

## YOU CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT

### HERE'S WHY

The last of the relocation centers is scheduled to close December 15. Within the last few weeks 30,000 to 40,000 people have left the various relocation centers, many going to the Middle West and East and more than half of them, to the West Coast. Some 10,000 to 15,000 still remain but must leave before the middle of December. Thousands of these people are almost being forced to leave and so are taking any kind of temporary housing that may be available. Indeed, many of them are compelled to live with friends or fellow evacuees in rooms that already were overcrowded. Many factors are responsible, some of them concerned with the welfare and the good of the evacuees and some of them due to the lack of concern of the general public and of congressmen.

The people now being pushed out, naturally and inevitably, are those who have been most injured by their stay in the relocation centers. To a large degree they have lost their initiative and courage; they are timid and afraid. Above all they need friends.

### HERE'S HOW

1. KNOW THE FACTS (Don't rely on rumors and snap judgments.)  
Here's where you can easily get them:

#### Articles

- "Our Worst Wartime Mistake" - Harper's Magazine, September, 1945
- "Purple Heart Battalion" - Coronet Magazine, May, 1945
- "Issei, Nisei, Kibei" - Japan Number, Fortune Magazine, April, 1944  
(The best article, generally available.)

#### Books That Ought To Be In Your City or Town Library

- "Prejudice" by Carey McWilliams -- One of the best discussions of the whole Japanese American problem with background and larger issues involved.
- "Brothers Under the Skin" by Carey McWilliams -- (Chapter on Japanese Americans)
- "The Governing of Men" by Alexander Leighton -- A most excellent presentation of Evacuation, life in a Relocation Center, and problems involved, with thirty-three top-notch pictures of Relocation Center life.
- "Our Social and National Minorities" by Brown and Roucek -- A keen analysis of the situation.

#### Pamphlets

(Available from the Congregational Committee on Christian Democracy,  
1052 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 14, California)

- "Races of Mankind" -- Public Affairs Committee
- "How Can We Help Japanese American Evacuees" with excellent suggestions for what church people can do, by Gracia D. Booth
- "70,000 American Refugees - Made in U. S. A." -- Congregational Committee on Christian Democracy
- "A Balance Sheet on Japanese Evacuation" by Galen Fisher  
(Reprint from "Christian Century" of August 18 and 25, and September 1 and 8, 1943)

Additional program material can be secured from the Committee on Christian Democracy at the above address.

2. HELP OTHERS TO KNOW THE FACTS

Many false rumors and erroneous reports are in circulation. Meet prejudice with accurate information. Take the lead in getting others to read source material.

3. PLAN FORUMS FOR YOUR GROUP

Our world has become a neighborhood. A knowledge of minority problems and racial relations is essential if our democracy is to go forward. The question no longer is, "What are we to do about the color problem?" The question is, "What will it do with us?" Prejudice defeats cooperation.

4. SEE THAT A COMMITTEE IS FORMED IN YOUR CHURCH OR COMMUNITY

The task of integration is one which must be done locally, or it will not be done at all. Bring returnees into your church and fellowship. Your church will miss a supreme opportunity for enlightened Christian action if it does not take definite steps toward finding jobs and preparing your community for the reception of these uprooted fellow-citizens. If your church has a vigorous Committee for Social Action, encourage it to take the initiative in this matter. In many instances you will want to form a new group for this specific purpose.

5. BE ON THE ALERT FOR SITUATIONS OR TENSIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO UNFORTUNATE EVENTS OR CRISES

Enlist the interest and help of leaders in your church, club, society, lodge and town -- the pastor, laymen, young people's fellowship, and officials. Large public meetings can be useful but must be well prepared for and carefully handled.

6. OBTAIN PUBLICITY FOR FAVORABLE ITEMS AND STORIES

Use your bulletin board. Get material for your newspapers, and -- don't overlook your church bulletin -- some people read it.

7. PLAN THINGS TO DO TOGETHER

Remember many of these people are hurt and lonely. Invite them into your homes. Have a Recreational Program or "Game Night" where you can become acquainted on an informal basis.

8. CALL ATTENTION TO THIS SOURCE OF EMPLOYEES WHEN YOUR FRIENDS TALK ABOUT THE MANPOWER SHORTAGE

Tell them of the variety of skills available and offer to put them in touch with the nearest War Relocation Authority office.

New York - Room 5516, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York 1, New York  
Chicago - 226 West Jackson Blvd, Chicago 6, Illinois  
Denver - 204 Midland Savings Bldg., Denver 2, Colorado  
Los Angeles - 1031 S. Broadway, Los Angeles 15, California

If you do not happen to be near any one of these, write to the Congregational Committee on Christian Democracy, Room 726, 1052 West Sixth Street, Los Angeles 14, California

9. HELP FIND HOUSING

Enlist the interest of persons who will help in making temporary shelter available while evacuees are finding permanent dwellings.

10. SCHOLARSHIPS - CAMPERSHIPS

Evacuated families have lost all or much of their property. Young people simply cannot earn all of their school expenses. How about a share in a scholarship? Arrange it through Oliver Powell in the Chicago office (19 So. La Salle St., Chicago 3).

Take returnees to weekend retreats and your camps. Broaden your fellowship and give a helping hand.

11. FILL OUT AND SEND THE ATTACHED BLANK TO CONGREGATIONAL COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN DEMOCRACY, ROOM 726, 1052 W. SIXTH STREET, LOS ANGELES 14, CALIFORNIA.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Committee on Christian Democracy  
Room 726, 1052 W. Sixth Street  
Los Angeles 14, California

In cooperation with the program for finding new homes for Americans of Japanese ancestry, I will:

- \_\_\_ See that in my church an active committee is on the job.
- \_\_\_ Serve as a member of such a committee.
- \_\_\_ Distribute material giving facts vs. rumors.
- \_\_\_ Arrange or help arrange a meeting where this matter can be discussed.
- \_\_\_ Please send background material for such a meeting.

Note: In some places a special speaker is available or can be provided. If such help is desired, write in detail about your plans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member of following Group:

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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