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Issued for the information of the residents of Tule Lake Feb. 22, 1944

## TO NEW ARRIVALS

### 'Be One Of Us As A Group,' Says Best

It is my desire that the new people coming to the Tule Lake Center from Manzanar have full participation in community life and activities here. By the arrangements we have made in advance of your arrival, we feel that initial steps have been taken to accomplish this purpose. We have endeavored to simplify as far as possible, the moving process and have made assignments of family living quarters, assignments to certain of the essential work opportunities. As you get located in our center, we will endeavor to have a fair and equitable representation of your people in the various employment brackets, and otherwise extend to you all the courtesies it is possible to extend.

We have here at the Tule Lake Center a peaceful and harmonious community, where we live and act as normally as it is possible in a center organized and directed for those people who prefer the Japanese way of life, and with due regard to our obligations for both your protection and that of the national security. This is a different center from the relocation centers -- from Manzanar from which you came. It is different because you by your attitude toward our American way of life, have required it to be different. At the same time all of the basic requirements for peaceful living are provided -- housing, education, medical assistance, food and clothing allowances on the same general principles laid down for the administration of all WRA centers.

We want you to be one of us as a group. We want you to accept us, whether fellow residents of the colony or members of the administrative staff.

R. R. Best  
Project Director

### MYER WELCOMES FACILITIES, APTS. TO MANZANAR RESOURCES OF INTERIOR DEPT. PEOPLE ASSIGNED

In commenting on the transfer of the WRA to the Department of the Interior, WRA Director Dillon S. Myer said:

"The War Relocation Authority was created by the President almost two years ago to perform the necessary wartime task, aimed at preserving our American democratic principles and at the same time protecting the national security. The program which we have developed to meet the needs of 110,000 American residents, two-thirds of them citizens by right of birth, has had the endorsement of the executive branch of

the government.

"Our objective is to see that it is carried out in the most effective manner. We welcome the resources and facilities which will be available in the Department of the Interior to help us do our job and do it better.

"I know that Secretary Ickes and I can work upon the continuation of the good relations between residents of the centers and the staff which we have enjoyed in the past."

By the plan of assigning living apartments for the new people before they entrain at Manzanar, it was expected that they can go direct from the train to their new homes. These are in blocks 81, 82, 77, 76, and 78. The overflow, if any, will be housed in 56 or 83.

Cots and mattresses are being distributed in advance to all of the assigned apartments. A reserve supply will be held (cont'd on page 3)

### WRA TO CONTINUE WITHOUT CHANGE

A telegram from D. S. Myer indicates that Secretary Ickes has authorized him to perform all functions under the President's executive order. All policies, regulations, procedures heretofore in effect are to be continued fully in effect without change. An administrative notice to this effect will come through the regular channels, according to the telegram.

### GOV'T TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO REUNITE THOSE INTERNED

Spanish Consul F. de Amat requests that the following information pertaining to family reunion be made available to center residents.

The memorandum from the State Department which was forwarded to the Spanish Consulate in San Francisco through the Spanish Embassy in Washington D.C. reads in part:

"The review of the program for the families separated as a result of the internment of the spouse indicates that on January 28, 1944, of a total of 841 families that applied

for reunion, and that were not reunited prior to October 1, 1943, the cases of only 306 still remain to be settled.

"It is the intention of the Government of the United States to continue its efforts for the reunion of Japanese families still separated by the internment until all such families desiring reunion have reunited. To this end the American authorities have offered to all Japanese now in internment whose families are segregated at the (cont'd on page 3)

## WELCOME, MANZARITES!

You have come here by your own choice to join us. We welcome you as one of our own. We are indeed grateful and happy to receive you. We fully realize that you have gone through many a heart-breaking trail since evacuation of three years ago.

Man is a curious animal, isn't he? He seems to give forth his finest product only when crushed. He loathes poverty, fights diseases, and avoids wounds, tyranny, and oppression. Yet somehow only when these come, do the rarest flowers appear on the human bush.

This world we live in is forced on a laying-up plan. All of us lay up something. It is a great idea to ask oneself, considering any ace we are about to perform, not only what will be the immediate pleasure in it, but what sort of product we are laying up for ourselves by it. We are always coming into our inheritance from the past deeds, in making up our minds, it is well to take into consideration what happy dividend that transaction is going to bring us 10 years---20 years from now.

In order to make success of this center life we have to keep in mind two things namely: precedent and future---because success implies not only sound reasoning, but also variable factor of how a thing will work, which is found out only by trying it. Hence, the surest road to success is to use mixture of precedent and initiative. Just how much of each you will require is a matter for your judgment. To go entirely by precedent you become mossback. Each succeeding generation acts the same way. There is a level of efficiency but no progress. Precedent, however, tends to carry forward the ignorance and injustice of the past. Precedent is the root, independent thinking is the branch of the human tree. Our decision must confirm to the sum of human experience. Yet, there must be also the fresh green leaf of present intelligence. In other words our reverence for the past must be continually qualified for the reverence for the future.

