discuss their lack of resources with the intention in some cases of making their needs known before the Administrative Notice was received on the Project.

In the past, although we had talked in the counseling program about the existence of a Fund administered by the Social Security Board, not too much credulity had been given to our statements regarding its availability. The grants which can be given on the Project are comparatively inadequate, yet too many families, the actual approval at the Project before they leave the Center mean more than the prospect of what might have been a larger grant from the Fund following relocation to the new destination.

There has been considerable misunderstanding regarding the necessity for making deductions from the maximum grant. This seems to have been largely due to the prevalent belief that every individual in a family was eligible for $50. A new and simple interpretation of Resettlement Assistance in Japanese and in English would aid greatly at this time. The ineligibility of couples for assistance from the Resettlement Fund is a hindrance to relocation and is difficult to

explain and to accept.

The greatest deterrent to relocation so far as these 3 blocks are concerned is the lack of housing in Los Angeles. Heads of families who have been out on short term leave two and three times to Los Angeles to look for housing come in to the office with discouraging reports. Most of them feel that it is futile to try again to find housing and a waste of what money they have. There have been several suggestions from some of the men that they be permitted to work on short term leaves so that they could support themselves while they look for housing. The suggestion which the Los Angeles Office seems to be offering people who are out on short term that locate housing by accepting domestic employment is only applicable in a limited number of cases.

The majority of the people understand that they need have no concern regarding jobs and sentiment. However, they are very much concerned regarding the lack of housing.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Joyce Mallman
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 36, 45, 46

		Families	Individuals
Number in District			
First of month		171	476
End of month		156	454
Number relocated in District		15	22
Number summaries sent to Field		17	29
Number short term leaves in District		12	32
Resettlement Assistance:			
Number cases approved		2	
Total amount granted	$252.25		
Average amount received	126.12		
Number cases disapproved		0	

NARRATIVE REPORT

Relocation in blocks 36, 45 and 46 is increasing and there is evidence that most of the people who have not yet made tentative plans are beginning to consider possibilities. Many people are in the "talking" stage, and many plans that are completed are held up pending locating housing in Los A ngeles. The majority of the people are depending on their own efforts and the aid of their friends in obtaining housing and employment rather than requesting WRA help. A few people are coming in and asking for our advice in help in finding areas for relocation and employment for which they are suited. Others need help in details of relocation, but they have the basic plan formulated before they come into the office.

Housing remains the big problem. Many families with plans hesitate to leave for Los Angeles because of this factor. They don't want to go to Los Angeles to hunt for housing as they do not have the necessary money and as reports on housing have been extremely discouraging.

A large number of people have gone and are planning on going on short term leave to Los Angeles. On their return they circulate reports freely throughout the blocks so that everyone has a considerable amount of information about situations. There is no longer any question about the good sentiment and reception in Los Angeles or about the number of jobs a-

available. There is a definite feeling that inspecting our job offers or asking us to write to the Los A ngeles office about jobs is superfluous. There is extreme optimism about the resident's ability to find their own employment.

The single nisei still feel they want to relocate East because of better job opportunities, but man niseis with families are returning to Los Angeles. Mos of the issei wish to return to that city.

There are fewer questions about loans and potential businessmen who formerly stated that they could not relocate unless they were able to re-establish themselves in business are planning on accepting jobs in Los Angeles. They are willing to accept any kind of work, feeling that they can change to something more advantageous after they have established themselves.

We have had no report on the amount of information that is being circulated in the blocks. Ifeel that the single sheet of Relocation Opportunities is not satisfactory and is not presenting the business offers nor is it describing them in as interesting a way as they are presented in the original teletypes. I wonder if there is not some way of sending more job offers, without editing, into the blocks. Perhaps this can be done through a central reading room in each quad. Isseis do not tend to use the relocation library because of their language handicap. If offers were available in the blocks, there would be more discussion of them and consequent interpretations to the Issei. The majority of the offers sent in by the Field Offices are not used as the people that could be stimulated them are not seeing them. We refer specific job offers to people only when they have been in the office and we are familiar with their needs.

I would like to raise the question about the function of the Community Analysis Section in relation to our work. I feel that perhaps the Section's work could be changed from its present responsibility for reporting activities to the Washington Administration and others outside the local Relocation Division to one of aiding the Relocation Advisers. I am not acquainted with what the analysts in other centers are doing nor am I familiar with the policies and plans of the Washington office. Perhaps from the standpoint of the entire program the function of reporting activities is of more value than would be the analysis of actual community sentiment. Also, there is the possibility that the new evacuee relocation personnel is fullfilling this function

However, there might be room for discussion on how the analyst might aid our program. At the present time, reports contain the information with which we are already familiar either through the Chronicle, other releases, or through our own work.

