
WAR RELOCATION ANNOUNCES PLANS TO RECRUIT EVACUEES FOR HARVEST SEASON

A revised procedure to make war-time evacuees of Japanese ancestry available for harvesting sugar beets and other crops in the intermountain region and the plains States was announced this week by Dillon S. Myer, Director of the War Relocation Authority. Already some 1500 evacuees from the Pacific Coast military area are at work in the beet fields of eastern Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Montana

Recruitment of workers at the Minidoka Relocation Project, located near Eden, Jerome County, Idaho, will get under way next week, according to an announcement by the San Francisco Regional Office of the War Relocation Authority. At the same time, recruiting will start at other relocation centers and also in several assembly centers operated by the War-

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time Civil Control Administration in California.

Several requests for evacuee labor from growers in Idaho, Montana, Utah and eastern Oregon are already on file with the San Francisco Regional Office. Most of these requests, it was announced, are from growers who desire workers for the potato and sugar beet harvest starting the latter part of September. Recruitment will, therefore, get under way two to three weeks before workers are desired.

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In each case, the farmer will submit the completed form to the nearest office of the U. S. Employment Service. If labor is not available from ordinary sources in the locality, the Employment Service will then forward the offer of employment to the War Relocation Authority for consideration and submission to evacuees at assembly centers and relocation communities. When accepted by the evacuees, the offer becomes a binding agreement subject to termination by either the farm operator or the evacuee on five days' notice.

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Copies of a brief statement describing the procedure for recruitment and copies of the "Offer of Employment" form may be obtained from field offices of the War Relocation Authority. One of these offices is located in the Whitcomb Hotel Building in San Francisco and another in the Kittredge Building in Denver.