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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

JANUARY 1, 1944
SATURDAY 11:00 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

For this occasion all section and unit heads were requested to attend as the meeting was to take the form of an annual meeting, with division heads summarizing the accomplishments of the past year and looking somewhat into the future. Sixty members of the appointive rec hall in the administrative area, which was renovated and put into use early in December.

The meeting opened with those present joining in the singing of a number of light songs led by Claude C. Cornwall, with accompaniment on the piano by Mrs. Cornwall.

Mr. Ernst, after explaining the purpose, called upon the three assistant directors and the heads of the relocation office, attorney's office and the Project Reports Division to present the reports. The theme of each report was the listing of the outstanding events and the summarizing of the cooperation which had developed during the year, and a prophesy of what 1944 will bring, making use of the experiences which 1943 had given.

The meeting was the feature of the New Year's Day and constituted the chief activities for the day.

James F. Hughes, Deputy Director, was called upon first. His report is attached as Exhibit A.

Highlights of Mr. Hughes's talk included mention of registration, of the Wakasa incident, of the relation of the residents with the Military Police, of segregation and the visits of the Spanish Consul.

Roscoe E. Bell, assistant project director in charge of operations, was the second speaker, briefly summarizing the accomplishments of the five sections under him. His report is attached as Exhibit B. The highlights of his report included a report on the returns from the farm; the prospects for beef pork and poultry production for the coming year; the new construction work which had been completed or undertaken in the center; the replacing of the water pipe lines, and the handling of the motorized equipment of the center.

The third report was assigned to Raymond P. Sanford, assistant project director in charge of community management. Since Mr. Sanford has been on the job for only a few weeks, he called upon various section heads of his division to make the summary reports.

These included the hospital by Dr. J.A. Simpson, chief medical officer; Dr. Oscar Hoffman, community analysis; Walter Honderich, chief of community enterprises; Claude Pratt, acting welfare section chief; L.G. Noble, superintendent of schools; Dr. Laverne Bane, head of adult education; Drayton Nuttall, principal of the high school and Wanda Robertson, principal of the elementary schools.

Mr. Sanford then read a summary report prepared by Masuji Fujii, office manager for the Community Council and a report by Theodore Lewis, head of the Internal Security.

All of these reports are assembled and presented as Exhibit C.

Ralph C. Barnhart, project attorney, explained the service functions of his office and summarized some of the outstanding legal matters which had been handled during the year. These included several crime cases, which have resulted in persons being convicted and sent to jail or prison, and a steady procession of other legal matters which had to do with the affairs of the residents.

Claude C. Cornwall, head of the relocation division, explained that the employment division which he had formerly headed had been abolished and that the relocation division had taken its place. He reported that during the year there were nearly 1600 indefinite leaves granted and that leave clearance hearings had been conducted for approximately 500 persons and that a family relocation manual had been prepared by his office, among the outstanding features of the year's work.

Russell A. Bankson, head of the Project Reports Division, reported on the outstanding achievements of this Division, including the publicity campaign for registration, segregation, and relocation, the handling of public relations through various publications and the Topaz Times for the center and the outside, and the preparation of news articles, the issuances of two volumes of "Trek" magazine and the preparation of scores of documentary reports for the records here and in the Washington offices.

He concluded by telling of new quarters which have been occupied by the Topaz Times, and inviting the appointive staff to visit the offices.

Charles F. Ernst, Project Director, was the last speaker. He summarized briefly the reports which had been given and then spoke at length on the hopes and plans for the coming year, which will revolve around the desire to promptly re-establish all of the center.

He praised the high morale of the men and women on the appointive staff and called upon them to cooperate as closely during the coming year as they have in the past.

It was felt that the meeting was one of the best to be held at Topaz and that many members of the staff gained a new insight into the tremendous job which has been accomplished here and the job still remaining to be accomplished.

Russell A. Bankson

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JANUARY 8, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst presented the first subject by introducing Mike Maruyama, who explained the plans for a center-wide conference of representatives of the various young people's groups from the churches, the YMCA, the YWCA and the Boy Scouts, which is to be held in Topaz February 11 to 13 inclusive, under auspices of the National Boards of the YMCA and YWCA. He reported that Mr. Bodine of the YMCA and Mrs. Grant of the YWCA had visited the center to make arrangements. The purpose of the conference will be to study leadership training, assimilation and problems of the future. Mr. Maruyama said that Marion Anderson, the Negro singer, is to give a concert at Salt Lake on approximately this date and that she was to be invited to make a visit to Topaz during the conference. He said that various activity committees have been named to work out the details for the conference and that arrangements had also been made for use of the auditorium for the conference. The ages of those attending will range from 16 to 25.

Mr. Hughes reported on the plans which have been made for serving a turkey dinner to the appointive staff on Sunday afternoon. He said that the capacity for the dining hall is only 80 and that after regular patrons of the dining hall have been cared for, reservations will be accepted from others.

Mr. Hughes also brought up the question of the Administrative dining hall operating at a loss, largely because there is no system of knowing how many are going to be present at each meal. Sometimes the number is small and sometimes it is unexpectedly large, so that the dining hall must be prepared for the larger number, causing the wasting of food. Mr. Hughes was directed to work out a detailed plan for registering ahead of time, those who wish to eat. He will report at the next meeting.

Mr. Ernst discussed certain items in his weekly narrative report to the National Director, copies of which have already been forwarded to Washington. He stated that in connection with his report on the panel forum at the University of Utah, where he spoke in behalf of the Japanese minority, that he had invited Professor Smith, widely known authority, to come to Topaz to discuss plans which might assist in lifting the stop order on relocation in the Salt Lake and Denver districts.

