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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending Oct. 31 1942

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT Minidoka

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Yes Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Wednesday and Saturday

Circulation: At Project 3000 Outside 100 TOTAL 3100

Free Distribution per issue 3100 Subscription List pay postage;
WRA pays postage on 3 public relations copies.)

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 8 Advertising none Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 1 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 1

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name none When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

none

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) none

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

4 to 65 southern Idaho weeklies; 4 to 10 southern Idaho dailies and two press asso-

ciations.
Press releases (number) 8 To what papers

Associated Press, Boise, Idaho, submitted feature

Inquiries by press or other media story on project for checking. Twin Falls Times-

News made numerous inquiries about project developments.

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

none

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

J. J. Mullen, Managing editor, Twin Falls Times-News October 24

Mervin Shoemaker, reporter-photographer " " " " "

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Twin Falls Rotary Club 33 men, 28 women October 29

WRA-125:

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>H. L. Stafford</u>	<u>Kiwanis Club</u>	<u>Twin Falls</u>	<u>Oct. 2</u>
<u>Philip Schafer</u>	<u>Idaho St. Conference</u> <u>of Social Work</u>	<u>Boise</u>	<u>Oct. 5</u>

(see attached sheet for additional)

PHOTOGRAPHY: none

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) _____

By Reports Officer: _____

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: With 2,300 evacuees from the Minidoka and hundreds from other relocation centers scattered throughout southern Idaho in farm employment, residents of this region came in contact with more persons of Japanese ancestry in October than ever before. Scores of evacuees visited Twin Falls, Jerome, and other cities during free hours to shop, attend movies, and etc. Because these evacuees had relieved the acute farm labor shortage and were spending much of their wages in local stores, there was a general tolerance and little open discrimination. Newspapers generally were very fair and those which printed press releases from Minidoka did not change them. Contrary to earlier days of the project, few letters to editors were printed in October attacking and otherwise commenting on the project. The Twin Falls Times-News of October 28 printed a political advertisement attacking the incumbent county treasurer for employing a girl of Japanese ancestry, incidentally not an evacuee. In its lead editorial October 30 the Times-News criticized this advertisement as contributing "to unjustify intolerance the thing we should guard against--the very thing we are fighting the axis powers". The county treasurer was defeated in the election November 3rd. All county office holders of the same party, with a single exception, were also defeated. The large number of persons taking outside farm jobs indicated that conditions inside the center, principally lack of heat in living quarters, and lack of recreation facilities, were not conducive to their remaining here. Morale, as a result, was not as good as it might be.

REPATRIATION:

	ISSEI - 237			NISEI - 159		
	Men	Women	Children Under 18	Men	Women	Children Under 18
Applications *						
Pending						
Repatriated	of the 396, 95 are under 18 years of age.					
This Month	none					
Total Repatriations To date	none					

(*) These figures were taken from a list supplied by the regional office and apparently date. There are people listed who went to centers other than Minidoka from Puyallup and Portland Assembly Centers. Likewise, there are some Minidoka residents who have been repatriated (their baggage has even been inspected and sealed) who are not on the list. A check is now under way.

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Mrs. Stauden

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WRA Library Washington

Month Ending November, 1942

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT MINIDOKA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Yes Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Wednesday and Saturday

Circulation: At Project 5000 Outside 250 TOTAL 3250

Free Distribution per issue 3250 Subscription List 15 pay postage

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 10 Advertising 0 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 1 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 1

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) None

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 3 To what papers Two to 15 nearby weeklies; One to 15 weeklies, 4 dailies and 2 press assoc.

Inquiries by press or other media One or two weekly inquiries by Twin Falls Times-News.

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

None

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

None

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA) (see attached sheet)

YMCA Girl Reserves from Twin Falls, Eden, Hazelton 45 girls Nov. 2

WRA-125:

Budget Bureau No. 13-ROO4-42; Approval Expires 12/31/43 (Turn Up and Over)

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Philip Schafer</u>	<u>American Assoc. of University Women</u>	<u>Boise, Idaho</u>	<u>Nov. 9</u>

(see attached sheet)

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Faulty fire hydrants

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

Of greatest significance in public relations this month was an increase in the number of groups from nearby towns visiting the center including three service clubs and six other groups for a total of 495 persons, both men and women. Three groups, Girl Reserves, Girl Scouts, and Burley Methodists, came at night to meet with evacuee groups and did not tour the project. Each of the other groups seemed to include a small number who had previously formed their opinions of the center and the evacuees from what they had heard, the majority seemed to visit with open minds, and a few were noticeably sympathetic from the start. Most groups began their visit with lunch in the staff dining hall where they were entertained by colonist singers. After a talk by the assistant project director the visitors were taken on a tour of the project, usually by the reports officer, including warehouses, a typical kitchen and dining hall, outdoor latrine, utilities room, community store, schoolrooms, a typical apartment, and the hospital. It was interesting to see how often the attitude of many

(see attached sheet)

REPATRIATION:

	ISSEI			NISEI		
	Men	Women	Children Under 18	Men	Women	Children Under 18
Applications Pending	<u>147</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>94</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatria- tions To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

OTHER VISITORS

150	Open House for religious workers of Snake River Valley	Nov. 4
60	Buhl Kiwanis Club	Nov. 11
31	Shoshone Rotary Club	Nov. 12
	U. S. Senator John Thomas of Idaho	Nov. 13
36	Girl Scouts, Buhl	Nov. 14
29	Burley Methodist Church	Nov. 22
60	Washington P.T.A., Jerome	Nov. 22
60	Twin Falls Lions Club	Nov. 25
24	Pleasant Plains Grange, Jerome	Nov. 29

ADD: TALKS:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
R. A. Pomeroy	Filer Women's Club	Filer, Idaho	Nov. 11
Arthur Kleinkopf	Christian Church Ladies' Aid	Twin Falls	Nov. 11
Philip Schafer	Grange	Jerome	Nov. 12
R. A. Pomeroy	Farm Security Assoc.	Shoshone	Nov. 14
Miss Ecco Hunt	YWCA Girl Reserves' conference	Twin Falls	Nov. 15
Philip Schafer	Washington P.T.A.	Jerome	Nov. 20
R. A. Pomeroy	Lions Club, Ladies' night.	Gooding	Nov. 24
Geo. Townsend	Lincoln P.T.A.	Twin Falls	Nov. 27

ADD: GENERAL COMMENT

of the visitors changed during the tour as they saw the evacuees at work and in and around their homes, saw at first hand the rough living conditions and the barely adequate provisions and witnessed the good spirit of the evacuees. The visitors as they left often expressed admiration and sympathy for the evacuees and declared that they were going to correct a lot of people's ideas about "this place". When the Twin Falls Rotary Club visited, one man said he wanted to admit that he came out to the center narrow-minded, but now he wished the club would meet here every Wednesday. The outstanding group for the benefit of public relations was the 150 clergymen and lay workers of the Snake River valley who visited during a religious Open House, November 4. The project director in a luncheon talk urged them to promote tolerance and understanding of the evacuees. Many of the visiting ministers made such appeals in their sermons the following Sunday or later Sundays.

The public attitude in Twin Falls remained mixed. Many stores and people were friendly to the evacuees and on the other hand many were critical of them because they caused standing lines at theaters, service delays in restaurants and stores, and shortages of goods in stores.

The art and handicraft work of evacuees displayed in a downtown store window attracted favorable notice but it was not unanimous. The assistant project director looking at it one evening heard a woman looking at the beautifully knit sweaters say: "That's why I can't get a bit of yarn. They got it all."

A dance orchestra made up of evacuees out on farm work played two Twin Falls engagements, a basketball team of evacuee farm workers played the Gooding high school team, a quartet from the center made several outside appearances, and other desirable contacts were made between the public and the evacuees.

The following table shows the results of the work done during the month of August, 1942.

The total number of evacuees in the Twin Falls area is 1,200. The number of evacuees who are employed on farms is 800. The number of evacuees who are employed in other occupations is 400. The number of evacuees who are unemployed is 0.

Category	Number	Percentage
Total Evacuees	1,200	100%
Employed on Farms	800	66.7%
Employed in Other Occupations	400	33.3%
Unemployed	0	0%

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
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Month Ending January 31, 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT MINIDOKA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Yes Co-Op Association _____

Frequency of Issue (name days) Wednesday & Saturday

Circulation: At Project 3000 Outside 350 TOTAL 3350

Free Distribution per issue 3100 Subscription List 250

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 9 Advertising 0 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 2 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name None When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

December tabulation now available.

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) Dec. 1 - 31: 14 Ping Pong schedules; 55 Japanese entertainment; 37 Christmas signs; 500 Christmas choir concert program covers; 400 Christmas services program covers; 16 dance signs; 6 record concert; 1 stage set. January: 0 center sketches for Portland Oregonian; 112 posters; 16 banners; and 50 signs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 5 To what papers 20 weeklies and dailies in area

Salt Lake Tribune correspondent,

Inquiries by press or other media Twin Falls Times-News; Boise Statesman Correspondent

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

None

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name	Representing	Date
<u>Edl Arnold</u>	<u>Portland Oregonian</u>	<u>Dec. 31-Jan. 3</u>

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

120 Grangers in Twin Falls area Jan. 14

WRA-125: 47 Hazelton Lions club members Jan. 27

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
H. L. Stafford	Business Men Farmer's	Ontario, Ore.	Jan. 6
H. L. Stafford	Grange	Piler, Idaho	Jan. 9
Philip Schafer	Catholic Church	Jerome, Idaho	Jan. 10
	Club		
R. A. Fomeroy	Rotary Club	Rupert, Idaho	Jan. 20

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Large pools of surface water showing poor drainage;
Minidoka mass choir; funeral

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Squelch-the-Rumor committee continued active and while it was unnecessary to spilo any rumors, the committee members made several appearances before groups urging better understanding of the Minidoka center residents. Among the residents there seemed to be better morale generally, especially among the younger people who were making plans for indefinite leave. Farmers in the area expressed concern over reports that their temporary labor supply of last fall from the center might be unavailable due to the indefinite leave program. Contacts with the outside were made through groups visiting the center and through evacuee groups appearing outside, notably the massed choir and soloists numbering 89 who sang to 800 high school children and 800 adults at Jerome, January 28 under the auspices of the Jerome Ministerial Association.

REPATRIATION:

	ISSEI			NISEI		
	Men	Women	Children Under 18	Men	Women	Children Under 18
Applications Pending	<u>147</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>94</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatriations To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

Month Ending February 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT MINIDOKA, WRA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Association Yes

Co-op began publishing printed paper, 8 pages tabloid, Feb. 27
Frequency of Issue (name days) Saturday

Circulation: At Project 3000 Outside 500 TOTAL 3500

Free Distribution per issue 3100 Subscription List 200

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 10 Advertising 1 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 2 Circulation 3 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name High school paper, every two or three weeks, 1400 in center, 100 out;
When issued None
elem. school paper, monthly, 500 in center, 20 out; Episcopal church bulletin, weekly
Circulation (in center) 275 in center, 25 Outside Protestant church weekly,
450 in center, 50 out.

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) 8 Boy Scout Signs; 76 Voluntary Induc-
tion Posters; 3 Community Sing Banners; 20 Posters, 6 Double Banners, 5 posters
for "Welcome Bainbridge"; 107 posters for dances; Athletic contest; 5 Misc. Banners.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Regional dailies, weeklies, wire services;
Also home interest items to Portland
Press releases (number) 4 To what papers Oregonian; Seattle Times; Seattle P-I.