There is a continuing need for another telephone in Unit I and for another line at 128.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Alice Cheney
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 21, 22 & 37

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of Month	135	356
End of Month	127	338 (2 added by birth)
Number relocated in District	8	20
Number summaries sent to Field	15	30
Number short term leaves in District	13	22
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	none	
Total amount granted $		
Average amount received $		
Number cases disapproved	none	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

There has been a decided swing toward acceptance of the need of making plans and indications in a number of interviews that people in general realize the centers are closing. However, there are still groups - a strong one in Block 22 and less important one in Block 37 which have not yet admitted they must leave.

There were no formal requests for Resettlement Assistance. A number who inquired about it quickly realized that they were not eligible under the limitations of the plan. Two families will apply when their plans are farther advanced, probably in July. There is a deplorable gap in planning between those who can plan independently and are doing so and a sizable number of families which will need help but as yet are not willing to plan, even to the extent of investigating assistance available.

One man thinking of early relocation reported that if he could get only travel and $25 he would have to wait a month or two to accumulate some money. He seemed disappointed and disturbed when it was suggested that his cash advance would be sent to him later instead of his getting it when he leaves.

Considerable time was spent on dependency summaries. I found less reluctance as to having plans stated though all of these old men prefer not to leave the center till more of their friends have returned to their former counties. It was found that some listed as dependents will not be such. One relocated and is employed and another when interviewed was found to be planning for himself and to have some resources.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Anne R. Peavy
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 54, 59 & 60

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	177	516
End of month	174	506
Number relocated in District	5	10
Number summaries sent to Field	11	21
Number short term leaves in District	32	35
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	3	
Total amount granted $ 489.25		
Average amount received $ 163.08		
Number cases disapproved	1 (Ineligible)	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

Interest in relocation seems to be increasing in this district. There was quite a bit of interest in Major Hartney's visit from Imperial Valley. There has been an increase in the number of short term leaves to Imperial Valley and to other parts of California.

Obtaining cash advances and clothing allowance before leaving the Center has been requested by some of the relocating persons. Failure to obtain these seems to cause hardship in some cases.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

John S. Sills
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 26, 39, 53

		Families	Individuals
Number in District			
First of month		135	462
End of month		129	429
Number relocated in District		6	33
Number summaries sent to Field		(6)	20
Number short term leaves in District		(13)	34
Resettlement Assistance:			
Number cases approved		1	
Total amount granted	$199.00		
Average amount received	$199.00		
Number cases disapproved		0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

These three blocks, being mainly Imperial Valley people, are especially slow to return to point of origin. Those leaving have mostly gone to middle or eastern urban communities and to Utah, Arizona and north California; rural, or urban Los Angeles. The first group being entirely younger people; the second, mixed ages. Both substitute localities are getting increased attention. Money and equipment remain the second largest category of obstacles.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Claudine Rodgers
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 27, 28 & 44

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	146	493
End of month	145	486
Number relocated in District	7	13
Number summaries sent to Field	6	13
Number short term leaves in District	19	22
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	1	
Total amount granted $ 207.75		
Average amount received $ 207.75		
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

Lack of housing is the most talked of problem. Fear of relocating as a single family bothers the farm families of Block 44. They express a desire to go together to the same community, and among those living alone, the fear of going out is most often expressed. Families with children are anxious to move before fall but fall back on "no house". Fear of no work, even with the older men, seems much less a problem. The majority though are thinking of definitely going out, some few with aspirit of adventure. Hope this can be developed.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Kathrine French
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 3, 13 & 14

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	214	543
End of month	202	521
Number relocated in District	12	22
Number summaries sent to Field	12	17
Number short term leaves in District	18	21
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	2	$140.25 Takemoto 77.00 Iwao
Total amount granted $ 217.25		$217.25
Average amount received $ 108.62		
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems): June 30, 1945

The district continued to be quite active, although, as in the previous month, much of the activity was only indirectly concerned with relocation. The number of entire family units leaving remained low. There have been questions about insurance (does the Farmers' Union Insurance Company have a national scope or does it operate only in the Denver area?), continued interest in release from parole, and one withdrawal of repatriation. Parolees seem to be uncertain about where they are to report, how they are to report, and where the offices of the Immigration Service are located. Is this information available to the advisors?