He said that he had visited the head of the Selective Service Headquarters at Salt Lake and that he had obtained information about the registration and the volunteering of boys who become 18 years old. He also reported on the proposed conference of evacuees in Chicago. He said that he had to make a report by

wire to Washington on Monday as to what residents here wish to do. He said that he had received a wire from the Granada center stating that residents there had asked that the report be postponed to January 20, and that WRA pay the expenses of the delegates. This matter is now in the hands of the Topaz Council for a decision.

In relation to the relocation interviews he said that these had been completed for the first 100 persons scheduled and that an analysis of the results would be given later.

It was reported that two instructors hired by the State of Utah have been assigned to Topaz to teach vocational training courses.

He reviewed briefly the ordinance which the Community Council has prepared against gambling and theft. The matter of the President's Ball to raise funds to fight infantile paralysis was discussed and it was decided that this would be a good way to get residents of the center and of the area outside acquainted, by inviting outsiders to attend the ball at the civic auditorium.

Mr. Bell reported that the effort to reduce the consumption of gas by 40 per cent seemed to be meeting with a degree of success which arouses hope that the reduction can be effected. He said that all drivers of WRA cars are to be re-examined so that the poor ones may be eliminated and others may be given refresher courses.

Mr. Hughes expressed his appreciation for the cooperation which had been given by the entire administrative staff in assembling the 1944-45 budget.

Mr. Ernst reported that the project attorney and the evacuee property officer will attend a conference in San Francisco January 17. One of the points which will be stressed will be that of changing the rules on the 500 pound limit of shipment of freight free for persons relocating so that instead of this amount being allowed per family, it will be this amount per individual.

Mr. Sanford suggested that it might be advantageous to have some plan whereby secretaries in any section could be borrowed when the heads of their sections were absent and they were without work. Mr. Hughes was asked to look into this to see how this borrowing could be cleared.

Mr. Honderich reported that the operating agreement between the co-op and the WRA had been signed.

Mr. Bell reported that CCC buildings are now being erected for the tofu plant, the equipment building and the churches, as well as other places where they are badly needed.

Mr. Ernst said that he would like to see some major center-wide activity always in the making so that there will be no let-down of morale of residents. He suggested that various jobs to be done

about the center be lined up well in advance and that they be carried out. If this could be done in January the momentum would carry on through the year, he believed.

Russell A. Bankson

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JANUARY 15, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 A.M.

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst explained that the purpose of the Cabinet meetings each Saturday morning is to have all members of the Cabinet bring in questions and problems to be discussed by all.

He read a teletype from Mr. Myer announcing that the Tule Lake Center had been returned to WRA by the Military.

Mr. Hughes announced that the budget for the center had been placed in the mail today. He said that this had been an unusually difficult budget to prepare because it came at a time when the third quarter budget was being prepared and many changes in forms being used for the first time. He said that it was in good order however, and he has to thank all of the Administrative personnel, for the fine cooperation. Mr. Hughes reported that a new system has been worked out and will go into effect immediately for the handling of time reports for the appointive personnel. Hereafter forms will be distributed to every member of the appointive staff and he or she will be required to put down daily their working time. This report will be turned in to Personnel twice a month at the time the payroll is distributed. This will eliminate the time-keepers who have in the past been making the rounds to check attendance.

Mr. Bell reported on the drive to reduce the gasoline use by government cars by 40%. He said that they had been able to reduce to within 550 gallons of this quota in December and that he was certain that January would find the reduction practically effected.

Mr. Sanford reported that plans are rapidly nearing completion for the President's Ball which will be held in the new civic auditorium on Friday, January 28. The Ball will be sponsored by the Topaz Hospital with the cooperation of the Millard County Committee. One hundred outside persons have been invited to attend the Ball, and it is anticipated that there will be a heavy demand for the tickets. He reported also that school children are to be called upon to join in the "March of Dimes" drive and that boxes for the collection of dimes will be placed throughout the school.

In connection with the President's Ball, Mr. Ernst said that he is trying to learn how to use the civic building to the best advantage. He said that this Ball lends itself to this purpose

of getting all of the people of Topaz interested in center-wide events and that this will prove an exceptionally fine public relations undertaking with so many outsiders coming in for the Ball, if the attendance of residents can include a large percentage of older persons. It was suggested that the Council and other agencies be called upon to induce older people to attend and to meet the outside visitors. It is proposed that the program be expanded to include a number of entertainment features on the stage between dances, among them Japanese dances by residents and numbers by those arranged by the visiting committee. The County committee will bring the orchestra for the affair. Mr. Ernst suggested that the Special Events Committee of the Council take over the plans for participation in the entertainment program by the residents, and the matter of getting older people to attend.

Mr. Ernst announced that the Council ordinance on gambling had been adopted and that the Judicial Commission, the Internal Security, and the Project Attorney are meeting to develop a proper procedure for enforcement of this ordinance and others which have been adopted, which includes Traffic Regulations, Fire Protection, and the Pet Ordinance. The Project Reports Division is now preparing a pamphlet in Japanese and English which will contain all of these ordinances for distribution throughout the center so that the entire resident personnel may understand them.

Mr. Cornwall reported that Indefinite Leaves have now reached 1630, which is 60 during the first two weeks of January. Mr. Cornwall introduced Miss Priscilla Ayers from the New York Relocation Office. She spoke briefly explaining that she was spending time in this center to work on the relocation staff and that at present she is meeting with the members of families. She said that it is surprising what interest the families are showing talking over possible plans for relocation. She said that many parents were coming in with their entire family and all were joining in the discussions in trying to work out ways in which they can get established on the outside as a family unit.

Mr. Cornwall said that only 6 leave clearance dockets had arrived this week, and that these would be disposed of immediately. He said that he anticipated another 300 or so dockets yet to come.

Dr. Bane reported on progress of the vocational training program. He said that the center had been allocated 100 trainees, who will be paid \$12.00 each, while studying. He said that these would be distributed among the various section heads. He passed out samples of the forms which will be used in keeping records of those who are taking vocational training in the various sections. He reported that Mrs. Hunter, who has been engaged to conduct

commercial classes under the vocational program, had outlined a course of study which will require one hour each week from secretarial and office workers if they care to take it. The plan does not compel attendance but invites those interested in taking the course to attend these weekly meetings.

