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WEEKLY REPORT
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
MARCH 17, 1945

The Army appeal team of five officers and four enlisted men is scheduled to arrive the night of March 17. The enlisted men are to be quartered in the Military Police barracks, but the officers will be provided rooms at the project hospital. Two private offices have been set aside for their use, and necessary office equipment has been obtained. The date of the first hearing has been advanced from March 20 to March 19. The Army reviewing team, which left a short time ago, cooperated in an excellent manner with project officials and the attitude of the members of this team toward the evacuees was good. We are confident that the same pleasant relationship will develop between the administration and the appeal team.

The delegation of four Chinese officials arrived at the project on the night of March 15. Quarters were arranged for them at the hospital, and they took most of their meals at the personnel mess. The morning after they arrived they had a brief conference with the Project Director, and then they met with the division chiefs so that the people here would know what they wished to learn, and so that the delegation could find out what kind of information was available. The previous week the division chiefs had held a special meeting to plan for the delegation's visit. After the conference was over, the visitors were taken on a tour of the center in order for them to get a general idea of what the project was like. That afternoon different members of the group had conferences with the heads of the following sections: Education, Personnel, Welfare, Mess and Supply. On March 17, the group met with the Project Director for a final scheduling of their visit. Additional conferences with the heads of Education, Welfare and Cooperative Enterprise were held. That afternoon they met with evacuee leaders; that night they attended a U.S.O. meeting; and, later on, they attended a tea which was held in their honor. They will attend church Sunday, and will leave that afternoon by automobile at 4:00 PM for the trip to Leland, Mississippi, where they will catch a train for Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Project officials are well impressed with the visitors and are glad to give them all assistance possible, and the delegation appears to be well pleased with the reception they are having here.

During the week 41 terminal leaves were issued, and three of these were for return to California, 30 short term leaves were granted. This represents an increase of nearly 100% for leaves of this type. Practically all of the initial relocation interviews have been completed, and only 29 were held during the week. Only 25 of these initial interviews now remain, and 25 others are being transferred from the Welfare quota to the Relocation Division. Follow-up interviews totaled 114. As of Saturday night, 56 persons had signed up to return to California in the special coach, which will leave here on the 28th of March. At all terminal points where the coach will stop Relocation officials will be prepared to give all possible assistance to the passengers. The returning evacuees have been provided with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of Relocation officials so that they can be reached if the necessity arises.

The manager of the R. E. Lee Wilson Company, which is a farm corporation cultivating 65,000 acres of land in Mississippi County in northeast Arkansas, came to the center this week in search of employees and croppers. The evacuees showed considerable interest in his proposition, and nine representatives will leave here within a few days to inspect the company's farm land.

A Michigan vegetable grower, who has already used several hundred of our seasonal workers, is also here recruiting additional labor.

The annual Red Cross campaign is making excellent progress. It has been completed among the appointed personnel, and in this group contributions were 100%. 156 individuals contributed \$812.00. This was a considerable improvement over last year, when 121 employees contributed \$656.58. The campaign among the evacuees is still in progress, but it now seems that contributions will average \$65.00 for each block. If this average is maintained, we will exceed by approximately \$100.00 last year's evacuee contribution of \$2053.00.

There is still very little comment from center residents on the Salt Lake City Conference and the resulting recommendations, although meetings have been held in the blocks to discuss the matter.