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# Jerome Center To House German War Prisoners

**Will Quarter 6,000  
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Rumors that the Jerome Relocation Center, closed last July when all Japanese were moved to other centers, was to be turned in a German prisoner of war camp were confirmed Saturday through an announcement by the U. S. Engineers, Little Rock district, of an award of a contract for perimeter fences around the barracks area.

Work on the fences will be started as soon as possible by the Robertson Fence Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, which was awarded the contract on a bid of \$20,512.

Once housing 8,000 Japanese, the camp is to be used for approximately 6,000 enlisted German prisoners and 1,100 officers, according to unofficial estimates. District engineers failed to make any more comment on the award, but officials familiar with the requirements of both prisoner of war camps and the Jerome center say that additional guard towers, lighting facilities and reconstruction of some buildings will be necessary to complete the conversion.

Formerly under the War Relocation Authority, the camp will be operated under the Office of the Provost Marshal General as a prisoner of war camp.