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ROHMER RELOCATION CENTER

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Week ending October 2, 1943

The segregation program continued without unusual developments. Final plans for the departure of the second train from this project on October 7 have been made. The second group will be composed of 371 persons from this project and 40 from Jerome. The train will pick up the people from the Jerome project in the morning and is expected to arrive at this project by 1 o'clock in the afternoon. It is planned to have baggage cars spotted here Tuesday morning before the arrival of the rest of the train so that baggage may be loaded before the segregants board the train here. The baggage of the Jerome people will be brought over by truck. Freight will be picked up Tuesday to be carried to the warehouse for shipment, and the baggage will be picked up Wednesday.

The WRA representative from this project who accompanied the first train to Tule Lake and returned with another group of Tule Lake people to Jerome, reported an uneventful trip. When the Rohmer train arrived at Tule Lake, even the baggage checked out perfectly. Mr. James F. Hains, Assistant Project Director, is expected to accompany the train leaving on October 7.

Fifty people who recently came from Tule Lake, transferred from the Jerome project to this center. It is expected there will be more of these transfers in the future.

Leave clearance hearings have been temporarily suspended until after the departure of the second group of segregants. Up to this time, recommendations on 116 cases have been returned to Washington, and 15 have been sent to the field offices. 26 cases are being held, pending preparation of transcripts and recommendations. No hearings have yet been held on 88 cases whose dockets have been received from the Washington office. It is expected that it will be necessary to hold more than 400 additional hearings for persons in Group III. It is also estimated that approximately 450 persons who were in this group will go to Tule Lake after the mass movement has been completed.

During this week 30 people left on indefinite leave, and 5 on seasonal leave. This is about the average for the last three weeks. It is hoped that the number will increase as soon as segregation has been completed.