Inquiries by press or other media From regional papers and wire services.

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

Arthur Kleinkopf on Student Teaching in Idaho Journal of Education, Boise, Feb.

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)		
Name	Representing	Date
<u>Harriet Gipsen, Seattle</u>	<u>Free lance, (Friends Society)</u>	<u>Feb. 26, 1943</u>

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

75 Holy Name Society From Jerome, Wendell Feb. 14, 1943

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Arthur Kleinkopf</u>	<u>Grange</u>	<u>Kimberly</u>	<u>Feb. 12, 1943</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: 3 Funerals; 5 Brothers who volunteered for Army; Valentine

Sweetheart of Minidoka and attendants; 6 Identification Photos for Dept. of Justice; Boy Scout Drum & Bugle Corps; Identification Pictures for Appointed Personnel.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: With the approach of the planting season farmers in this area are turning their thoughts to the relocation center for labor. Signs are becoming evident of apprehension among farmers that the evacuees will be in the Army or in jobs in the east and will not be available for work around here. To insure favorable relations in farming communities in the interest of increased food production the project director and reports officer plan to get out a concise informational bulletin with facts about the center residents since the general public still seems to be ignorant of the status of these people.

The New governor of Idaho, C. A. Bottolfsen, appears to be taking an attitude opposite that of his predecessor, Chase Clark, who strongly opposed the establishment of the Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho. Bottolfsen seems anxious to do anything that would bring him credit for helping the farm labor situation.

The Minidoka Mass Choir concert in Twin Falls, Feb. 9, drew an audience of 1100. Other groups, mostly the Male Quartet, musicians and church groups, make an average of two outside contacts a week with churches and service clubs in the region. Evacuees went through mental turmoil over the voluntary army induction program. They were torn between parental wishes and desire to serve their country; between bitterness over past events and a desire to make a better future for themselves. Now the volunteers are too numerous to be disputed. Those who volunteered and those who didn't are speaking again. Boys locked out of homes are returning.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	<u>121</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>90</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatriations To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Month Ending March, 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT MINIDOKA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA _____ Co-Op Association Yes

Frequency of Issue (name days) Saturday

Circulation: At Project 2900 Outside 400 TOTAL 3300

Free Distribution per issue 2950 Subscription List 350

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 11 Advertising 2 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 2 Circulation 1 Printing or Duplicating 1

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Hunt Hi-Lites (high school paper), Twice monthly, 500;
Churchmen, Episcopal, When issued weekly, 300;
Herald, Protestant, 350; Huntville Sage, El. School, 250; Stafford Press, El. School,
Circulation (in center) 400; Recreation Bulletin outside 233kly, 500

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to
evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

None

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) Community Activities (Dances,
Athletic contests, etc.), 354.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 11 To what papers 20 dailies, weeklies, press services,
radio station in district,

Inquiries by press or other media local papers, AAUW chapter, Berlin, N.H.,
Asked information; Harriet Gipson, free lancer, Seattle, Washington.
Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

None

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Southern Idaho Schoolmasters Club, 156 March 26, 1943

YWCA girls from Twin Falls for conference, 60 March 27, 1943

WRA-125:

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Philip Schafer</u>	<u>Rotary Club</u>	<u>Pocatello</u>	<u>March 4, 1943</u>
<u>Arthur Kleinkopf</u>	<u>Community Group</u>	<u>Milner</u>	<u>March 6, 1943</u>
<u>J. G. Beeson</u>	<u>Rotary Club & County Labor Committee</u>	<u>Gooding</u>	<u>March 12, 1943</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Group of all volunteers; Funerals; Scene of accident; Coal Crew; Fire Crew; Coal Pit digging; two individual volunteer groups and families;

Presentation of tai.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale: The volunteers for Army induction were in the public spotlight in March. It was a relief when we could release our totals to satisfy local inquiries and to explain the large numbers of center residents which suddenly appeared on the streets of Twin Falls after a winter-long absence. When it was explained in the Twin Falls paper that these were volunteers and their families preparing for induction there was no trouble. However, the desire of a few (two reported) couples to visit a night club resulted in renewed efforts to keep the center residents out of such places. The T. F. Chamber of Commerce's Squelch-the Rumor campaign continued to function in an intelligent, useful way by not publicizing numerous rumors, but by asking tolerance and understanding and by spreading the belief that the majority of the center residents are loyal to U. S. Farmers' interest in workers from the center also was part of the increased attention focused on the center by the residents of the region. As more and more residents left the center, those remaining behind thought more and more about getting out. Thinking in the center found a fairly solid body of opinion behind the volunteers after passing through a tumultuous period earlier. Numerous banquets and parties for the volunteers were special occasions to break the monotonous life in the center. The arrival of more pleasant weather

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	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
<u>Applications</u>						
<u>Pending</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>86</u>
<u>Repatriated</u>						
<u>This Month . . .</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Total Repatriations To date .</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

tributed to a better frame of mind and new hopes for the future, speaking generally. Gardens were planted. Playgrounds in the process of construction were utilized as possible.

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
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Month Ending April 30, 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION --

PROJECT MINIDOKA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA _____ Co-Op Association Yes

Frequency of Issue (name days) weekly--Saturday

Circulation: At Project 2850 Outside 450 TOTAL 3300

Free Distribution per issue 2900 Subscription List 400

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 9 Advertising 1 Artists 1 Clerical 3

Translators 2 Circulation 2 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Hunt Hi-Lites When issued Twice-monthly

Circulation (in center) 500 Outside 50

Two elementary school papers, each monthly--250. Churchman, Episcopal weekly, 350; Seven PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed) recreation bulletins, weekly, each section, 500.

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) About 400 for various community

activities

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 4 To what papers Two dailies, two wire services; ten weeklies.

Inquiries by press or other media Request for picture from Portland Oregonian.

Requests from local newspapers

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

None

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

WRA-125:

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Marguerite L. Yorkill</u>	<u>Idaho Home Economic Association</u>	<u>Pocatello, Idaho</u>	<u>4/10/43</u>
<u>Philip Schafer</u>	<u>Bus. & Prof. Women's Club</u>	<u>Jerome, Idaho</u>	<u>4/12/43</u>
<u>Dr. L. M. Neher</u>	<u>Idaho Anti-Tuberculosis Assoc.</u>	<u>Boise, Idaho</u>	<u>4/15/43</u>

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Flag Dedication Ceremony; Funerals; Farm activities; Army volunteers.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

Public relations continued to be favorable as a whole. The residents made new contacts through various groups. The appearance of the Issei women's choir at a Twin Falls Church was a new step to make more contacts between the outside and the older residents. The residents showed concern over happenings such as the Doolittle flyers' execution and relocation interest suffered. The project newspaper began to suffer from a loss of staff members.

When the rumor was circulated that the evacuees were buying up choice Idaho farm land the reaction of some of the public was immediate. This demonstrated that while we have had no unfortunate incident to affect our increasingly good public relations there is always a chance for the situation to be reversed.

We continued to build on solid foundation our public relations; that is, through the leaders of the community by personal contacts while at the same time keeping up a flow of news releases to strengthen our position that the evacuees are behaving like good Americans.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	<u>112</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>85</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatriations To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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Month Ending May 31, 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT MINIDOKA

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA _____ Co-Op Association Yes

Frequency of Issue (name days) Saturday

Circulation: At Project 2850 Outside 450 TOTAL 3300

Free Distribution per issue 2850 Subscription List 450

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 6 Advertising 1 Artists 1 Clerical 4

Translators 2 Circulation 2 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Hunt (High School) Hi-Hwa when issued Twice monthly

Circulation (in center) 500 Outside 50;

Episcopal weekly, 250; Protestant weekly, 300; Two sectional recreation bulletins, PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed) weekly, 350; Two elementary school monthly, 250; Buddhist, 300.

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) About 250 for various community activities

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Associated Press; United Press; Salt Lake Tribune (Idaho Edition); Twin Falls Times-News; 10 weeklies

Press releases (number) 8 To what papers Falls Times-News; 10 weeklies
Inquiries by press or other media Associated Press, Boise, requested first anniversary story of center; S.L. Tribune requested story of figures and places of relocation; local papers made routing requests/
Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

Two as above; Chef interview for WRA-OWI; "Minidoka--Home of Japanese-Americans," June, St. Anthony Messenger--all by reports officer.

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

Jerome Women's Fall City Civil Club 35 May 19

WRA-125: T.L. Cavett, Gene Hagberg Dies Committee May 27

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TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>None</u>			

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) None

By Reports Officer: Funerals; Farm; Volunteers

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

There was some criticism leveled at the project for not putting out more workers. The arrival of Jamaican and Mexican laborers increased this feeling. In other ways there seemed to be a trend toward a period of less friendliness to the people. The Twin Falls parks commissioner wanted to close the swimming pool to all Japanese. The Kiwanis Club of Twin Falls adopted a resolution "strongly condemning" the use of a foreign language on the streets and in the stores "by those people that we are now engaged at war with."

The departure of several groups of volunteers keep a good spirit alive in the center. Relocation figures indicated a good frame of mind among the residents.

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	<u>105</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>73</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatriations To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

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OFFICE OF REPORTS
REPATRIATION

Month Ending June 30 1943

EVACUEE INFORMATION ---

PROJECT Minidoka

PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA _____ Co-Op Association Yes

Frequency of Issue (name days) Saturday

Circulation: At Project 2850 Outside 600 TOTAL 3450

Free Distribution per issue 2350 Subscription List 500

STAFF: (give number employed in following classifications)

News & Editorial 9 Advertising 1 Artists 0 Clerical 2

Translators 2 Circulation 2 Printing or Duplicating 2

OTHER PERIODICALS: Name Same as last month When issued _____

Circulation (in center) _____ Outside _____

PAMPHLETS or other material from National or Regional offices distributed to evacuees (give title and number of copies distributed)

POSTERS: (give subject and Number distributed) _____

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Press releases (number) 5 To what papers 10 weeklies; 2 dailies; three wire services in area

Inquiries by press or other media Routine inquiries from local papers

Articles written by staff members or evacuees for magazines, etc.:

"Minidoka--Home of Japanese Americans" by John Bigelow, Reports Officer, June, St. Anthony Messenger; July, Catholic Digest

VISITORS: (writers, photographers, etc., visiting center)

Name _____ Representing _____ Date _____

None

Other visitors: (groups or individuals outside WRA)

None

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(Turn Up and Over)

TALKS: (by members of staff) (Outside the project)

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>None</u>			

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Indicate subjects covered by: (WRA staff Photographer) _____

By Reports Officer: Flag dedication; adult classes; funerals.

