

STORAGE

Last Saturday, April 13th, Mr. Reid of Sacramento W.C.C.A. and Federal Reserve Bank, Mr. Cox of San Francisco, eye witness to the actual evacuation of part of San Francisco, and Mr. Richards, all of the Federal Reserve Bank office attended our JACL meeting.

The discussions proved enlightening and many things about evacuation became clearer. The subject that was most on the minds of everyone was storage, and the numerous questions that were patiently answered has given us confidence in sending out the following information:

1. The Federal Reserve Bank will take care of storing every household furniture. Let us not plan to leave our belongings in our house unless someone is going to live in our home, or unless a very good neighbor who lives close by will look after our things.

2. Do not in this confusion sell your valuable possessions far below its equitable value.

3. Let us not be hasty in our decision to sell something which we will need later and which will be hard to replace.

4. None of us know how long we will be gone. We may stay at the Reception Center a long time, but the Relocation Board is working hard to plan a place where we can be relocated as soon as possible. When that time comes, we may want many of our own household goods sent to us. The Federal Reserve Bank will send those necessary furnitures to us if we store it with the Army when we leave. Those furnitures and crates left in the care of friends will be sent at our own expense. If you have friends who have offered to keep your good radios, pianos, refrigerators, gas stoves, or your best bedroom sets, which you know you won't want until you return, that's fine. Those who cannot find places for them, the Federal Reserve Bank will store them for you until you return. Keep in mind that many of our necessary things will reach us more promptly if we entrust our friends to send them to us. But the beds, tables, stoves, trunks, and bureaus that we need when we are relocated, could be stored with Federal Reserve Bank to be sent to us later to our relocation camp.

5. We know that YBA Hall and the Japanese Hall could not store very much, but everything that can not be stored in Florin, will be taken into Sacramento to be stored at Federal Reserve Bank warehouse.

Mr. Cox and Mr. Reid explained very carefully what would happen WHEN THE ORDER FOR EVACUATION IS ISSUED:

1. There will come to Florin a group of people--(telephones, typists, registrars) and a Control Center will be set up. Every family will send one person to register for the family and there receive his family number. He will be given a large cardboard stamped with the same numbers. Then he will take this home and attach the tag number to every single furniture and crates he wishes to have stored. If there is no tag No. on a piece of furniture, the storage man will leave it behind.

2. The JACL storage committee has with the advice of the Federal Reserve Bank set up a plan where by all the halls and Japanese School houses will be a temporary storage place during the week we are evacuating. Each family will be told exactly where their possessions should be taken when the order comes. This coming week, every family will be given an inventory sheet, and on it will be marked which school house or hall each family should plan to take his things when the order comes.

3. We must bring our possessions all in one place so that it would not get lost. Every thing we store must be placed together no matter how large or small the furniture.

4. Professional men will be hired by the Federal Reserve Bank to handle the storage. They will come in their trucks with their equipments, and with their experience and skill, move all of our furnitures. In order to hasten the moving more efficiently, a cooperative plan was suggested. We'll move our things to our nearest designated hall or school house. Then the storage man will come and pick up the things at the various halls and schools, instead of driving to each and every home. Many trucks will be busy every day and should the day

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arrive when we evacuate from Florin, and our possessions still not all taken into Sacramento, the Federal Reserve Bank will take the responsibility the day we leave. They will put guards at every hall and school that still has some things unmoved and will keep it guarded until every last piece of furniture has been moved from the temporary storage places in the outlying districts.

5. The Y.M. Hall and the Japanese Hall will have a 24-hour guard as long as the place is filled with our belongings, most probably for the duration.

6. Because professional men with complete moving equipments, (blankets, etc.) all take care of our things, we need not crate every thing that we are going to store. If we cared to, we may crate them, but it won't be necessary to crate most of our furniture. Small articles should be put together in a large box packed well--so that they will not break.

7. There will not be any charges in storing at the hall or anywhere. There are no expenses involved since the Federal Reserve Bank will hire the storage men and the moving men.

JACL FIRST AID CORP

When we met to take Red Cross first aid--at the out-break of war--we had thought to serve humanity in the event of an invasion. We had thought that shoulder to shoulder with our fellow Americans, we might have a share in saving lives for our U.S. when the time for a disaster comes.

Now with evacuation before us we are calling you to answer in the name of your people--you who have passed your first aid courses.

Let us try to review our books occasionally so that should the emergency arise, we will be able to meet the need of first aid with perfect presence of mind.

From the day of evacuation, we must expect to meet all sorts of accidents, and illness among the hundreds that will be crowded together in a new place.

We would like to have you come on Tuesday afternoon to our office for a meeting. We think that a JACL First Aid Corp should be set up.

FOR YOUR PETS

If you cannot find new masters for your pets, the Sacramento Humane Society has offered to try to place your pets in new homes. If you wish to get their help, telephone 6-3714, and they will extend their aid.

ALIENS WHO HAVE MOVED

Please note:

If your address has changed from one Post Office to another, be certain that you report this at the local Post Office, and fill a card to be sent to the immigration Office.

Last week the Florin Post Office did not have these cards. Please remember all aliens must report change of address.

IN MEMORY

With so much at stake, with so much sadness in the minds of everyone--to lose the one close to your heart is very hard to bear. The sorrow that has come to the Kato family at this time, is deeply felt by everyone. Hiroyuki's passing will be missed by all who know him. We pray that the bereaved family will find the courage and strength to carry on -- believing through faith -- that peace and freedom has come to the one they loved.

SPECIAL DONATIONS

The JACL thanks you for your contributions.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kato	\$2.00	Mr. and Mrs. Yoda of Alameda	\$5.00
M. Frank Okazaki	3.00	Mrs. K. Yamaoka of Oakland	5.00