The announcement of the closing of Camps II and II[I] had at least one interesting effect (all I had time to observe in the additional day I was in Poston). Two persons interviewed on Saturday, June 23, regarded the closing of the other camps entirely from the meaning it had for I; one said he planned to leave before long as he did not want to be caught in the last minute rush of closing, nor did he wish to wait until the competition for jobs was highest before leaving. Another, a member of a repatriate family, all of which have been slow in these blocks to show interest in relocation, said he believed his family better get busy and get out while the getting was good. The closing of the other camps may provide the necessary impetus to the group of employable bachelors in the blocks, whose only block to relocation has been the remaining in the center was the course of least resistance.

Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

July 2, 1945

MEMO TO: Mr. C. R. Carter
Relocation Program Officer

SUBJECT: Relocation Clerical Pool, Unit I
Report for Month of June

Personnel. The Relocation Clerical Pool now has six stenographers. Seven clerk-typists (four of which are assigned to the filing department), and three messenger girls. All of them are working full time. In addition to the employees in this office, we have three senior counseling aides and two housing clerks working out of our unit but carried on our payroll, which makes a total of 21 full time employees.

Present Working Load. All the Relocation Advisers and Assistant Advisers submit their paper work to the Clerical Pool. To date, we have no backlog in our clerical work. All filing is up to date with the exception of the posting of vouchers in the individual case record. This should be completed within the next 10 days. All the records have been consolidated, and the closed records have been checked and chronologically arranged. They are now ready to be transferred to the Statistics Section as soon as the new forms for transfer of records are received from Procedures Officer. Old applications for short-term leaves, formerly held in the Leave Processing Unit, were transferred to this office and have all been filed in the individual case folders. The current applications are now being received and filed daily.

Clerical Pool Setup. The original procedure is being followed regarding the routine of the material submitted to the pool. A rotation plan has been established for the stenographers, whereby each takes her turn at dictation. I believe this to be of distinct advantage to the stenographers, as it gives each of them an opportunity to work with all the assistant advisers. An average of 13 hours per week was spent in taking dictation. A total of 1642 pieces of typed material was completed for the month of June. We found it interesting to keep the following record:

Teletypes	135	Case Records	479
Memos	214	Ind. and Fam. Plan	161
Letters	444	Reports	56
Forms	155		

There are five collections and deliveries ofmail daily. Mailing material written in the morning or early afternoon is mailed the same day. A special messenger delivers any last-minute teletypes to Office Services.

Orientation of Evacuee Employees. No regular in-service training classes have been held. Any change in procedure are posted on the board of discussed as soon as we are notified of the change. An effort has been made to give more individual training to the evacuees. This has its advantages and drawbacks. The girls seem to prefer to discuss their problems alone rather than in a group. However, group discussion tends to give them more self-confidence and help overcome their innate shyness. Job offers are circulated among the staff and these have been discussed in regard to the different girls' abilities.

At present, our quota of evacuee employees is filled in this office. One girl is out on short-term leave and may have completed her relocation plans by the time she returns. One clerk-stenographer, who is to relocate this month, terminated June 30, and she has been replaced by a clerk-typist. The girls are all talking of relocation and one clerk hopes to relocate before the first of August. Right now, however, none of them seem to know of a definite date of departure.

Remarks. I am proud to report that during this month we have had nearly 100% attendance. With the exception of several hours of excused absence, every girl has been at her desk daily.

The girls are to be complimented on the effort they have expended towards making the new clerical pool a successful operating unit. On several occasions there was an extra amount of work, and they cheerfully stayed long enough to complete it. They have willingly performed the tasks assigned to them and have cooperated in every way.

