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ROHWER MOVE COMPLETED TOMORROW A.M.

One of the two largest movements to relocation centers will be completed tomorrow morning when the last of 4260 depart for Rohwer, Ark. There will be approximately 400 persons in the final departure.

About 420 left yesterday morning in the eighth de-

parture of the Rohwer movement.

Center residents in the fifth movement, totalling 560, will leave on one train Wednesday morning headed for Central Utah.

The sixth movement to Jerome, Ark., will begin Thursday when more than

450 depart. Figures for the Jerome movement are expected to reach 2300.

Santa Anitans going to Rohwer will be joined by residents of Stockton assembly center while those headed for Jerome will be united with evacuees from the Fresno assembly center.

DEPARTURES SET BACK AN HOUR

Next Paycheck Will Be Late

Paychecks for the period between Aug. 16 and Sept. 15 will probably be delayed for a short while, it was indicated today by the administration.

Every assurance has been given that paychecks will be forwarded to those who have already left for relocation centers.

Shoes Must Be Picked Up Now

Residents who sent in shoes for repair must claim them at the receiving shop by Wednesday, reminded Harold Hirata in charge of the office.

All of the shoes which were repaired outside the Center have been returned and are now available for delivery to owners.

Since the receiving office will close at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, residents should call for their shoes prior to that time, according to Hirata.

TRAINS TO GO AT 10 A.M., NOT 9

Because of darkness, the departure times for trains has been set back an hour, according to the administration. The change in schedule becomes effective with the fifth movement on Wednesday to Utah.

The sixth and seventh movements will also follow the revised schedule which sets the departure time at 10 a.m. instead of 9 a.m.

Breakfast in the Green mess for departees will be served an hour later in accordance with the change.

Although the departure time is set at 10 a.m. after Wednesday, the trains are likely to leave from 15 to 45 minutes ahead of schedule as they have in the past.

Weekend Dance

Honoring Center residents who will leave for relocation projects this week, Saturday's dance was attended by approximately 200 persons.

Issue Coupons Distributed

Issue coupon books will be in the hands of most of the Center residents within the next several days, it was anticipated today.

Distribution of the issue coupon books for October began Friday from the Center cashier's office under the supervision of Clyde Lambourne.

District VII To Be Moved to Stables

All residents of District VII will be moved to the stable area by Thursday, it was announced today by Alan A. Alexander, Housing chief.

This move will affect only those in the sixth and seventh movements since those in earlier movements will have left for relocation centers by Thursday.

The moves are necessitated because as much equipment as possible is being sent to relocation centers by the Army.

NISEI SEAMEN MAY GET CHANCE TO SERVE

The release in August of Kaoru "Chico" Abe, 20-year-old Hawaiian seaman, from Camp Harmony has set in motion machinery for what may be the eventual release of nisei seamen from relocation centers, a letter from the American Maritime Workers committee indicated last week.

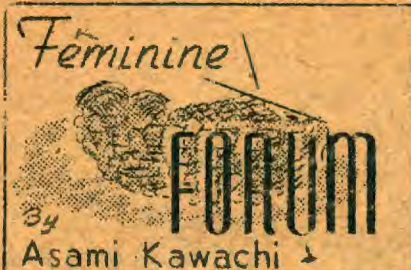
There are approximately

130 nisei men, most of them from Hawaii, in evacuation centers. There are about 20 left in Santa Anita today, belonging to four different maritime unions, awaiting their transfer to relocation centers from where they will apply for releases to engage in off-shore and coast-wise duties in the Atlantic or the

Great Lakes.

"Chico" Abe secured his release through the efforts of the National Maritime union (CIO) and left for New York city in August to attend a US Maritime school.

He was detained at the Puyallup, Wash., center when his ship docked at Seattle last June.



Before packing comes the inevitable washing of curtains and other large fabric accessories of the home.

Washing of curtains will be easier if they are presoaked for a little while in cold water.

And dipping back into those school-girl days brings back the memory of brushing the tufts on bedspreads to make them fluffy; only we will have to hope they'll remain that way through the trip.

