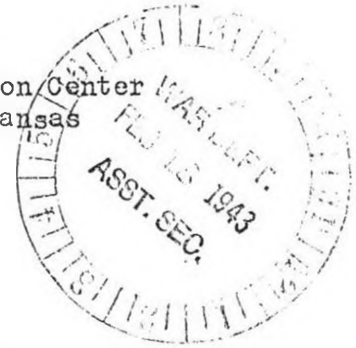


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In reply, please refer to:

Rohwer Relocation Center
 Relocation, Arkansas
 Feb 11-1943



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Subject: - Report of todote Results of Registration of Japanese Americans in Relocation Center, Rohwer, Ark.

To: - Office of Asst Secy of War, Pentagon Bldg
 Wash. D. C.

1. Registration of Block #16 took place in Block Mess Hall 0830 to 1230 Wed Feb 10th 1943 - and Block #1 from 1330 to 1630 same day.	
Blocks #16-#1 Number of Volunteers for induction	1
" #38 " " " " "	3
" #16-#1 " " 304a Forms completed	23
" #16-#1 " " 126 revised "	14

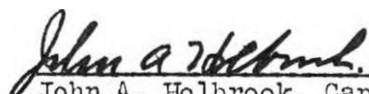
2. Remarks. There is a good attendance of approx 225 at the block meetings the evening prior to the actual registration. Questions are asked and a good general discussion is entered into by all, but with a very evident attitude of reserve and suspicion about the future of the Japanese Americans who register or volunteer. The thoughts uppermost in their minds are, even if we register or volunteer in the face of what the people of the United States have done and are doing to us what assurance or guarantee have we that these discriminations will not continue or become worse. Why are the Leave Clearance and Voluntary Induction forms in use at the same time unless they have a direct connection? Why the sudden program for wholesale leave clearance applications when we know that we can apply when we desire to leave the centers, unless there is a catch in the plan which we don't know about? We are aware that the appropriations for the W.R.A. are in question, is this program designed to make a wholesale discharge for the center in case there are insufficient funds to keep us here?

(a) The excuses offered for not cooperating in the program are, We do not want to be segregated into a separate combat team, and if we wait for Selective Service as indicated by paragraph in mission we will be put in with the Caucasians.



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- (b) We want to be mixed up with Caucasian troops to make friends and become assimilated.
- (c) We want assurance that if we volunteer & fight that we will have the same rights and privileges at once which are enjoyed by other American soldiers, and that after the war we will continue to have the same privileges and that we will not be deprived of our citizenship or be subject to restrictions anywhere in the United States.
3. The purpose of the program has been carefully explained to the evacuees. The result of non cooperation has also been discussed. There has been no opportunity for misunderstanding.
4. The team opinion is that the Japanese Americans are not satisfied that the public is as ready to accept them as we say they are. That they should have a better guarantee of the public's good faith, which is not evidenced by the press. Also fears about state and national legislation both now and in the future. That they are in a position to drive a bargain. That the people who are interested in their rehabilitation will eventually make or cause to be made more favorable inducements. That they will hold their only trump card (Loyalty to the United States) until it can be played to their more decided advantage. That the apologetic attitude of those interested in them is prima facie evidence of a guilty conscience which will eventually produce more favorable terms. Therefore the Japanese Americans best move is to do nothing and see what happens. There is some evidence that the influence of the Issei is affecting the Nisei.
5. The male citizen of military age evidently wont object to service in the armed forces if drafted.
6. There is no evidence of threats towards anyone who wants to register by the other evacuees.
7. The opinion of those responsible here is that we should continue the program until the entire center has an opportunity to cooperate.


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