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INVOLUNTARY RELOCATION TO START AT MANZANAR IN MID- OCTOBER

LETTERS TO RESIDENTS REQUIRE DATE OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE AND PLACE OF RESETTLEMENT BE SET BY OCTOBER 9TH: ADMINISTRATION TO SET DATES FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO REPLY

Acting upon instructions from the Washington office, contained in Administrative Notice No. 289, in which Mr. Dillon Myer, Director of WRA requires the scheduling of departures during the last few weeks of the Center, letters went out to one thousand residents of Manzanar giving them a final chance to set their dates of departure, and selecting the place to which they want to resettle.

The letters, signed by Project Director Ralph P. Merritt, are addressed to Manzanar Residents and state:

"When you returned your card you did not set a definite departure date. Under instructions from Washington it is necessary that I inform you that if you do not set a departure date and a destination by October 9th, it will be necessary for us to do so for you. If you do not make plans for yourself you will be returned to your legal residence.

"All persons must leave Manzanar before November 30th. The last week will be reserved for the departure of emergency cases. In order to secure adequate transportation, all others will be scheduled to leave, about 450 each week, beginning October 10th. Persons who do not set their own departure dates will have dates set for them on and after October 9th. Three days advance notice will be given each person of his scheduled departure date to permit packing."

The administration points out that it will not be possible to accommodate more than 450 persons during the week ending November 30 and urges that only those persons who have a valid reason approved by the Relocation office select that week.

Center closing was established as December 1, or earlier in a notification from the Washington Office received in mid-July and publicized in the Free Press. At that time it was pointed out that all centers, excepting Tule Lake, would close on a schedule prepared in Washington.

The schedule provided the following closing dates: Granada, October 15; Central Utah and Minidoka, November 1; Heart Mountain and Gila River, November 15, Colorado River and Manzanar, December 1; and Rohwer, December 15.

Already special trains have been leaving the centers scheduled to close earlier than Manzanar, and reports indicate that rapid evacuation of Units I and II at Poston and The Canal Unit at Gila are taking place.

On September 12 the total population of Topaz had dropped to 2,339 with Terminal Leaves for the month of September totalling 1,113 as compared with 829 for August. Last Friday special trains took 273 Topaz residents to San Francisco while 113 were on a train bound for Chicago.

CLOCK RETURNS TO NORMAL AT TWO O'CLOCK SUNDAY

This is a must on your schedule of things to do Saturday evening. Set your watch and clock back one hour as War Time is abolished at 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning September 30.

War Time which set watches ahead one hour in February 1942 was established to save power and assist in the war effort.

PLANS FLIGHT TO JAPAN

Recently making a quick trip to the Center was Pvt. Harry Takechi who assisted his parent relocate to Long Beach. Takechi plans to return to San Francisco where he will board a plane to Japan, according to an item in Manzanoll.

EDITORIAL DEMANDS FAIR PLAY TO NISEI SOLDIERS

Says Carpinteria HERALD, published near Santa Barbara, in a vigorous editorial on behalf of Nisei soldiers, "There will be returning soon to this country a group of American boys who look like Japs... Out of a sense of fair play we will tolerate neither injustice nor discrimination to cloud their return. They return as heroes. Most of them are decorated with the proudest medals a soldier can wear."

LEAVES THIS WEEK

Terminal...	158
Short Term...	120

PERSONS ON LEAVE

Terminal...	5028
Short Term...	327

Population... 2724

**FIGURES INDICATE FIVE HUNDRED
PERSONS EVACUATE CENTERS DAILY**

With 197 applications for Terminal Departure recorded at the Relocation Office during the week ending September 22, and 166 persons going out on Terminal Departure Manzanar's total population as the week closed was 2775 persons.

Relocation officials point out that while the number of persons leaving has increased considerably as center closing approaches still voluntary relocation falls short of the number required to empty the center by the end of November.