None of us know how long will our stay in Tule Lake be. All Tularens have been trying to make it a better place to live, under the circumstances. Yet, they have no other desire than to live in peace and happiness for the duration. Our ideal is Utopia. Ideal of Utopia may not be attained, however, we must strive to attain that goal as much as we can for ideal is like a North Star. Sailor never reaches North Star, yet without North Star he cannot come to the port.

We speak to you, MANZARITES! Now you are in the same boat with us. Let's make the best of it and lay up for the future happiness.

Byron Akitsuki  
Executive Secretary  
Co-ordinating Committee

## FREIGHT TO ARRIVE HERE SOON

Word from Manzanar indicates that shipment of freight belonging to the people coming from there, will start four days after the first train departs.

Arrangements have been made so that it will be

marked with the Tule Lake address of the owner. Delivery is to be made through the Evacuee Property Officer here, J.S. Lowery, and excess property will be stored in warehouses.

## SHOYU, MISO, DRUGS RECEIVED FROM JAPAN

"Although 747 barrels of shoyu, 30 barrels of miso and five boxes of drugs were originally assigned to this center according to the first notice received from the Red Cross Headquarters in Washington dated January 20, only 525 barrels of shoyu, 31 barrels of miso and 5 boxes of drugs have been received," states the Co-ordinating Committee. These goods are a gift from the Japanese Red Cross to Japanese nationals in this center.

Since the original allotment has yet to be acknowledged, the Co-ordinating Committee is negotiating directly with Washington to see if the remaining balance of 222 barrels of shoyu may be available for this center.

On January 20, the Bill of Lading specified that Tule Lake Center was to receive only 510 barrels of shoyu, 30 barrels of miso and five boxes of drugs. When Mr. A. Cardinaux, delegate of the International Red Cross of Swit., visited Tule Lake Center on February 8, the shoyu shortage was referred to him. Mr. Cardinaux stated that inasmuch as the Red Cross had not received any definite instructions as to the distribution of the goods, it had been sent en masse to the internment camps first. As a result, the proportion of allotment to the other relocation centers was therein curtailed. However, Mr. Cardinaux gave assurance that immediately upon his return to Washington, the designated amount of 747 barrels of shoyu will be negotiated for.

## Route Marked With Arrows

The route traveled by trucks taking people from the train to the new residence area, is marked with arrows. The travel will be on a circle tour making it a "one way" traffic. This is expected to reduce the number of accidents.

**MEMO ON FAMILY REUNION RELEASED**

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Tule Lake Center the opportunity to be reunited with their families at that center. Exceptions to this policy will have to be made only in cases where the internee requesting such reunion with his family has been a trouble-maker in their internment camp."

A Special Hearing Board has completed reviewing cases of all the applicants for family reunion at the Santa Fe Internment Camp. It is expected that these cases will be settled in the near future, according to the memorandum.

"Families that cannot be united by transfer to Tule Lake or to other relocation centers or by the parole to the community at large or the release of the interned spouse are being transferred as speedily as facilities can be made available for them to the family camp maintained by the Immigration and Naturalization Service," adds the memorandum.

**STATEMENT ON TRANSFER OF WRA ISSUED BY WHITE HOUSE**

President Roosevelt has transferred the War Relocation Authority to the Department of the Interior.

The statement issued at the White House said: "President Roosevelt announced today that he had ordered the transfer of the WRA to the Department of the Interior. WRA has responsibility for maintenance and relocation of persons of Japanese ancestry evacuated from the Pacific Coast early in 1942. The transfer is being made for reasons of administrative simplification and to bring the work of the agency under supervision of a Cabinet officer. The agency of which Dillon S. Myer is director, will be moved in its entirety into the Department of the Interior, in accordance with the President's frequently announced belief that

**PRESENT WRA PROGRAM TO BE CONTINUED-ICKES**

A public statement issued by Secretary of the Interior Department Ickes, at Washington, says:

"The President has directed that the War Relocation Authority be transferred to the Department of the Interior. I am glad to welcome the Director and staff of the War Relocation Authority into this Department. The authority was established nearly two years ago as a result of the Army's evacuation of the West Coast residents of Japanese ancestry. Since that time, the Authority has worked closely with this Department. Five of the relocation centers are situated on Interior Department land one center was directly administered by this Department until January 1, 1944. As a consequence, I know something of the problems with which the WRA has been confronted and have come to appreciate the effectiveness with which these problems have been met.

"The WRA has been confronted with the difficult task of caring for a minority group of enemy ancestry in time of war. To handle this problem with proper regard for the national security and in accord with sound principles of American democracy, the Authority has developed a threefold program--1. Maintenance of all evacuees who require support in properly administered relocation centers. 2. Segregation of evacuees whose sympathies do not lie with the United States into a special segregation center, and 3. relocation of loyal evacuees as rapidly as possible in normal productive American life. This program will be continued and I hope it will be made even more effective in the Department of the Interior.

"In carrying out my responsibilities under the order, I intend to keep in mind the need of recognition of the rights of United States citizens regardless of ancestry, the internal security of the United States during the wartime and the international implications which are involved, and particularly the effect of his program (cont'd on page 4)

the number of independent agencies should, when practicable, be reduced.

