

ANNA ROSENBERG

1935 - 1945

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October 10, 1935

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Thank you very much for your note and for your interest in the Works Progress projects. I do indeed hope that they can be speeded up and put into operation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
WPA  
111 Eighth Avenue  
New York

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U. S. WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

FOR THE CITY OF NEW YORK

111 EIGHTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N. Y.

HUGH S. JOHNSON  
Administrator

ALVIN BROWN  
Deputy Administrator

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September 27, 1935

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

After the interview which you so graciously accorded me yesterday, I saw Mrs. Woodward; and we are working out plans for a special drive to put women to work during the next ten days. If the proposed projects for women are approved immediately by Washington, I will be able to get them started before I sever my connections with the Works Progress Administration. Once they are in operation we will establish an advisory committee for supervision and as a guarantee that the projects for women will not be neglected in New York City. I do hope that we will be able to secure approval of these proposed projects without delay, in order that we may carry out our plans.

In reference to your request for information, I am advised that the L. P. Hollander Co. formerly operated a store in Boston, which it was forced to discontinue early this year; and it now maintains only the one establishment in New York City, employing approximately fifteen people. Interviews with a majority of the employees indicate they are satisfied with present working conditions, that their compensation is in excess of the minimum under the code, and that they are required to work forty-two hours a week, which is two hours over the maximum specified by the code. If you desire additional information concerning this company, please let me know and I will be glad to get it for you.

I want to thank you again for your kindness and the great courtesy which you extended me. I will always remember with appreciation your sympathy and interest in the solution of the problems which we discussed.

I do hope that your trip will be thoroughly delightful.

Sincerely yours

*Anna M. Rosenberg*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

*10-1-35  
to Mrs. Roosevelt  
from Anna M. Rosenberg  
10-1-35*

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October 17, 1935

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Thank you very much for your note of October 10th and for your efforts on behalf of Frank Brousky. I am glad you were able to help him as I am particularly interested in this family and think they are worth while.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
WPA  
111 Eighth Avenue  
New York

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WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION

111 EIGHTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

HUGH S. JOHNSON  
ADMINISTRATOR  
ALVIN BROWN  
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR

October 10, 1935

*Mary Church  
E.P.*

Miss Malvina T. Scheider  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Scheider:

This will refer to your  
previous correspondence in regard to the  
possibility of securing employment for one  
Frank Brodsky whose address is 241 Powell  
Street, Brooklyn, New York.

We are pleased to advise  
you that we have been successful in placing  
him as a Junior Clerk.

Sincerely yours,

*A. M. Rosenberg*

Anna M. Rosenberg  
Special Adviser

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October 23, 1935

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Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Thank you very much for  
your letter and the report. I was  
deeply interested to see it.

With all good wishes, I am  
Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
45 Broadway  
New York

Report on NYC White Collar Projects, WPA, Oct. 14  
Sent to the President

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NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

45 Broadway  
New York City

October 16, 1934

Thank her  
copy of WPA report  
submitted in report

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As you know, the efforts of the Works Progress Administration in behalf of the "white collar" unemployed have been the target of severe criticism, and to offset this General Johnson permitted me to form a planning and advisory committee of outstanding men and women in New York City to review these service projects. The report submitted by the Committee has brought forth the most favorable newspaper and editorial comments. I consider it exceptionally constructive and unprejudiced, and I believe you will be interested in reading the enclosed copy.

My official connection with the WPA ended Tuesday, and I have returned to the NRA. I scarcely need assure you that I will deem it a distinct privilege to have you call on me whenever you feel I can be of service in an unofficial capacity with the Works Progress Administration or in any other way.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

I am

Sincerely yours

Anna M. Rosenberg.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

May 23, 1936

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Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Congratulations on your appointment! I am so glad, because I feel you can do good work on the Social Security Board, and they should be congratulated as well as you.

