DIRECTOR MYER ANNOUNCES CLOSING DATE

The closing date for all WRA relocation centers was announced today in a teletype from Dillion S. Myer, national director, to all project directors. In a lengthy statement to the press in Washington, the director said that Amache center at Granada would be the first to close on Oct. 16 and Rohwer center would be the last, on Dec. 15 Heart Mountain's closing date will be Nov. 15.

The director declared in his statement:

"As you all know, WRA is primarily a service organization. It's main job is to help the people in relocation centers become established once again in private life. During the past three years, in helping over 45,000 people to relocate, we have encountered almost every conceivable type of resettlement problem."

Continuing the director said that "never once have we found an individual or family relocation problem which we consider unsolvable. We do not expect to meet such problems in the future," he added.

In considering individual problems, the shortage of transportation facilities and other problems, it was decided, the director said, to close all centers over a period of two months instead of closing them all simultaneously.

Following is the schedule:

Granada on or before October 15.
Central Utah and Minidoka on or before November 1.
Heart Mountain and Gila River on or before Novemember 15.
Colorado River and Manzanar on or December 1.
Rohwer on or before Dec. 15.

"In order to assure an even, orderly movement from the centers and a well planned program of assistance, it is essential that all residents should decide where they wish to relocate by September 1, at the latest.