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(To be sent AIRMAIL each Saturday)

WEEKLY REPORT

Week Ending May 8, 194 3

PROJECT Bahar

POPULATION: (evacuee) Last Week 8081 This Week 7985

Account for any major increase or decrease in evacuee population:

LEAVES ISSUED:

1. Short Term Leaves:

Type	Number of Applications	Number Issued	Number Denied
<u>Business</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>Social</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>

2. Group Employment Leaves: 20 0

3. Indefinite Leaves: (a) To Accept Outside Jobs 37 0
 (b) To Attend College . . 0 0
 (c) For Other Purposes . 14 0

VITAL STATISTICS:

Deaths: Men 1 Women 0 Children Under 18 2 Total 3
 Births: Boys 3 Girls 0 Still Births 0 Total 3
 Number of marriages at center this week 2

HOSPITAL:

Admissions this week: Men 6 Women 6 Children Under 18 11 Total 23
 Communicable Diseases Reported: (number and kind) Chicken pox - 7 (inpt.)
Lues - 1 (outpt.)

GOVERNMENT: Major Ordinances and Resolutions Adopted by Council.

The Constitution was amended to permit non-citizens to hold office.

PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD: (Purpose and Number in Attendance)

106 Athletic events - 9288; 3 Social activities 900; 5 Catholic services - 300;
2 Adult activities- 700; 12 Buddhist services 1800; 13 Protestant services - 1600

VISITORS TO PROJECT: (Identify)

<u>Caucasian</u>	Business	<u>23</u>	
	Social	<u>50</u>	
	Visiting evacuees	<u>1</u>	<u>79</u>
<u>Japanese</u>	Soldiers		<u>25</u>
	Evacuees		<u>6</u>
	Others		<u>5</u>
	Total number of visitors		<u>115</u>

Mrs. S. J. Walker, American Friends Service, Whittier, Calif.
 Miss Constance Dumbough, FGR Nashville, Tenn.
 Miss Helen Strickland, Girl Scout leader, Brownville, Ala.
 Miss Mary Frances Lacey, Teen-age Specialist, NYA Jackson, Miss.

FIRES: None

<u>Date & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Cause</u>	<u>Estimated Damage</u>
<u>The fire occurring in Mess Hall #2 on May 1 which was reported last week resulted in damage estimated at approximately \$55.00.</u>			

ARRESTS: None

<u>Types of Offenses</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Referred to Judicial Commission (number)</u>	<u>Referred to Outside Officials* (number)</u>	<u>Not Prosecuted</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Indicate state or local officials to whom referred.

Project Staff additions or resignations this week: (positions involved)

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR: (Discuss briefly the major problems and developments at the project this week).

There has been little unusual activity in this center during the week. Unusually dry weather hindered farming operations and crops were suffering from drought until a rain fell Saturday night.

The relocation program continues to make progress. 80 persons left the center on indefinite leave this week. Civil Service examinations for office workers were given and there was considerable interest shown in these. A surplus of boys have registered for the NYA training program which was recently announced but some difficulty is being encountered in filling the quota of girl trainees.

The Governor, again, expressed his opposition to the relocation of evacuees within the State. (See attached copy of news item.)

Only eight of the volunteers from this center have been called up for induction. The volunteers not yet called are showing considerable concern over the delay.

100 girls from the center attended a dance for Japanese-American soldiers at Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Comment by the press was favorable.

From the Arkansas Gazette, May 6, 1945

OPPOSES JAPANESE LABOR IN ARKANSAS

Governor Adkins said yesterday he had refused several requests for permission to give employment in Arkansas to Japanese-American evacuees and repeated his opposition to the use of such labor in the state.

The governor said one application for permission to use evacuees from the Jerome and Rohwer relocation centers in southeast Arkansas involved a war contract.

He added that if persons outside the state want to employ the evacuees he would not object, "but I'm not going to recommend that the Japanese work in any capacity in this state".