With every good wish, I am

Cordially yours,

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Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
~~35 Fort Washington Avenue~~  
New York

Social Security Board  
45 Broadway

IN REPLY REFER TO  
FILE NO.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

WASHINGTON, D. C.

45 Broadway  
New York City

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May 27th, 1936

JOHN G. WINANT, CHAIRMAN  
ARTHUR J. ALTMAYER  
VINCENT M. MILES

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Dear Miss Scheider:

Thank you so much for your own and Mrs. Roosevelt's congratulations. I am sure the work is going to be most interesting.

It was more than kind of you to forward my letter to Mr. Morgan, and I am very grateful.

Looking forward to seeing you real soon, I am, with every good wish,

Sincerely yours

*Anna M. Rosenberg*

Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

Miss Malvina Thompson Scheider  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

June 3, 1936

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I am interested in a ~~Miss~~  
Elsbeth Connachie whom I have known for  
a long time. She had charge of the rest  
room which I established at the Girls  
Service League and she tells me there is  
no longer the same need and we are closing  
this rest room. I wonder if you would be  
willing to see her with the idea of finding  
something for her if you felt you could  
use anyone of her experience. She is a  
splendid person and absolutely dependable  
in every way.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
Social Security Board  
45 Broadway  
NYC

if I could do anything to get him  
works other than the W.P.A. He  
would come to Washington.  
I gave him no encouragement.  
Saying "You couldn't help  
individuals" - (Generally speaking)

In case you didn't notice  
short interesting pieces of news  
in "Times" of today, here it is!  
I am pleased to see  
Mrs Roosevelt in improving

Thanks you again with the  
best of wishes always,  
very affectionately

with warmest regards  
from the old Mrs Roosevelt

in business & pleasure

444 East 66<sup>th</sup> Street,  
New York City.

May 20<sup>th</sup> 1936

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

Excuse the delay in  
acknowledging the kind gift  
you sent a week ago; - I  
presume it is for the small  
sale I purpose having in the  
early fall; - a lovely piece of  
dress goods & a smaller piece of  
white, both very useful indeed.

I have practically closed  
the Rest-Room this week - this  
is spring cleaning to be done  
in the remaining days of the  
month. Owing to your kind  
interest it has served a very  
good purpose - one sided of  
course but - that couldn't be  
helped. The Gentile girl did not  
take advantage of it all - some  
say because their churches are  
earning more or less for their

unemployed girls. I never  
have found the reason.  
We were fortunate to have  
two or three very good W.P.A.  
workers who have been quite  
an asset & seemed genuinely  
sorry when we discontinued.  
I haven't heard of anything  
for myself yet; - I am having  
dentistry done next week  
so that I will be ready as  
soon as possible. <sup>writes</sup>  
The enclosed letter <sup>writes</sup> asked me

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

NEW YORK, N. Y.

45 Broadway

June 5, 1936

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*[Handwritten signature]*

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I shall be delighted to see Miss Elspeth Connochie at any time it is convenient for her to call at this office. I will telephone her to make an appointment.

Although I am doubtful that I can do anything for her with regard to a position in this organization, as all our personnel, with the exception of a few experts and attorneys, must be selected from those on the qualified lists of the United States Civil Service, it is altogether possible that her particular training may fit her for a position on one of the white collar projects of the Works Progress Administration.

You may be sure that I will do what I can for her.

Sincerely yours

*Anna M. Rosenberg*

Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

NEW YORK, N. Y.  
45 Broadway

June 3rd, 1936

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am deeply grateful for your kind letter of congratulations. I do not know how you can find the time in your busy life for these thoughtful things, which mean so much to one.

I gladly accepted the appointment as Regional Director of New York for the Social Security Board, because I deem it a distinct privilege to be able, even in a small way, to assist in carrying out the policies of the President.

Thanking you again for the encouragement you have given me, I am, with every good wish,

Sincerely yours

*Anna M. Rosenberg*  
Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

Washington, D. C.