GENERAL COMMENT: Discuss happenings or developments of significance in field of public relations during the month; changes or trends noted in outside public opinion, newspaper comment, evacuee morale:

(see attached sheet)

REPATRIATION:

	<u>ISSEI</u>			<u>NISEI</u>		
	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>	<u>Men</u>	<u>Women</u>	<u>Children Under 18</u>
Applications Pending	<u>100</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>70</u>
Repatriated This Month . . .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Repatriations To date .	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Ending July 31 1943

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 700

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 125 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 575

STAFF: Total Employed 15 Writers 5 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 2

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 0 In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

200 in each of 3 secs
Circulation

Name	Recreation Section Issued By	Weekly Frequency	(Ave. Per Issue)
Hunt Hi-Lites	Hunt High School	Bi-weekly	1450
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	533
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Stafford Elementary School	About every 2mos.	675
Huntville Sage	Huntville Elementary School	About every 3mos.	500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Ten recruiting posters from Camp Savage were put up. 850 copies of Japanese-English booklet from Camp Savage "An Appeal to All Americans of Japanese ancestry and Their Parents" were distributed to families with sons in the Army age group. Photo display of farm development was put up in adm. bldg.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Open House for press and radio was held July 1-2 and resulted in a number of favorable stories in newspapers circulating principally in Idaho including a series of two in the Idaho Statesman, Boise, illustrated by a grade school flag-raising; two in the Free Press, Nampa, with pictures of an adult English class and hospital nursery; one in Times-News, Twin Falls with English class picture; three in Salt Lake Tribune (two by Associated Press writer, one by correspondent); one in Pocatello Tribune; one in Preston Citizen (weekly); a full page story in the North Side News, Jerome (weekly); two stories over Associated Press, one on the main trunk. Several civic club leaders from Pocatello and Idaho Falls also visited. Idaho Governor C. A. Bottolfsen confused the public more on distinguishing between war prisoners and evacuees by suggesting that construction of a war prisoner camp at Paul, 20 miles from the relocation center, be halted and a part of the Minidoka Relocation Center be used for the purpose to save the taxpayers "a million dollars".

From several points came new indications that some residents of Idaho are growing more concerned about the permanent settling of evacuees in this state. Several grange groups took formal action and others talked about some action to prevent buying of land by evacuees. The American Legion was reported to be circulating a draft of a resolution to local posts prior to its introduction at the Idaho department convention in Idaho Falls August 22. This resolution protested landbuying by evacuees.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographer

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
Harold F. Osborne	Boise	Associated Press	July 1
John Harvey	Boise	Idaho Statesman	July 1
Bernard Mainwaring	Nampa	Idaho Free Press	July 1
Nicholas Ifft	Pocatello	Tribune	July 1
Wm. MacKnight	Preston	itizen	July 1
F.B. Patterson	Twin Falls	S.L.Tribune Correspondent	July 1
Mervine T. Shoemaker	Twin Falls	Times-News	July 1
Vic Goertzen	Twin Falls	Times-News photographer	July 1
Berwyn Burke	Jerome	North Side News	July 1
Mrs. F. M. Gardner	Twin Falls	KTFI	July 1

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Minidoka Report No. 69--Press-Radio Open House

Minidoka Report No. 70--Accidental Deaths

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File About 250 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 3

To Whom Released Associated Press

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

About 20--Center scenes for high school annual, farm development

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 450 Number Taken To Date 1955

WRA Photographer Did not visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Project newspaper staff further depleted by relocation.

Favorable publicity in newspaper resulted from following report by John A. Keith, district grazier, Dept. of Interior, hoshone: "We wish to mention the excellent cooperation given us by the Minidoka Relocation Center, located at Hunt. The officials at this center have given us every assistance possible and the Japanese in this camp have volunteered to fight fires whenever they are called. They are excellent crews of young men who will follow instructions and will stay on the fire line as long as they are asked to do so. The camp has furnished us with a cook with each crew of 20 men or more. This has been a grand help to us."

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Aug. 31 1943

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op X Issued: M T W T F SX S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 700

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 125 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 575

STAFF: Total Employed 16 Writers 6 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 2

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other . In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford press	Stafford Elementary School	Summer Issue	750

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Pamphlets distributed: "A Voice that Must be Heard", Japanese and English; Segregation, Japanese and English; Relocation, Japanese and English; Photo display: Scenes at Tule Lake Center. Leaflets: Reproduction of favorable news stories. Posters: Sets of Norman Rockwell's Four Freedoms pictures. The high school published an annual. Reprint

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

The material compiled by WRA to refute the Dies' committee charges etc., was sent to several editors in this region and at least two (Nampa Free Press, Salt Lake Telegram) wrote letters of thanks.

Copies of the Hunt high school annual were mailed to all relocation supervisors and offices.

Press Releases: Ray Best named Tule Lake Center director; Minidoka Relocation Center one year old; Repatriates to Leave for Japan. Progress in relocation and segregation was brought into the latter two releases.

The Hunt baseball team of evacuees participated in the Idaho State Semi-Pro Tournament at Idaho Falls, July 25-31, and finished fourth. Some discrimination was evident. Favorable public reaction was noted.

L. W. Folsom, placement officer and also adjutant of the Twin Falls Post of the American Legion, delivered one of the main speeches at the Idaho department convention at Idaho Falls August 23. He found the WRA and evacuees were one of the leading topics. Fortunately, he spoke before arrival of National Commander, Roane Waring. Folsom's speech, written by Reports Officer, helped to tone down antagonistic sentiment, Folsom said. The speech got good play in the newspapers of the region. A number of resolutions asking Army control of relocation centers, complete internment of evacuees, other restrictions, were killed in committee despite Waring's protests. Only one resolution, asking government to insure removal of evacuees from Idaho after war, was offered and it

passed unanimously. New department commander, M.P. Goudy of Idaho Falls, believed to be (See other side)

News story on Sakura Brothers of Rocky Mt.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

Name From Representing Arrived

None

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION: Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Minidoka Report No. 71--Relocation center baseball team's participation in Idaho State Semi-Pro tournament.
Minidoka Report No. 72--Arrest of evacuee for assault.
Minidoka Report No. 73--Swimming pool survey of what's being read.
Minidoka Report No. 74--Idaho American Legion Convention.
Report on center's conditions to Spanish consul, San Francisco.
Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 260 No. Received This Month 1 Photographs Released 1

To Whom Released One of Ray Best, Tule Lake Center director, to AP, Times-News.

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Funerals, 3; Center Harmonica Band, 2; Center view, 1; Farm, 3.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 366 Number Taken To Date 2321

WRA Photographer Did not visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Please send three copies of all your center press releases, one for English section, one for Japanese section and one for Reports files.

(Cont. from other side) more sympathetic than outgoing B. F. Moe.
Ecco Hunt, Hunt high school teacher, spoke at Baptist Church service Aug. 15 at Midvale, Idaho, to audience of 50. Topic: Minidoka Relocation Center.
General public attitude in Idaho continued good. Lack of good conduct on the part of a few evacuees out working caused some sore spots. Editors friendly. Twin Falls Times-News carried editorial asking support of relocation program. This editor has applied to center for housemaid.

An anniversary supplement or special edition marking the first year of the Minidoka Relocation Center is planned by the Irrigator staff for September publication.

Reports

Minidoka Relocation Center
Hunt, Idaho

General Narrative Report for August, 1943:

Following the Denver conference the machinery to accomplish the segregation program was set up and put into motion. A 14-man committee, seven men chosen from among block delegates and seven from the ranks of the segregants, aided the administration materially in informing the community of the facts and in holding down misinformation and bad feelings. The segregation program met no opposition or resistance and there was a minimum of difficult family separations.

However, the departure of the segregants and the arrival of transferees from Tule Lake will fill the center to capacity and in anticipation of this the Housing department began readjustments which met with resistance on the part of some families and especially on the part of women living alone. Because all available housing must be used efficiently it was necessary to ask some families and individuals to move into rooms of proper size. In a few cases such persons refused to move until served with an eviction notice by appointed members of the Internal Security. Although housing has been a touchy operation since the beginning of the center this was the first time that the administration had to resort to such extreme measures.

The project farm produced carrots, radishes, nappa, peas and peppers for the mess halls, but because of the late planting of many crops other vegetables were slow in coming on.

A second door for emergency use was built into school classrooms prior to the resumption of junior-senior classes on August 23 after a summer vacation of one month. The number of classrooms was increased by converting more barracks to this purpose.

The general physical appearance of the center continued to improve. The home gardens planted between nearly all the barracks matured and the tall corn, the bright sunflowers, the green peas and beans beautified the formerly barren, dusty places.

The second drowning of the summer occurred on August 28 when a 21-year-old youth lost his life in the North Side irrigation canal which borders the center on the south. The body was not recovered for four days.

Adjustment of project working standards and regulations was continued in the interest of greater efficiency. This adjustment was not accomplished without numerous meetings and conferences to get across to the evacuees the reason for strict control of motor equipment and the observance of outside standards in working hours. More appointed personnel were employed.

The first apartments of staff housing were completed and occupancy started on the basis of job priority for the good of the project and the desire of staff members to live on the project.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Ending Sept. 30 1943

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S
 CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2600 Total Outside 1000
 Free 2500 Paid 100
 Distribution: At Center 2500 Outside 100 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 900
 STAFF: Total Employed 18 Writers 8 Production Dept. _____ Artists _____ Clerical 2
 Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other _____ In Reports Office 1

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed) Ten-page special supplement to regular 8-page project newspaper, The Minidoka Irrigator, was issued Sept. 25 to welcome Tule Lake transferees and to review center's first year. Maps of center were printed. Four series of reprints of favorable news stories were distributed and posted. WAC recruiting posters; posters of President Roosevelt's americanism statement were distributed. Three photo displays "This is Relocation" were made from 11x14 photos of re-

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.) (located evacuees.)

Deaconess Margaret Peppers, Episcopal missionary assigned to Minidoka, attended Idaho missionary district meeting at Boise Sept. 19-20, talked and showed photos supplied by reports officer. She reported attitude was not very friendly, but the women did adopt a resolution pledging to help Hunt Episcopal church activities as much as possible. Bishop Rhea of Boise is taking photos to national meeting.

Ellen B. Herndon, 12th grade core teacher wrote a general and very favorable article on the Minidoka Center at the request of her fraternity magazine, Kappa Alpha Theta Journal.

Photos of the first First Holy Communion class of Hunt Catholic church were given to Father L. H. Tibesar for publication in Field Afar, Maryknoll Missions Magazine.

Stories in local newspapers were largely about labor conditions and the part evacuees would play. When the prospective supply of Mexicans was reduced more attention was focused on the evacuees.

A story that more than 700 evacuees are helping to harvest food crops in the Magic Valley, local farming area, was good publicity. Pay for picking spuds is up this year and it is unlikely that farmers will be without sufficient labor while evacuees stay in the center. Considerable publicity was given to the segregation movement.

Press releases; schedule for segregation movements; population at new low due to farm workers leaving; school harvest; school harvest expected.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
Vic Goertzen, photographer,	Twin Falls Times-News	N.E.A.	Sept. 25

Took several general camp pictures on assignment from N.E.A.

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION: Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Minidoka Report No. 75--Volunteer fire crew which fought 20 range fires in area for grazing and forest services and received considerable favorable public attention.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 300 No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released 3

To Whom Released Father L. H. Tibesar for Field Afar, Maryknoll Missionary magazine

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

35-Funerals, segregation, general camp views, farm pictures

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 430 Number Taken To Date 2751

WRA Photographer Didn't visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Beneficial public relations and newspaper publicity resulted from coordination of relocation officer and project officials on farm labor situation, release of stories, etc.

Due to the approach of the seasonal demand for harvest labor the public's attitude toward the evacuees improved during September. There were no outstanding examples of the public's attitude and the situation was believed to be generally favorable as in past months. The situation will come to a head in October; if farmers get the labor they need there will be a good feeling toward the evacuees, and if crops suffer from insufficient workers the evacuees will be criticized.

