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# TRANSFER OF 36 JAPS BLOCKED BY GOVERNOR

## Adkins Prevents Use On Norfolk Dam Project

From 'The Commercial Appeal'  
Little Rock Bureau

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 3.—Governor Adkins Thursday blocked the first attempt to transfer Japanese-American evacuees from the War Relocation Center at Jerome and Rohwer to other parts of the state.

Answering a request from E. B. Williams of the Utah Construction Co., Norfolk Dam, Governor Adkins flatly declared that he would not approve the request to have 36 Japanese-Americans transferred from the relocation center to work at the Norfolk Dam.

Mr. Williams, in his telegram to Governor Adkins, said the request for the 36 men had been approved by police officials at Norfolk and the WRA officials. He said that the Governor's approval was necessary before the men could be transferred.

Construction officials at the project said that they are unable to get any workers from the United States Employment Service, and that they were turning to the war relocation centers for help.

Governor Adkins, who has taken a firm stand against removing the evacuees from the centers for any reason, declared in his telegram that:

"In my opinion it would be inadvisable and unwise to assign Japanese to your project or any other project other than the two Japanese relocation camps, where they are constantly under military guard. My agreement with the War Department was that they would be kept in these colonies and under military guard, and under no consideration can I alter my position in this matter."

E. B. Whitaker, regional WRA director, and Dillon Myer, national WRA director, who are visiting the relocation center at Jerome Thursday, could not be reached for a statement on the action taken by Governor Adkins.

Spokesmen at the WRA office said Thursday that Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Myers will return here Friday.