Hold for Mrs. Scheider

June 17, 1936

My dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

In the absence of Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Scheider I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter of June 15th in order that you may have the information for which you ask.

The home address of Miss Elspeth Connachie is 444 West 66th Street, New York City.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
45 Broadway  
New York  
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SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD

NEW YORK, N. Y.

45 Broadway

June 15th, 1936

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My dear Mrs. Scheider:

Mrs. Roosevelt wrote to me on June 3rd in regard to a Miss Elspeth Connochie, who had charge of the rest room at the Girls Service League. In my reply to Mrs. Roosevelt on June 5th I advised her that I would telephone Miss Connochie and ask her to come in to see me.

However, inquiry at the Girls Service League has been fruitless, as nobody there seems to know her. If you will be good enough to give me her address, I shall be glad to make another effort to get in touch with Miss Connochie.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours

*Anna M. Rosenberg*

Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

Mrs. Malvina Scheider  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt

The White House

Washington, D. C.

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November 7, 1940

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
Social Security Board  
45 Broadway  
New York, New York

Would you be willing to come to my apartment twenty East eleventh Street  
New York City at four thirty tomorrow Friday afternoon to discuss situation  
which I think harmful to labor and which disturbs me. Miss Thompsons name  
in bell.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

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November 7, 1940

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I have just wired you that I hope you will be free to come to my apartment tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at four-thirty.

There is a young man who employs electrical workers who has brought me a story which I think if widely told would do infinite harm to the whole cause of labor. He is so discouraged he is about to go out of business and I can not help feeling that you, who are interested in labor in general as I am, might be able to help not only in this particular problem, but the whole problem which is what interests me in its fundamental aspect.

I hate to ask you to give this time because I know how busy you are, but if you can come to my apartment, I shall be very grateful.

Very cordially yours,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
Social Security Board  
45 Broadway  
New York, N.Y.

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November 18, 1940

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I feel that Mrs. Eliot Pratt is much too capable to be allowed to remain idle and I feel sure she will be looking for something really constructive to do.

Can you think of anything she could be asked to consider doing? You know, of course, she is a volunteer.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
Social Security Board  
45 Broadway  
NYC

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Anna Marie Rosenberg

December 3, 1940

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

No doubt you have already heard from Major Hooker of the progress we are making in Mr. Leigh's case. I have had clearance from Local 3 of the Electrical Workers, only to discover that the sheet metal workers are involved. Last Friday, I had a meeting with both groups. They all seemed anxious to cooperate, but there are some problems that still have to be worked out. I expect an answer from them this Friday and will let you know immediately.

I have heard a great deal about Mrs. Pratt, but haven't had the pleasure of meeting her. Jean Poletti has also spoken to me about her and wants me to meet her at luncheon soon, after which I shall be glad to let you know whether I have any ideas.

Within the next few days I hope to be able to forward to you the information which we discussed.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Ann

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J. G.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

June 17, 1941

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My dear Anna:

I am particularly anxious to see Mrs. Crystal Byrd Fauset get some kind of a job because she has always worked in the campaigns and did a pretty good job.

I wonder if the Mayor could not put her on as the Negro member who would actually do the organizing of Negro women under the volunteer section. She would have to have a salary.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg

February 17, 1942

Dear Anna:

Mrs. Roosevelt is very sorry that she can not open the recreation center for service men in Watertown on the 24th. She appreciates your invitation but has so many appointments in New York City that day that it is impossible for her to go.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director of Defense  
Health & Welfare Services  
Federal Security Agency  
11 W. 42d St., New York City

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FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
COORDINATOR OF  
HEALTH, WELFARE, AND RELATED DEFENSE ACTIVITIES

February 11, 1942

OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL COORDINATOR  
11 West 42 Street  
New York, New York

*Ans. 2-17-42*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The first Federally built recreation center for the use of service men will be officially opened in Watertown, New York on Tuesday, February 24.