Manzanar, long the center of least population, is now fifth from the smallest having a larger population than Central Utah, Granada, Minidoka, and Rohwer.

Total relocation from all centers, according to the latest figures released by the Washington office on September 1, indicate that a total of 500 persons are relocating each day.

"Residents of other centers realize that each day they remain in the center they are allowing 500 persons to get ahead of them", said Relocation Program Officer Walter A. Heath.

"In the struggle for jobs and housing every week permits nearly three thousand persons to get ahead of the evacuee who remains at Manzanar, and that makes it harder for him to successfully resettle," concluded Mr. Heath.

**CHICAGO BUSINESS SURVEY
REVEALS WIDE CHOICE OF
OPPORTUNITIES****ISSEI MEETS FORMER MANZANAR RESIDENTS AND
FINDS NEW BUSINESS PROSPERS**

After completing a survey of Hotels, Rooming and Boarding Houses, and Apartment buildings operated by resettlers in Chicago, copies of which are available in the Relocation Office at Manzanar, Mr. Shotaro Hikida, an Issei member of the WRA staff, made the following observations.

"My survey shows that there are more than 180 businesses now owned and operated by resettlers in Chicago and more than 50 percent of them were opened since the first of this year."

"The majority of them are owned or operated by Issei."

"It is amazing to note how easily businesses are acquired by resettlers in Chicago. New businesses are increasing at the rate of two to three a week."

"Resettler businesses are mainly located in five different districts of the city and there is plenty of room and many opportunities in Caucasian and colored districts."

"It was the unanimous opinion of all the businessmen that Chicago offers good business opportunities for resettlers; that people are nice and easy to deal with."

"Have not met a single person, out of a total of 180 contacted who complained about business being bad; they all expressed opinions that business was very good."

"No racial feeling interferred with their business."

"There are more opportunities in laundry, cleaners, shoe repair, gift and flower shops."

Among the former Manzanar people contacted by Mr. Hikida were, Tatsu Kimura, 927 E. 42nd Place; Tomiko Masunaka, 1360 E. LaSalle; Kichitaro Okamoto, 816 Bowen; Koto Tsuda, 4457 S. Ellis and Taya Matsumura all of Chicago.

Mr. Hikida suggest that Manzanar people write to him or to any of their friends mentioned above, all of whom operate rooming houses, apartments, and receive assistance in finding housing in Chicago.

**BLOCK NATIONALS NOT
ON CLEAR LIST NOW MAY
APPLY FOR LICENSE**

Project Attorney Alan G. Campbell reveals that with the lifting of all exclusion orders those not on the Army clear list may now have their bank accounts released by signing a simple WRA form at his office.

Persons affected are those who have been interned or who have been outside of the United States since June 17, 1940 and are referred to as Blocked Nationals unless the secure a special license from the Treasury Department.

With the lifting of general exclusion orders a Blocked National on the Army clear list, only, was eligible to sign for the special license.

**RETURNING EVACUEES
MUST CONTACT NEW
POSTMASTER**

Several postmasters of cities and towns on the West Coast have advised WRA that they are having difficulty making proper delivery of mail to returning evacuees. They ask that newly returned families come to the post office and file an address card giving the names of all family members and make sure that the street or rural box number are correct. In many instances numbers have been changed during the period these people have been away.

**KO KADONADA DIES
FOLLOWING OPERATION**

Following an operation for appendicitis, Ko Kadonada former resident of Manzanar, and brother-in-law of Mrs. Mas Kadonada died in Colorado Springs according to the Manza-Knoll.

Internment in the Calvery Cemetery where an infant son of the deceased is buried, is planned.

Kadonada was planning a trip to Los Angeles where he intended to settle when stricken.

**HOME OWNERS MUST BEGIN
EVICTION ACTION AT ONCE**

Two or three months are frequently needed to remove a tenant from the residence he is presently occupying, whether the residence is owned by the evacuee, or by one of his children, according to an announcement received from the office of Project Attorney Alan G. Campbell.

