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The housing situation on the West Coast constitutes a basic problem in the return of evacuees to that area. It is a complex and a dynamic situation which has roots in the past. This report by a member of the Community Analysis Section who studied the situation during the early months after the lifting of exclusion points out the relation between housing shortage in the Central Valley and the attitudes of individuals and groups in that area. It does not attempt to indicate an approach for solving the specific problems, since that has already been done in Relocation Division Memorandum No. 87, but rather to show how housing problems may be used as a smoke screen for deeper attitudes of antagonism and how housing problems confuse the issue even for persons of good will and for the evacuees. The report is useful in giving insight into the complexity of the process of re-integration of evacuees in their former communities. It is even more useful in pointing out the means by which local groups and the evacuees, as well as the War Relocation Authority, have so far taken hold of the problem successfully. Let me call your attention especially to pages 34 to 40 inclusive, in which constructive measures are outlined.

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