The committee in charge has asked me to extend to you their invitation; both they and the Camp Commander would deeply appreciate it if you could open this first Federally built center in New York State.

I don't need to tell you how happy I would be if you could see your way clear to granting this favor. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

*Anna M. Rosenberg*

Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director of Defense  
Health and Welfare Services

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June 17, 1942

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

X Mr. Karl Hesley, who has been State Director for NYA, as you know, tells me that he is applying for the position of Regional Director for Man Power War Board, which he tells me you will direct.

I have known Mr. Hesley as NYA Director for some time and think he is capable of doing a good job, so I am sending you this letter for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
11 West 42d St. NYC

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June 23, 1942

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Many thanks for your letter. I appreciate your willingness to see Mr. Hesley and to give him consideration.

It was grand seeing you and the boys.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
11 West 42d St., NYC

Anna Marie Rosenberg

June 20, 1942

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter of June 17. I have just had a telephone call from Mr. Hesley and will see him on Tuesday.

I have been told that our office will handle the Manpower work, since the Employment Service and many of the other functions which would come under Manpower are already in the organization. It is my understanding that Social Security Board Regional Directors will continue to handle their usual jobs and whatever additional Manpower work will have to be done. I don't know what additional personnel we will be taking on, but of course I will give Mr. Hesley careful consideration. I know that he has done a good job.

It was wonderful to see you the other day, and the boys were thrilled. It was good of you to have them.

Sincerely,

*Anna*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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September 26, 1942

Dear Anna:

I think the letter you enclosed  
is a wonderful one.

I was so glad to read of your  
appointment to the Man Power Board and  
I send you my congratulations and good  
wishes. It should be interesting and I  
shall want to hear about it, but I shall  
not be around these parts very much during  
October.

Affectionately,

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Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
11 West 42, NYC

FEDERAL SECURITY AGENCY  
SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD  
REGIONAL OFFICE—NEW YORK, N. Y.

IN REPLY REFER TO  
FILE NO. 11:RO--II

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

11 West 42 Street

September 22, 1942

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SEP 23 1942

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I spoke to you some time ago about one of the men from our office becoming Assistant Project Supervisor of the Minidoka War Relocation Project in Eden, Idaho. I thought his recent letter and some of the attached clippings would interest you. I was thrilled by it.

It is a wonderful thing that even in these mad, hysterical days there are people who are making such a serious effort to carry out the principles of fair play and decency in which we believe.

Affectionately,

*Anna M. Rosenberg*  
Anna M. Rosenberg,  
Regional Director,  
War Manpower

*A wonderful letter indeed.*

Attachment

*best & congratulations for  
the work you are doing  
with the Japanese War Relocation  
Project. Best wishes.*



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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RETURN TO MRS. ROOSEVELT

*Rosenberg*  
(THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN)

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

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Minidoko War Relocation Project

Eden, Idaho

August 31, 1942

J. A. R.

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

I was sorry that I had to hurry out of the R. O. on such a short notice, but subsequent events have indicated how badly people were needed on the job out here. The morning I arrived in San Francisco I swore in with the W. R. A. and took the return train out of San Francisco for Eden as the people were to begin arriving the following day.

No pen of mine can tell this story, but it is history in the making and is exciting as anything that can be imagined in the most fantastic novel.

The project is located out on the desert. The lava dust is ankle deep where the sage brush is cleared to put up the quarters for the Japanese. The buildings for this city of 10,000 people are going up with incredible speed but not nearly as fast as we are receiving people. It's criminal that they are sent to us before we can care for them, but the Army has its own reason for movement which we cannot question.

I sleep on the project in one of the unfinished buildings where the carpenters move my cot in the morning to work in my room and in all the rest of the rooms. There are no lights in the building, and we have only a few showers now available about a block away. There is no hot water as yet and over all there is dust such as I have never seen. At times it blows and we cannot see a hundred feet. I have lived right here on the project so as to be available at all hours when the water goes off or the transformers break or someone needs some form of help on any one of the million things that can happen and usually does. Another reason that I have lived here has been my feeling that the people would feel better if they knew that we were taking some of the hardships that they have to stand, although we cannot quite appreciate their situation because we can leave if we need to.

