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GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Project operations continued in a routine manner during the week. On Sunday, December 12, Mr. Alphonse Sabadie, secretary to the Spanish Consul at New Orleans, arrived at this center. He was accompanied by a representative of the State Department. No general meeting of Japanese nationals was held, but he discussed their problems with a committee selected by them. Most of the discussion concerned the possibility of a third exchange ship and the desirability of bringing repatriation lists up to date.

The two staff members who attended the Denver conference have explained to the rest of the appointed personnel the outline for the new annual budget. Section and division heads are now occupied in preparing this estimate.

There have been numerous cases of flu, both among the appointed personnel and the other center residents. So far it has not been of a serious type and the hospital facilities have been adequate to care for all the evacuees who are ill.

The shopping arrangement which was described in last week's summary is working satisfactorily and with a minimum of confusion.

The Military Police company stationed here has been changed again. The new company is not from the Jerome Center, but it is expected that the customary friendly relations will continue with this group.