

Dunn's response. Pulliam asked "How well do you know this portion of California Pollock"? I told him the San Joaquin valley from Modesto on the north to the Ridge Route south of Bakersfield and all of Kern County including the Mohave desert had been the area of my responsibility with the W.P.A. Recreation Project and I had worked out of the Fresno office. "Fine we have someone on the staff now from this part of the state" he said, and added "I believe you are the only one on this staff from this part of California. By the way I want you to meet my secretary, Miss Krikorian. Henrietta, this is Walt. Pollock, he will manage the Service Division, see that he gets the Center Operational Manual and all management bulletins we have received to date." The tall dark haired young lady behind the desk with the neatly stacked piles of material, bowed her acknowledgement of the introduction, said a soft "how do you do" then got up from her chair and gathered an arm-full of material selected from the desk-top, walked around the desk, and placed the stack of papers on the desk in front of me. The accumulation of Manuals and Directives was eight inches high.

I noticed my name written on the top of the first sheet in the pile and realized she had the material ready for me when I arrived. Good Secretary I thought as I nurtured a hope that I would be able to find a good ^{one} too.

"Pollock your offices will be in the building next to this on the west!" Pulliam stated. "You will need a lot more space I'm sure, so one of your first problems will be to determine what facilities you'll need for the various services, then you can get together with Merrill. Merrill will be in charge of the Works Division, the two of you can sit down and work out the details of what needs to be done to adapt some of our buildings to the special needs your Division will have. Merrill is already here and out in the project seeing what he can use for shops and operating space for the varied responsibilities of his Division!"

"How many Japanese evacuees can we expect to ^{have} here?" I asked and Ernie Dunn replied. "It's our best guess that we will be getting 5,000 or more. We can house somewhere between five and six thousand!"

"What about office equipment and supplies?" I inquired. "We have a good supply of desks and chairs and some file cabinets and other office equipment. One of the first things you have to do will be to estimate what your needs are going to be.