In announcing the transfer, the President stated that he considered the program of the WRA sound in principle, and the work already accomplished by the agency highly satisfactory.

The WRA operates nine relocation centers, for those of the evacuees who have been found to be loyal American citizens or law abiding aliens, and a segregation center for those whose loyalties are to Japan rather than to the United States. A total of 92,000 evacuees are in the ten relocation centers. Approximately 20,000 of the evacuees have resettled in ordinary communities outside the evacuated zone, through the relocation program of the agency."

**BLANKETS STORED IN BLK REC HALLS**

Blankets to supply for the people from Manzanar are stored in the block recreation halls. They will be issued to each family head. Trucks will be available to move heavy loads.

**BABY FOOD HELD IN READINESS**

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at the block recreation halls to take care of any unanticipated requirement.

The mess management has arranged to have a supply of formula baby foods ready. Delivery will be made to the mess halls in the blocks of the new arrivals.

# WELCOME RECEPTION PROGRAM NO VISITING SLATED. PARTICIPANTS LISTED DURING ARRIVAL

The Welcome Reception program for the incoming Manzanites is being prepared with great enthusiasm by the C. A. under Mrs. Nekano, Chairman of Manzaner Reception Committee.

The feature program will be two nights of Ehgeikai, Master of Ceremony, Mr. Hajime Nivamoto; two nights of Motion picture, Chairman, Mr. Bob Sewada; twodays of floral arts and craft exhibit, Chairman, Mrs. Alice Eto. Approximate date is set for February 25, 27, 28,

and 29st the new Manzaner district.

The participants are listed:

- H. Takao, A. Sofve, M. Sofve, K. Onoue, S. Suguro, Y. Tani, A. Kerimoto
- R. Kumasuke, R. Kumasuke, M. Doi, N. Doi, M. Takagi, R. Tejiri, T. Koge, J. Koyanigi, G. Nakao, H. Koyama, G. Sumida, J. Nerrita, C. Goto, B. Morioka
- S. Iwada, S. Aranski, D. Matsumoto, Takeda, Matsuda, Bando Students, Y. Aoki, E. Yasuda, F. Kurizawa, S. Kuroshina, T. Izuno, S. Yada, T. Iivamoto, Uemoto, C. Namsda, T. Aamiye, J. Mitsuhiro, Y. Yamaguchi, K. Yoshioke, K. Monishi, B. Yokotaka, T. Matsuda, C. Nakayama, and Yoshiko Nakayama.

In the near future date, a gala program will be presented at the new high school auditorium for the entire community.

While there are many of the residents of the Tule Lake Center who have friends among the newcomers arriving from Manzaner, it has been decided that any visiting at the time of arrival would cause unnecessary confusion. There will be ample time for visiting as soon as these folks get settled in their new homes.

The fence separating the new residence area from the old will be patrolled while the people are being moved in and only persons with special passes will be allowed to enter the area. This patrol is only temporary and to help keep out unauthorized persons. As soon as the newcomers are settled in their homes, there will be no further need to patrol the fence and it will be withdrawn.

## WRA Program To Continue

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on the treatment of war prisoners and civilians in Japanese hands.

"The Department of the Interior will, I am sure, be able to make an effective contribution to the relocation program. I should be reluctant, however, to assume the responsibilities involved in bringing the WRA into the Department of the Interior if I did not know the ability and devotion of the staff of the WRA and were not assured that Dillon River and the organization he has built up and directed were coming under my direction as a unit."

## CURFEW LIFTED — AUSTIN

Due to fact that the Center has been returning to normalcy in a satisfactory manner, Proclamation #2 is hereby revoked.

Military Patrols within the Center will be maintained until such time, as, in the discretion of the Commanding Officer they may be withdrawn.

The Colonial Police are responsible for the maintenance of law and order within the Center.

Verne Austin  
Lt. Col., CMP.,  
Commanding

## C.A. Releases Rules For Use Of Buildings

Community Activities Section has announced the regulations and policies which must be complied in order to use the community service buildings including the high school gymnasium and the mess halls.

The community service buildings cannot be used without the regular permit issued by the community management clearance clerk. For recreation halls, one permit will be given to the requesting party and one to the block manager of the said recreation hall. The block manager is told not to open the door of the hall when the copy does not

agree with the permit of the requesting party. For the use of the mess hall the policy is the same with that of the recreation hall, but instead the chief steward of the said mess hall will be given the copy. However, permits will not be necessary when meetings are called by the block manager.

Mess halls and recreation halls will not be assigned on Sunday due to conflicts with church services. Exceptions may be made with the approval of the C. A.

The Community Activities section has the right to issue permits

to all recreation halls except halls which are occupied by the WRA offices. Also they have the right to issue permits for the use of the high school gymnasium on Wednesday and Thursday nights, Saturday all day and night, and Sunday noon.

No permits will be issued by means of phone calls. The halls must be left in good order; otherwise the requesting party will forfeit the right to use the community service buildings. Also if any loss or damage is sustained, future use will be forfeited by the requesting party until all are replaced.