# WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

Presidio of San Francisco, California May 15, 1942

# INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE

# **ANCESTRY**

## Living in the Following Area:

All that portion of the County of King, State of Washington, within that boundary beginning at a point about midway between the Cities of Tacoma and Seattle (east of Des Moines) at which U. S. Highway 99 intersects Washington State Highway No. 5A; thence easterly along said Highway No. 5A to Green River; thence easterly and following Green River to the King-Kittitas County line; thence southerly and following the King-Kittitas County line to the King-Pierce Country line; thence Westerly and following the King-Pierce County line to U. S. Highway No. 99; thence northerly along U. S. Highway No. 99 to the point of beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 79, this Headquarters, dated May 15, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P.W.T., Wednesday, May 22, 1942.

No Japanese person will be permitted to move into, or out of, the above area after 12 o'clock noon. P.W. T., Friday, May 15, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Northwestern Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at:

Auburn High School Gymnasium, 701 East Main Street, Auburn, Washington

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency.

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

- 1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
- Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds
  of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and
  livestock.
- Provide Temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
- Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

### The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:

- A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 16, 1942 or between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. on Sunday, May 16, 1942.
- Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:
- (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
- (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
- (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
- (d) Essential personal effects for each member of the family.

All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.

- No pets of any kind will be permitted.
- No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.
- 5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.
- Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center. Private means of transportation will not be utilized. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

Go to the Civil Control Station between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Saturday, May 16, 1942 or between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Sunday, May 16, 1942, to receive further instructions.

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