

Japanese
Children

HEADQUARTERS WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, CIVIL AFFAIRS DIVISION
WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

June 16, 1942

384.4/22 (CAD)

SUBJECT: Proposed Japanese Evacuation Operation

TO: All Civilian Agencies, Wartime Civil Control Administration

1. It is proposed to evacuate to the Manzanar Relocation Center on Tuesday, June 23, 1942, all (approximately 43) persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, who reside at the Japanese Children's Home of Southern California, 1841 Redcliff Street, Los Angeles, California.

2. Complete medical examinations will be given all evacuees, under the supervision of the United States Public Health Service, prior to the date of evacuation.

3. The Federal Security Agency will be responsible for the registration and processing of the evacuees prior to the date of evacuation, and is authorized to obtain the assistance of the Department of Agriculture and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, if necessary for processing.

4. The Federal Security Agency will provide medical aid and social welfare service during the movement of the evacuees to the Relocation Center.

5. The Sector Commander will be responsible for the supervision of the movement of the evacuees, and will provide such military personnel as he deems necessary during the movement.

6. Transportation of the evacuees from the Japanese Children's Home of Southern California to the Relocation Center by bus or railroad will be provided by Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. Evacuees will not be permitted to use their private automobiles as transportation.

7. The evacuees will be instructed to carry with them on departure for the Relocation Center, the following property:

- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress);
- (b) Toilet articles;
- (c) Extra clothing;
- (d) Essential personal effects.

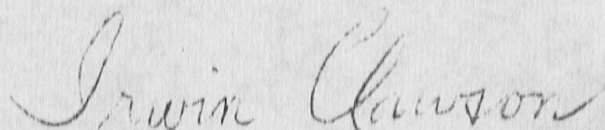
All items carried are to be securely packaged, tied, and plainly marked with the name of the owner. No pets of any kind are to be permitted. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of any substantial household items.

8. The transportation of necessary supplies and equipment of the Japanese Children's Home of Southern California from Los Angeles to the Manzanar Relocation Center is authorized, and will be provided by Headquarters, Western Defense Command and Fourth Army. Such impedimenta will be transferred to the Relocation Center either at the time of the evacuation or within twenty-four hours thereafter.

9. On or before Saturday, June 20, 1942, the Federal Security Agency representative will forward by telegraph or teletype to the Evacuation Operations Division, Wartime Civil Control Administration, Attention Major James T. Darrah, Room 472, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco, California, a statement showing the exact number of persons to be transported and the number of meals to be furnished. Information should be given as to the number of children and infants requiring special food, formula milk, or prepared food.

10. The above-mentioned Civilian Agencies will assist the Sector Commander in the discharge of his duties pertaining to the evacuation.

For the Assistant Chief of Staff, Civil Affairs Division:



Irwin Clawson
Lieutenant Colonel, F. A.
Executive Officer, Evacuation Operations Division
Wartime Civil Control Administration

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CROSS INDEX

May 19, 1942

Description of Document Cross-Indexed:

Memo to W.B.A. from bank

Re. Items enclosed from Bainbridge
Washburn Company property of war assets
transmitted for storage.

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TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED

From E. L. Bartlett

Juneau, Alaska

May 20/42

To

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF SAN FRANCISCO

RECEIVED BY MR. H. D. ARMSTRONG

Copy routed to Mr.

TO MR.

MAY 21 1942

Re my telegram May 15 apparently newspaper
report inaccurate so no action required by you.

E. L. Bartlett

✓ Army Radio
(read over telephone)
9.12a

Armstrong-HD
Copy delivered to Mr.

Day
Clark
Hale
West
Berhart
Lyon

To be handled by Mr.

Everett-1

*Passed on to Gilchrist
5-20-42
H.H.*

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(For information only)

INCOMING TELEGRAM

From E. L. Bartlett,

Juneau, Alaska

May 15-16, 1942

To

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☐ Day
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Newspaper report here today announces that field office of Wartime Civil Control Administration will be established in Anchorage "to arrange for transfer Japanese farms and equipment". Since there are no Japanese farms whatever in Alaska suggest you immediately inform Wartime Civil Control Administration no office necessary. When Governor Gruening conferred with you in San Francisco I understand it was decided to send your representatives in connection with evacuation of Japanese only if developments showed need for their services. It now appears that representatives will not be required.

E. L. Bartlett.

(For information only)

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Number

WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

30 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

REFERRED BY MR. HALL

TO MR. *Calhoun*

MAY 2 1942

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REFERRED BY MR. EVERSON

TO MR. *Armstrong*

MAY 5 1942

Office of the Assistant Chief
of Staff for Civil Affairs
Room 447, Whitcomb Hotel
1231 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Attention: Colonel Earl R.
Bendtsen, C.E.C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Charles E. Ross, representative of Farm Security Administration, has been designated as district officer and field agent to carry on such activities, under the WCCA program, as may be necessary in connection with the agricultural phases of the Japanese evacuation in Alaska. Mr. Ross will carry on these activities in conjunction with other FSA duties.

The address of the new office will be Westward Hotel, Anchorage, Alaska, effective April 28, 1942.

Sincerely yours,

Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
Regional Director

REF: WCC 4-30-42

cc: Laurence I. Hewes, Jr.
H. A. McCarrin
L. B. Fryer
F. McMichael
Charles Lee
Howard Fogelson
W. H. Hale, Jr., Federal Reserve Bank
R. W. Henshaw, Regional Director, Federal Security Agency
Walter H. Duffy, Regional Director, FSA, Portland

April 28, 1942.