He said that approximately 200 office workers had signified the desire to attend. Mr. Bane was requested to look into the matter of clothing allowances for apprentice workers to determine whether they would be able to draw their allowances while studying.

Mr. Ernst said of the 53 high school seniors who will graduate January 21, a large number would be unable to attach themselves to payrolls because of the quota limits, but that it might be possible for a vocational training department to find places for them to continue their education under the \$12.00 training program. Dr. Bane was asked to take this up through the high school and find out how many could be enrolled.

Mr. Nuttall reported that the Baccalaureate will be held Sunday evening at 8:00 p.m., in the auditorium. The "Senior Ball" will be held Wednesday evening, January 19, in the auditorium while the junior high school will have its commencement January 20, and the senior high school Friday, January 21, both in the auditorium.

Mr. Ernst reported on the Chicago conference of evacuees, saying that the Council had taken the proposal to the blocks on two different evenings and that the returns have not been favorable to the conference. In spite of this however, the Council had voted by a small majority to send two delegates to the conference. In the meantime, a teletype had been received from Mr. Myer postponing the conference to a later date and the Council and Administration are now awaiting a letter from the Washington office clarifying the whole plan.

Mr. Ernst mentioned briefly the need for complete cooperation on the part of all sections and units in accepting the budget and personnel allocations. He said that the figures received from the Washington offices gives their point of view and that the center must get in step with the Washington office. He said that in many places we are already in step and that in some other places better justifications must be offered in an effort to get revision to fit our absolute needs.

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MINUTES:

CABINET MEETING

January 22, 1944
Saturday 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst discussed a printed pamphlet entitled "Civilian War Service", stating that it had many good ideas which could be effective in the center under the caption of "Civilian Service", eliminating the war part. He suggested that the Community Council be contacted and that some use for the suggestions in the pamphlets be worked out. Mr. Sanford was then given the assignment.

The next subject was the discussion of the compensatory overtime procedures and the ruling was made that such overtime must be extra work anticipated ahead of time and authorized ahead of time, and that it could not be overtime accumulated in the course of an employee's regular work. It was pointed out that if a person was required to put in extra time on some particular work, he might take off equivalent time within the next week and that it would not be a part of the records.

The Fourth War Bond Drive plans were discussed. Mr. Lafabregue will be general chairman and announced that a meeting of appointive staff members who will conduct the drive as a team will meet in Mr. Ernst's office Monday morning to receive their supplies and for final instructions. The effort will be made to gain 100% response by February 15 in the purchase of bonds to the amount of 35% of one month's salary, and to increase the salary deductions.

Mr. H. Watson reported that the pipe line crews are keeping up with the leaks and making some progress in the permanent repairs, although the ground is frozen and in bad shape to work in. He said that the water will be connected with the auditorium in time for the President's Birthday Ball, Friday evening, January 23.

A Bill from the Co-op for laundry work covering bed clothing used by guests in the Administrative housing raised a question of why this laundry work was being paid for when the hospital laundry is able to take care of it. He explained that this procedure was set up before the hospital laundry was operating. To correct the matter, Mr. Ernst directed hereafter such laundry be turned over to the hospital for processing.

Progress was reported on plans for the President's Birthday Ball. Further details will be worked out at a general staff meeting.

which will be attended by representatives of the Community Council, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the staff recreation hall.

The procedures for channeling communications in connection with relocation and job offers on the outside was explained by Mr. Cornwall and Mr. Ernst. All communications on the project level will go through the center relocation office, which in turn will channel them through the regional relocation offices and the Washington office.

Mr. Ernst called attention to a feature story about Mrs. Izumi in one of the center papers. Mrs. Izumi is a former resident of Topaz, now employed in the WRA office in New York City. He suggested that some way be worked out so that staff members might see the papers from other centers so that they can know what is going on and become acquainted with the entire relocation effort. Mr. Bankson was requested to work out some way to place these files at a location where they can be read.

Mr. Cornwall reported that there were, as of this date, 93 indefinite leaves for January.

The news announcing draft for nisei was discussed and its probable effect on relocation and other matters concerning the centers. The Topaz Times extra was displayed. Mr. Ernst read a teletype from Washington cautioning those young men on indefinite leaves who may be called for service, to remain on their jobs until such calls came, rather than rushing back to the center to await the call.

He said that a check-up of those men in Topaz within the eligible age, showed that there were 832, of whom 605 were single; 227 married, 53 of these without children; 69 post-Pearl Harbor fathers; 105 pre-Pearl Harbor fathers, leaving a probable 730 eligible for draft. In addition there are 95 within the age limits out on seasonal leave, of whom 74 are single.

The question was raised as to whether doctors and dentists who might be subject to the draft should apply for commissions immediately. This was a question which could not be answered but it is hoped that the instruction from Washington will contain the answer. Another question raised concerning draft was whether persons who are to be drafted and come back to the center to wait for their induction should be charged for their meals. Soldiers who have been inducted into active service are charged on their furloughs, because they are drawing pay. Mr. Ernst said that he would get the answer to this one and supply it to the Council.

A communication from Lucy Adams, assistant project director at Manzanar, requested that a number of families at Manzanar be transferred to Topaz, where they might join friends and relatives

The room situation at Topaz is such that not many additions can be made at this time, but Mr. Ernst said that an effort should be made to receive these persons so that they might join their relatives here and the Welfare Department was requested to see if it could not be worked out.

The question of consolidating the two grade school blocks into one centralized block was discussed and all were in favor of such a move. This will cause considerable disturbance among residents of the three blocks involved. Mr. Ernst asked that the Community Council Education Committee be consulted to see what it can work out in the way of a plan for such a movement without causing great disturbance. Miss Robertson, elementary school principal, was asked to check the children population to find out how it is distributed in the various blocks.