The hours of work are literally from 7:00 a.m. to after midnight everyday including Sunday with frequent incidents making it necessary to stay at it later than that. Just one sample of the kind of thing which can only happen here. The other evening I attended a Buddhist funeral of one of the colonists who had a stroke while being sent here. The funeral was at sundown out on a spot on the desert which was scraped free of sage brush. The Buddhist priest and all the people chanted their services just as the sun sank behind a far away butte. One of the men spoke of the day when this would be a green "new home" and how this was the first of many would likely die on the pilgrimage.

Well along about midnight as the Director and myself were driving along to see if everybody was safely tucked in bed, we suddenly thought to look and see if the grave had been covered (remember my list of qualifications did not include up to this moment conducting funerals) but we drove out to see and sure enough there had been a slip and the grave was still open. So the two of us without a word got out and there on the edge of the desert in the light of the full moon filled in

the grave. We shoveled about an hour and our job was done. The Catholics say that one of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead, and I surely did my work of mercy for that day, but I would not have had the grave left open for all that is good. We may not have been the best grave diggers in the world, but I'll bet we were the two highest paid. Well, the job is exciting and a real experiment in democracy and I love it. There are none of the established patterns nor administrative procedures to cope with or even to work with, and each new incident establishes a precedent.

The courage of the people is marvelous. They take all the hardships and pushing around with a real belief in the future that I hope we all have. They believe in the day when this place will be green and a new home, and we will all work desperately hard for that accomplishment so that this democracy can hold up its head and proudly say that we were just to some of the "little people."

The administrative job pales into insignificance when we think of these basic needs.

I have enclosed a couple of the clippings from the local papers and a souvenir that we caught nearby on the project.

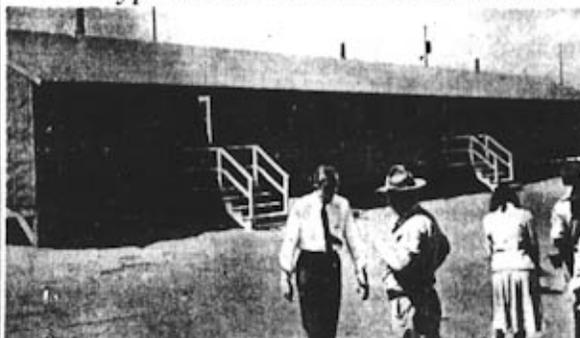
Say "hello" from me, please, to all of the gang. They were grand in sending me off. I wish I had each of them here to give a hand as each could help in the million things that need doing in an emergency town that is operated without even a telephone on the project. They have all of the placement problems, social service needs, administrative problems, feeding, housing construction, recreation, social protection, social and economic planning, and all the rest that each could make his contribution to. I won't be able to write often for awhile, but I haven't forgotten the many nice things that both you and Joe did for me, and the infrequency of my letters should be no measurement of my gratitude for the two years' experience of working with you in Region II. I wish you would explain to the others on the staff why I have been so slow in writing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Philip Schafer

Enclosures (3)

## This Typical House Shelters Six Families



Center, Colonel Harry R. Schuppner, area commander for the corps of army engineers who directed a recent tour of the Minidoka relocation center at Eden to show press representatives types of housing which the new camp will offer. This typical barracks building with three entrances has six one-room apartments and will house six families.



Idahoans have a big share in direction of the new evacuee community, which will get into full scale operation during the coming month. Key officials have been selected from the Gem state area. Left to right, war relocation authority officers are Orby Cole of Boise junior college, new curriculum director for the Japanese schools; Harry L. Stafford, former

Boise and Moscow A A A official who is camp director; Phillip Schafer of New York City, assistant project director, and E. A. Fomeroy, new camp school superintendent, on leave as principal of Boise junior high school. Front, left, is Mrs. Ayako Yamada, stenographer for Mr. Fomeroy.

