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THE TULE LAKE WRA CENTER INFORMATION BULLETIN

Issued for the information of the residents of Tule Lake Feb. 12, 1944

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS

Alfred L. Cardinaux, delegate International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva Switzerland, delegation in United States, was a visitor on the project Tuesday of this week. He issued the following statement:

"The delegation of the I.C.R.C. has received from the Japanese Red Cross a large shipment of Japanese foodstuffs, green tea, and drugs. The delegation of the I.C.R.C. has been requested to distribute this shipment among all Japanese civilian internees and evacuees in the United States.

"The soya sauce and miso paste should be equally distributed among all the evacuees at Tule Lake.

"The delegation of the I.C.R.C., Washington D.C., will be very glad to transmit acknowledgement for the shipment to the Japanese Red Cross."

SOON TO HAVE A CIVIC CENTER

Tule Lake will soon have a civic center. The location in Block 18 will be near the actual center of the colony. People in Block 18 will need to move to other quarters, but it is expected they will be glad to do so, in order to benefit the whole of the community.

The offices which provide services to the population will be housed at the Civic Center, close together and more conveniently located. Such offices as the Internal Security, Welfare, Housing, Community Activities, Placement, Business Enterprises, Evacuee Property, Legal Aid, the Red Cross, etc. will be there.

A Fortune Magazine writer visited Tule Lake Center last week.

WELFARE STAFF

Orville Crays, social welfare consultant of the Washington office staff who has been in Tule recently, is now making a trip to San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego to interview applicants for positions. When the staff here is filled to the authorized number there will be one head counselor, three assistant counselors and ten junior counselors.

A NEWSPAPER IN THE MAKING

This is not a newspaper. It is an information bulletin, which has been prepared by members of the WRA staff. This bulletin can grow into a newspaper written and edited by the people of the Tule Lake center.

Arrangements have been made to provide for the employment of a limited number of people through the Reports Office, who can collect news of the colony and prepare it for publication. Anyone who has had experience in newspaper work, either on the outside or after coming to a WRA center, is asked to file his name with the Reports Office.

LEGAL AID BRANCH OFFICE

A branch of the Project Attorney's office is now located at 1608. Two assistants to the Project Attorney Bud Suzuki and Tetsujiro Nakamura are stationed at this office. Also in the office as assistants are Lily Yoshino, Yoshiye Yamada and Roy Kawasaki. This office is for the convenience of the residents and will be especially helpful in handling insurance, tax, Selective Service and other matters.

THE MANZANAR FOLKS

Administrative people here are now making plans for the arrival of the new residents from Manzanar. There are no official figures yet available as to the total number to come to Tule Lake.

The Chief of Community Management and the Housing Unit will make a trip to Manzanar to assist with the arrangements, it has been announced. The military has also arranged for a processing unit to be set up at Manzanar so that much of the induction work can be done before the people arrive here. Housing assignments will be made from the plans of the buildings available here before the people leave Manzanar. Thus the baggage can be moved directly to their new quarters on arrival. It is expected that these measures will greatly help both the new arrivals and the administration in getting them settled in a shorter space of time and with less confusion.

Assignment of some of the people to necessary work will also be made before they leave Manzanar. This will apply to the mess operations for the new people, and as soon as they arrive the organization will be complete.

LEAVE HEARINGS BEING HELD

Applicants for leave clearance are being given hearings at this project. Notices are sent to each person two days prior to the time assigned for the hearing. Any applicant receiving such a notice should be prompt in coming to the designated place for the hearing, so that the appointment will not need to be postponed.

MORE SPACE FOR SCHOOLS

The half of blocks 25 and 46, on the block manager's side, are to be vacated, and the people now living there moved to other quarters. This is to be done in order to provide more space for the elementary schools. The people now living in block 56 are also to be moved, in order to provide more space for new arrivals here from Monzamar and the other centers. These people are to come here as a part of the segregation program.

In the center of the new area where many of the new people will be housed, four buildings are being set aside for the use of schools.

All of the moves from blocks 18, 25, 46 and 56, are to be made under the supervision of the housing unit. Unauthorized moves are considered a violation of the project regulations and are to be reported to the police department.

MORE REC HALLS AVAILABLE

It is expected that the establishment of the new Community center will make at least six recreation halls available for use as recreation halls. These buildings are now being used for other purposes and the offices in them will be moved to the Civic Center.

QUICK ACTION BY FIREMEN

Last Sunday when the test alarm was sounded the boys in the Fire Department really showed what they could do. The first equipment to reach the scene was there in exactly one minute, and every available piece of equipment was on the scene in eleven minutes.

The Fire Protection Officers had a small fire for the to put out. This gave the men a chance to test out the pumps.

A TOWN HALL FOR TULE LAKE

When the Civic Center is set up in Block 18 and in operation, provision will be made for a town hall. It will be the present mess hall in the block. It can be used for meetings of various kinds, for dinners -- because the equipment will be there -- for dances and parties and possibly for theatrical performances.

EMPLOYMENT GROWING

Total employment on the Center of residents at the end of January was 1346 and since that time a number of workers have been assigned. Employment through the Business Enterprises was reported as 314.

TOWNSHIP INDUSTRY

Discussions are being held as to the possibility of establishing a text factory at the Tule Lake center. If the plan is worked out, the industry will be operated by Business Enterprises.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

There are 296 elementary school pupils attending the regular English school sessions. A total of 1365 pupils registered for the High School, but it has been discovered that some pupils filled out two cards by mistake. When these duplications are sorted out we will know the actual figures for the High School enrollment.

CIVIL SERVICE

Eugene Liljenquist, Civil Service representative from Madford, Ore., visited the project Tuesday to confer with the Personnel office concerning staff appointments and to give Civil Service clearance to a number of personnel actions on the administrative staff of the Tule Lake Center.

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULATIONS

The War Department recently announced that American citizens of Japanese ancestry will be taken into the Army via the Selective Service. This means that all of the men who were in the 4C classification will now be reclassified by their local Draft Boards and may be subject to call at any time.

It is important that all residents of Tule Lake who are registered in the Selective Service make sure that they have complied with all of the provisions of the Federal Law. The law requires that the local Draft Boards be notified of any change of address. Anyone who came here from any other center should notify the Draft Board "back home" of the change of address, if this had not been done before.

The law also requires that all male citizens register when they reach the age of 18. If there are any here who have neglected to do so, they should make arrangements to register. See the Legal Aid.

PLAN FOR FARM PROGRAM

E. J. Utz, chief of the operations division in the Washington WRA office arrived at the Tule Lake center on Monday. He is here to discuss with the Project Director and staff the operating policies and to formulate with the colonists a farm program for the coming year. It is expected less acreage will be farmed. However, there is sufficient land available to more than supply the subsistence needs of this center.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

A very important notice pertaining to Nisei men and their obligations under the Selective Service law, is being sent to all block manager's offices. It should be carefully read.