Mr. Hughes reported that he has opened negotiations with Washington to find out whether it is possible to increase the budget to care for many necessary needs, which are now being cramped. He said that he hopes to have a final report early in the coming week on personnel and finances.

Mr. Hughes said that representatives of the Internal Revenue and the State Revenue offices will come to Topaz w/ithin the next few weeks to assist all persons desiring help in filling out their income tax returns.

Russell A. Bankson

MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

JANUARY 29, 1944
11:30 A. M. SATURDAY

Mr. Ernst presiding

Mr. Ernst reviewed the President's Birthday Ball which was held on Friday evening, January 28. He declared that there had been the finest cooperation between the Millard County Committee and the committee representing Topaz. Such team work between neighboring communities and the center was pointed out as it offered the finest public relations effort possible. Approximately 150 persons from the neighboring communities, as far away as Fillmore, a distant of 65 miles, came for the evening of dancing and entertainment. Mr. Sanford was asked to have someone analyze the Ball from its inception to the finished affair to determine the success of the event and what steps may have been wrong so that the next big event can be staged in even better form.

The suggestion that a Topaz city bus line be established throughout the center during bad weather was proposed. The suggestion was that it would run on a regular schedule through the center up and down the various streets so that all residents would know the time they could expect the bus to pass and thus taking them to the Co-op stores, the administration, and hospital, and elsewhere. Mr. H. Watson was asked to study this entire proposal and make a full report at the next meeting.

Mr. Ernst reported that he had received a call relayed from Washington D. C., about the atrocity perpetrated against prisoners taken on Bataan and the Philippines. He said that some of the centers like Poston and Gila were being closed against visitors from the outside or the passage of residents to the outside. He stated that he had reported back, as far as Topaz was concerned, instead of closing the center, we were throwing the gate wide-open and inviting 150 persons from neighboring communities to visit in the center and attend the President's Birthday Ball.

The new administrative notice on the operation of the administrative dining hall was read and approved. This provides that starting February 1, regular patrons of the dining hall will be charged a flat monthly fee of \$30.00 with children under eight charged \$15.00. Casual diners will be charged 35¢ for breakfast, 50¢ for lunch, and 65¢ for dinner. These will be for the appointive staff members only using the dining hall casually. The same returns will be used for transient visitors; that is, persons visiting the center from the outside, and casual and transient visitors will be required to sign up 24 hours ahead of time for the number of meals they expect to eat. This plan will be tried out during the month of February and if successful.

will be continued.

The matter of residents of the dormitories cooking in their apartment was discussed at some length and Mr. Lafabregue was called upon to arrange a meeting of dormitory residents, from which a committee could be selected to discuss the problem of eliminating all cooking in the dormitory, because of the fire hazard and other reasons, mainly the lack of proper facilities.

Mr. Ernst reviewed the various points which he had made in his weekly airmail report to the Washington office.

Mr. Cornwall announced that there were 113 indefinite leaves up to and including January 23.

Mr. Ernst reported on the receipt of a list of 121 names of young men in Tepex who have been declared eligible for Army Selective Service by the War Department. He reported that there are approximately 1,500 men between the ages of 18 and 38, from this center, 800 of whom are still in Tepex and the other 700 being out on indefinite leave.

Mr. Ernst reviewed the agenda suggestions which had been turned into him by department heads and which he was sending on to Washington for consideration for the agenda of the Project Directors' Conference, the first week in March.

Mr. Sanford asked that all department heads supply his office daily with reports on any meetings which are being held anywhere in the center so that they may be scheduled and posted.

Mr. Owen reported that there were seven accidents in the center during December, affecting persons engaged in project work. One of these was an appointive staff employee and the other six were residents. He said that the only way he is getting reports of accidents, especially of the minor nature, is when the section heads call his office. This he said they should do at once, as many accidents of a minor nature can easily develop into serious results. He said that if all follow this procedure, considerable preventative measures could be used and the reports of accidents would be much more complete. He said that during December, there were two major accidents in which women received broken legs.

The matter of compensation for workers who lose time because of accidents was the subject of discussion as a result of complaints from victims. It was decided that Mr. Owen, Mr. Nesse, and Mr. Barnhart should prepare a document for the Project Director to take to Washington, so that some changes could be discussed with relation to the matter of compensation.

Mr. Palmer reported on the center-wide funeral service arrangement for Mr. Roko Mayeda who was the victim of a fatal accident on the project poultry farm. He said that all who wish to attend the funeral would be excused for the period of the funeral to be held in the civic auditorium Monday afternoon.

The whole matter of ways and means of reducing accidents was discussed. The question included the use of older persons for manual labor who were not used to heavy toil and whether they should be given complete physical examination before assignments to such work and perhaps used for only part time. Mr. Owen said that all hazards should be reported to him as soon as they are observed by anyone so preventative steps can be taken immediately. A report was made that several women living in the dormitories have fallen into the ditch between the dormitory and dining hall. Mr. Watson was requested to prepare guard rails for ditches at crossing places.

Dr. Bane reported that two men from the State vocational training set-up had arrived at Topaz and will offer two courses, one in "Foremanship" and the other in "How to Get Along With People" starting February 7. These courses will run for a period of a week and will be in two hour sections, repeated throughout the day. All persons interested including appointive and resident personnel are invited to attend without cost.

Mr. Hiesse reported that a survey of the office space requirements in the center are being made to include not only administrative offices, but warehouses and all other buildings containing offices, so that an adjustment of the space to personnel can be made.

A matter of work clothing for workers in the center needs to be studied and justified for the Washington offices, so that a new policy may be set-up Mr. Hiesse declared. A suggestion for this will be taken to Washington by Mr. Ernst for the Project Directors' Conference.