"Many owners of homes are surprised to find that the two or three weeks they have allowed themselves for the legal procedure is insufficient, and as a result they have had to delay their relocation plans," stated Mr. Campbell today.

"Even though they may not plan to leave the center until late November, I urge all parents who plan to return to their home, or one owned by their children, to come to my office so that I may begin at once on the procedures necessary to remove the present tenant. In obstinate cases sixty or ninety days are sometimes necessary to complete the eviction", Mr. Campbell stated.

**RED CROSS BOARD ACCEPTS
PRESIDENT SUGIMOTO RESIGNATION**

At a meeting of the Manzanar Red Cross Chapter held Friday evening the resignation of Mr. Sokishi Sugimoto, President of the organization was accepted.

Mr. Sugimoto had tendered his resignation nearly a month ago when he left the center on Short Term Leave, but the board refused to accept it since Mr. Sugimoto was not leaving on Terminal Departure.

Mr. Sugimoto will leave the center on Terminal Departure next Saturday to establish his residence in Los Angeles.

The Red Cross Board decided on the final disposition of books, toys and other properties when a motion to divide them between the several Internment Centers and Tule Lake was approved. Some furniture and equipment will be offered to the nearby communities of Lone Pine and Independence.

SOLDIER VISITORS

Pfc. Minoru Yasuda	5-9-1	Fort Ord, Calif.
Pfc. Minoru Imai	15-1-4	Camp Wolters, Texas
Pfc. Mitsuo Okamoto	10-11-1	Camp Wolters, Texas
Pvt. Woodrow Wakatsuki	21-13-1	Fort Meade, Maryland
Pvt. Harry Takechi	17-12-3	Fort Meade, Maryland
Pvt. Hiroshi Masuda	6-6-5	Fort Meade, Maryland
Pvt. Sachio Ito	12-5-1	Fort Snelling, Minn.
T//Sgt. Mas Ishikawa	12-12-3	Fort Snelling, Minn.
Pvt. Robert Mochinaga	26-8-1	Fort Snelling, Minn.
Sgt. Yoshii Abe	4-5-1	Fort Snelling, Minn.

**FIRMS SEEK EVACUEE
GROWN VEGETABLES**

Three wholesale firms in Los Angeles have employed Japanese American as field men to solicit vegetables produced by returned evacuees, according to a news release from the WRA office in Los Angeles.

Several wholesale firms are now handling vegetables grown by returned evacuees and reports indicate that there is a ready market for their products.

**ST. CHARLES HOUSING
PROJECT HAS OPENINGS**

With Industrial and Farm work available in the St. Charles area it is revealed that the Powell Terrace Housing Project nearby still has two and three bedroom units available for families of servicemen at rentals as low as \$18.00 per month. Most of the vacancies are at \$27.50 to \$32.50, according to a press release from the WRA office in St. Louis Missouri.

**FIRE DESTROYS TULE
LAKE MESS HALL-NO
LIVES LOST**

Fire which completely destroyed a mess hall at Tule Lake on Sunday evening September 9, caused loss estimated at \$3000 according to the Newell Star.

No loss of life was sustained in the blaze which appeared to have started in the vicinity of one of the cooking ranges, and gained such headway that the efforts of the fire department were directed to saving buildings in the vicinity.

The building will not be replaced and evacuees are assigned to other mess halls.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO CONTINUE
AT MANZANAR HOSPITAL**

Clarifying the rumors that the Health Section would close at an early date, Dr. Agnes Bartlett presented the plan under which the Hospital will continue to function with necessary curtailment of services.

"Due to conditions over which the Administration has no control," Dr. Bartlett stated, "the Hospital will continue to function and to render services of an essential nature but on a modified scale."

"Consolidation of the hospital was begun this week and the following services will be rendered as outlined," Dr. Bartlett said.

