

# memories of home

'Twas on the sixteenth of May,  
That we were moved away,  
From our dear homes and neighbors, too.  
Into this Center built for me and you.

How homesick we felt cannot be explained,  
For we were too busy getting things arranged,  
'Twas no fun to see baggage and all  
Stacked along the white plaster wall.

Everyone was settled down after a few days,  
Quite satisfied with all the ways,  
In which we were treated, the American way,  
Although we still missed our homes everyday.

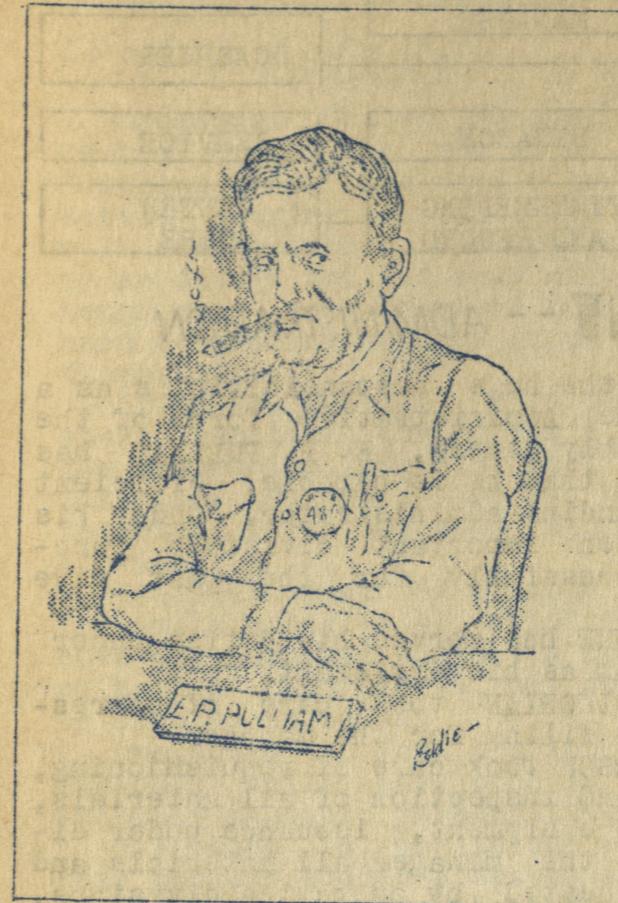
We've met many people while in here,  
But they can't replace those pals so dear,  
With whom we had so much fun,  
And how we were always on the run.

All those fine programs and movies, too,  
Are for us evacuees like me and you,  
And those ball games, and boxing matches,  
Are just for our sake, and no one else's.

Our administration heads have tried their best,  
To make our stay just like a guest's,  
We feel very grateful for their true kindness,  
So orchids to you from all of us.

All in all, camp life can be no better,  
Than we enjoy at this Fresno Assembly Center,  
But we long for the day of our release,  
To home sweet home and life in peace.

-- Harry Takeuchi



## CENTER MANAGER

### E.P. PULLIAM

In addition to seeing that things run smoothly here, Center Manager Ellis P. Pulliam helps immeasurably in keeping a certain Florida tobacco company in business; for cigars from that tropical state are a part of this casually dressed administrator's profile.

At first glance, this serious looking man appears gruff and hard to approach, but when one makes his acquaintance, one finds a human, warm-hearted, congenial fellow vitally interested in your problems.

An engineer by profession, Pulliam's work has taken him to practically every corner of the earth--perhaps this extensive traveling helped make him the efficient engineer of humanity he has proven to be.

The complicated and temperamental Fresno Center machine has been hitting smoothly on all 5000 since its was first put into high gear--it takes a skillful, broad-minded engineer to make this possible.

## MESSAGE

You are about to leave the Fresno Assembly Center which has been your temporary home for the past six months. Frankly, I have been amazed with the changes (all for the better) that you have accomplished. You have converted the original empty buildings and barren land surrounding them into a well organized, self-contained city of over 5000 people. Visiting officials never fail to comment on the cleanliness of your Center and the fact that each and every resident of the Center is doing his or her job and doing it well.

During these trying times you, both nisei and issei, have been good soldiers, obeyed the rules and regulations of the Wartime Civil Control Administration without question, and by so doing, you have helped the United States of America solve one of its difficult wartime problems.

I cannot help but feel that the project director of your new home in Arkansas is extremely fortunate in having the residents of the Fresno Assembly Center placed in his jurisdiction. It is my hope and wish that you cooperate and assist him and his staff in the same manner that you have cooperated with the management of this Center.

Thank you, so long and good luck.

E. P. Pulliam, Center Manager  
Fresno Assembly Center