Mr. Cornwall reported that the dockets for 100 new leave clearance hearings had arrived and it was decided to push these through with all speed by holding night hearings through the week.

Mr. Barnhart reported that income tax officials from the federal and state offices had been invited to spend several days in Topaz and will be here soon. The services will be available for all residents and appointive staff members.

The Judicial Commission of the Council will start hearings on Monday of persons who are summoned by the Internal Security, which will serve summons on violators of the Community Council Ordinances. Violations of any regulations should be reported to the Internal Security for action.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

FEBRUARY 5, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst read extracts from Commentator Vanderbrook's broadcast, reprints of which have been received here and in which the Japanese American problems were discussed. He said that this was a fine analysis of the situation and that as many should read it as possible. Mr. Bankson reported that he had distributed a number of copies received here to include the Community Council and the Block Managers.

Mr. Ernst reported that the Project Director's conference scheduled for the last week in February had been postponed until March 4 and Mr. Bankson was requested to get from members of the administrative staff any further ideas which they might have that can be forwarded to the National Director for consideration on the agenda of the conference. Mr. Ernst requested that the ideas should cover policies or procedures applicable to the entire WRA, but that examples of how these operations would work could be taken from experiences in Topaz.

Procedures in obtaining sick and annual leave were discussed and all of the staff was asked to study carefully the instructions which had been distributed.

Mr. Ernst explained what had transpired in connection with selective service. He said that the Millard County Board had asked the center to do certain things about having forms filled out but that later, after discussions with the selective service it had been decided that all that was necessary was to supply correct addresses to the Board and it would deal directly with the men coming under its jurisdiction. He said that orders to report for physical examinations were being received by some men who registered with the California Boards. He said that the Council had gathered about 72 questions concerning selective service which they were presenting to the Project Director, who, in turn, would airmail copies to Washington for answers to those which could not be answered locally.

A number of questions about allotments and allowances for the dependents of soldiers are included among the list and copies of the act covering such allotments has been requested from the selective service, to distribute to interested persons. Among these is the persistent question of whether dependents in class B1 and B will have deductions from their allotments because they are residents of the center where their board and lodging is provided. Mr. Carter was requested to prepare a teletype to

Washington covering this question and see if an answer can be obtained more quickly than by mail. Dr. Ochikubo, chairman of the Community Council, requested that a full explanation be made of the clause which states that there will be ten days in which a person may appeal from the classification given him. Mr. Carter was instructed to get out mess hall announcements to be read this Saturday evening explaining this particular phase of the selective service procedures.

Mr. Hughes reminded section heads to prepare a list of their needs for work clothing which must be turned in today. He announced that the budget for the third quarter had been set at 2796 workers and that there are only 2808 workers on the payroll at the present time, which will make it possible to reach the quota easily.

Mr. Ernst reported that a quantity of foods and drugs had been received from the Red Cross in Japan which was shipped aboard the Gripsholm exchange ship for distribution in the center. He said that a few packages were addressed to individuals within the center and that these will be distributed to these persons and all of the rest will be turned over to the Community Council to work out a way to distribute equally among all the blocks.

Mr. Cornwall introduced Miss Dickinson, new head of the relocation division. He reported that there have now been 1707 indefinite leaves. So far, in February there have been 15 with a record of 125 for January. This is a much better figure in the same period last year. He reported that 29 had gone to New York, which was more than had gone altogether before. He reported that by night sessions and working Saturday afternoons on leave clearance hearings 100 dockets had been cleared this week. He said 311 dockets had been returned from Washington, D.C. with approval and that approximately 300 have been sent in to Washington which have not yet been approved.

Mr. Barnhart reported that Internal Revenue and State Income Tax offices had reported that it would be impossible for them to send representatives to Topaz to take care of information on income tax for the staff. He suggested that he hold a class for instruction in filling out blanks after his return from Heart Mountain in two or three weeks. He said that the appointive staff would have to file their returns in Utah if they had resided in this state for six months, or if the greater portion of their income was earned in this state.

Dr. Bane reported that registration in the State sponsored Vocational Training classes in Foremanship and How to Handle People still had a few vacancies which would be filled by those interested. He said that a few more could be registered for the secretarial training course.

Mr. H. Watson called attention to the fact that new regulations on construction work requisitions need PWB approval three months in advance and asked all department heads desiring any construction work to get in their requisitions well in advance.

A progress report was made on plans to institute bus service in the center to assist persons to get about during the bad weather. It was hoped to work it out so that one bus can be used to cover the whole center on a regular schedule.

Russell A. Bankson

MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst reported that the Community Council will name a Selective Service Committee, which will meet with Mr. Carter every afternoon at 2:00 o'clock to discuss Selective Service questions. This committee will, through Mr. Carter, prepare any special bulletins or notices or any other information which is felt to be urgent and have it mimeographed for quick distribution throughout the center.

Mr. Ernst reported that the names of 38 men "acceptable" by the War Department had been received and that Mr. Carter had supplied the addresses requested and returned them to Millard County Board which will notify the individuals separately. He said that about one-half of the persons on the list are already out on indefinite leave.

A report was made on the Young Peoples' Conference, which is being held in the auditorium Friday through Sunday. It was reported while the registration is not high, the interest so far has been good. This Conference is being handled entirely by resident members of various young peoples group and has brought in a number of speakers of prominence.

Mr. Ernst reported on the visit of Oscar Buttedahl and Leo T. Simmons who were the advance representatives of the Relocation Information Team. He said that the groundwork of the visit of the Team had been well prepared for the team which will arrive on Sunday afternoon.

Those coming are, Harold Fistere, Dr. F. A. Webber, and Abe Fischler. They will be driven down from Salt Lake City by Ottis Peterson, Relocation Supervisor at Salt Lake City.