Marifrances Horner
Relocation Clerical Office

WRA RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Area Report

Month June 1945 Center Colorado River, Unit II

	number basic family units represented	Number individuals involved inrelocation plans
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	616	1985
B. Last day of Month	582	1853
II. Number relocated during month	65	134
III. Number of families represented in discussions of plans for relocation during month	302	1029
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	66	241
A. Community Invitation	50	193
B. Advance Approval	16	48
V. Dependency Cases (Forms 390)		
A. Plans approved by field	0	0
B. Planning to progress	38	84
C. Planning not yet in progress	67	194

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Miss Esther M. Adamson
Assistant Adviser

BLOCKS: 209, 214, 215, 216
District III

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	145	484
End of month	139	458
Number of relocated in District	14	28
Number of summaries sent to Field	11	25
Number of short term leaves in District	8	10
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number of cases approved	4	
Total amount granted	$ 472.25	
Average amount received	$ 118.06	
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Miss Lois Bartlett
Assistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 207,208,221,222
District I

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	153	447
End of month	141	412
Number of relocated in District	15	38
Number of summaries sent to Field	19	74
Number of short term leaves in District	11	13
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number of cases approved	2	
Total amount granted	$ 383.00	
Average amount received	$ 191.50	
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Mrs. A. Heartwell
Assistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 226, 227, 229, 201
District IV

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	151	475
End of month	142	432
Number relocated in District	17	39
Number summaries sent to Field	18	61
Number short term leaves in District	8	11
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	3	
Total amount granted $ 424.50		
Average amount received $ 141.50		
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Mrs. Mamie C. Wormley
Assistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 211, 213, 219, 220
District II

	Families	Individuals
Number in District		
First of month	167	579
End of month	160	551
Number of relocated in District	19	29
Number of summaries sent to Field	20	94
Number of short term leaves in District	13	17
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number of cases approved	5	
Total amount granted	$ 611,255	
Average amount received	$ 122.25	
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Area Report

Month June

Center III

	Number basic Family units Represented	Number Individuals involved in Relocation plans
I. Number in Center on the		
A. First day of month	*867	*2433
B. Last day of month	806	2231
II. Number relocated during month	57	202
III. Number of families represented in discussions of plans for relocation during month	?	1066
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	135	348
A. Community Invitation	131	344
B. Advance Approval	4	4
V. Dependency Cases (Forms 390)	1	1
A. Plans approved by field	1	1
B. Planning in progress	102	228
6. Planning not yet in progress	131	257

*There is a difference of 43 persons in the case count as the cards last month has not been checked against.

The figures 870 for basic families and 2453 for individuals were given for the last day of month of May which was an error. The figure for basic families should have been 867, for families and 2433 for individuals.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Bertha F. Starkey
ssistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 305 306 307 308 309

	Number of Family Units Represented	Number of Individuals involved in Relocation Plans
Number in District		
First of month	249	* 753 (770)
End of month	410	683
Number relocated in District	15	70
Number summaries sent to Field	30	83
Number short term leaves in District	1	31
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	6	
Total amount granted	$1174.25	
Average amount received	$195.70	
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

The movement out of the camp seems to be gradually picking up speed. If there are new problems they consist on not being able to find time to give sufficient personal attention to everyone who comes. With the evacuees there is a increasing number of families desirous of clothing grants and resettlement assistance beyond that available.

Inspite of the resentment expressed over the order to close Units II and III on October 1st, and the disappointment over the small amount of resettlement assistance granted, the movement toward relocation in our district had gained such mementum that it keeps up at the same speed. However, if all block meetings should end as one did last week with a general feeling of lack of confidence in WRA's ability and intention to give needed help to resettlers with their financial problems and their struggles to find housing, our accelerated program will soon suffer a slump. We strongly protest the deduction of the WRA wages and pay roll clothing allowance from the standard amount set for families needing resettlement assistance and we recommend a more adequate effort to obtain housing.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Roma Tomlinson
Assistant Relocation Advisor

BLOCKS: 322 323 328 (Bar.7-1)*

	Number of Family Units Represented	Number of Individuals involved in Relocation Plans
Number in District		
First of month	* 137 (127)	* 353 (329)
End of month	122	339
Number relocated in District	14	14
Number Summaries sent to Field	30	56
Number short term leaves in District	14	16
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	None	
Total amount granted	$ None	
Average amount received	$ None	
Number cases disapproved	None	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

The trend amongst residents of the above blocks was to relocate in the Middle-west rather than California.

Of special interest was the departure of several young men to Chicago for part-time employment and part-time attendance at school. Their example will probably lead to many more taking advantage of special summer courses; also a factor was the granting of special clothing allowances so that a good appearance was possible and this means a great deal and does wonders in restoring confidence in their ability to hold jobs in large cities.