Only cases of an acute nature requiring short hospitalization can be accommodated on the project. All others requiring long term hospitalization will have arrangements made for them off the project, probably in the county from which they came.

Immunization clinics will be carried on as usual to complete series already underway. After October 1, there will be no new series of combined immunization undertaken, nor will there be immunization against typhoid after that date.

Immunization against small pox will continue in clinics until November 15.

No new maternity cases will be accepted in clinics except in emergency, and only those due to terminate their pregnancy in October and November will be seen.

Contacts with outside pre-natal clinics are urgently recommended for all expectant mothers who do not qualify under the above paragraph.

Parents of infants under one year of age are asked to call at the hospital on Friday afternoon, October 5, between 1:30 and 3:30 when cod liver oil will be given to youngsters in that age group for the last time.

**HOSTELS HAVE NO SPACE FOR
FURNITURE STORAGE**

Evacuees making relocation plans are again reminded that hostels do not have the space to store household goods and furniture. Anyone giving a hostel as a shipping address will run the risk of being forced to pay for private storage of their goods, as the Government will not bear the cost.

Evacuees can leave their crated property on the project in storage for a short time until they are located and have a place to which it may be sent. At present, they are permitted to leave it in project storage for 80 days. Of course, this length of time will soon be shortened to less than 60 days because the center will be closed, and there will be no one to handle shipping.

All relocations having property to be shipped or stored must sign Form WRA 156, Request for Transportation of Property, before leaving the center. Failure to do so will not only delay shipment but will cause cancellation of travel reservations. Be sure that you have signed Form 156 at Mess Hall #2 before you leave.

**EVACUEE MAIL MUST BE CALLED FOR AT POST
OFFICE BEGINNING OCT. 1**

All mail addressed to evacuees in the center will be delivered through the main United States Post Office beginning Monday October 1, according to an announcement from the office of the Postmaster.

Evacuees will be required to call at the Post Office for their mail as there will be no delivery.

The Postmaster also announced that evacuees who are relocating must leave forwarding addresses at the Post Office if they expect to have their mail forwarded to them.

The Post Office will service residents on weekdays from 10 am. until noon and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday the hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

FAIR TREATMENT URGED

In an editorial concerning the return of evacuees to Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Collegian, official publication of the Los Angeles City College writes:

"Among the many new students at City College this semester is quite a number of returning Japanese. It is extremely important to treat these people with respect and to see that their rights as citizens in a democracy are preserved."

**CHRISTMAS MAIL
DEADLINE SET FOR
OCTOBER 15**

With October 15, the deadline for mailing of Christmas presents to overseas G.I. Joes, the Manzanar Post Office requests that packages be sent at once, if delivery in time for the holiday is to be expected.

Regulations are the same as last year and among the things that cannot be sent are perishable matter, intoxicants, inflammable materials, poisons or articles which might damage persons or the mail.

Packages are not to exceed five pounds in weight, or 15 inches in length, or 36 inches in length and girth combined.

**MEMORIAL SERVICES
TODAY FOR PFC. A. M.
FUKUOKA**

Memorial services will be conducted this afternoon at the Christian Church, 15-15 in memory of Pfc. Arthur M. Fukuoka when the Manzanar Red Cross Chapter and block 4 gather to pay last respects to the Manzanar soldier. Conducting the services will be the Rev. Mr. Seizo Abe and the Rev. Mr. Naito.

Notification of the death of Pfc. Fukuoka was received last week by his mother Mrs. Yuri Fukuoka when a telegram from the War Department notified her that her son had lost his life by drowning near Italy on September 1.

Pfc. Fukuoka is the fourth Manzanar soldier to lose his life in the service.

**JACL WILL MEET FOR
NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Twenty-two chapters of the JACL will meet when the first national convention is called to order next March, according to an announcement in the Utah Nippo.

Tentative dates are set for March 22, 23, 25 and it may be necessary to go over into the next week according to Saburo Kido, President of the organization.