The schedule for the entire visit of the team was presented as arranged by Mr. Buttedahl and Mr. Bankson, and discussed in detail. Announcement was made that arrangements had been completed for a Round Table Forum for members of appointive staff and visiting speakers for the Young Peoples' Conference, to be held in the ad rec hall, Sunday evening, immediately after dinner, and last till 7:00 o'clock. The visiting groups will be lead by Dr. John Embree.

Mr. Noble announced that the Parent Teachers Association will be host to state officials of the association at a convention in the auditorium Monday all day and Monday evening. Dr. Webber of the

Relocation Team has been invited to speak briefly at that meeting Monday evening.

Miss Wanda Robertson announced that Dr. Hansen of the Anthropology and Geologic Department of Brigham Young University would be here Friday evening, and give a lecture on the geological and anthropological backgrounds of the territory surrounding Topaz. His talk will be given in the administrative rec hall Friday evening, February 18, and will be opened to all interested. It is expected that he will have colored slides to show.

Mr. Ernst announced that he would leave Monday morning enroute to Washington, and Mr. Bell will be acting project director in his absence.

Mr. Bell discussed the leave clearance hearing processes, especially the letter of recommendation which leave clearance boards have been preparing. He pointed out that in a number of cases, these were subjective in their tone and asked that the persons who had dictated them to take them back and re-state them in a way that will summarize the highlights of the entire hearing; thus making it easier for the hearing board in Washington pick up the essential points.

Dr. Bane passed out copy of a communication from Joseph Samler of the Washington office explaining the set up and type of training for apprentices in the various sections of the center. He asked that department heads request the number of apprentices they would want on their staff and to justify their taking up apprentice work of the nature which they would offer.

Mr. Bell announced that during Mr. Ernst's absence, and the absence of other staff members, Mr. Honderich would act for Mr. Sanford in Community Management; Mr. Potter will act for Mr. Hughes in Administrative Management; and Mr. H. Watson would act for Mr. Bell in Operations.

Mr. Honderich brought up the matter of control of private cars of residents or persons from the outside coming to visit residents. He said that while the regulations require that such cars be parked at the main gate, or if they are loaded that they be given a short permit to go to a designated apartment and unload when escorted by member of the Internal Security. He said that despite this rule, many cars are coming through unguarded gates without reporting in and leaving in the same way without reporting out. It was pointed out that this regulation is not for Topaz alone, but an over-all WRA policy.

Mr. Honderich was requested to discuss this problem further with Internal Security to see if they could work a way out to stop this practice and to check all cars coming into the center through the main gate. Another reason for needing this check is to count for meals of visitors. If it is not known in the center, they

cannot be charged for meals and thus using up ration points belonging to residents. It was requested that this subject be placed on the Planning Board agenda of Wednesday, February 14, to be presented by Mr. Honderich.

George Shimamoto reported that the first hearings by the Judicial Commission of the Council had been held during the week. These cases involved residents who had left cars too close to buildings. At the same time members of the appointive staff were instructed to see that their cars are moved to the parking lots across the street from the administrative apartments.

Miss Robertson pointed out that considerable traffic menace has grown through the elementary school areas, through cars traveling at a fast speed along the street adjacent to the schools during the noon hour and after school. She also said that cars are in the habit of traveling between the school-barrack buildings where children are playing. Some plan of keeping trucks and cars away from the school area during the period children are playing outside was discussed but no decision was reached.

Mr. Watson was instructed, however, to place posts between the ends of the school-barrack buildings to prevent cars from running in between. One suggestion, which met with some favor, was that the Internal Security post men on the streets around the schools during the period of danger to control traffic. This will be taken up for detailed discussion with the Council and the administration and a regulation will be issued.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Bell presiding.

Miss Dickinson introduced members of the Relocation follow-up team, Mr. Robert Dolins of the Washington offices and Mr. William Kir-Stimons of the Grand Rapids office. Mr. Dolins will leave on Tuesday, while Mr. Kir-Stimons will remain for two weeks.

Mr. Carter gave an account of the set-up in the center which is handling all the Selective Service activities. He heads an office which is the central point for Selective Service information and works closely with a committee of the Council on Selective Service. This committee meets with him daily, bringing in questions which are puzzling people in the center, and seeks to get the answers from the Local Selective Service Board or Washington, as the case may be.

This committee also is now issuing mimeographed bulletins daily to clarify matters concerning Selective Service. These are being distributed to the Council and, through the Council, to the various blocks. He explained the process of reclassification and pre-induction of nisei men and announced that the first group of 19 men from this center will go to Salt Lake City on March 1 for physical examinations. Arrangements were made so that they will go in a group from Delta with their round-trip paid instead of having to report to the County Board at Fillmore and go from there, which would mean transporting them 65 miles by bus. He said that a pamphlet is now being mimeographed for general distribution, giving all of the latest information about benefits which soldiers may obtain and which may be given to dependents.

Dr. Simpson brought up a point as to what procedure doctors at the hospital should follow in connection with the Selective Service. He said that they were qualified for commissions and were asking whether they should volunteer their services and seek commissions or wait for Selective Service to be inducted.

Mr. Carter was requested to obtain all the information possible immediately on how professional men should go about applying for commissions.

Dr. Bane reported that 56 positions for apprentices in the Agricultural Section have been approved by the Washington offices and that these included office workers in the section. He said that they have now 27 apprentice positions open and that he would take applications from the sections wishing apprentices.

Miss Dickinson reported that the visit of the Relocation Information Team had been a success from many points of view, in that more than 2,000 persons, a majority of whom were isseis, had heard the story told by the Team in both English and Japanese.

Mr. Bell brought up the matter of staff members removing their personal cars to the parking lot adjacent to the staff housing area. He pointed out that new gravel had been placed on these lots and that the Council ordinance prohibits cars parking adjacent to building area to warn car owners to use the parking lots and that he would like to insist on all cars following the regulations.