Fewer antagonistic stories in the national press bolstered relocation sentiment. Instances of prejudice, however, were flashed along the grapevine and were accepted.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Oct. 31, 1948

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average per Issue) Total At Center 2736 Total Outside 650

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2736 Outside 100 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 550

STAFF: Total Employed 17 Writers 7 Production Dept. 1 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other _____ In Reports Office 11

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Hunt Hi-Lites	High School	Bi-weekly	1450
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

favorable news stories, stories of relocated persons.

Reprints of

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)
Press releases: Gain in Hunt population following arrival of Tule Lake transferees; Evacuees help harvest crops; Hunt high school vacation extended.

Father L. H. Tibesar, Maryknoll missionary assigned to the Catholic group here, was requested by the Seattle Times to write some of his impressions. He wrote a very favorable piece and at this writing it appears to be headed for publication. He submitted it to the Reports Officer for suggestions and we provided 26 photos for the Times to look at.

Bishop Rhea, Episcopal bishop of Idaho, took a set of Minidoka photos to a national Episcopal meeting at Cleveland. A full report has not been received yet.

A rash of anti-landowning resolutions broke out this week as the public seemed to be looking with greater interest at the post-war period. Apparently at the suggestion of the Utah chapter the Twin Falls V.F.W. passed a resolution condemning WRA policies and asking internment of all Japanese as prisoners of war and deportation of all Japanese after the war and pointing out that many draft-age nisei were escaping army service. The sting was taken out of this story somewhat by an adjacent story in the Twin Falls Times-News telling about the more than 400 men from Hunt serving in the U. S. Army. The American Legion at Caldwell and at Meridian, near Caldwell, passed resolutions opposing the buying and leasing of land by post Pearl Harbor Japanese residents. They also criticized the absence of draft procedures for Nisei. The Woman's Relief Corps at Caldwell passed a

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VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: **Camping activities of Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts**

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 350 No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released 32

To Whom Released ~~Seattle Times; The Register (Catholic), Denver; Associated Press, Boise; Idaho Statesman, Boise; World Outlook, Methodist Magazine.~~

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

~~Funerals, 6; Soldiers Honor Roll; Outside Evacuee Farm Scenes; Numerous Center Scenes.~~

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 350 Number Taken To Date 3581

WRA Photographer No visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) **It is hoped that the relocation reports officers will supply the center newspaper with interesting, personalized, dramatic stories of relocated evacuees from this center.**

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resolution urging that everything be done to prevent the Japanese from acquiring property within the state or becoming permanent residents. In Eastern Malheur county, Ore., a hot spot of long standing, a situation developed ^{that} had the farmers threatening to write their Congressmen to force the evacuees to stay there and work. A report that the WRA would remove the evacuees because of hostile sentiment prompted the action which was counter to the usual cry.

On the whole public relations continued satisfactory with far fewer incidents of employer-employee misunderstandings in the harvest fields. A big factor was the response of residents to the demand for harvest labor. The pressure to allow commuting was strong and resulted in a few cases of disgruntlement.

It is difficult to interest local newspapers in human interest stories about the ~~center~~ ^{at this stage} because they are considered an old story now.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Robert Van Tassel
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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Nov. 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2800 Total Outside 700

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2800 Outside 100 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 600

STAFF: Total Employed 18 Writers 10 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 6 Other _____ In Reports Office 21

Recreation Bulletins (2) OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:	Community Activities	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Hunt Hi-Lites	Catholic Church	Weekly	1300 in each area
Name	High School	Monthly	500
	Issued By	Bi-weekly	1450
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchmen	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, posters Distributed) Art Exhibit, Nov. 25-28; Photo Displays of Relocated persons; Mimeographed copies of meeting held between Mr. Myer and committee of 17 residents on October 25; Multilithed copies of favorable news stories.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.) Press Release: Hunt's Contribution to National War Fund.

Because John Bigelow, Reports Officer, was detailed to Tule Lake for nearly the entire month, some activities of the Reports Office were curtailed this month.

The local newspapers did not give prominent play to the stories inside. The Idaho Statesman, Boise, and other papers recognized the different status of the Japanese at Tule Lake.

The Idaho State Liquor Board superintendent visited the project regarding complaints from the Twin Falls area that evacuee residents of the Minidoka center are buying a large proportion of the limited liquor supply at the Twin Falls state liquor store. The situation is coming to a head because of the approach of the holiday season. The state contemplates denial of liquor licenses to relocation center residents after Jan. 1 when new licenses will be issued. We plan to discuss the matter unofficially with Claude Detweiler, Twin Falls, Chamber of Commerce president and Kenneth Beach, president of the Idaho Department store, who have been influential in past matters of this nature.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
<u>None</u>			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 21

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: R. A. Pomeroy, assistant project director in charge of community management, did the requested report on segregation in the absence of the Reports Officer.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 300 No. Received This Month 10 Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Funerals

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 200 Number Taken To Date 3701

WRA Photographer No visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Project residents were greatly interested in developments at Tule Lake. Sentiment expressed was unanimously in disapproval of actions taken by the Tule Lake residents.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

th Ending Dec. 1948

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average per Issue) Total At Center 2750 Total Outside 700

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2750 Outside 125 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 575

STAFF: Total Employed 19 Writers 9 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 2

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 0 In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	Quarterly	800
Maryknoll, Hunt, Idaho	Catholic Church	Monthly	500
Hunt, Idaho	High School	Bi-Weekly	1250
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchmen	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed) Facts about Illinois, Maryland, etc. Favorable news stories. Serve Your Flag and Your Country -- Camp Savage Handbill.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.) Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kleinkopf, superintendent of education and elementary teacherx, respectively, spoke December 12 to Presbyterian Church group at Eden, Idaho; about 65 persons; audience showed keen interest in matters of loyalty, living quarters, food, etc.

Twin Falls Methodist Youth Fellowship entertained 40 evacuees.
"A War Relocation Authority Community" by Philip Schafer, ass't project director, appeared in the November issue of The Compass, publication of the American Association of Social Workers.
"Education for Future Victory" by Richard A. Pomeroy, ass't. project director, appeared in The Idaho Journal of Education for December. It is published by the Idaho Education Association.
Packets of pictures and informational material on Minidoka and the WRA were furnished to Mrs. Harriet Pomeroy and Miss Margaret Peppers. Mrs. Pomeroy, an elementary school teacher, left to attend a national Y. W. C. A. board convention at New York January 4-7. Miss Peppers, Episcopal missionary, will attend a post-war rehabilitation conference of the Episcopal church at New York, January 10-27 and will speak from January 28 to Feb. 9 at various points in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.
The reports officer visited Boise to contact A.P. and U.P. and Idaho Statesman editors. Wire services have been friendly and the anti-New Deal Statesman editor declared the paper would cooperate with all federal agencies for the duration. A Statesman editorial

on December 22 entitled "Un-American" called a state grange resolution against selling
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VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

Name From Representing Arrived

None

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 370 No. Received This Month 50 Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

20 -- Funerals, dining hall decorations, construction, center scenes.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 105 Number Taken To Date 3806

WRA Photographer None Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit _____ Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) (continues from other side) or leasing land to Japanese "stupid and contemptible", "piece of barbarism", "bad patriotism", "bad Christian doctrine", and "a form of gangster democracy". "If we are not going even to make an attempt to be decent with the loyal Japanese fighting side by side with our own sons, then to hell with the war and let the barbarians have it." Readers response, as printed, was divided. The Twin Falls Time-News printed three editorials supporting the evacuees. One was based on the state liquor superintendent's Associated Press report that the evacuees were not buying more than their share of liquor as it was rumored. Other editorials answer a letter in the San Francisco Examiner, which called Twin Falls a "Jap Hot Spot" overrun with evacuees who were buying up the best land. This letter also prompted Claude Detweiler, president of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, to write a strongly worded letter to the Examiner defending the evacuees' rights and democratic principles. Mrs. Helen Phifer, wife of the telegraph editor of the Times-News, joined the Minidoka staff as a high school teacher. Kelso P. Newman, regional grazier, Boise, in a letter to the project director, praised the work of the Minidoka evacuees in fighting fires last summer.

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A dark room is under construction to facilitate printing of leave pictures.

A campaign was planned to promote the English language and American customs to improve public relations. It has been noted that small children in the center are speaking more Japanese than English, that the use of Japanese is on the ascent. This campaign is in line with an effort to inform the public that following segregation Hunt is an American community.

Press releases: Review of project farm year with harvest totals; Second Christmas at Hunt; Center's final figures on War Fund contributions.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Jan. 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S
 CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 750
 Free _____ Paid _____
 Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 125 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 625
 STAFF: Total Employed 15 Writers 7 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1
 Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 0 Other _____ In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

<u>Hunt Hi-Lites</u> Name	<u>High School</u> Issued By	<u>Bi-Weekly</u> Frequency	<u>Circulation</u> (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

News story reprints.

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 Press Releases: First Nisei Paratrooper Visits Hunt; Hunt Birthday Balls; Japanese American Girls Answer War Call for Nurses; revamp on Sgt. Komoto and Sgt. Ben Kuroki.
 Talks by staff members: Erma Pattee, high school teacher at Business and Professional Women's Club, Twin Falls, Jan. 17, 35 people; Miss Pattee at Republican Women's Club, Twin Falls, Jan. 24, 50 people; R. A. Pomeroy, ass't director, community management, Rotary Club, Jerome, Jan. 18, 40 men.
 Chester Mink, relocation Officer at Twin Falls, contacted several civic and other officials in Twin Falls and Jerome this month with the following results: Bert Sweet, Mayor of Twin Falls: "I haven't seen or heard anything unfavorable toward evacuees recently. They seem to be generally accepted better than a year ago. Some older Japanese have been talking in the Japanese language but this has not been noticeable. Our last complaint was about evacuees playing golf on the city course." Howard Gillette, Twin Falls Chief of Police: "We have no police problem. The Japanese have been very cooperative and respectable. A few old Japanese have spouted off about their belief in a Japanese victory but these have been taken care of properly. The evacuees are being accepted better." Warren Lowery, Sheriff of Twin Falls County: "Evacuees have been very law-abiding and agreeable. The only rumors or criticisms we have heard are a jealous feeling many have that they will buy up land and businesses. Bert Bolingbroke, Twin Falls county agent: "Our only serious criticism of evacuees was their habit of choosing the best fields and refusing to do the poor ones without higher pay." Andy Meeks, U. S. E. S. Jerome: "Our main criticism has been that evacuees are too choosy about employment offers. We have been unable to get many farm offers filled."

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VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: Documentation of boilermens' strike.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 400 No. Received This Month 30 Photographs Released one - Sgt. Komoto

To Whom Released Times News, Twin Falls; Boise, Idaho Statesman; A.P.

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Funerals, winter scenes, etc.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 150 Number Taken To Date 3956

WRA Photographer None Visited Center From To Visit Scheduled (date)

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) There were few reports from Jerome that the public attitude towards the evacuees had taken an unfavorable turn. Two or three evacuee boys were accosted on the street by men of the working class. A careful check showed that these were isolated instances and that relations in the town are favorable. Both the sheriff and chief of police said there has been no trouble. They predict that the only source of trouble would be from drunks and said they were prepared to handle such situations. The Nampa area, which is a fertile farming district west of Boise near the Oregon line was the scene of further action concerning the evacuees. Because there is a large pre-evacuation settlement of Japanese Americans in this area and also because many evacuees have relocated on this land, the other farmers in the area have been concerned about the evacuee situation. The Nampa Valley Grange went on record this month opposing the sale or lease of any Idaho land to Japanese on the grounds that the value of surrounding land would be lowered and the social life of neighboring communities disrupted. The Idaho Free Press at Nampa carried an editorial "A Sane View on The 'Jap Problem'" regarding action taken by Deer Flat farmers. The Deer Flat farmers said that the evacuees could not be kept from returning to the coast after the war. "Their homes are on the coast, not here. Idaho people have on the whole taken a rather decent view on this deli- (con'd on next page)

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cate question We have heard virtually no objection to Japanese who were in this locality before the war remaining afterward, but objection is made and proper to making this state a Japanese center merely because the coast states are seeking to place what is "their baby" elsewhere.