* Ten case control cards were added to this district after checking the cards with case records.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

ss Lydia Gonzales
Assistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 316 317 318

	Number of family Units Represented	Number of Individuals involved in Relocation Plans
Number in District		
First of month	* 195 (184)	539 (537)
End of month	190	508
Number relocated in District	8	31
Number summaries sent to Field	22	34
Number short term leaves in District		17 1 death
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	3	
Total amount granted $265.25		
Average amount received $132.62		
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

The majority of the people in these three blocks are from the Central part of California where attitude toward Japanese is not as good as in other communities; consequently, the poeple are not as anxious to return to their former place of residence as others from other communities. Housing in this area is an acute problem. Many families do not own property and will have to rent when they return. Most of themare wage earners. There is a large number of migrant bachelors whose legal residence is questionable as they have never stayed for longer than six months in any one place. There is also a large number of people who requested repatriation, also a number of excludees and detained.

*Eleven case control cards were added to this district after checking the cards with case records.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Mrs. Dorothy Black - by J. Linfield
Assistant Advisor

BLOCKS: 325 326 327

	Number of F Family Units Represented	Number of Individuals involved in Relocation Plans
Number in District		
First of month	* 189 (169)	* 443 (444)
End of month	* 178	400
Number relocated in District	8	43
Number summaries sent to Field	27	70
Number short term leaves in District	3	18
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	3	
Total amount granted $467.75		
Average amount received $155.91		
Number cases disapproved	2	

Brief narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

Families are concerned about housing in California where many wish to relocate. A few are relocating East. More are concerned with relocation possiblities soon.

* Fourteen case control cards were added to this district after checking cards with case records.

MONTHLY REPORT BY DISTRICT

Mrs. Dorothy Light.
Assistant Advisor

Blocks: 328 (8-14) 329 330

	Number of Family Units Represented	Number of Individuals involved in Relocation Plans
Number in District		
First of month	* 97 (101)	* 345 (373)
End of month	87	301
Number relocated in District	11	44
Number summaries sent to Field	26	85
Number short term leaves in District		20
Resettlement Assistance:		
Number cases approved	3	
Total amount granted $449.00		
Average amount received $149.66		
Number cases disapproved	0	

Brief Narrative report (trends, progress and problems):

There seems to be a definite trend toward a return to the Coast and former homes by the families. The individuals are still going East, especially the younger ones, seventeen up, to join older brothers and sisters.

The demand for clothing assistance grants is increasing rather rapidly.

Relocation is slowly gathering momentum in one area. The announcement on closing date is apparently not a deterrent.

*Two case control cards were added to this district after checking the cards with case records.

Miss Hilke

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Relocation Program Report

Month July, 1945 Center Colorado River

	Number basis family units represented	Number individuals involved
I. Number in center on the		
A. First day of month	3212	9308
B. Last day of month	3010	8758
II. Number relocated during month	288	640
III. Number of families represented in discussions of plans for relocation during month.	1773	4903
IV. Number of family summaries sent to field during month	354	959
V. Dependency Cases (Forms 390)		
A. Plans approved by field	21	39
B. Planning in progress	300	695
C. Planning not yet in progress	143	383
VI. Relocation Assistance		
A. Applications Received	350	670
B. Applications approved	405	720
C. Total Assistance Granted	$21,605.10	
Average per person	30.17	
VII. Resettlement Assistance		
A. Number cases approved	48	
1. Total amount granted $7,734.72		
2. Average amount granted 162.45		
B. Number cases disapproved	6	

VII. Meeting of Relocation Planning Commission 5

IX. Meetings of Staff Relocation Committee and Relocation Executive Board 4

X. Meeting of Coordinating Committee 0

XI. Narrative Report

There was a sharp - upturn of interest in relocation during this month. Although the total relocating did not supersede the total of June by very much, it will be reflected in the totals for the month of August. Most of the interest was evidenced by the greater number of people appearing voluntarily at the District workers office to ask questions concerning relocation. Those appearing also included many of the dependent families who were concerned about their future.

Several reasons can be put forth for this sudden increase in relocation interest: (1) The evacuees have accepted the fact that the center is definitely to close as scheduled. With a few exceptions, even those that have resisted relocation in the past have begun to come in to make plans. (2) Children who are to attend school in September have been applying pressure on their parents to relocate. (Many children have come in without their parents to make plans.) (3) Announcement of special train departures undoubtedly has had some effect in making people plan rather than to wait and have plans made for them and (4) Recruiters from the field with good job offers and continued offers from the field has also helped. The biggest deterrent to relocation is still the lack of housing.