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HOOPER RELOCATION CENTER
WEEKLY REPORT
WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29, 1945

Terminal leaves for the week totaled 48 as compared to 40 for the week ending September 22. Relocation for this week would have reached the 400 mark except for the fact that the special train scheduled to leave Friday, September 28, was postponed until Sunday, September 30. Project officials were notified Wednesday at noon by railroad representatives that Army requirements made the delay necessary. Officials of the Community Council, the train monitor and the car captains were notified immediately of the change in plans and they passed the information on to the passengers. Individual notices were also mailed out the next day to each family that was scheduled to leave. In this way a minimum of confusion resulted. Between 355 and 360 people, including a few visitors, will leave on the train Sunday. This group shipped ten car loads of freight and there were three cars of checked baggage.

The relocation total for the month will be approximately 1123. This is the best month this center has experienced. The next best was July when 821 people left. The August total was 752. By September 30 the center population will be slightly over 2100.

After the train leaves Sunday the Relocation Division will be primarily responsible for 462 cases representing about 1350 people. The Welfare Section will still have approximately 500 cases. Since a substantial number of these are single cases they comprise only about 750 individuals. These figures indicate how the welfare group is growing in importance as compared to non-welfare cases. This emphasizes how desirable it is to have reasonably prompt approval of assistance for these cases by outside agencies. However, slow approval of the 390 cases still ranks second as a deterrent to relocation. Lack of housing remains the most serious problem.

The strong California trend reported last week continues. It still slows up relocation to other points where housing is more easily available. Because so many people had said they wished to return to Los Angeles in September but were not able to do so because of lack of housing, a check was made to see if they had been evacuated from that area. It was found that all but two cases were originally from that section.

Only thirteen block mess halls are now in operation and another is expected to close next week.