The public interest in the future of the evacuees in Idaho was also noticed by Mr. Pomaroy when he spoke to the Jerome Rotary Club. He said the principal question asked him was whether the evacuees will go back to the coast.

The strike of boilermens at Hunt was covered rather fully in the Twin Falls Times-News and Salt Lake Tribune (Idaho Edition), but was only a paragraph or two in other state and regional papers. Only one editorial was noticed. The Nampa Free Press carried one titled "Incredibly Stupid". The editorial said that while the strikers may be justified, the strike "is bound to antagonize many who have tried to be just and to make still more difficult the position of the great number of Japanese in this country whose conduct has been above reproach at all times". The editor visited Hunt last summer and has been sympathetic toward the evacuees. This editorial was reprinted in the Twin Falls Times-News.

The opening of selective service to the Nisei was of a benefit to public relations through stories and headlines as "Evacuee Draft to Cut Dad Call". The Times-News carried an editorial praising the War Department's action and contrasting it with General DeWitt's stand when he was on the coast.

S. Fukui, head printer for the Japanese section of the Irrigator, relocated to Burley to work for the Burley Bulletin, weekly owned by Rep. Henry Dworshak.

The release of the Bataan atrocity story did not result in any incident concerning the evacuees. Public sentiment seemed to be divided. A surprising number of people contacted were not aroused and criticized the announcement as bond propaganda and an example of unwise war news censorship. The project stopped evacuee passes to town for awhile. Also surprising was the lack of interest in the announcement of the atrocity story on the part of evacuees. Few heard it on the radio. Little change in their attitude was noted.

Our public relations in general suffered from a return to the air of Larry Smith, Blue network, San Francisco, daily at 10:15 A.M., MWT. He is following his usual theme indicting all Japanese Americans. Because H. B. C. would not let Ben Kuroki appear on Ginny Simms' program, we are beginning to wonder what kind of a policy they have.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Feb. 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2850 Total Outside 850

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2850 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 630

STAFF: Total Employed 10 Writers 7 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 3

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 0 In Reports Office 2

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800
Maryknoll Hunt, Idaho	Catholic Church	Monthly	500
Hunt H. Lites	High School	Bi-weekly	1250

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

emphasis on display of photos of relocated evacuees from Hunt.

We are putting more

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Press Release: Pistore's comments on successful

relocation in midwest and east.

The biggest event of the month both in evacuee sentiment and in public relations was the call for pre-induction physical examinations of some 100 male nisei. The nisei draft was discussed the length and breadth of the project and some evacuees expressed their opinion in the form of two petitions asking a return of full citizenship rights to the nisei in return for their service in the Army. The main points of these petitions were: (1) The segregated aspect of the Japanese American military units; (2) The inability of honorably discharged nisei and others out of uniform to return to evacuated areas on the coast; (3) Discrimination against nisei in matters of Army schools and promotions; (4) Discrimination against citizens and aliens in starting businesses, buying land, securing licenses, etc. About 101 Hunt boys went to Boise for pre-induction physicals on February 23 and 24 and two refused to report. Among those reporting were seven boys who had applied for expatriation since the announcement of the nisei draft. Thirty in all applied. After the pre-induction examinations, *two* of these boys who failed to pass asked to be allowed to withdraw their applications for expatriation. The Idaho State Director of Selective Service, Lieut. Col. Adkison, was reported in the newspapers to have announced that 30 Army-age Hunt nisei had applied for expatriation. We have not yet determined how or why Col. Adkison revealed this information since it does not appear to have been his privilege. When we were questioned by United Press at the project about the matter we answered questions. There was no editorial comment from any of the newspapers on the situation but the fact that the stories about the expatriates and the two

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VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
Vic Goertzen	Twin Falls	Times-News	Feb. 19
Miss Schweickhardt	Twin Falls	Times-News	Feb. 19
	(to cover YWCA conference)		About
Harriet Gipson	Seattle	Free Lance	Feb. 5
(She is doing a novel on evacuation,- relocation)		(Friends Society)	Feb.

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: Relocation Team's visit.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 430 No. Received This Month 25 Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 25

Children writing letters (for Methodist magazine); funerals, etc.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 175 Number Taken To Date 4131

WRA Photographer None Visited Center From _____ To _____ Scheduled (date) _____
Visit

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) refusals were carried by newspapers and radio stations indicates that we certainly did not gain anything by the incident. The substantial evacuee element in the community appeared to be genuinely sorry about the matter and as the month ended, they were taking steps to create a better attitude toward nisei Army service so that there would be no recurrence of the matter at the March call for pre-induction physicals. The publisher of the Idaho Statesman, Margaret Cobb Ailshie, announced plans to start a new newspaper April 1 in Twin Falls, to be called the Twin Falls Telegram. It will be a morning newspaper opposing the present afternoon paper, the Times-News. The Idaho Statesman published at Boise is the most influential paper in the state. Mrs. Ailshie is prominent in Republican circles. While the Statesman is critical of the administration, it has always been fair toward the evacuees and the WRA. We have had good support from them, as we have from the Times-News. It remains to be seen whether competition will prompt one to sensationalize Hunt news. There was some, but not much, activity regarding evacuee ownership of property in Idaho. This continues to be the principal question in the minds of Idahoans. They are not concerned about the loyalty of the evacuees. This region has many civilians and soldiers

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who are prisoners of the Japanese Army yet there have been very few incidents of prejudice and animosity toward the evacuees. Regarding the ownership of land, the Editor of the Idaho Free Press at Nampa wrote to the Reports Officer:

"The farmers around here take quite a decent attitude toward the Japanese, I think. They have no complaint about those who were here prior to the war staying, as this is their home. There are doubtless hot heads who would like to deport them all, but the wiser heads have controlled the local farm organizations and I think they will continue to.

"But they do object and strenuously to making South Idaho a dumping place for the Japanese from the coast, who in the normal course of events would return there after the war. They rather resent the attitude of the coast people in trying to dump what is their own problem onto the interior and they will resent any help in such a scheme that may be given by federal officials.

"I believe there is less tension on the "Jap Question" than in the first year of the war here. At least one hears a good deal less about it. Local Japanese have behaved themselves well, have given no cause for offense that I know of."

The Relocation Team visited the project during the week of February 7 and ~~about~~ more than 3,000 residents of the center attended meetings. The team's visit, especially the appearance of Dr. Webber, did much to stimulate thinking about relocation among the older residents.

The relocation reports officers are contributing good material especially from New York and Chicago. We can't get too much of this.

The Y. W. C. A. conference on Feb. 19 attracted officials from southern Idaho. The Twin Falls Times-News sent a photographer and reporter to cover it and ran a 3-column picture Feb. 20 showing evacuee and visiting leaders.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending March 31 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op^x Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2850 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 630

STAFF: Total Employed 23 Writers 8½ Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 3½

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 0. In Reports Office 3

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Hunt Hi-Lites	High School	Bi-Weekly	1450
Budhism in Minidoka	Budhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Starford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800
Maryknoll, Hunt, Idaho	Catholic Church	Monthly	500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Camp Shelby photos were displayed in relocation-selective service office; Red Cross posters; several sets of favorable clippings; Living in Wartime pamphlet; "Go for Broke" was given 10 showings, March 2-11

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

On March 12 about 35 Catholic men from Jerome and Wendell held a meeting of the Holy Name Society in the Catholic church office on the project. This was the second annual meeting at Hunt. The Hunt Holy Name Society entertained the visitors at a Japanese dinner served with chopsticks. About 15 Japanese men and six administration officers attended. The meeting was highly successful with much good will being extended by the farmers and businessmen visiting. They collected \$21. at their meeting to give to the Hunt Holy Name Society.

Eunice Glenn, high school teacher, had the reports officer check an article she wrote for publication. It was an overly-sympathetic, church-type article.

The Rev. L. H. Tibersar, Catholic missionary at Hunt, wrote "Minidoka Sanctuary" in April, 1944, Maryknoll, The Field Afar.

Principal news stories about Hunt were connected with selective service, the arrest and arraignment of two holdouts, pre-induction physical exam at the project, induction.

Press release: Pre-induction exams for evacuee; Red Cross drive; nisei getting Purple Heart.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Reports on showing of "Go for Broke"
Report on use of photos

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 505 No. Received This Month 23 Photographs Released 4

To Whom Released Photos of child evacuees writing pen pals for church magazine

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 22

Funerals, scenic pictures, construction, soldiers.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 154 Number Taken To Date 4285

WRA Photographer No Visited Center From To Scheduled (date)
Visit

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) Angus A. Asree, new reports officer, and John Bigelow, reports officer going to the Navy, made two swings around the region to contact editors and press association men. Favorable contacts were made in Boise, Nampa, Pocatello, Idaho Falls and in small towns en route. The attitude in general was good with editors and wire services showing a willingness to cooperate. The Idaho Free Press editor at Nampa, Bernard Mainwaring, reported a sign on a main farm market road "No Jap Settlers Wanted". We could not locate the sign. The Nampa-Caldwell area has been a hot spot because of the number of evacuees and pre-war Japanese residents on land similar to coast-truck farms. Mainwaring speaks a lot at clubs and is fairminded about evacuee rights and the whole problem of minorities.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending April 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2850 Total Outside 850

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2850 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 630

STAFF: Total Employed 23 Writers 9 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other 0. In Reports Office 3

Business manager of Irrigator employed by Co-op.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
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Budhism in Minidoka	Budhist Church	Weekly	1700
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VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photogra

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 3

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: Telephone report of confidential nature made to John C. Baker, Washington.

Display of pictures received made in Dining Halls.

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 528 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 14

To Whom Released The Missionary Herald, New York

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 25

Funerals, Scenic pictures, news pictures.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 560 Number Taken To Date 4845

WRA Photographer No Visited Center From To Visit Scheduled (date)

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) Faster camera badly needed for this project. Only camera we have is 5 x 7 view camera, which precludes taking of action pictures. If we had faster and more portable camera we would make much better picture documentation of center.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER
Hunt, Idaho

In Reply, Please refer to,

Reports Office

MONTHLY REPORT (continued)

Objective is to put basic ideas of WRA policies and procedures across to residents.

Relocation information booth to be set up in area and manned by intelligent old Issei who can answer relocation questions.

Two radio shows for West Coast stations.



UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R004
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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending May 194 4

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average per Issue) Total At Center 2988 Total Outside 817

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2988 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 786

STAFF: Total Employed 21 Writers 6 production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 2 1/2

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 0 Other 0 In Reports Office 4

Business Manager of Irrigator employed by Co-op.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Hunt in Lites	High School	Bi-weekly	1450
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500
Stafford Press	Elementary School	Quarterly	800
Minidoka Herald	Elementary School	Quarterly	800

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed) Plans are being developed in cooperation with the relocation division and with Community Activities to provide through the reports office essential distribution service for all information material over the project. In addition to all mess halls, other sights are being selected where people congregate in large numbers, especially outside co-op stores. (continued on back)

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.) Beyond maintaining contacts with local newspapers in Jerome and Twin Falls no outside contacts have been made this month and little information activity has been carried on. The Project Director has had the Reports Officer busy practically the entire month in connection with the warehouse labor troubles and in meetings with the Fact Finding Committee of the Community Council and other project activities. The only matter of moment to occur during the month was the burning of 1800 feet of rip-rap along the irrigation canal banks which was properly repaired with volunteer labor at no cost to the government or to the canal company. This was done at the instance and under the supervision of the Community Council, after the canal company graciously accepted the repair work as satisfactory in every respect and indicated its willingness at the conclusion to write the entire matter off as "accidental". It is believed here that prompt action in making first public announcement of the fire together with plans for repair through the newspapers obviated in a sentiment which might easily have made a local scandal of the entire affair. The newspapers expressed gratification that our and seemed willing all the way through to follow our lead.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION: Number employed in this section 4

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 553 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 26

Funerals, Sport News pictures, Exhibition pictures, Photo stat.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 330 Number Taken To Date 6175

WRA Photographer None Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) Our photographic dark room has been completed and is in working order. With the exception of the lack of proper size and set of paper we are now equipped to do all our own developing and printing. Purchase orders have been issued for the acquisition of all necessary supplies but they are arriving only in driblets. Until the proper paper can be received we have back orders for about 1,000 prints which we are unable to supply. The principal size and weight paper we require is heavy 5 x 7 which seems difficult to obtain. As a consequence we have slowed down photographic activities to absolute necessities until the backlog has been eliminated.

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where glassed frames will be mounted for placement of 11 x 14 pictures in accordance with Gretchen Van Tassel's suggestion. It is anticipated that at least 60 locations will be provided which will call for 60 copies of everything to be distributed. Complete details of this plan will be submitted in the special report.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending June 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2984 Total Outside 950

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2984 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 730

STAFF: Total Employed 20 Writers 8 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 6 Other 4. In Reports Office 4

Business Manager of Irrigator employed by Co-op.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian church	Weekly	500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

See paragraph on Comments and Suggestions.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Completed arrangements with Ottis Peterson, relocation supervisor, Salt Lake City, to handle public relations in case of acute situations arising this area of his territory on request by him or either of his relocation officers. This arrangement made so newspapers could contact one public relations officer no matter whether it involves project or relocatees, thus eliminating confusion in newspaper offices and maintaining cordial press relations now enjoyed. Several untoward incidents in Paul, Rupert, and Twin Falls brought about necessity for some such arrangement. All these handled by newspapers in satisfactory manner to WRA. In fact one newspaper (Twin Falls Times News) withheld publication one good story until it could contact me and about which I knew nothing, but arranged to present WRA side, which killed story.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 553 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 60

Funerals, Sport News pictures, Photo stat.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 792 Number Taken To Date 5967

WRA Photographer none Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.) Arrangements were completed in June for launching a comprehensive bulletin board service throughout the project in accordance with suggestions by Washington office. This also included distribution service for literature desirable for evacuees. This office also working on plans for photo exhibit in fall with help from Washington office. Also laying plans for auditions in fall and winter of singers at this center to fit in with uniform plans requested of Washington office.

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending July 31 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average per Issue) Total At Center 2566 Total Outside 970

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 2566 Outside 220 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 750

STAFF: Total Employed 20 Writers 8 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 6 Other 4. In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist Church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	"	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	"	550

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

This division operates bulletin boards in every dining hall in the center, employing two men whose exclusive duties are to post material in both English and Japanese languages for the benefit of the residents. They also distribute all official material that comes to various divisions of the center. 4695 pieces of material were (sent to below)

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

The public relations of the people out of the camp continued on even basis throughout the month. The only disruption being reports reaching this office during the latter part of the month of anticipated "expose" being engineered by one or more disgruntled employees. Owing to evasive tactics by the TWIN FALLS TIMES NEWS no accurate line was obtained on this matter until after August 1. This is being treated in full in current weekly reports and immediate special reports to Mr. Myer.

distributed to block managers and block commissioners and posted on the bulletin boards. There is no residue on hand at the end of the month awaiting distribution or posting. All the work is kept current daily.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 553 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered) 62

Funeral, sport news pictures, agriculture, alien registration

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 740 Number Taken To Date 6707

WRA Photographer None Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
Mr. Lippard	New York	Religious Paper	Aug. 16

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION: Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 553 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

94 -- Funeral, sports, agriculture, alien registration

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

This report is necessarily incomplete because of lack of data. A. A. Acree, the former reports officer, became suddenly ill and was succeeded temporarily by Harry F. Tarvin, relocation reports officer at Denver. Mr. Tarvin was unable to see Mr. Acree before he left the project and is still unfamiliar with much of the routine in connection with the reports office here.

VISITORS: Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers

Name From Representing Arrived

N o n e

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 553 No. Received This Month 0 Photographs Released 0

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

75 - Funeral, sports, "Irrigator", Memorial Service, Irrigation, Vocational, Photostats

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 720 Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

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Monthly Report

Month Ending Oct. 31, 1944

REPORTS OFFICE

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op ^X Issued: M T W T F S ^X S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 15 Writers 5 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 6 Other 0 In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School,	4 times a year	550
Stafford Press	" "	" "	"
Hunt Hi-Lites	" "	2 " Month	750
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
Buddhism in Minidoka	United Buddhist Church,	2 times month	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER: CON'T.: The Brotherhood, Shinshu Buddhist, monthly, 2000.

Relocation material and administration notices are distributed every morning to 36 bulletin boards on the Project.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Outside public relations activity has been largely routine. Releases have gone out at least weekly to local and home town papers concerning Nisei casualties at the front, and a story and picture were released in connection with the war fund drive. Radio activity has been held in abeyance until after election--this includes a proposed broadcast of the March of Time recording. Other proposed radio broadcasts are contingent upon the success of the community activities program, now undergoing reorganization. Editors in nearby towns have been contacted and are sympathetic to the evacuee problem. There has been no outstanding visitor since the Rt. Rev. Henry George Tucker, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, visited the Project. Outside publicity in this area has been favorable with the exception of a resolution against Japanese relocation in Idaho passed by the Pomona Grange in Jerome. The Grange in Twin Falls took an opposing stand and was commended editorially in the Twin Falls Times-News.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Date

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
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REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION: Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Reports Office (News), 16; Community Activities (Sports), 36 (and exhibitions) 8; Land Reclamation (farm) 2; Federated Christian Ass'n. (Groups) 2; Social Welfare (Funerals), 6.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 2 Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

Shortly after my appointment as reports officer I called a staff meeting of the "Irrigator" to explain my relationship to the project and to the "Irrigator" as I conceived it. Among the points that I made were:

1. The Reports Officer was responsible for creating and maintaining cordial public relations for WRA outside the project and for promoting harmony and understanding within the project. As for the outside relations, other than publicizing WRA and evacuee activities it was my responsibility to see that no material appeared in the "Irrigator" which could be employed to the detriment of favorable Japanese American and WRA sentiments. But, for that one consideration, the editors were to have complete autonomy and control of the "Irrigator's" content. Moreover, since the residents would have no confidence in the paper if it were considered an administration puff-sheet and because on principle the administration is dedicated to free speech and a free press, the "Irrigator" was to be encouraged to run opinions of any responsible resident or residents in accord with or opposing the administration. Con't. on attached sheet.

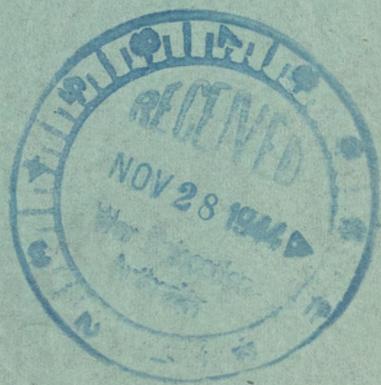
2. As publicity man and spokesman for the Administration it was my job to promote the Administration point-of-view, either orally or in writing, such promotion to be judged by the editors solely on the basis of its news value and on an equal basis with similar material furnished by resident spokesmen.

3. As reports officer it was equally my job to protect the interests of the "Irrigator" to see that staff members had first hand access to Administration news, to expedite wherever possible their professional requirements and to prevent arbitrary censorship and obstructive tactics with the Administration Area.

4. It was also my responsibility in the capacity of a reporter to provide the editors with all news available to me of interest to the residents, originating within or outside the project, the editors to be the final judges of its news value.

While adherence to these policies patently places a greater burden on the reports officer's ingenuity than would be necessary if we pursued a policy of strict censorship, I am convinced that the residents' confidence in the "Irrigator's" impartiality will in the end make for greater harmony within the Project without which there can be no solid basis for good public relations outside the project.

NOTE: Editors here refer to the respective editors of the English and Japanese language sections of the "Irrigator". These sections are edited and printed independently - each being designed for its own group of readers. I have found editors of both sections cooperative and agreeable to work with.



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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Nov. 30, 1944

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op X Issued: M T W T F S S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 25 Writers 8 Production Dept. 2 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 8 Other 0 In Reports Office 6

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	4 times a year	550
Stafford Press	" "	" " " "	"
Hunt Hi Lites	" "	2 times a month	750
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
Buddhism in Minidoka	United Buddhist Church	2 times a month	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER; CON'T: The Brotherhood, Shinshu Buddhist, monthly, 2000. Relocation material and administration notices are distributed every morning to 30 bulletin boards on the Project.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Public relations in the area of the project have been favorable. Right after election KIFI in Twin Falls Broadcast at our behest the March of Time spot distributed by WRA. We could use more of these. Editorial comment has been negligible but the news columns in this area always open to us. Releases sent out were chiefly concerned with nisei casualties.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Irrigator (News), 5; Community Activities (Sports), 2; Engineering Dept., 2; USO Office
Memorial Service, 12; Social Welfare (Funerals) 12; Reports Office (Features) 52;
Relocation (Identification) 609.

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

In view of the imminent reopening of the West Coast, it is my thought that more emphasis must be placed on outside public relations, in order to build up acceptance of the Japanese-Americans in various American communities. I think, therefore, a great deal of attention should be paid to pictures of attractive Japanese-Americans engaged in typical American activities in order to overcome a popular conception of a "buck-toothed" Tojo which has been built in the American mind.

We are planning a special pictorial edition of the Irrigator at Christmas time and I hope that the Washington Office of Reports will examine this with the view of making recommendations for future picture publicity.

Concerning information to be distributed within the project, there has been considerable criticism among observant evacuees concerning the type of relocation publicity being distributed. Briefly these criticisms are:

- a. The material is not sufficiently attractive.
- b. Information is inadequate concerning job opportunities, housing public acceptance, and the nature of the community discussed.

In my opinion, some of the best materials we have received was taken in New England by Hikaru Iwasaki. We were about to make an exhibit of the $4\frac{1}{2}$ " X $4\frac{1}{2}$ " print sent to us for our inspection, when we received a letter informing us that we were to get 11 X 14" blow-ups. This was some weeks ago and they have not yet arrived. If they do not within a few days, I think we shall proceed according to our original plans.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R004
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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending December 1944

Center MINIDOKA

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 25 Writers 0 Production Dept. 2 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 8 Other 0 In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	4 times a Yr.	560
Stafford Press	" "	" " " "	"
Hunt Hi-Lites	" "	2 " a Mo.	750
Minidoka Churchmen	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
Buddhist Churchmen	United Methodist Church	2 times a Mo.	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Other Publications at Center. The Brotherhood, Shinshu Buddhist, monthly, 2,000. Relocation material and administration notices are distributed every morning to 36 bulletin boards on the project.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

The Minidoka Project received considerable publicity in this area as a result of the lifting of the West Coast ban. With the announcement of the "exclusion order" a special edition of the "Irrigator" was published, and it was given wide publicity in all newspapers in this area. We are planning a Nisei program over Station K T F I, which will be one more step in our program in the education of the people on the outside for favorable acceptance of the Japanese-American.