Mr. H. Watson reported that the coal hauling had been stopped and that the shoveler has been transported up to the coal pile and that the Motor Pool will provide trucks for quick distribution of fuel to all of the blocks.

Mr. Watson also reported that he had received a wire from the Washington offices giving approval to the completion of the plant beds, garage and the cattle ranch buildings and that work is going ahead on these. Some other work, such as the tofu plant, had not yet been approved but another wire has been sent, requesting quick action so that this construction can proceed.

Mr. Niesse reported that the fourth quarter budget estimates must be in by next Wednesday and that he would arrange for meetings on Monday with the division and section heads to discuss the budgets.

Mr. Bell reported on the transfer of WRA to the Department of Interior and that Mr. Bankson had had the message from Secretary Ickes and Director Myer mimeographed and distributed to the entire staff. He pointed out that the statements indicate that the operation of the WRA will continue much as it has in the past.

The question of whether Washington's Birthday would be a holiday was brought up and it was pointed out that there is only one holiday observed in the year now, that being Christmas and that any person who took leave on February 22 would have to do so without pay.

Mr. Cornwall announced that arrangements had been completed to establish a ration board panel as a branch of the Delta Board in Topaz, and that it had been given approval by the OPA. Acting Director Bell will be chairman of the Board, which will include Miss Dickinson of the relocation office and a person from the leave office who will serve as secretary. The Board will have ration books here to be issued to residents and appointive staff alike, and will hear plans for such ration of gas or tires or other commodities and will make its recommendations to the Delta Board.

Mr. Cornwall completed his tenure at Topaz with this meeting and reported that since he has been in charge of the relocation office 1776 indefinite leaves have been issued.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

FEBRUARY 26, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 a.m.

VISITORS: Mr. Winston Stephens and Mr. Harold James, both of the Washington offices.

Mr. Bell presiding.

The first matter taken up was a general discussion of the policy on admittance of automobiles into the center. The regulations which had been previously drawn up by the Planning Board were considered in detail and after some alterations, were ordered mimeographed and distributed as an office letter.

Council representatives at the meeting suggested that an effort be made to have the Washington offices modify the regulations with regard to the cars of residents and former residents, so that they could keep their cars inside the center instead of parking them at the outer gate. Mr. Bell said that he would see that such a suggestion was made to the proper authorities.

Miss Dickinson reported that 112 dockets for leave cleared hearings were now in her hands for processing and that 36 of these have been scheduled for Monday night, with another large group of them for Tuesday afternoon. She said that altogether 375 dockets are yet to be returned from Washington and Washington has returned 363, upon which hearings have been held and on which approval had been given. Miss Dickinson reported that the 100 mark in indefinite leaves had been reached this month and she anticipates approximately 110 for the month, as compared with 125 for January.

Mr. Carter reported that 26 boys will go to Fort Douglas on Wednesday, March 1, for their pre-induction physical examinations and that groups will be sent to Fort Douglas at regular intervals thereafter. Mr. Carter reported on the arrangements for handling the Selective Service questions here, through a committee of the Community Council which meets with him regularly and brings in questions which are either answered locally or answers secured from proper authorities. All information of any concern to the center is immediately distributed through special bulletins and 9 of which has been issued so far.

In connection with the Selective Service, he reported that a Citizens Committee had been formed by the election of 2 members from each block to work with all nisei who are subject to military induction. He said that this committee has been now accepted by the Council as representatives of the citizens and

and that the committee is also seeking to keep all persons thoroughly acquainted with all developments. One of the objectives of this committee is to further good relations and general acceptance and to this end, two recommendations had been prepared and forwarded to Washington for consideration. One of these recommends that all branches of the military service be open to nisei and the other is that there be no further segregation of nisei in military units in the future, but that they be distributed throughout the Armed Forces. The committee feels that these are positive steps forward in the fight of eliminating prejudice.

Mr. Bankson reported on the visit of William Flynn, feature writer of the San Francisco Chronicle, who spent a day in the center interviewing prominent residents on their attitudes toward the future.

Mr. Potter reported that the fourth quarter budget has now been completed and that the Fiscal Department will have it in the mail on time.

Mr. Ivan Sorenson of the Motor Pool reported that the delivery of groceries ordered by appointive staff members over the phone was being carried out, but that there was some suggestion that the deliveries be made at the administration building and that the owners carry their groceries from there. This met with instant protest from those using this service and it was voted unanimously that the deliveries be continued to be made to the doors of the apartments.

Mr. Honderich reported on the dedication plans of the YWCA at Rec Hall #4 on Sunday afternoon. He said at the same time the USO program will be initiated at the rec hall under the sponsorship of the YWCA. Mr. Honderich reported that the Red Cross drive will start on March 1 and that plans are being made to canvas the entire appointive personnel. He said that residents would not be solicited, but that any who desired to join the Red Cross would certainly be welcomed on a voluntary basis. He reported that this year 87% of the money collected must be turned over to the National organization and that the Millard county can retain about \$200.00 out of the budget allocated to the committee.

Mr. Taylor explained the plans for painting the interior of the administrative buildings over the week end.

Dr. Simpson reported that he has a first aid film, "Help Wanted", which is considered an excellent visual instruction course and ask how it could be best utilized in the center. A suggestion was made that since the Boy Scouts are to have a Merit Badge Court, March 5 and 6, that the film be used in connection with the Boy Scouts first aid program. This met with approval and Mr. Honderich was requested to make arrangements.

Mr. Bell reported that the entire staff was invited to attend a handicraft and art exhibit, Saturday afternoon and evening, and all day Sunday at Rec 10. Mr. Bell also announced that a deputy sheriff of Millard county and a deputy assessor would be in Topaz during Saturday afternoon to issue licenses for automobiles of the appointive staff members, and all might take advantage of the service, thus saving a trip to town.

