WEST COAST EXCLUSION ORDER TO BE LIFTED

THE MASS EXCLUSION ORDER PROHIBITING PEOPLE OF JAPANESE EXTRACTION FROM LIVING ON THE WEST COAST WILL BE LIFTED BY MILITARY AUTHORITIES AT MIDNIGHT JANUARY 2, 1945, DILLON S. MYER, NATIONAL WRA DIRECTOR, NOTIFIED PROJECT DIRECTOR JAMES G. LINDLEY TODAY.

A revised program of the War Relocation Authority which includes an orderly return to the Coast of evacuees wishing to go back, a continuation of the present relocation program to all points in the United States, and the closing of all Relocation Centers within one year was also announced by Myer, Lindley states.

MYER'S STATEMENT

Myer's statement is as follows:

The lifting of the blanket exclusion orders by the Western Defense Command undoubtedly the most significant event since evacuation both of the lives of the evacuated people and in the program of the War Relocation Authority. To the great majority of the evacuees, it means full restoration of the freedom of movement which is enjoyed by all other loyal citizens and law-abiding aliens in the United States. To the War Relocation Authority, it signifies the beginning of the final phase of the relocation program.

Our prime objective in WRA, as always, is to restore to the people residing in relocation centers to private life in normal communities. The lifting of the exclusion orders makes it possible to broaden the scope of this program and put it for the first time on a completely nationwide basis. Within the next few weeks WRA will establish field relocation offices at key points in the evacuated area and will extend assistance to those who have good reason to return. At the same time, we shall also continue our relocation offices and assistance for those who wish to locate in other parts of the country.

Although the WRA is now entering the final phase of its program, the relocation centers will not be closed immediately. All of them will remain in operation for several months so that all the residents will have reasonable and adequate time and opportunity for the development of sound relocation plans.

During the period ahead, many of the facilities at the centers will have to be sharply curtailed as the population declines. Schools, however, will be continued through the current school year. This will enable families with school-age children sufficient time to plan their relocation so that the pupils may reenter school in their new communities at the beginning of the fall term. All the really essential services at the centers, including mass operations, housing, and medical care, will of course be provided until the time each center actually closes.

"The re-opening of the evacuated area and the broadening of the relocation program come at a fortunate time for the evacuated people. Largely as a result of the splendid record which your sons, brothers, and husbands have achieved in the armed services, the American public has come increasingly to a recognition of the essential good faith and loyalty that characterize the great majority of people of Japanese descent. Today the evacuees as a group have more friends and supporters throughout the Nation than at any previous time. They are being accepted in hundreds of communities as fellow-workers, friends, and neighbors. The removal of the restrictions that formerly applied in the West Coast area underscores this growing public acceptance and should help to bring about even more widespread recognition of the fact that the great majority of the evacuees are loyal and law-abiding people.

"It is fortunate, too, that the WRA program enters its final phase at a time when there is a good demand for workers in war plants, in civilian goods production, in service occupations, and on the farms. Both from the standpoint of the..."
**TO LIFT EXCLUSION ORDER**

national welfare and emergency economic security, it is highly important that the people now residing at the relocation centers make the transition back to private life at a time when employment opportunities are still plentiful. It is also important for those family members in the developing centers of relocation activity at the nearest possible time to visit the centers. However, in view of the support, the War Relocation Authority has made a number of basic policy decisions covering the immediate future of its program. These decisions are:

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3. Essential services at the relocation centers — food, housing, and medical care — will be provided until the centers close. Schools will be maintained at the centers through the end of the present school year.
4. Relocation in areas outside the evacuated zone will continue.
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**WRA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

FOR THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE RELOCATION PROGRAM

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