

QUESTIONNAIRE TO BE FILLED BY RELOCATEES ON THE OUTSIDE

1. Do you feel that you did a wise thing to relocate outside?
2. Are you well satisfied, or more satisfied than you would be in Camp?
3. Do you recommend other Niseis to relocate as soon as possible?
4. Do you recommend Issei to relocate as soon as possible?
5. How is the atmosphere in your community now?
6. How is the school situation in your locality? Are Niseis cordially received in school?
7. Are the churches in your locality very friendly to the Japanese and Japanese Americans?
8. Have any unions or any other organizations objected to having you there?
9. How long did you take to find a job?
10. How long did you take to find a home?
11. Do you feel a bit of insecurity because there are no friends and relatives to rely on? If so, is it any worse than to face the insecurity of being put into the world after the war on your own?
12. Is it wise for families to relocate in your district?
13. What very important points would you tell to prospective relocatees in camp, as to dress, manner, expectations, social contact, etc.?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
14. Do you feel that it would be easier to go back to California (if permitted) after being relocated or from camps directly?

Resettlement:

[Subjects for Discussion with Dillon S. Meyer]

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Difficulties faced.

1. Many residents, particularly Isseis have passed the employee stages, both in age and experience.
2. Most have lost heavily financially in process of evacuation.
3. Many families have large number of dependants.
4. Unfamiliarity of new location.
5. Lack of credit.
6. Public sentiment.
7. Lack of adequate housing.
8. Legal difficulties of Isseis.
9. Uncertainty of California returnability.
10. Number of Isseis have difficulties with language.

Question:

What financial aid is available to evacuee in promoting enterprises such as farming or business ventures.

What provision has been made in regard to care of number that cannot relocate.

Hospital and Dental Situation:

1. How to keep adequate staff.
2. Army basis for treatment of evacuees totally inadequate as evacuees are made up of children and aged as well as healthy individuals.
3. People in Center are suffering from inadequate dental service due to recent enforcement of W.R.A. ruling.

Food situation:

1. Present allotment of maximum of 45¢ a day per person proving very unsatisfactory and too meager.
2. Residents are gradually being forced to purchase more and more food stuffs to supplement the present diet in order to maintain normal health.
3. We request the raise in this maximum in proportion to the rising cost of commodity prices.

Co-op store situation:

1. Rental charges for spaces occupied by Co-op stores in the block recreation halls are not justified in as much as they were for the expressed use of those particular block residents for recreational purpose of which they have sacrificed in order to have the store.
2. Furthermore, the rental charge of 28¢ per square ft. is unreasonably high, therefore we ask your reconsideration toward its reduction to a more reasonable level.
3. It is our understanding that Co-op is required to pay income tax on unclaimed patronage refund. Will the W.R.A., through negotiation with U.S. Treasury Department, make it possible for that refund to be exempted from taxation so that we may use that fund for social purposes through the process of donation?

SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH DILLON S. MYER:

1. Desire an increase in cash grant for persons who wish to resettle.
2. Question was brought up for further verification in the municipality of Cleveland, Ohio in regard to Nisei not being accepted for defense jobs.
3. Introducing defense work in Center.
 - A. Shortage of man-power outside.
 - B. Practically impossible for majority of Nisei to obtain defense work.
 - C. Let Caucasian fill man-power shortage in industries.
 1. Leave skeleton Appointed Personnel.
 2. Hire capable Nisei to run the work.
 - D. Working in defense plant here shows loyalty.
 1. Concentration of man-power to greatest advantage.
 2. Housing problem all taken care of.
4. This camp is one of the quiet ones.
 - A. One great reason being----over half the population is working.

If people are released from their work, idleness will breed discontent.

The amount that will be saved by reduction of employees is nothing compared to the agitation and trouble that discontent will breed.

Can Dillon S. Myer change the policy now about to go into effect in view of the above reasons.

5. Segregation:

If a person is sent to a Segregation camp, can the rest of the family accompany with him?

6. Will the properties of interned and segregated persons be frozen or confiscated?
7. Will W.R.A. aid those persons in profession to obtain state licenses, as some states even refuse to accept application for such?
8. Water situation.

Request for speedy completion of system so that we will be supplied of sufficient water.