

one special privilege that the Japanese internees will not have. Our badges will allow us the authority for passage in and out of the Center enclosure". "Military participation in the operation of this project will be limited to the area outside the fence, unless requested by the civilian management. The management of all Assembly Centers will be under Civilian control." X

"Does that mean that all of us employed by the W.C.C.A. are responsible only to the manager of the Center? I inquired. "That's correct, Pulliam responded, and continued, We are going to be part of an event in history that will require our ultimate efforts to ease the pain of removal from home and adjustment to a new and unknown pattern of life, for hundreds of people of all ages. The Government has decided that their removal from certain areas is a necessary war time operation to insure their safety from angered and resentful caucasians and to eliminate the possibility of sabotage by some among them that are aliens and never even endeavored to learn our language in spite of 30 or more years residence here. We have a challenge to be fair and considerate, lets see if we can meet the challenge". X

Listening to this stern but pleasant man, as he spoke in a soft yet brusque voice, with abrupt endings to the finishing word of each sentence, was already beginning to convince me that employees and evacuees alike would receive fair and understanding consideration from him. The air was heavy with fragrant tobacco smoke and altho I do not smoke I was not annoyed. Both Pulliam and Dunn were evidently smoking cigars of superior quality.

As Pulliam paused for a moment, inspected the lighted end of his cigar and lightly tapped the white ashes into an ashtray on his desk, leaned back in his chair and after taking a long draw on the havana blew a column of smoke toward the ceiling, Dunn said. "Pollock, one of the first things you may want to do is take a look at the place. You'll find several pickups just over to the left of this building". Then with a momentary interlude to place his cigar in his mouth for an instant, and from there transfer it to his other hand, so he could reach into the top drawer of the desk with his right hand, he added. "You're in for a surprise when you see the number of buildings this Center has, all constructed in less than a month. When