Chapters are functioning today in Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Nebraska, New York, Utah, and Wisconsin.

**SOUTHERN PACIFIC
OFFERS JOBS**

According to a teletype from the WRA office in San Francisco the Southern Pacific Railroad Company will employ those who once worked for them, including Americans of Japanese ancestry.

Former employees should contact the office through which they were last employed.

**YAMAMOTO FIRST JAPANESE LAWYER
TO RESUME PRACTICE IN L.A.**

Eimer S. Yamamoto became the first American Lawyer of Japanese ancestry to resume his practice of law when he returned to that city to become associated with attorneys A.L. Wirin and J.B. Tietz in their Los Angeles Offices according to an editorial in the Open Forum.

A graduate of Loyola University, Yamamoto will be remembered as one of several persons of Japanese descent who served as "test cases" in an effort by the ACLU and the JACL to secure a court ruling as to whether the military exclusion orders against Americans of Japanese lineage were legal in 1944.

As a result of the case Federal Judge Pierson M. Hall issued an injunction against Generals Pratt and Emmons, restraining them from excluding Yamamoto and two other persons of Japanese descent from California, by the forcible evacuation. An appeal from Judge Hall's ruling is now pending in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**IDENTIFICATION BOOK NEEDED FOR ALL LEAVES
BY RELOCATION OFFICE**

The Relocation Office requests all aliens to be sure to bring their Alien Identification Books (Pink Book) to the office whether they are signing up for Terminal Departure or Short Term Leave.

Since the interviewers must see these books in order to obtain certain information to put on departure notices, it will be necessary for you to return to your apartment to get your book if you do not have it with you.

SAVE YOURSELF AN EXTRA WALK - TAKE YOUR PINK BOOK WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO THE RELOCATION OFFICE.

**NORTHERN HOUSING UNITS ACCEPT VETERAN
FAMILIES**

Indicating the cooperation existing between WRA and the Federal Housing Authorities, ten Japanese American families, all with men in the service, were moved into housing units of the Richmond Housing Authority located at Wall St. and South 18th Street.

In addition the San Francisco Housing Authority has announced plans to arrange living quarters in an Army cantonment near Fort Funston for approximately 500 loyal Japanese Americans returning from relocation centers.

Mr. John W. Board, executive director of the Authority said the project is one of the first of its kind in Northern California and it will be supplemented by moving Nisei veterans and their families into temporary war housing quarters at Hunters Point.

GIRL SOUGHT TO MODEL IN HOLLYWOOD SHOP

Returnees who have accepted employment in Billy Gordon's dress making establishment in Hollywood where many prominent star buy their clothes, have done such an outstanding job that Mr. Gordon has asked the L.A. WRA office to find a model size 14, 5'6" tall to wear the new fall styles designed in the movieland manner.

**GILA NEWS-COURIER
PUBLISHES LAST ISSUE**

Signs of the times are reflected in the publication for the last time on Sept. 5, 1945 of the Gila News-Courier, Rivers Ariz., Center newspaper. Published first on Sept. 1, 1942 the paper was just three years old.

Few project publications continue, and at Manzanar there is now only one publication, the mimeographed edition of the Free Press which appears on Friday afternoon.

The Japanese section of the Free Press was terminated with the issue of September, 8, 1945.

**DOMESTIC HELP OFFERS
IN L.A. GO UNFILLED**

The Utah Nippo, under a Los Angeles dateline, states that Southern Californians are clamoring for Japanese American domestic servants since the end of the war, and are unable to get them.

"Well over 1,000 requests for nisei domestics have been received by my office since August 14," states Harold M. Mann, acting chief of the unemployment division of the WRA. "Of them we have been able to fill only a few hundred," he stated.

