

COOPERATIVE SPIRIT

Speaking from general observation I am happy to note of one important effort,-- Cooperative Spirit unselfishly extended by the administrative staff and by the Center residents. I am convinced that it was these factors of the fine spirit of cooperation and proper conduct shown by the people which enabled Fresno Assembly Center to gain the reputation as one of the finest and best managed W.C.C.A. Assembly Centers.

I believe it is high time to appreciate and give unreserved recognition to the people of this Center, comprising of issei, nisei, sansei, men and women, young and old for their utmost cooperation in complying with the Center rules and regulations, keeping the Center sanitary as possible, avoiding major mob violence, and establishing clean record of any Federal offense. Some 5,000 people who make up this Center should be proud of this fine record and the administrative staff should also be proud. It is sincerely hoped that the same cooperative spirit will prevail at the Relocation Center.

A supreme test for all-out cooperation may come at the W.R.A. Center, but if and when it does, I believe the people of Fresno Center, if kept intact, will come through with flying colors.

- - Bill Ishida

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OUR LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT

Life in the Assembly Centers or Relocation areas is what we make it. To me, this one sentence deserves a second reading. Just how does it effect us?

When we entered these Centers, we were forced to leave our homes, our businesses, our friends -- all that had been dear to us in the years gone by. Those were big sacrifices for anyone to make, let alone a whole race living on the Pacific Coast. American citizens of Japanese ancestry, with their parents "aliens" through the misfortunes of war, willingly cooperated with the authorities because of military necessity. The right or wrong of this mass evacuation is not for us to decide. Other individuals and groups are doing their part in the war effort; Trying as it is, this is our part. Yes these were big sacrifices - sacrifices which I hope no other group or race will ever know again.