## Minimum of Luxury Dominates Plan At Minidoka Camp

Authorized Press Tour Refutes Rumors of Excessive Waste; 10,000 Japs Will Have Few Frills

By Bob Werner

MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER, Eden, Jerome County, Idaho—"Can we do less and be Americans? Could we have done more and be fair to the taxpayers and war bond purchasers?"

That is the basis for analysts that the corps of army engineers uses in determining the degree of adequacy, luxury or privation that 10,000 citizens and associates Japanese face when they begin to move into their new homes here later this month.

What the army termed irresponsible, unfounded rumors of excessive expenditures prompted the Portland regional office of the army engineers to obtain permission from General J. L. DeWitt to show the Minidoka relocation center to a group of Idaho newspapermen, offering them, in the words of Colonel Harry R. Schuppner, area engineer, full opportunity for photographs and individual reports of the merits or shortcomings of the emergency housing program.

Still incomplete

Far from complete because of critical shortage of materials, the new Idaho city of barracks buildings is, even so, an expansive testimonial to the speed of modern construction methods as 10 streets in a two-mile crescent from the Milner-Gooding canal five miles northwest of Eden.

Reporters were told that 213 Japanese came in on August 10 as an advance guard of working party to set up mess hall, payroll, commissary and administrative offices under direction of white civil service selected officials, paving the way for a much wider and more varied community organization when the project is fully occupied with evacuees. War relocation authority plans call for immediate transfer of 7,000 persons from Puyallup center in Washington, and, with army pressure for removal from the coast being felt, thousands of 400 persons soon will begin to arrive daily to take up occupancy of the giant resettlement enterprise.

Perfects Civil Set-Up

Harry L. Stafford, project director, heads a staff of W. R. A. officials setting up the complex administrative operations, involving such items as training of a fire department, hiring of teachers, operation of warehouses, transportation of personal property and furniture and myriad of other problems that will be incident with a community which will be only 10 or 15 per cent less populous than Twin Falls.

Newspaper men and women on the army-authorized tour looked with amazement at the severity and simplicity of the barrack-type dwellings which will house the Japanese family groups.

As far as the eye can see, these dwellings, 304 in number, provide a monotonous bulk to the camp. Each building contains six one-room apartments. Even the other buildings in the 24-block area, necessarily scattered for fire protection, are of the same type of construction—lar paper, siding and insulation. Rafters are exposed with but few exceptions.

Apartments Vary

Family apartments vary in size from 18 by 30 for three persons to 24 by 30 for groups of six. Any intrafamily privacy must be supplied by curtains or drapes partitions. Water, toilet and shower facilities are supplied only at the central units, much the same degree of "luxury" available in the farm security administration emergency labor camps. Heating is available from old-fashioned "pot bellied" coal stoves.

Electrically heated hot water will be available only in one central bath house in each block. Japanese chefs will cook on standard U. S. army coal ranges in the 34 mess halls, each of which will supply 300 persons three meals daily. Wages for the internees in protective custody will vary from \$13

to \$19 per month. Professional men and more highly skilled workers will draw greater pay, Mr. Stafford points out.

Modern hospital equipment will be provided in a rather tumble building which does not deviate from the general "theater of operations" type of construction.

Attitude Good

Personnel at the camp is enthusiastic about the attitude of the advance guard Japanese who are helping ready the project for full occupancy, reporting a 100 per cent willingness of Japanese to be assigned to any of the various camp tasks. They smile despite effects of dust churned by wheels of motor graders and awestruck equipment, which have brought dust hazards far more disagreeable than those facing Twin Falls project homesteaders back in 1905.