A pictorial supplement was published by the "Irrigator" containing pictures of Japanese-Americans in every-day activities. These brought wide spread comment from the appointed personnel in camp and the surrounding area. It brought out the fact that these people after all are just Americans like ourselves. We plan to send this picture supplement to various newspapers in the principal cities of the United States.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Irrigator (News) 29; Photostat and copy, 9; Community Activities 21; Relocation
(Identification) 252; Reports Officer (features) 160; Social Welfare (Funerals) 12

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit
Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

If the Nisei Program on K T F I is successful, other programs of this type will be broadcast each week. Nisei participation in the war effort will be stressed, though the program will consist primarily of popular music and songs, to show the "assimilability" of the Japanese-Americans.

I think there should be more publicity in pictorial form, since pictures make a more vivid impression on the average person than literature. This is particularly important as it applies to relocation for which material we must rely upon the regional offices.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Budget Bureau No. 13-R004
Approval Expires: 6/30/44

Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Jan. 1945

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA ___ Co-Op X Issued: M ___ T ___ W ___ T ___ F ___ S X S ___

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 26 Writers 9 Production Dept. 2 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 9 Other 0. In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	4 times a year	550
Stafford Press	" "	" "	"
Hunt Hi-Lites	" "	" "	750
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Other Publications at Center: THE BROTHERHOOD, SHINSHU BUDDHIST, monthly, 2000.

Relocation material and administrative notices are distributed every morning to 36 bulletin boards on the project.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Copies of the pictorial supplement of the Minidoka IRRIGATOR were sent to 300 of the newspaper in the principal cities of the U.S. Glossy prints of some of the pictures have been sent to the OGDEN STANDARD EXAMINER, Ogden, Utah, and the HARTFORD TIMES, Hartford, Connecticut, who requested them after seeing the supplement.

The Nisei program on K T F I has been changed from Monday at 3:00 p.m. to Thursday at 5:45 p.m. It has caused considerable excitement among the evacuees, and comments have started coming in from caucasians in the surrounding area. Until the series started the Japanese were regarded somewhat impersonally by people in nearby towns; now we are getting direct reactions. We are publicizing the program each week in the Twin Falls papers, and also using the program to publicize camp activities of public interest.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Photostat and copy, 7; Social Welfare (Funerals) 23; Reports Office (features) 23; Identification, 210; IRRIGATOR (News) 6

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

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In line with our emphasis on relocation, I believe the following information from Washington and the field would be useful:

- (1) Case histories or success stories of those families who have relocated to specific communities. Preferably these should be in the form of pictorial essays, though detailed text accounts are useful.
- (2) We have had easels made to display the 11 X 14's received from Denver in the various messhalls. However, offset reproductions for distribution among the residents would be equally acceptable.
- (3) If possible, we should like more detailed information concerning job offers, that is, besides the job offer, it

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would be desirable to know what the living conditions and the social acceptance in the community are.

- (4) If W.R.A. is considering group relocation, we should like to get all information possible. In my opinion a group relocation program would have considerable appeal to the residents.
- (5) The Project Director has stated that 90% of the success of our relocation program will depend on the cooperation of the Federal agencies. I am inclined to agree with him and I think in this respect it is extremely important to know what F.H.A. is doing to provide housing, what Social Security is doing to provide financing, Etc.
- (6) As I mentioned in a previous letter, a lot of the more elderly Issei are looking forward to a permanent relocation center. Other people are considering returning to Japan because they see no future for them in this country. If W.R.A. has formulated plans for these people, we should like to know about them.

We have been severely handicapped by the lack of transportation this month. The car previously assigned to the Reports Office has been in the process of repair. There is, however, no immediate prospect of getting it back.

I am extremely satisfied with our relations with newspapers in this area. They consistently give a reasonable amount of space to our releases and they cooperate in other ways, such as supplying us with the list of 300 newspapers to which we mailed the Christmas IRRIGATOR; lists of leading citizens of the towns to which we sent "Nisei in Uniform" and supplying us with whatever other information we require. In return we make it a point to see that they are always covered by mail, phone or telegram, depending on the circumstances of the story.

Some of the Field Offices are doing extremely well in supplying us with releases concerning relocation--Milwaukee being the notable example. Milwaukee's releases are not direct appeals to relocate but are stories describing for the most part social activities of relocatees. Few, if any, of these are tossed in the waste basket because they have news interest. And at the same time they make Milwaukee seem a desirable place to live.

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REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending Feb. 1945

Center Minidoka

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THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S
CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250
Free _____ Paid _____
Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025
STAFF: Total Employed 26 Writers 9 Production Dept. 2 Artists 0 Clerical 1
Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 9 Other 0 In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage Stafford Press	Elementary School	4 times a year	550
Hunt Hi-Lites	" "	" "	750
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
The Brotherhood	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

THE SCOUTER, Boy Scouts on the project; Relocation material and administrative notices are distributed every morning to 36 bulletin boards on the project.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

We have recently begun tabulating the 1,000 or more Nisei from Minidoka now serving in the armed forces. Their names, a short biography and decorations are being included on cards; and it is my hope that this information will be useful, not only for reference purposes, but as source material for several newspaper releases. It is my plan when this job is completed to send out stories to the pre-evacuation home towns of these boys in round-up form.

Wide publicity was given Mr. Myer's visit and project-wide opinions were released to the newspapers. Americanized opinions of evacuees appearing in daily newspapers assisted in changing contorted impressions received by outside people

Daily relocation material and job offers are being distributed to the mess halls daily and relocation pamphlets are being sent to the blocks with the weekly edition of the IRRIGATOR.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name

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Representing

Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Photostat and copy, 5; Social Welfare (Funerals) 50; High School Annual, 136; Reports Office (Features) INDICATOR (News) 13. Identification 257;

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

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Month Ending March 31 1945

Center MINIDOKA

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1250

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed _____ Writers 9 Production Dept. 2 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 0 On Japanese-Language Section 9 Other 0 In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	4 times a yr.	550
Stafford Press	Elementary School	4 times a yr.	7
Hunt Hi-Lites	High School	Bi-Monthly	750
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
The Brotherhood	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

THE SCOUTER, Boy Scouts on the project; Relocation material and administrative notices are distributed every morning to 36 bulletin boards on the project.

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Inasmuch as 197 people have relocated to Idaho, leading the number of relocatees to other states, I think active speech making and public relations on the part of appointed personnel would be in order to make for better public acceptance of these people

The radio show which has now been on for 11 weeks has, I believe, done much to further public relations in this area. Due to relocation, this program is being cancelled as of April 13. The public reaction to the program was generally favorable indicating that many people were favorably impressed with Nisei talent and the Nisei's war records.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Funerals 28; School Annual 32; Vocational 9; Church 18; Reports 31;
Bureau of Reclamation 4; Community Activities 4; Photostats and
Copy 15;

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit
Scheduled (date) _____

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This month we initiated plans for the expanding information program within the project in accordance with suggestions in that regard made by the Washington office.

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REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending April 1945

Center MINIDOKA

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA ___ Co-Op X Issued: M ___ T ___ W ___ T ___ F ___ S ___ X ___ S ___

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center ___ Total Outside ___

Free ___ Paid ___

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 31 Writers 8 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 1

Advertising ___ On Japanese-Language Section 8 Other 2. In Reports Office 9

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
HUNTVILLE SAGE STAFFORD PRESS	Elementary School	4 times a yr.	550
HUNT HI-LITES	High School	Bi-Monthly	750
MINIDOKA CHURCHMAN	EPISCOPAL CHURCH	Weekly	985
THE BROTHERHOOD	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

THE SCOUTER, Boy Scouts

Relocation material and administrative notices are distributed each morning to 36 bulletin boards.

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Relocation is the key-note of Reports Office activities here, with every effort being made to bring a greater flow of information to the residents. A Japanese-language bulletin is being published once a week containing news of relocatees and job offers. It gets house to house distribution. Relocation material is being circulated to all bulletin boards in the 36 messhalls on the project.

Pictures are by far the most popular relocation material with the residents and the more we get the better. The weekly 15-minute radio program heard locally went off the air April 13, after 13 successful weeks of continuous broadcasting. During the series which consisted of popular music by the Hunt Orchestra and evacuee vocalists, eight overseas veterans, two Waacs, and a Cadet Nurse were interviewed on the air. Two shows are also being prepared for use of the Citizens' Committee in Portland.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

The Reports Officer has explained the work to be done by division and section heads on the final report. It is hoped this work will be nearing completion by July 1.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
Photocopy 6, Funerals 14, Irrigator 16, Reports Office 10, Churches 8

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

The following ideas to improve the dissemination of relocation information to the residents are either in operation or being developed.

In operation:

Pictures of relocatees supplied by Denver distributed to mess halls.

Weekly bulletin of relocation news and job offers printed in Japanese.

More relocation material disseminated through English and Japanese "IRRIGATORS"; most originating in area offices.

Murals depicting life on the outside and graphs and charts of information vital to Minidoka residents being painted on 4' X 6" "canvases" by a staff artist for circulation on the project.

Being developed:

Weekly cartoon of typical family depicting trials and tribulations of the evacuee.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER
Hunt, Idaho

In Reply, Please refer to,
Reports Office

MONTHLY REPORT (continued)

Objective is to put basic ideas of WRA policies and procedures across to residents.

Relocation information booth to be set up in area and manned by intelligent old Issei who can answer relocation questions.

Two radio shows for West Coast stations.





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Month Ending ~~June~~ 194 5
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Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op X Issued: M T W T F S S X

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 31 Writers 8 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 1

Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section 8 Other 2 . In Reports Office 9

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
The Brotherhood	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2,000
Huntville Sage	Elementary School	4 times a yr.	550 (May)
Stafford Press	Elementary School	4 times a yr.	550 (March)
Hunt Hi-Lites	High School	Bi-Weekly	750 (May)
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits,

Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

The Scouter, Boy Scouts; the MINIDOKA INSTIGATOR, weekly, 200 circulation.

Relocation material and administrative notices are distributed each Morning to the 36 Bulletin Boards.

THE NEW HERALD, Federated Christian Church, weekly, 2,000.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

Public relations activities of the Reports Office have been confined to maintaining the relations with local newspapers in this area which had been established in previous months. That they are still good is exemplified by the Goshu story which appeared in the May 14 issue of the TIMES-NEWS. This story was written by the Reports Officer and was run with only a small amount of editing in both the IRRIGATOR and the TIMES-NEWS.

Radio activities which were formerly discontinued on April 13, consists in considerable recording work for the Seattle and Washington offices. This employed the services of one evacuees announcer.

Both the English and Japanese sections of the IRRIGATOR have proved to be excellent mediums for presenting WRA policies and relocation information to the project residents.

The Reports Office has continued its distribution of bulletins and has organized an art department to produce displays promoting relocation.

