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DESTINATIONS OF LEAVES TO THE EVACUATED AREA,  
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Attached is a table showing the destinations of short term and terminal leaves from Poston to the evacuated area during the first three months of 1945. The figures for each town are shown, as well as those for the districts in which these towns are located. These districts are the ones that we have used in past tabulations and reports; they are based on economic, social, and geographic realities, and they are also districts which evacuees recognize.

The daily population summary by individuals of the Statistics Section is the source of the data. In our tabulation we made use of earlier tabulations for February and March done by the members of the Relocation Division. We reorganized these, however.

We excluded transfers to relocation centers located in California, and also excluded two short term and four terminal leaves to Ontario, Oregon, as this town is not in the evacuated area. We also did not include four terminal leaves to Kahulue, Hawaii. Conversions from short term to terminal leave were, however, included in the terminal leave figures.

It should be noted that for three northern California areas: the Bay district, the Fresno-Tulare district and the Sacramento district, terminal leaves for the first three months of 1945 exceeded short term leaves by a large number. There are two reasons for this: short term travel is expensive, and to those particular districts it has not been especially necessary.

The town of San Jose was included in the same district as Salinas, Monterey, and Watsonville because it resembles them more closely than it does San Francisco. Yet, conditions are somewhat more favorable in the vicinity of San Jose than they are in the area farther south. It is of great significance that this central, coastal district shows only one terminal leave during the three months period, and that one to San Jose. Approximately 20% of the population of Poston was evacuated from this district. The responsibility for the small number of leaves lies with the intense economic competition within the area, and to the somewhat hostile sentiments to which this has given rise. Not many evacuees from the district own land there, so they believe that a return is difficult.

Both the Los Angeles and San Diego figures show the effects of the housing shortages in the two cities. In both cases, the number of short term leaves is much greater than the number of terminal leaves. The number of terminal leaves to Los Angeles for March increased by nine over the figures for January and February; this might reflect a beginning of the "cracking" of the housing problem.



Orange County shows few terminal leaves in proportion to the number of short term leaves and in proportion to the number of people from that area in the center. Evacuees have believed that sentiment in some parts of Orange County is not at all good and many have thought that it is not particularly good anywhere in the County. One of the most important consideration here, however, is that few of the Japanese that lived in Orange County owned their own land. This makes a return difficult.

The Imperial Valley is believed by many in Poston to be the least favorable area for relocation in all of California. This belief is reflected in the complete lack of terminal leaves to that county.

The Riverside-San Bernardino district is not one from which many were evacuated to Poston. Relocation, however, has been relatively easy for the ex-residents of that area, because it is not far from the center, because many have property to which they can return, and because sentiment has been favorable.

A few over half of the terminal leaves to California during the three months' period involved a return to the Fresno-Tulare district. The people from this district represent about 18% of the population in the center; large numbers of these are property owners and are people who can return without great difficulty. The drop from 57 to 22 returns to the district from February to March may be a reflection of the "incidents" that occurred near Fresno in February. The effects of these would show in the March figures.

The situation regarding Sacramento is approximately the same as for Fresno-Tulare except that there are less than a quarter as many people from Sacramento area in Poston. A significant number of returns to Sacramento began just after the first of April.

The districts about which no comments have been made above are ones which are not represented by a large number of residents in Poston.

A quick check of the pre-evacuation addresses of those returning to California shows that, on the whole, people are making short term and permanent visits to their old areas. This presumably will be true of those who came from districts that are easy to return to, but it is to be expected that Imperial Valley and Salinas-Watsonville families will begin to move in appreciable numbers to other parts of California, as well as to the East. Naturally, some will later manage also to return to their old homes.

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POSTON LEAVES TO THE EVACUATED AREA, JAN.-MAR., 1945

DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES	SHORT TERM LEAVE				TERMINAL LEAVE			
	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
<b>BAY DISTRICT:</b>								
Berkeley					1	2	1	4
Richmond						1		1
San Francisco		1		1			1	1
TOTAL		1		1	1	3	2	6
<b>SANTA CRUZ, SAN BENITO, MONTEREY:</b>								
Gilroy		1		1				
Gonzales	2			2				
Hollister	1		4	5				
Los Gatos	1			1				
Monterey	1		6	7				
Salinas	1			1				
San Jose					1			1
San Juan Bautista	1		3	4				
Watsonville		1	1	2				
TOTAL	7	2	14	23	1			1
<b>SAN LUIS OBISPO:</b>								
Pismo Beach			2	2				
TOTAL			2	2				
<b>SANTA BARBARA-VENTURA:</b>								
Santa Barbara		2		2				
TOTAL		2		2				
<b>LOS ANGELES:</b>								
Downey	2		1	3				
Gardena	1	3	2	6				
Inglewood					3			3
La Crescenta		1		1				
Lancaster		10		10				
Los Angeles	21	35	55	111	1	3	12	16
Monrovia					1			1
Pasadena	6	1		7		1		1
San Fernando			2	2				
Santa Monica		2		2		1	2	3
TOTAL	30	52	60	142	5	5	14	24



## SHORT TERM LEAVE

## TERMINAL LEAVE

DISTRICTS AND COUNTIES	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
ORANGE:								
Anaheim	5	3		8				
Buena Park		4		4				
Costa Mesa			3	3				
Fullerton		2		2				
Garden Grove	1	1		2				
Huntington Beach	1	2		3				
San Juan Capistrano			3	3				
Santa Ana	4	1	10	15	5		1	6
Tustin	1		1	2				
TOTAL	12	13	17	42	5		1	6
SAN DIEGO:								
Carlsbad		1		1				
Chula Vista	1	4		5				
Encanto					2			2
Encinitas		2		2				
Escondido						1		1
National City	1			1				
Oceanside	2	6	4	12				
Palm City		1		1				
San Diego	5	2	6	13		5		5
TOTAL	9	16	10	35	2	6		8
IMPERIAL:								
Brawley	2	5		7				
Calexico	5	9		14				
El Centro	1	2		3				
TOTAL	8	16		24				
KERN:								
Arvin			1	1				
Bakersfield	1	2	3	6				
TOTAL	1	2	4	7				
SAN JOAQUIN:								
Stockton			1	1				
TOTAL			1	1				



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	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL	Jan.	Feb.	March	TOTAL
RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO:								
Arlington	1			1		1	3	4
Coachella	3			3				
Cucamonga	3			3				
Earp			2	2				
Indio	7		1	8				
Needles		3		3				
Patton		2		2				
Perris			1	1				
Redlands			1	1				
Rialto			2	2			2	2
Riverside	8	13	10	31	2	5	3	10
San Bernardino	2	2		4			2	2
Thermal	9	2	1	12			9	9
Upland		1		1				
TOTAL	33	23	18	74	2	6	19	27
FRESNO-TULARE:								
Clovis	2			2	3	4	3	10
Del Rey						4		4
Dinuba	1	1		2	5		4	9
Fowler	1			1				
Fresno	1		2	3		6	2	8
Kingsburg	2	1		3				
Lindsay		1		1		7		7
Orange Cove		1		1				
Orosi	4	5	3	12		15	4	19
Parlier		1	2	3				
Reedley	6	4	3	13	8	13	9	30
Sanger		1		1		8		8
Visalia	1	3	1	5				
Woodlake	1			1				
Yettam		2		2				
TOTAL	19	20	11	50	16	57	22	95
SACRAMENTO:								
Perkins	2			2				
Sacramento	1	2	2	5		16		16
TOTAL	3	2	2	7		16		16
GRAND TOTAL --	122	149	139	410	32	93	58	183