The new residents despite their wet coastal weather backgrounds, are willing to share the Idaho "dust chokers" along with a complement of military police that has charge of camp areas and progress and with thousands of construction workers still employed on the project.

Chiefs Listed

Chiefs in the personnel section of the W. R. A. include Phillip Schafer, assistant project director; E. A. Fomeroy of Boise, superintendent of schools; Jerome T. Light, high school principal; Orby Cole of Boise junior college curriculum director, and George L. Townsend, director of community services. John Bauman, fire chief and safety director, is organizing a full staff of protective experts against ever-present fire hazards. Three trucks will serve the community with adequate pressure from two mammoth water standpipes and several wells.

A new 64-foot span bridge and sited highway is nearing completion to relieve congestion of the reinforced Barron bridge, rebuilt by contractor.

Blasting Necessary

A tremendous amount of blasting was necessary for sewer and water mains because of the shallow depth of topsoil and tough hardpan in some of the camp sections.

Educational requirements for teachers follow those of the Indian service. A peculiarity in the school system is that the senior class in high school or twelfth grade will have almost three times the number of students as the first grade.

Conversely to normal school trends, upper grades are largest because of immigration restrictions imposed a generation ago on the Japanese.

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October 13, 1942.

Dear Anna:

The yellow roses are lovely  
and as they are my favorite roses I am  
enjoying them.

Many thanks for your sweet  
thought of me.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York.

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Very happy Birthday  
With much affection

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10/12/42 ✓ Anna M. Rosenberg

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March 18, 1943.

My dear Anna:

I have your letter about the tax on tickets given the Merchant Seamen. I spoke to Secretary Morgenthau some time ago and I am enclosing a copy of his answer. There doesn't seem to be anything more I can do.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director  
War Manpower Commission  
11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York.

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had her copy of his papers.  
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March 17, 1943  
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As I always do when everything else has failed, I am coming to you for help in solving a problem.

You may remember that at the opening of the Merchant Seamen's Club which is operated by the American Theatre Wing for the Merchant Seamen here in New York, we spoke to you about the matter of tax on the free tickets that the theatre and motion picture people so generously distribute to the men of the Merchant Marine. The present tax law provides for an exemption of taxes on all commercial entertainment tickets distributed free of charge to men of the armed forces. This, however, does not apply to the civilian members of the Merchant Marine. Consequently, any tickets that are distributed by the theatre owners and producers here in New York City are subject to the regular Federal tax. It seems unjust that these generous donors should have to pay a tax on their own commodity which they are distributing free of charge.

Mr. Mark McCloskey has tried in every way to solve this problem with no success. I have had it called to my attention again recently by John Golden and Mr. Harry Brandt. You know how much both of these men are doing for our recreation and morale program, and I am very anxious to help them if there is any possible way of doing it.



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt - March 17, 1943

It does seem a small matter and I am sure that Mr. Morgenthau would be glad to help on it.

Anything you can do to help solve the problem will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Anna M. Rosenberg*  
Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

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April 29, 1945

Dear Anna:

I am very much interested to see the new publication, "Manpower Lost", which you sent me. It is a splendid study and the information contained therein should prove most helpful.

Thank you for sending it to me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg  
War Manpower Commission  
11 West 42d Street, NYC

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11 West 42 Street  
New York, New York  
April 24, 1943

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am aware of the great demands made upon your time by wartime messages and announcements, but am nevertheless taking the liberty of sending you one of the first copies of "Manpower Lost", a report on absenteeism in war industry.

This study, prepared under the direction of the Regional Management-Labor War Manpower Committee, contains material of vital importance to the successful prosecution of the war effort on the home front, and I believe well merits your careful perusal.

Absenteeism, as you know, has become a grave and urgent problem in war industry. Its reduction on the home front is imperative, if we are to do our full share in supplying the men at the battle fronts with the things they must have for victory.

Sincerely,

*Anna M. Rosenberg*  
Anna M. Rosenberg  
Regional Director

Enclosure



October 11, 1943.