A printed Bulletin in Japanese, which was first issued on April 9 was discontinued this month in favor of a mimeographed bulletin. This action was taken because it was charged that the evacuee editor of the Bulletin was emphasizing information which would tend to discourage

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Reports 16, Funerals and memorial ser. 18, Church groups 4

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

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It is the Reports Officer's opinion that the majority of the residents in this project can be sold on the idea of leaving this project before October 1. However, this conviction is predicated upon the assumption that an information policy acceptable to all the appointed personnel here is established.

The majority of the residents are thinking in positive relocation terms, but there is still a substantial number who are at least negative, if not down right antagonistic to relocation. The Reports Officer should like to see this negative group discredited and converted. In line with this, we suggest an organization on the project of outside speakers and intelligent Iseai residents who will meet with other residents informally and talk relocation.

Many of the evacuees who listen to those antagonistic to relocation are themselves either fearful or ignorant or both. Concentrated effort, we believe, should be made to give these people every possible information assistance. To date this has not been done to the Reports Officer's satisfaction.

REPORTS OFFICE (CONT)

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS:

relocation. The information for the present Bulletin is now supplied by the Relocation Office and the Bulletin is mimeographed, collated and distributed by the Reports Office.

Since eight boys smashed up a school room in the latter part of February, there has been no unfavorable items in the newspapers.

Apparently the selection of material for the Bulletin is done by the Relocation man Niver and not by Graham
DM.

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Month Ending June 5 1945

Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op^X Issued: M T W T F S^X S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center _____ Total Outside _____

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 31 Writers 8 Production Dept. 2 Artists 1 Clerical 1

Advertising _____ On Japanese-Language Section _____ Other _____ In Reports Office _____

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. per Issue)
Minidoka Churchman	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
The Brotherhood	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2000
Instigator	Reports Office	Weekly	200
New Herald	Federated Christain	Weekly	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Relocation material, administrative notices, church news bulletins are distributed each morning to 35 Mess Halls. The relocation weekly bulletin is distributed to each apt. Besides bulletins, pamphlets and news bulletins are distributed to all the mess halls with job offers.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

The irrigator continues to be our main news medium and the Reports Officer feels it will be possible to continue publication through the summer although there is an inadequate amount of trained personnel and a tremendous turn-over resulting in the maintenance of an inexperienced staff.

A color chart was prepared this month showing complete leaves procedure in Japanese and English versions. A map showing the train hours from Minidoka to the principal cities is being displayed in the relocation office.

Our translator plans to leave soon after July 1, which will be a deterrent to future publications of the Bulletins unless a new translator can be obtained.

The teletype from Mr. Myer regarding center closure was given extensive publicity on the project.

The Photographic departments work now largely consist of getting the files up to date for the archives.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name

From

Representing

Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

~~Social Welfare- funerals-10; Education-3; Irrigator- Religious groups 0;
Community Activity Office 0;~~

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

The English section of the Irrigator is becoming more relocation minded. The last three consecutive weeks in June the lead story under a banner headline was an administrative story.

The Reports Office is contemplating establishing a speakers bureau for relocation talks in the mess halls during the evenings. This would give a large number of residents an opportunity to talk over relocation with outside speakers such as Dr. Yuasa which made a definite impression of the residents.

REPORTS OFFICE (CONT)

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS:

relocation. The information for the present Bulletin is now supplied by the Relocation Office and the Bulletin is mimeographed, collated and distributed by the Reports Office.

Since eight boys washed up a school room in the latter part of February, there has been no unfavorable items in the newspapers.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Month Ending 7-31-1945

Center MINIDOKA

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op X Issued: M T W T F S XS

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average per Issue) Total At Center 2700 Total Outside 1280

Free Paid

Distribution: At Center 2700 Outside 225 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 1025

STAFF: Total Employed 24 Writers 5 Production Dept. Artists 1 Clerical 5

Advertising On Japanese-Language Section 7 Other In Reports Office 6

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
MINIDOKA CHURCHMAN	Episcopal Church	Weekly	985
THE BROTHERHOOD	Shinshu Buddhist	Monthly	2000
INSTIGATOR	Reports Office	Semi-Monthly	200
NEW HERALD	Federated Christian	Weekly	2000

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Relocation material; administrative notices and news bulletins are distributed to 35 mess halls. The Relocation weekly bulletin, in Japanese and English versions, are distributed to each apartment.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

After 31 months of continuous publication the English section of the Minidoka IRRIGATOR came to an end. By the end of June, all available talent had been exhausted and the last four issues were put to press by the Reports Officer with the aid of three high school girls.

After considerable controversy over the contents and size of the Japanese relocation bulletin, it was decided to cut down the length. The procedure of the approval of the Project Director, which was in effect during May and June, was discarded and in the latter half of July, the editorial jurisdiction for the bulletin was placed in the hands of the Reports Officer. Sources of bulletin material were news from the area offices as well as material supplied by the Relocation Office. When the bulletin was written it was submitted to the Relocation Program Officer for approval, corrections or additions.

Close contact was established by the Relocation Program Officer and the Reports Officer due to a meeting on the bulletin on July 16. From May until July, relations had been disrupted due to the fact that there were too many fingers in the pie.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)
IRRIGATOR, 14; Funerals, 8; photocopy photostats, 13; portraits, 20;

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

An English bulletin was started in order that relocation material, previously printed in the IRRIGATOR, would continue to reach the residents.

During the month of July cataloging of some 1100 pictures in the files here was completed. Also the personnel of the Reports Office dropped from 35 to 7 due to relocation. Those now on the pay roll are a photographer, a translator and five men who staple and distribute the bulletin.

In order to obtain the facilities of the Japanese IRRIGATOR, the Project Director suggested to the Co-op. that they relinquish the printing facilities to WRA control or take over the pay roll of the editorial workers. Due to the Co-op's feeling that the Japanese section of the IRRIGATOR was a service still needed by the residents, the Co-op decided to do the latter.

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th Ending Aug. 31 1945

Center MINIDOKA

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA ___ Co-Op ___ Issued: M ___ T ___ W ___ T ___ F ___ S ___ S ___
CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center ___ Total Outside ___
Free ___ Paid ___
Distribution: At Center ___ Outside ___ Circulation: At Center ___ Outside ___
STAFF: Total Employed ___ Writers ___ Production Dept. ___ Artists ___ Clerical ___
Advertising ___ On Japanese-Language Section ___ Other ___ In Reports Office 5

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Issued By</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)</u>
MINIDOKA CHURCHMAN	Episcopal Church	985	Weekly
NEW HERALD	Federated Christian 2000		Weekly

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Relocation material, Administrative notices and other pertinent material are distributed to the mess halls now operating. The Information Bulletin is distributed to each apartment.

OUTSIDE PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Indicate any steps taken which tended to improve public relations, also any incidents of contrary nature. Include speeches by project personnel, to whom, where, when; entertainment or other activities in which evacuees participated; articles written by staff members or residents for magazines; major newspaper articles regarding center; radio programs; visits of groups or individuals to center; subject of major press releases; other contacts with outside editors; statements, speeches, other publicity, favorable and unfavorable.)

The Reports Officer is working closely with the Relocation Program Officer on the Information Bulletin which remains the only Reports Office activity with the exception of the Final Report. House to house distribution continues by the five men now remaining on the Reports Office payroll.

The Reports Office photographer is taking only funeral pictures and those necessary on the project. He anticipates leaving the 15th of September.

The Japanese section of the IRRIGATOR printed its final issue on August 25th as employees of the Minidoka Co-op. The employees are now packing type and getting the presses ready for shipment to the owner. All old IRRIGATORS with the exception of one complete set which the Reports Office will have bound for the archives and the mats will be given to the Co-op since the expenses for such was handled by them.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

Name From Representing Arrived

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section _____

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month:

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File _____ No. Received This Month _____ Photographs Released _____

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month _____ Number Taken To Date _____

WRA Photographer _____ Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

COMMENT AND SUGGESTIONS: (Discuss any significant development in field of information and public relations on or off the project not covered elsewhere, plans for future, problems, suggestions to the Washington Office of Reports. Use separate sheet if necessary.)

The Reports Officer had contacted all section heads on the final report regarding its outline and content. The only one received is an advance copy of the Community Analyst's report.

John F. Graham resigned effective August 18 and returned to his home in Alpine, New Jersey. Allan Marley from the Washington office arrived on August 27 and is assisting in the preparation of the Information Bulletin and checking on the final reports.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Monthly Report

REPORTS OFFICE

Ending Nov. 1948

Center Minidoka

THE PROJECT NEWSPAPER: Published by: WRA Co-Op Issued: M T W T F S S

CIRCULATION: (All figures Average Per Issue) Total At Center 2800 Total Outside 700

Free _____ Paid _____

Distribution: At Center 2800 Outside 100 Circulation: At Center 0 Outside 600

STAFF: Total Employed 18 Writers 10 Production Dept. 0 Artists 0 Clerical 1

Advertising 1 On Japanese-Language Section 6 Other 0. In Reports Office 23

Recreation Bulletins (2) Community Activities Weekly 1300 in each area

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AT CENTER:

Name	Issued By	Frequency	Circulation (Ave. Per Issue)
Maryknoll, Hunt, Idaho Hunt Whites	Catholic Church	Monthly	1300
Buddhism in Minidoka	Buddhist church	Weekly	1700
Minidoka Churchmen	Episcopal Church	Weekly	550
Minidoka Herald	Federated Christian Church	Weekly	500

OTHER INFORMATION SERVICES TO CENTER: (Bulletin Board, Special Editions, Exhibits, Photographic Displays, Pamphlets, Leaflets, Posters Distributed)

Photo Displays of Relocated persons; Mimeographed copies of meeting held between Mr. Myer and committee of 17 residents on October 25; Multilithed copies of favorable news stories.

Art Exhibit, Nov. 25-28;

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Press Release: Hunt's Contribution to National War Fund.

Because John Bigelow, Reports Officer, was detailed to Tule Lake for nearly the entire month, some activities of the Reports Office were curtailed this month. The local newspapers did not give prominent play to the stories inside. The Idaho Statesman, Boise, and other papers recognized the different status of the Japanese at Tule Lake.

The Idaho State Liquor Board superintendent visited the project regarding complaints from the Twin Falls area that evacuee residents of the Minidoka center are buying a large proportion of the limited liquor supply at the Twin Falls state liquor store. The situation is coming to a head because of the approach of the holiday season. The state contemplates denial of liquor licenses to relocation center residents after Jan. 1 when new licenses will be issued. We plan to discuss the matter unofficially with Claude Detweiler, Twin Falls, Chamber of Commerce president and Kenneth Beach, president of the Idaho Department store, who have been influential in past matters of this nature.

VISITORS: (Newspaper, magazine or radio writers, photographers)

<u>Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>Representing</u>	<u>Arrived</u>
None			

REPORTS AND DOCUMENTATION:

Number employed in this section 2½

Give subject, or objective of studies completed or reports sent to Washington during the past month: **R. A. Pomeroy, assistant project director in charge of community management, did the requested report on segregation in the absence of the Reports Officer.**

Indicate nature of studies in progress or reports being prepared:

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Prints in File 360 No. Received This Month 10 Photographs Released None

To Whom Released _____

Photographs taken this month by Reports Officer: (est. number; subjects covered)

Funerals

Identification Photographs: Number Taken This Month 200 Number Taken To Date 3701

WRA Photographer No visit Visited Center From _____ To _____ Visit Scheduled (date) _____

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Project residents were greatly interested in developments at Tule Lake. Sentiment expressed was unanimously in disapproval of actions taken by the Tule Lake residents.