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WEEKLY REPORT  
HOWSER RELOCATION CENTER  
NOVEMBER 11, 1944

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

The appointed personnel at this center have contributed \$625.50 to the National War Fund. This is approximately \$100 more than was contributed last year and there are still a few more donations that will come in later.

The Community Council held its semi-annual election on Tuesday, November 17. Nine new councilmen were chosen. The former council chairman did not run for re-election in his block and consequently a new man would ordinarily be selected for this place. However, the council has recently passed a resolution favoring an amendment to the constitution which would permit a person not a member of the council to serve as chairman. The former chairman has evidently changed his mind about retiring and this is an expedient to permit him to retain his office although he will not be a member of the council. The amendment will have to be submitted to the people for approval but it is believed that it will receive a favorable vote.

Many people are now returning from seasonal and trial indefinite leave. A few are returning from indefinite. During the first five days of the week there were 62 seasonal returns, 28 trial indefinite and 3 indefinite. For the same period only 12 people left the center on indefinite or trial indefinite leave. It is obvious that the center population is growing

rapidly. However, this is not a typical week and such an increase is not expected to be the general rule.

One of the Relocation Advisors was called to the army this week. The position of Chief Project Steward was filled by Mr. Dee Hudson, who formerly held that position at the Jerome project. Mr. Hudson has recently received a physical discharge from the army.

In last week's report it was mentioned that two evacuees had admitted conducting a private fish market at the center and that they had signed an agreement to discontinue the business. However, another shipment of fish arrived during the first of the week that was delivered first to a third person but was later taken to the home of one of the men previously involved. The fish was confiscated and given to the hospital and old men's home. The real consignee was fined the value of the fish and the fish was accepted in lieu of payment. He was also given a 30 day suspended jail sentence. It was agreed that the suspension would automatically be cancelled if the offender was found guilty of a similar practice.

The Community council and the Judicial commission have not taken any action with regard to the three boys who were arrested for breaking into one of the Co-op stores. The Project Director is still insistent that they take the responsibility for punishment in this case since it is a matter of

primary concern to the residents of the center.

Eleven more casualty notices have been received here during the week. This makes a total of 17 for the past two weeks.