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Dear Anna:

Thank you so much for your  
letter. I appreciate your writing and  
I do want to see you before long.

Sincerely,

Miss Anna Rosenberg  
11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York.

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Anna Marie Rosenberg

October 4, 1943

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have hesitated to write to you, knowing how busy you were, but I can no longer resist the temptation to tell you how happy I am that you are once again safely back.

There are a great many of us who are keenly aware of the personal sacrifice you have made in taking such a long and arduous trip and of the pain you felt in seeing wounded men, a sight which this country has thus far been spared.

We are also aware of what it meant to the boys who have seen you and to the many women in this country who know what you are doing for their sons and husbands.

I know that the thanks of no one individual can mean very much, but this is just a note to tell you how wonderful you are and how much I love you.

Sincerely,

*Thank you*  
*Y. Conrad*  
Anna M. Rosenberg  
WMC, Reg. Div.

*Thank - appreciate -  
I do want to see you  
hope long -*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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January 16, 1945

Dear Anna:

This is just a note to tell you that I have given a note of introduction to X Mrs. Patricia Ward, 340 West 23d Street, New York (Chelsea 2-8609), who is earnest in her desire to see you, because she wishes to work with the returning veterans. She has had experience in canteen work and seems to be a good person whom you might be able to use.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
WMC  
11 West 42 NYC

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January 15, 1945

Dear Mrs. Rosenberg:

Mrs. Patricia Ward, 340 West 23d Street, New York, would like very much to see you, because she is sure she can do a good job with the returning veterans. She has had experience in canteen work and business training, but above all she is sincerely interested in working with the boys returning from the war.

I hope that you will be able to see Mrs. Ward, and I will be grateful to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
WMC  
11 West 42, NYC

sent to Mrs. Ward

(Tommy Gee asked)

*Ward*  
A note inform  
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PATRECIA WARD  
340 West 23rd Street  
New York 11, N.Y.  
Tel: Chelsea 2-8609

I've been trying all the angles to get into the Veteran's Bureau, thru my work at the Canteen. I see the picture changing so rapidly and the great need for people of some training in handling the boys returning from war. They're going to be given a terrific run around, I'm very much afraid. My interest is sincere and I seem to handle the boys well--salary is not the important factor but I don't want to do it on a volunteer basic because you are limited in that way.

The Bureau is under organization now and as far as I can find out, it is something of a political football but that doesn't bother me, if I were not hampered in my work. I'm mainly interested in the placement end of it.

Anna Rosenberg heads it and I've been told that I'll only get a run around and the brush off unless I can get to Anna Rosenberg personally, and as far as I can find out only the Rabbi and Mrs. Roosevelt can get thru to her.

Would it be possible for you to ask Mrs. Roosevelt for a note telling her of my interest and canteen work, also that I've had business experience and ask for a letter for me to Anna? I know it is asking a lot and if it is too much skip it. If you feel you can I'll be forever grateful. I'd drop it all but I really feel I would be of value and I'm so intensely interested. When I served the first hospital train, I knew then that I somehow had to work with those boys. Travelers Aid will of course give me excellent references, because I've been so darned faithful.

*Give her a letter to Anna Rosenberg*  
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April 6, 1945.

Dear Anna:

I am returning the regional  
program report on the Southeast under  
separate cover.

I was very glad to see the  
recommendations and I think we should  
do all we can to have them lived up to.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Anna Rosenberg  
War Manpower Commission  
11 West 42nd Street  
New York, New York.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 4, 1945

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*4/6/45*

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you should see this regional program report on the Southeast. It was done under the direction of William Davlin, Executive Secretary of our Advisory Board in the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion, and it came out at the time the National Resources Planning Board was dying. Consequently, it is little known.

It is not just another recital of the problems. The Recommendations in Part II set forth practical "things to do" by government and people.

With Love,

*Qm*

Mrs. Roosevelt

The White House