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WEEKLY REPORT
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
WEEK ENDING JUNE 16, 1945

Terminal leaves for the week totaled 154; 57 were for return to the West coast area. As of June 16, 286 people had left the center during the month. There will be two more special cars leaving before the end of June, and it is estimated that relocation for the month will reach 550 or 575.

In May it was generally thought that as soon as school was out there would be a marked increase in relocation, but this has not been the case. If present trends hold, June will be slightly better than May. There are indications that changes in procedure for approval of temporary relocation assistance may have had something to do with the relocation rate not speeding up as expected. In spite of repeated explanations, the evacuees now say that it is practically impossible for a person to qualify for this assistance. Some seem to be waiting to see if the rules will be relaxed. There is also the belief on the part of some that schools of some kind will be opened this fall. Possibly they don't really think this will happen, but just hope it will. The fact that the school property has been turned over to the Supply Section and that many of the teachers are leaving still has not convinced them for certain that there will be no school. Of course, the chief thing that slows relocation is that many of the people here do not believe the centers will close. This conviction does not seem to be based on any particular thing except that they simply don't believe that the W.R.A. or the Government will go that far.

Changes in the Army Master List continue to come in. At the present time we have two residents in Step 2, 17 in Step 3, 69 in Step 4, and two in Step 8. Until a month or two ago we had 31 people in Step 3.