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Mr. Smith

WEEKLY REPORT
ROHWER RELOCATION CENTER
June 24, 1944

GENERAL COMMENT BY PROJECT DIRECTOR

With the exception of 309 evacuees who are in the post-contingent group which is assisting in the closing of Jerome, the mass transfer from that Center which was started on June 6, was completed this week. Before June 6, 133 persons had been brought to this Center in scattered groups. The post-contingent group will arrive on June 30. A total of 2,533 persons will have been transferred by that date. Living quarters at this Center are now somewhat crowded but assignments have been made for all those not yet here.

On June 19, 20 Center residents were ordered to report for pre-induction examinations and on the 20th, 30 were called for induction. There was no one in either group who refused to report but two who had been called for induction had left the Center on indefinite leave and had not reported their change of address and, consequently, did not report. It is believed that these are not deliberate hold-outs and that their delinquency is more than likely due to carelessness. 7 selectees recently transferred from Jerome were taken to the Chicot county board from this project to report for induction. Pre-induction examinations for other Jerome transfers were postponed by this board and their papers will be trans-

ferred to the Desha county board and they will probably be ordered to report in the next call from this county.

Plans are now being made for a Center-wide census, which will be held June 30. This is being undertaken with the cooperation of the block managers and Community Council. The actual counting will be done by members of the appointed personnel. The last census was carried out quickly and smoothly, and it is believed that the same success will be attained in the one to be held for this quarter, although additional information is being requested.

A plan has been worked out for liberalizing the policy of issuing day passes to center residents so that they may attend to their private business. Most of these people will go to McGehee, and the Project Director has discussed this plan with businessmen there and it is being done with their approval. At first 25 persons will be given special passes each day but they will be required to furnish their own transportation.

The Fifth War Bond drive is now underway and it is believed that the Center will maintain its record of purchasing its full quota of bonds.