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Survey of Farm and Automotive Equipment

Because of the critical shortage existing in the supply of available farm machinery, particularly tractors and implements, the WRA is assisting evacuees in the sale of their equipment. Some time ago we were asked by the director of WRA to make a survey of the equipment owned by the residents of this center. As this request came during the confusion of the recent registration, the response was not an accurate one. Director Dillon Myer has urged that we make every effort to complete the equipment survey as soon as possible. The list of equipment is for survey purposes only and does not obligate the owner to sell.

E. M. Rowalt, acting WRA director, in a memorandum to Guy Robertson, project director, said:

"Limited investigations in the field and letters being received from various interested organizations indicate that a very considerable quantity of farm equipment has been placed in storage by evacuees pending the time that they would be able to use it again. The same conditions apply to automobiles and trucks. It is our belief that many evacuees would be willing to sell their equipment if they realized that the market for used machinery is very favorable, that farm and automotive equipment in storage is subject to steady depreciation, and also that the need for it is so urgent that there is a growing demand on the part of the public for the government to requisition all idle tractors, trucks and automobiles in the nation.

"We have located some material in storage places, but it is not always possible to learn who owns it. Consequently, it appears that the most practical procedure is to make an inventory at each project as rapidly as possible. Forms are being sent to you on which to record the owner's name, equipment owned, place of storage, owner's asking price and name of lienholder, if any. This information is to be sent to the Evacuee Property Office in San Francisco, where it will be used to assist evacuees in the disposition of their equipment. It will be our policy to refer price offers to the owners when the prices asked by them cannot be obtained. We also expect that arrangements will be made to pay the evacuees in cash for the equities when the sales are made."

In response to inquiries by many evacuees regarding the possibility of the Government requisitioning equipment resulting from the inventory, Russell T. Robinson chief evacuee property officer, has issued the following memorandum:

"In our opinion, the inventory being taken at the project has no direct bearing on the possibility of requisitioning by the Government. We have no means of knowing whether or not requisitioning of property will be resorted to, however, if the Government should decide that it is necessary we believe that the process applies to all types of ownership and not solely to Japanese-owned equipment.

"As you know, it has been our opinion that one of the best means of eliminating the demand for requisitioning is to facilitate voluntary sale of idle equipment, thereby demonstrating that requisitioning is unnecessary. We believe that owners of unused equipment can do a lot better for themselves by disposing of it at the present active market than they can do if requisitioning takes place. Furthermore, an owner's failure to voluntarily list his equipment as being available for sale will not protect it from being requisitioned when and if such action should be authorized. If requisitioning is resorted to, there will undoubtedly be a great deal of equipment taken that belongs to unidentified owners, and while they no doubt will eventually receive their money for their equipment taken they will experience considerable difficulty in presenting their claims and proving their ownership.

"To summarize, it is our hope that a large number of evacuees can be made to realize that it is to their interest to voluntarily dispose of their equipment at reasonable prices. We can give no assurance that some agency of the Government might not institute a requisitioning program at some future date. On the other hand, we can definitely state that preparation of the inventory would make requisitioning less likely rather than more likely."

Heart Mountain residents owning farm equipment are urged to register it on the forms provided for this purpose in the office of Douglas M. Tedd, assistant project director, and to do so at once.

Distribute Checks to 13 Work Activities Tomorrow

Thirteen work activities may receive February pay checks tomorrow through block managers' offices, according to James M. Grace, cost accountant. They are: 500, 510 (all B except Yamamoto to Yuki and all C; no A or part-time), 630, 631, 632, 640, 642, 643, 650, 652, 700, 710 and 720.

曲農具所持者は報告せよ

現下の深刻なる農具不足に鑑み、轉住局では各轉住所の居住者が所有してゐるトラクター及び他の農具の調査を命じ、尙田センターでも既に行はれたものであるが、今回の登録の混雑多忙に紛れて完全な結果を得られなかつたと思惟されるので、マイヤー轉住局は最近右調査の徹底方に就いて各自の慢調を要望し、未了した。

右に就いて農具所有の居住者中、未だ報告してない向は、賣却意志の有無に拘はらず、タツト副

所長の事務所に備へてある用紙に依

つて直ちに報告されたいとの事で、報告事項は所有者姓名、農具名、置場所、要求賣價、所有権保留者名等である。尚、ローワルト該時轉住局長よりロバートン所長に宛てた覚書に依ると「政府ではこれらの農具に対して現在徴發の意志は亦が將來は保証の限りではない。但し居住者が此の調査に慢調し、完全な記録の編纂が出来れば徴發に必要は少なくなるであらう。又徴發を避ける最良法の二つは買手があれば各自が適當な賣價で賣拂いである。轉住局では双方満足な賣價が成立した場合取引は現金とする様幹にする筈だ。

○二月分給料を支拂ひ

左の職業番号に該當する従業員自身の二月分給料は廿日(土)朝より各區支配人事務所にて支拂はれる。

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(但し五〇の中B級の山本が湯木までとA級全部及びパートタイムは未着)

○紛失、去る火曜二区廿九洗濯所或は其の附近でグイヤ入り女持ち腕時計紛失したので發見した方は二区十二Eの西尾まで一報して。

會 葬 御 禮

故任藤喜八儀葬送の際には御多用中、態々御會葬被下、且つ多大の御同情に預り、奉深謝候、乍畧儀以紙上厚く御礼申上候
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