Though we may look like peasants, we're advised to wear kerchiefs on the train 'cause, Jaime Oj writes from Granada, "All that black soot gets in the hair and everytime you comb it, the hands get all black."

Hana Uno, who was pullman monitor, warns to go prepared to "rough it" for the first week anyway.

Among the suggestions she gives is to put tools, electric plugs and extensions and locks in the train baggage as they are needed immediately upon arrival.

Women should also have skin lotion handy as the wind, dust and sun seem much different to those accustomed to Southern California, Hana says. She also calls for bandanas on the "must" list.

For departees expecting to purchase curtains and drapes before going to new centers, Hana says the windows there are much larger than the ones at Santa Anita; they're 44" square.

As a precaution against car sickness, Public Health nurses who accompanied the entourage, to whom Hana talked, advised against drinking too much water and eating heavy food, candies and other snacks between meals.

Our present problem is the question of what to do with the extra length on the zoot slacks from Sears, Roebuck. More people see the advantage of an issue

RELOCATION VIGNETTES

From Both Sides of the Fence

One of the most colorful train departures was witnessed when the second group of Center residents departed for Rohwer, Ark. Gay streamers of all kinds, oranges, apples, bouquets of zinnias, marigolds, phlox and asters, hardboiled eggs, chewing gum and candy tossed over the fence to outstretched hands on the train added to the boisterous carnival spirit.

"THE ARKANSAS TRAVELER" said a sign hanging beneath one train window.

In the midst of a crowd of well-wishers, a group sang, "Are We Downhearted? No!" while another bunch of college boys and girls several trains down chorused "The Sturdy Golden Bear."

Most of the evacuees looked happy, tags dangling from their coat lapels, sticking their heads out of the windows, shouting, yelling, waving. The children looked a bit bewildered but waved bravely.

Some girls cried. Their makeup washed off. Their faces were streaked. Boys yelled boisterously, trying hard to suppress that sad feeling inside. Some were leaving their brand-new girl friends.

The departure itself was quiet and orderly.

A policeman shutting the gate to the Visitor's house commented, "No hits, no runs, no errors."

This was the picture from our side of the fence. The following letter from Masao Kitada, former District VII canteen clerk, gives it from the traveler's side:

"We crossed the Sabine river...many old landmarks...now traveling through a green forest: wonderful fairyland with large green barns...beautiful country with rich black soil...good for farming...Now the mountains have disappeared and we are in the plains again..."

"We sighted the Red river in the distance...this country is 'typically south' with odd old churches, homes...the poor live in old houses with tin roofs...this is my first glimpse of the old south--simple life, houses almost ruined, swamp lands, dense forest, moss-covered trees, low hanging moss, the moon shining thru the trees--and in the middle of the darkness, the swamp water glitters..."

"We are crossing the border into Arkansas...Only 25 miles to Jerome and 60 to Rohwer...It is late in the afternoon and we are now in the wooded area on the outskirts of Rohwer and can see the smoke arising from the mess hall in the center. The camp is bounded by a forest...We rode into camp by a spur track."

"This is a wonderful place and everyone is happy."

Send Extra Luggage as Baggage TOILET PAPER

Toilet paper for Center residents is available at 24 Azucar avenue, according to Lynn Thomas, head of the maintenance department.

People must call for the toilet paper between today and Wednesday from 9 to 11:15 a.m. and 1:30 to 4 p.m. at 24 Azucar avenue since deliveries have been stopped.

clothing party--especially if we could exchange.

What fun we would have if we wore our clothes as they reached us originally without alterations.

Residents being relocated were again reminded that excess hand luggage should not be taken on the coaches as much inconvenience is engendered by unnecessary luggage cluttering up the cars.

Departees were requested to send things which will not be used on the train by baggage to reduce the amount of hand luggage.

Baggage is picked up on the morning preceding departure to guarantee that the baggage car will be attached to the same train as the passenger's. Thus, all baggage will arrive at the same time as the owner.