MEMORANDUM TO MR. CLERK

Governor Gruening called, and I made a luncheon engagement for you with him. He will be in your office at 12:15 p.m.

I learned through conversation that Governor Gruening has received no recent information, the last thing he had having been a telegram from the Acting Governor of Alaska which I believe was dated April 8.

There are some 263 Japanese in Alaska, including 149 half-breeds. Very few of them are in business, and Governor Gruening's problem simmers down to what to do with 15 or 16 businesses, such as cafes, laundries, etc. He still feels that somebody from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco should go to Alaska to help straighten out this problem, which, to him, appears to be very great, although frankly I cannot see that he has a problem at all. The telegram from Mr. Shaw indicated that the property of the Japanese evacuees had arrived in Seattle, but did not state whether the evacuees themselves had arrived. Governor Gruening is going to Alaska in an attempt to learn the present situation, as he admits that the information he has is not at all current. His suggestion seems to me to be a wise one before further assistance is requested.

I cannot help but feel that everything is being taken care of. I do not see the justification for 2 Federal Reserve men to go to Alaska to serve not to exceed 15 small businesses, when we have so many large problems in the States.

R. E. Everson

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Alaska Project

April 27, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Hale, Federal Reserve Bank
(through Mr. Gilchrist)

SUBJECT: Temporary Storage of Internee
Impedimenta from Alaska

1. This will confirm my verbal understanding of this morning reached with Mr. Gilchrist with respect to the arrival from Alaska of some six tons of internee property. Mr. Gilchrist requested instruction as to whether this should be stored with the twenty-five odd tons of evacuee property.

2. Pending arrangements for the disposition of this property, and as an accommodation to all concerned, its storage together with the evacuee property is authorized. It is requested that it be kept separately so that it can be readily identified and removed if necessary. The Provost Marshal General of the Army is being consulted as to his desires with respect to its disposition.

Karl R. Bendetsen
Colonel, G. S. C.
Assistant Chief of Staff
Civil Affairs Division

C O P Y

*Provenance
freezing*

SEATTLE

April 27, 1942

Reurtel April 27. Col. Bendetsen is directing us to take into custody the 6 tons of property of Alaska internees as well as evacuee's property. He requests that the internee's property be held separate from the evacuee's property and that of course no warehouse receipts on internee's property be delivered to the War Relocation Authority. Col. Bendetsen is communicating with Washington D.C. to have Army advise Alien Property Custodian of this situation in order that that office can make arrangements to take internee's property off your hands.

(ARMSTRONG:JM)

HALE

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C O P Y

TRANSLATION OF TELEGRAM RECEIVED
From Seattle Branch

April 27, 1942

Furniture and other property of Alaska evacuees arriving
Seattle today and Army requests we accept into storage 24
tons including 6 tons property of internees. Understand
Col. Malone is asking San Francisco Headquarters to authorize
acceptance by us of latter property. Please advise soon as
possible any action taken.

SHAW

Regional Director
Attention: Azile Aaron,
Regional PA Representative,
San Francisco, California

Alaska Project
April 9, 1942

Hugh J. Wade,
Territorial Director,
Juneau, Alaska

Evacuation of Japanese from the Territory to the
Continental United States ---Alaska

The following radiogram was received by acting Governor E. L.
Bartlett from Major General Simon B. Buckner, Jr., Commander of Alaska Defense:

BY AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME UNDER PROVISIONS OF
EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066 OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE

U S I AM DECLARING THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF
ALASKA A MILITARY AREA FROM WHICH ALL PERSONS

OF JAPANESE PARENTAGE OF GREATER DEGREE THAN
HALF BLOOD AND ALL MALES OVER SIXTEEN YEARS

OLD OF HALF JAPANESE BLOOD WHETHER AMERICAN
CITIZENS OR OTHERWISE SHALL BE EXCLUDED stop

INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED THROUGH PRESS AND
RADIO DIRECTING THESE PEOPLE TO REPORT TO THE

MOST CONVENIENT ARMY POST ON APRIL 20 FOR
EVACUATION TO THE U S stop JAPANESE WOMEN

LEGALLY MARRIED TO WHITE MEN ARE EXEMPT FROM
THIS MOVEMENT stop REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE

AND AID IN RELIEVING CASES OF DISTRESS AND
PROPERTY ADJUSTMENT RESULTING FROM THIS ACTION

According to the 1940 census, there are 263 Japanese in the Territory--
149 native born and 114 foreign born. In the census, mixtures not including
white blood were reported according to the race of the father--except all
persons having any negro blood. Thus the above figure of 149 native born would
include the children of a Japanese father and a Native or white woman.

Attached is a copy of a letter addressed to Major General Buckner
pointing up some of the problems which can be, at this time, anticipated. It
is doubtful, however, if he will be able to answer all of these questions; and
we are wondering if you could not more readily secure information for us regard-
ing the plans for these evacuees upon their arrival in the States from General
DeWitt's office.

The Governor's office inquired of Major General Buckner and have been
advised by him that he does not know the plan for these evacuees after arrival
in the continental United States.

Hugh J. Wade

Attachment-1
Forwarded _____