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WEEKLY REPORT
ROSEN RELOCATION CENTER
NOVEMBER-27, 1944.

Dec. 9, 1944

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

Pfc. Higa came to the center this week at the invitation of the Community Council. He stayed here two days and spoke in Japanese each evening to a large audience in the center auditorium. Approximately three thousand persons attended, many of whom were Issei. One afternoon a reception was held which was attended by many women who had sons in the army, and this gave them an opportunity to ask specific questions about matters in which they were especially interested. In his two main addresses, Private First Class Higa explained the origin of the 100th Battalion and the reason for the formation of a separate combat team. He described the fighting in Italy and emphasized the fact that the Nisei soldiers received the same treatment and fought under the same conditions as all other soldiers. He made an excellent impression both in his speeches and in private conversation, and it is the general opinion that his visit did much to re-assure those who have sons in the army. His visit was exceptionally well timed because there had been unusually large number of casualty notices received during the past three or four weeks. During this week only three casualty notices were received as compared to eighteen for the previous week.

The Evacuee Property section is not accepting applications for the storage and shipping of goods on the West Coast for the time being. This is due to the fact that the West Coast Property Offices are attempting to reduce a back-log of these applications which have

accumulated during the past month. All other activities of the property section are being carried on as usual.

Thanksgiving was observed by work being carried on as usual. This was true of both the appointed personnel and the evacuee workers. However, school was dismissed for the day, and a special religious service was held at 10:00 AM. All employees who wished to attend were excused from work.

The center Cooperative has officially opened a second canteen which carries a general line of merchandise similar to that sold in the main store. The new canteen is located in the block area for the convenience of the center residents.

The Procurement Officer, who has been here since the project opened, has resigned to enter private business. The welfare staff has been strengthened by the addition of a new counselor and the return of another former employee.

An intensive drive for the sale of War Bonds has been started. For the first time the project has been given a quota by the local county committee, and every effort will be made to reach this quota. The Junior Red Cross drive resulted in over 2,000 members and the collection of \$201.46. This drive was carried on through the schools. The final total for the War Fund drive was \$702.50.

Six private memorial services were held for Nisei soldiers who were killed in action and a center wide service sponsored by the Community Council is planned for some time around the middle of December.

The information concerning Nisei casualties which was requested by Director D. S. Myer is being compiled with the assistance of the Block Managers.