

eyes were penetrating but seemed to be smiling. He was wearing a long sleeved shirt open at the collar and a round badge, about one and a half inches in diameter, was pinned on the pocket of the shirt which harbored a generous supply of pens and pencils clipped in it. Black print on the white badge read W.C. C.A. 480. I noticed he kept the big cigar in his mouth most of the time when he was talking and I observed that the lower portion of his face looked grim while the upper half looked jovial. "Are you ready to go to work? I hope so because it looks to me like we are going to have to get a hell of a lot of things done in a mighty short time if we are expected to be ready for the first evacuees in a week" were Pulliams next words and he continued without a pause. "Dunn here will be the Assistant Manager of the Center and your title will be Director of the Service Division. Dunn and I will be responsible for the general management of the center and you will be in charge of all services to evacuees, with exception of food and lodging. We are both glad to see you here because a load of directives for your division have been keeping the teletype machine busy ever since yesterday morning"

Ernie Dunn was sitting at his desk with his chair turned to face us. He also had a cigar of ample size protruding from his mouth. He too had grinning eyes and his upturned mouth blended with a trace of boyish bashfulness, indicated a congenial personality. My thought of the moment was that I was going to enjoy working with both of them.

"When do you expect the first Japanese occupancy in the Center?" I asked and Dunn responded. "Within a week according to the bulletins we have received. Our best estimate would be, that we will have the first evacuees arriving here, by May 5 th". His voice was soft, his enunciation clear and he spoke with little movement of his lips.

"Where do you expect the Japanese in this Center will be coming from" I inquired.

"The policy of the Assembly Center portion of the evacuation will be to move communities intact where-ever possible. So I believe our population will come from around Fresno and some from areas of the San Joaquin valley, north of here. There is another Center in Tulare, south of us and we have one at Finedale, only 7 or 8 miles north of here, was

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