

THE CAUCASIAN (W.C.C.A.) ADMINISTRATION STAFF
OF THE
FRESNO ASSEMBLY CENTER

Quickly gathered together from positions with various government agency departments, by the newly created Wartime Civil Control Administration, the Fresno Assembly Center staff was a surprisingly cohesive group. This combination of individuals who had never met before, meshed together like pieces of a completed jigsaw puzzle with each member fitting his or her place with precision. To my knowledge there are only two of us that have ever worked together again. The teamwork of this chance combination of fellow workers was wonderful to be a part of, and contributed greatly to the orderly and smooth functioning of this Assembly Center enclosure.

Ellis P. Pulliam was the Center Manager. - - In that capacity he had complete authority over all activities in the Center. An engineer by profession and a capable, efficient and understanding administrator. His work prior to assuming his role as manager of the Center had taken him to many corners of the earth. He left an executive position with a major maritime shipping company to head the Fresno Center staff.

Ernest A. Dunn was the Assistant Center Manager - - He was a quiet, soft-spoken gentleman with smiling eyes and a lingering trace of boyish bashfulness on his face, who grew up in Wisconsin. Somewhat reserved but he was always available for competent assistance and friendly consultation.

Henrietta Krikorian functioned as Secretary for the Managers Office. - - Her home was in Fresno. She took care of all correspondence and other office work for the managers. She was one of the two female caucasian members of the staff which made her one half of all the caucasian women within the internment grounds.

Nova Rudd was the Teletype Operator - - and the other caucasian female on the management staff. She had worked at the Manzanar Center prior to her work at Fresno. After a few months at Fresno she was married and returned to her previous job at Manzanar.

Frank U. Bliss directed the Mess and Lodging Division.