

"I myself have known very few Japanese with the exception of children and teen agers that were included in our recreation programs, and you could'nt ask for anything better than those Japanese kids. The only parents I have met were quiet, little, polite and patient people".

Pulliam shook his head without removing the cigar and he said, "Pollock, what you said about local residents being in agreement on the moving of Japanese away from the coast is certainly the attitude of people in the Bay area. They want them out of there. Within a few days we will have 5,000 uprooted Japanese parented guests of the Government here in our Center to be interned and protected, as part of the war effort that is considered necessary by the Western Defense Command and the President. So we'll do the best we can to help'family sit'our Centers share of what will probably be a somewhat apprehensive group of worried individuals fearful of what their future will be away from home in a strange environment. We must try to make this forced migration of the Japanese evacuees we receive here in this Center, as painless and reasonably pleasant and comfortable as we can!"

Listening to his thoughtful and unbiased comments added to my growing belief that Fresno Center was going to be a fair and considerate place for both employees and evacuees.

"O K Pollock, Pulliam added, look over your office space in the building next door, which by the way you will share with the Finance and Employment Division. You will have the west half. Then look over the entire facility, get all your questions together, and come on back to see me at any time."

I stood up and moved my chair back, picked up my arm load of directives and informational material after first pinning my badge on the front of my jacket. Then I asked, "When do I officialy begin to work for the W.C.C.A.?"

"You already started when you walked in that door a while ago", replied Ernie Dunn with a smile in his voice and a kindly salute from his cigar holding hand.

Pulliam gave me a friendly nod of the head and a farewell gesture with his left hand which had been resting on his desk, then turned his attention to a growing accumulation of correspondence on his desk, which Henrietta had been adding to during our discussion.

I assured the manager I would be back with an ample sup-