**PITTSBURGH HOSTEL
WINS VICTORY IN COURT
CASE**

The attempt on the part of a small group of citizens of the 26th Ward, Pittsburgh, Pa., to prevent the use of the Gusky Home as a resettlement hostel was defeated in court when the case was thrown out Monday Sept. 10. The Resettlement Committee of Pittsburgh had represented the evacuees.

Threat to appeal the case will be empty as the resettlement program will be complete and the need for the hostel past before the hearing can be again brought to court.

The hostel is in operation for evacuee families coming to Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK OFFICE CONTINUES TO SERVE DESPITE ELEVATOR STRIKE

Excellent cooperation from local agencies in New York City is permitting the WRA to continue serving evacuees during the strike of elevator operators in that city.

In a teletype from Robert Dolins, Relocation Supervisor, it is pointed out that while a skeleton crew is maintained in the offices of the Empire State Building, main floor lobby space has been secured and evacuees are being interviewed as usual.

In addition the Buddhist Church at 171 West 94th St., and the Brooklyn Hostel are cooperating and evacuees are requested to contact the most convenient of the above addresses where they will receive service.

Other agencies cooperating with WRA is servicing returning evacuees are Travellers Aid Society, which provided office space and service, Army Air Force Service Command which has made available desks, chairs, and telephones and the American Red Cross which has equipped the lobby in the Empire State Building.

APPOINTED PERSONNEL MUST BE IDENTIFIED AT MAIN GATE

Failure of Appointed Staff Members to show their passes is causing confusion and additional work at the Main Gate.

"With the removal of the Military Authorities an indifference to identifying themselves to Gate Clerks has become a serious problem," stated Assistant Project Director Edwin H. Hooper. "It is still necessary for every person entering or leaving the project to be identified and receive approval from the gate clerk before proceeding and this rule must be obeyed."

Gate Clerks, already overtaxed, may lose count of population if they do not identify each person entering or leaving the center, and serious consequences would result, according to administration authorities.

Orders have been given requiring Internal Security to follow any car entering or leaving the project without proper approval from the gate clerk, and the offender will be reported to the Project Director for disciplinary action.

TWO GILA SOLDIERS DIE AS WAR ENDS

The closing days of the war brought death to two soldiers from Gila Relocation center according to the News-Courier, center publication.

Ben Satoshi Kuroka, 22, formerly of Guadalupe, California, died August 13 as a result of an airplane crash on Okinawa and Pfc. Masuo Wakita, formerly of Santa Ana, California died August 23, at the Prescott Army Hospital.

Funeral services were held in Temple 42 on August 31.

FORMER CHIEF DENTIST VISITOR AT CENTER

Among recent visitors to Manzanar was Dr. Yoriyuki Kikuchi, former Senior dentist who is now opening offices to practice in Los Angeles. Mrs. Kikuchi who was very active in setting up the Welfare section in Manzanar's early days, is in Los Angeles.

NISEI HOME WILL ASSIST NEWCOMERS TO FIND JOBS

Received by the Manzanar Relocation Office this week is a letter inviting twenty five boys or single men to accept the hospitality of a Japanese family relocated to the windy city from Poston, at \$12.50 per week for room and board. In addition the Japanese family will assist boarders in finding jobs.

Interested persons should contact Chicago Nisei Home, 3991 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

442nd RAISES MONEY FOR MEMORIAL

Four thousand three hundred dollars, contributed by members of the 442nd Infantry, was presented to President Truman by four wounded Japanese American soldiers early this month. The money will be used for a memorial to President Roosevelt.

The soldiers received by President Truman were Sgt. Yoichi Kuwayama, 25, Long Island, Pfc. George Tsujimoto, Tracy Calif., Pfc. Jesse Hirata, 26, Hawaii and Pfc. Terumi Kato, 20, Hawaii.

FAMILY OFFERS WORK

Mr. Ikeda of 14-7-5, Manzanar is anxious to secure a middle aged woman to cook and do housework for two people, in Encino, California about 15 miles from Hollywood. Wages are \$8.00 per month and room and board is supplied.