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**WEEKLY REPORT
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
MARCH 10, 1945**

During the week 49 terminal leaves were issued, and 12 of these were for return to California; 15 relocation short term leaves were granted; 91 initial relocation interviews and 81 follow-up interviews were held. The rate of initial interviews is slowing up, because most of the people who came in this week had received their third invitation. Until recently, the response to the invitations had been 100%. In addition to this, most of the cases now coming up are in the problem class and it naturally takes more time for this type of interview. Relocation prospects for the New Orleans area are not quite as good as they were a short time ago. There has recently been some adverse publicity in the leading New Orleans newspaper about the evacuees settling in Louisiana. This resulted in a rumor here at the center that Louisiana had been closed to resettlement. The Relocation Officer from the New Orleans office is now in the center and is explaining the situation to the evacuees who are most interested and we believe that the misunderstanding can be cleared up. A delegation of evacuees has recently returned from an inspection trip to Texas. A formal report has not yet been received from them or the WRA office in that state, but the evacuees have reported that they were favorably impressed. There is not likely to be a great deal of resettlement there immediately, but it seems that there are reasonable prospects for success there later on.

The delegates to the Salt Lake City Conference have made an oral report on the meeting to the Community Council, the Block Managers, and the Resettlement Planning Commission. The statement of facts and the recommendations which were agreed upon at the conference have been mimeographed and three copies have been sent to each block office for the information of center residents. Either a large mass meeting, or a series of smaller meetings ^{were} are being planned to give the evacuees an opportunity to ask questions concerning the conference and the conclusions reached there. We have heard few comments from the center residents concerning the recommendations.

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The annual Red Cross drive is now under way at the center, and an organized campaign is being conducted among the appointed personnel and the evacuees.

We are still having difficulty with evacuee visitors who are extremely reluctant to pay board, but a more strict policy in this matter is being adopted and we believe that the situation can be improved.

The Army Reviewing Team has left the center and we are expecting the Appeal Team to arrive here within a couple of weeks, since several of the evacuees have been notified that their appeals will be heard on March 20.

A meeting of division and section heads has been called for Monday morning and definite plans for the entertainment of four Chinese officials, who will arrive here on the evening of the 15th, will be made at that time.

Mr. E. B. Moulton, Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management, addressed a church group at Danville, Illinois, while he was visiting there recently. The leading newspaper of Danville carried an excellent article in which Mr. Moulton explained the operation of the center and gave other information concerning the evacuees.