HARD-WORKING

Santa Anita Supply and Warehouse Division

The work done by the Supply and Warehouse division is representative of the extraordinary service done by every worker in the Santa Anita assembly center in the six months of its existence.--the Editor

In the former Pinkerton detectives' office down below the main Grandstand, Superintendent William H. Barber of the Supply and Warehouse division performs the major task of procuring, handling and distributing almost all of the goods and materials required by the Santa Anita assembly center. All items, except mess hall feeding which is provided by the US Army, pass through this division; these include canteen merchandise, medical supplies, special infant and hospital foods, baggage and mail-order freight.

When the evacuee arrived, among other things, provisions had to be made for the parking of his auto if he drove in, for his freight and for his bedding and blankets. Charles M. Michel, superintendent, George Otsuji, Tom Iwabashi and other members of the warehouse crew arranged for the autos, cared for the freight, issued blankets, cots, ticks (straw mattress fillers), buckets and brooms to the new residents.

CHARACTERISTIC EFFICIENCY

The name, address and identification number of each recipient was duly recorded with what we have since learned to respect as characteristic efficiency. This original file made what would otherwise have been a difficult task of collection and shipment of beddings, buckets, etc., to new centers an easy and routine matter. No simple task during the extremely hot weather, this section received the materials for the camouflage project, issued them, wrapped and packaged the completed nets and finally dispatched them to the US Army Quartermaster corps.

'UNEXPENDABLE ARTICLES'

At present much of the work is being devoted to the gathering of all "unexpensible" articles for shipment out to the relocation branches. Recently, 129 barrels of dishes, knives, sugar dispensers, etc., were sent to Rohwer, Ark.; 359 cases of toilet tissue to Delta, Utah, together with 4717 mattresses; and 7900 blankets to Jerome, Ark. Before shipment, all of the blankets are very carefully sterilized as a necessary health measure.

NOTHING OVERLOOKED

Iceboxes from the infant feeding stations in the vacated districts are being picked up. Nothing is overlooked. Previously, as other coastal assembly centers were relocated, their supplies and equipment were in part sent here; not only did materials arrive from such places as Tulare and Pomona but also from what were once CCC camps.

The doctor, dentist, recreation leader, the PACEMAKER, in short, everyone gets his working tools via the central warehouse located within the track infield.

The employees here are classified as clerks, storekeepers and accountant. The last named receives a professional rating. Each item intended for Center use is carefully recorded by clerks as it is received, thus, by glancing at the files an article can be immediately located in the stocks. Storekeepers are assigned out to the visitor's gate and the postoffice to assist the police in the inspection of baggage and other incoming goods.

TRUCKLOADS OF GOODS

Residents expecting mail-order goods go to the section directed by Supply Chief clerk H.E. Lane which can be found immediately to one's right as he enters the central warehouse. Here also are contraband articles which have been impounded and placed under the Japanese Property section.

Harry M. Kirkman, assistant warehouse chief, surmises that 450 would be a moderate estimate of the types of supplies and goods received in a month's time. During the course of normal Center activities, over 20 truckloads of supplies came in daily. From the central warehouse, he directs the distribution out to the hospital, recreation department, canteen warehouse, etc.

\$150,000 IN MERCHANDISE

Lincoln Shimidzu heads the trucking section covering all trucks, drivers and dispatchers which comes, by nature of its work, under the Warehouse and Supply division.

Articles intended for sale in the Center stores are stored in the Canteen warehouse section, supervision by Bill Katayama. Few residents are aware that over \$150,000 worth of merchandise passed through this section during the last four months period, or approximately \$1250 daily.

PAPER WORK

Within the main office, work has been divided into the requisition and "A-8" sections. Chief of the former is James Martin, and assisted by Hiroshi Onishi, he directs this section which writes up all of the Center supply orders. Example of the magnitude which their tasks sometime assume was the recent filling of 6335 clothing orders involving a sum value of \$261,257.37.

