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# Headquarters for Rohwer and Jerome Relocation Centers Opened Here

**Between 5,000 and 6,000 People Will Be Employed in Construction of Japanese Centers Near McGehee**

## 100,438 Tons of Rubber Turned In

More than 200,000,000 pounds of scrap rubber have been turned in to gasoline filling stations in the first six days of the nationwide collection campaign, the petroleum industry War Council reported today.

William R. Boyd Jr., council chairman, described the results as "encouraging", but Secretary of Interior Ickes viewed as "very disappointing" the response of Eastern and Southern states.

"This is putting it up to the people to determine whether they want to run their cars by turning in rubber," Ickes said. "If it is not turned in — enough to take care of military needs and to some extent civilian needs — we'll have to get the rubber some way."

The 200,881,000 pounds reported represented 1.52 pounds per capita, or the equivalent of 100,438 tons. Boyd said these figures did not include rubber held by 17,000 local junk dealers, about 3,000 carload lot dealers and re-

Headquarters for army engineers for both the Jerome and Rohwer relocation centers for Jap Evacuees has been opened in McGehee at 106 S. First street and 107 S. Railroad street.

Major A. M. Niemz is the army engineer in charge of both jobs. He comes here from Minden, La. following the completion of the Minden Ordnance plant. He was also the construction engineer on the Ordnance plants at LeFlore, Miss. and Elwood, Ill.

Neild, Somdal and Neild, architectural engineers, are now working on the lay-out plans and specifications for the Rohwer center. Bids for the construction work is scheduled to be let within a week or ten days.

Besides construction of the various buildings at the centers the projects will include the construction of roads, water system, electric lighting system, sewer and drainage system.

Work to be done at each center will necessitate the employment of 2500 to 3000 people. Application for employment is being handled thru the McGehee employment office located in the Wolfe building. Operations are scheduled to commence about July 1.