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The WRA Application for Leave Clearance

The following form was developed by the War Relocation Authority (WRA) and given to incarcerated Japanese Americans. The WRA created the questionnaire to serve a similar purpose as the U.S. army's questionnaire for draft-age Nisei and many of the questions are identical, including the controversial question 28. However, the WRA's intention was to determine whether incarcerated individuals could be trusted to leave the camps. As with the army's questionnaire, there was widespread fear and confusion as to the form's purpose and how it would be used.

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**WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
APPLICATION FOR LEAVE CLEARANCE**

Relocation Center _____
Family No. _____
Center Address _____

1. _____
(Surname) (English given name) (Japanese given name)

(a) Alias _____

2. Names and ages of dependents you propose to take with you _____

3. Date of birth _____ Place of birth _____

4. Citizenship _____

5. Last two addresses at which you lived 3 months or more (exclude residence at relocation center and at assembly center):
_____ From _____ To _____
_____ From _____ To _____

6. Sex _____ Height _____ Weight _____

7. Are you a registered voter? _____ Year first registered _____
Where? _____ Party _____

8. Marital status _____ Citizenship of spouse _____
Race of spouse _____

9. (Father's Name) (Town or Ken) (State or Country) (Occupation)
(Birthplace)

10. (Mother's Name) (Town or Ken) (State or Country) (Occupation)
(Birthplace)

In items 11 and 12, you need not list relatives other than your parents, your children, your brothers and sisters. For each person give name; relationship to you (such as father); citizenship; complete address; occupation.

11. Relatives in the United States (if in military service, indicate whether a selectee or volunteer):

(a) _____
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)

(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

(b) _____
(Name) (Relationship to you) (Citizenship)

(Complete address) (Occupation) (Volunteer or selectee)

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