

manager and tossed me a "glad to have met you Pollock, over his shoulder as he moved toward the door, and added, we will get together whenever you are ready to talk about what your facility and building renovation needs will be. See you soon".

"Pollock, said Pulliam, turning back to me after finishing his words with Merrill, I'm sure you must have a multitude of questions of ~~questions~~ about a great number of things. Most of the answers to your questions are covered in the Operational Manual and the bulletins on operations stacked on the desk in front of you. So why dont you take that material over to your office building, next door, spend the next few hours reading them all and make notes of any questions that come to your mind after reading them. Then the three of us can get together again and work out answers".

"This is going to be a city within a city. It was built in three weeks. We have only one more week to get this place ready for 5,000 guests of the government. It's going to be one hell of a job to make it an acceptable foster home community for hundreds of displaced Japanese. I don't know how we are going to do it but I do know we will do it. There is no precedent for <sup>this</sup> kind of project. We are here to make this Center as painless and comfortable as we can for a large number of people removed from their homes and communities for the wars duration. I hope we will be able to make a helpful contribution to the movement of 100,000 people from their homes, for the dual purpose of their protection and ours".

While Pulliam paused to tap the ash from his cigar into an ashtray on the desk, Dunn turned to the secretary and said "Henrietta issue Pollock a badge", then he turned to me saying. "A detachment of military police is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow and the perimeter of the Center will be under guard from that time on. The gate will have a guard on duty day and night after today and you will have to have the badge for identification to enter or leave the grounds".

Pulliams right hand was resting on the desk with his cigar lightly balanced between the first and second finger as he added to Dunns remarks. "Beginning tomorrow Fresno Assembly Center will be a restricted area, closed to everyone but W.C.C.A. employees and Japanese evacuees. Entrance or departure will require a W.C.C.A. badge or gate pass approved by the Center Manager. So tomorrow we too become internees with