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T U L E L A K E C E N T E R

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Tule Lake Segregation Center is located eight miles from the town of Tulelake in the northeast corner of the state of California. This is the segregation center for the War Relocation Authority of the Department of the Interior and is the camp where the Japanese aliens and Japanese-Americans who have signified an intention to return to Japan reside together with members of their families.

The life in the center is very strongly Japanese, but not all of the people in this center should by any means be considered as "disloyals". People have expressed a desire to return to Japan for many reasons other than those based on political loyalty. This is particularly true of the younger people who are residing in the center, because their parents have requested repatriation.

The altitude of the camp site is approximately 4100 feet and the temperature ranges from 100° in the summer time to 10° below zero in the winter time. This valley is famous for the potatoes which are raised here, and Klamath Valley is known all over the United States for the waterfowl, which migrate through the valley during the fall and spring seasons of each year.

The camp is 35 miles from Klamath Falls, Oregon, a city of some 16,000 population. A bus leaves Klamath Falls for the project at 9:00 a.m. daily, and a bus leaves the project at 5:00 p.m. daily for Klamath Falls. It is approximately a one-hour ride.

On the center, there are community stores operated under the cooperative enterprises where all of the minimum essentials of the household are available. There is a watch-repairing shop, shoe-repairing shop, beauty parlor, barber shop, and various other facilities which are open to the appointed personnel on the project, as well as to the evacuees.

There is an Army post adjacent to the camp, and the military is responsible for the external security of the center and is available to be called in case of any internal disturbance which the local police force is unable to handle.

The Army has very graciously extended to the staff members of the War Relocation Authority the privilege of attending the army post theater, where the latest pictures are shown, with a change daily. The admission prices are the same for the appointed personnel as for the soldiers.

There is a recreation club of the appointed personnel, with a recreational hall. Monthly parties and dances are held, and hikes, picnics and other types of recreational activities are organized by the members of the club so that, while the appointed personnel are more or less isolated from the outside world, still they have social life and recreation in the center. The soldiers and the officers of the Army post are invited to attend social functions of the personnel recreation club. There is a Protestant service and a Catholic service each Sunday morning at the Army post where the appointed personnel are always welcome.

Educational facilities are provided for the evacuee children through high school. There is also a program of Adult Education classes for those older. These schools are conducted as nearly like schools in the normal American community as is physically possible. The schools of the project are run on a year-around basis with occasional one-week and two-week vacation periods between semesters and mid-semester. The elementary schools run a summer play-activity program for the children. Nursery and kindergarten schools are also furnished for the evacuees on the project. Attendance in the schools is not compulsory.

The evacuees also have Japanese Language Schools where the children are taught to read, write, and speak Japanese in anticipation of their return to Japan. There is also an elementary school for the children of the appointed personnel, and the children of high school age attend a high school in the little town of Tulelake, eight miles away.

Teachers are hired on an annual basis on an indefinite civil service appointment. By indefinite is meant for the duration plus six months. The first six months is considered a probationary period. Appointed personnel work on a 48-hour week. The week's work is completed at 12:15, Saturday, allowing the teachers time to go to Klamath Falls for necessary shopping purposes. Civil service employees earn 26 days annual leave per annum to be taken at the convenience of the job. There is an annual accumulation of sick leave without loss of pay of 15 days.

Appointive personnel is expected to live on the project in rooms or apartments. There are a limited number of housekeeping apartments, and married couples with children have priority on such space. Those who do not have apartments are housed in the single rooms in remodeled barracks, two people to a room, with a shower bath between each two connecting rooms.

The charge for rooms is \$8.00 per person when two individuals share a room. When rooms are available and a person has a room to himself, the rate is \$15.00 per month.

Apartments which consist of living room, kitchen, bathroom with shower, and one or two bedrooms, rent for \$20.00 or \$22.50 per month, depending upon the number of bedrooms. Couples with children are assigned to two-bedroom apartments.

All housing accommodations are furnished with light heat and hot water, at no charge.

Laundry facilities are available, with electric washing machines.

Furnishings of both rooms and apartments are listed below. The list is on "today's" basis, but we have every hope that the equipment now furnished will be augmented by additional pieces at a future date.

ROOMS:

- 1 bed per person
- 1 chest of drawers per person
- 1 combination bookcase and desk per room
- Miscellaneous tables and chairs
- Mirror

APARTMENTS:

Living Room

Easy chairs

Combination bookcase and desk

1 Dinette table with 1 straight chair per person

Miscellaneous end tables and coffee tables

Mirror

Bedroom

1 bed per person (or double bed)

1 chest of drawers per person

1 Night stand

Kitchen

Electric range

Electric refrigerator

NOTE: All bedlinen, bedding, towels and miscellaneous household linen are to be furnished by the employee.

At the present time there are no living room or bedroom rugs available, and it is questionable if the project will be able to furnish them at a future date.

Additional heavy pieces of furniture, either davenports or loveseats, will be furnished when available.

It is suggested that such items as lamps, pictures, curtains or drapes, beds for small children, and electric appliances -- toaster, percolator, flat iron, and hot plate, be brought by the employee to the project.

Ironing boards, dishes, kitchen utensils, and table silver are to be furnished by the employee.

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