Paul Ida supervises the "A-8" section which receives and records; it acknowledges receipt of all of the merchandise, materials and supplies which come into the Center.

Head Superintendent William H. Barber, in a statement to the PACEMAKER, expressed highest praise for all of his employees and commended their work and service. He thanked them all for their "splendid loyalty and cooperation." --Masamori Kojima

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We've come across more undecipherable notes in the last few days as we prepare to pack than we have since our note-taking days in college.

There was one hanging on the hook which read:

'Vit. B₆ pyridoxine hydrochloride ch 3 p.m. visitors' 's s' house



nix'

We must have known at the time what we were jotting down. That we don't know now is because we believe in letting bygones be bygones.

Mail order

The arrival and distribution of the clothing issue reminds us of the swell idea of Lily Sasaki to have a Sears, Roebuck dance with attendance limited to those dressed in Sears clothes.

Which may be a lot of fun--except that we ordered our full amount in pajamas.

And unpacking our packages may be the closest we will come to Christmas.

Half past Monday

And making our appearance on Monday has no cop-fused to the point where we're not sure even of the day of the week.

We ask 'Iseel' Alexander and his boys, when they pick up our blankets on the morning of our departure, to please steer us in the general direction of the train.

Semantics

To the euphemists on the Gila News-Courier who we seem to have offended by saying 'toilet paper' right out loud--we're sorry but the English language is good enough for us. In fact, it's the only one we know.

Tain't so

Incidentally, we are suddenly aware that the World Series is on. Somehow, the whole thing is rather dreamy and listening to the games on the radio is like reading Superman. It all seems so unreal.

Santa Anita Finance Division

It's labeled the Finance division, but it doesn't have anything to do with the actual handling of money. In fact, it should probably go under the name of the records division to be correct.

Heading up the division as director is Henry E. Scofield, who also sports several other titles, being Assistant Center manager, responsible and accountable officer to the Army for all property and evacuation coordinator.

THREE SECTIONS IN DEPARTMENT

The Finance division has three sections, Accounting, Personnel and Personal Accounts and Timekeeping, each under a section chief. All of the offices are located in the Grandstand.

Auditing of canteens and posting of documents from other divisions are done by the Accounting section which is supervised by W. B. Mills. Records of property and food costs are also maintained by this section. Valuable to Mills in the Accounting section have been Raymond Oda, chief accountant, and Rayer Toki, statistician. Auditing of the Center canteens, cashier and property records is done by a seven-man staff headed by Henry Ishikawa.

PERSONAL ACCOUNTS, TIME, PERSONNEL

Under the guidance of E. H. Kessling, the Personal Accounts and Timekeeping section maintains time reports of all Center workers and keeps books of the finances of evacuees. Assisting Kessling is C. C. Rowne. Vital to the functioning of this section are Alfred Sawahata who is supervising timekeeper and aids in the preparation of payrolls and Ethel Hayashi in charge of the voucher department in preparing payrolls. This department has the responsibility of seeing to it that more than 7000 Center workers receive the right amount for the time worked.

Records of families are kept by the Personnel section in addition to placing residents in the numerous positions available in the Center. L. J. Horn is chief of this section with E. M. Raymond as his assistant. Their chief aides are Frank Ono, Johnny Takahashi, George Matsui and Joe Owashi. Since evacuation movements began, this section has been responsible for the issuance of departure notices. The central files, a part of the Personnel section, is supervised by J. E. Evans. Head timekeepers are E. E. Buisseret, G. Sanchez and A. K. Stone.

MIMEOGRAPHING, BASEBALL

The mimeograph department is also a part of the Finance division and has issued all of the administrative bulletins and other notices. This department is supervised by Jim Otagiri, Scofield's office manager.

In the sports picture, the Finance division formed a team called the Also Rans and proved anything but that, capturing the American league softball championship and winning eight consecutive games.

"We have been very fortunate in having such a capable staff of workers in the Finance division, most of them having had previous experience in this line of work. They have done an excellent job and we are very proud of them," stated Scofield. --P.Y.