Mr. Lafabregue reported that the personnel evaluation would come during the month of March and urged all of the employees, both appointive and resident be on their toes during this month so that the record of efficiency would be high.

The remainder of the time was given over to Mr. Stephens, who is regularly a member of the civil service commission in Washington, D. C., but who has been loaned to WRA for a period of time to make a careful and intensive study of personnel and inservice training problems. He gave brief reports on studies which have been made in Topaz as an experiment and stated that he hopes that out of this experiment here in which questionnaires have been filled out, there will come some sort of over-all plan which can be of benefit to all employees of WRA.

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Book
MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

MARCH 4, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Bell presiding.

Mr. Carter gave a brief resume of the Selective Service developments since the previous week. He reported that on March 1, 25 boys, out of a group of 26 scheduled, went to Fort Douglas where they took their pre-induction physical examinations. The 26th boy was ill and could not go. He said that while he had no official report, he understood from some of the boys that all but two or three successfully passed the examinations.

Mr. Carter brought up the question of the manner in which Selective Service is affecting relocation and asked that some clarification be secured as to whether the boys who have passed their physical examination and are now eligible for induction can go out on indefinite leave and receive their grants while waiting for their induction call. He said that there is no way, at this time, of knowing how long it will be before they are called and whether it is three weeks or longer it will give the boys an opportunity to earn a little extra money before entering the Army. Since there was no way of answering this locally, Mr. Carter was directed to prepare a teletype for the Washington offices, seeking to clarify this situation.

He said that no word has yet been received from Local Board 30 at Fillmore, Utah, as to the exact date of the next group departure for Fort Douglas.

Miss Dickinson reported that during January and February, there was a total of 248 indefinite leaves, of which 125 were issued in January and 123 in February. She said that the 1800 mark has now been passed. Of this total, 190 have been complete families. Relocates from Topaz are now settled in 30 states, and students from Topaz are attending colleges or universities in 24 states.

She said that 35 leave clearance hearings are scheduled for this week and that 100 more dockets have been received from Washington for processing. She brought up the point that many of the dockets received simply state that this person had not been approved by the Joint Board, or that there is an intelligence report against the person, but that the report is not included, which leaves the hearing boards pretty much in the dark as to what line of questioning to pursue. The only answer to this, it was decided, would be to cover thoroughly the entire life and activities of the person being questioned. Mr. Barnhart suggested that the intelligence reports probably were so confidential that they were not turned over to WRA.

Miss Dickinson stated that she is now working on statistics on hearings to give an idea of how they are turning out.

Dr. Bane reported on Vocational Training developments. He said that statistics are now being gathered from all sections of the project and will be arranged into a complete report to be sent to Washington, D. C.

Mr. Honderich announced that the boy scouts are holding an exposition at the auditorium today and Sunday. As a public relations gesture, boy scouts of surrounding districts have been invited to attend the affair and he said that more than 50 had accepted and were expected to be present during Sunday evening's Court of Honor.

Mr. Honderich also reported on the Red Cross drive, which will start Monday. Mrs. Roscoe Bell is chairman for the appointive staff and Mr. Fred Koba, chairman for the residents' committee. For the appointive staff, a minimum of five dollars per family has been set. Mr. Koba's committee will meet on Tuesday to plan for the drive through the center. The resident drive will probably not be held until April.

Mr. Bell announced that a doll show is being held in Rec. 10 and that all persons are invited to attend.

Announcement was also made that the USO will hold its first social affair at 2:30 on Sunday in the form of a tea for the parents of persons who are now in the Armed Forces. An interesting program has been arranged. This affair will be held in the new YWCA and USO headquarters in Rec. 4.

Mr. Niesse announced plans for a waste paper drive, which will be a part of the national paper salvage campaign. The boy scouts, working with the block managers, will conduct the general drive through the center gathering paper and magazines, which will be assembled at the block managers' offices and picked up there for transporting to Salt Lake City. The boy scouts will receive the money that is paid for the paper by the salvage company to be used in their general fund. Mr. Niesse requested a good story to be used in the Topaz Times for Tuesday of next week.

Mr. Niesse reported that he has received authorization for the additional allotment of funds for the third quarter. He said that the money is now available and that sections can now go ahead with the requisitions for equipment, which had been held up until the funds were authorized.

Mr. Lafabregue reported on results for the fourth war loan bond drive among the appointive staff. He said that the goal of \$15,000.00 was exceeded by approximately \$2,000.00. Of the

139 appointive personnel, 128 are now taking bonds by payroll deduction and 99 persons bought extra bonds during the drive. All members are expected to increase their payroll bond deductions to a minimum of 15 per cent of their salaries. Pledge cards will be sent to all members of the staff this coming week.

Mr. Lafabregue also presented a table showing the openings for appointive staff personnel, showing that there are now 40 vacancies. He asked the entire staff to assist in recommending persons for employment in these spots. He said that ten members of the staff had now been reclassified 1-A and are likely to be called, and that there is a possibility that still others would be classified as 1-A.

Mr. H. Watson brought up the matter of conservation of gasoline in government cars and urged that better use be made of cars that are making trips to Delta or other places outside of the center. As a result of the discussion, it was decided that every person planning to take a government car to Delta or elsewhere outside of the project should register as early as possible with the carrier service and that all persons desiring to make a trip should first contact carrier service to determine whether a car is about to make a trip before using a government car for such a trip. Instructions to this effect will be issued in an office letter under the Director's signature.

This also brought up the matter of restricted supplies of gasoline for members of the appointive staff to do their necessary shopping in Delta. Mr. Niesse was named chairman of the committee, which will include Mr. Carter and Mr. Purcell, to prepare a justification for additional gas for appointive staff members.

Mr. Barnhart reported that he will assist members of the staff with their income tax returns and announced that a meeting will be held Wednesday evening in the Administration rec hall for all persons wishing to have assistance in filling out their returns. Mr. Lafabregue was asked to get a notice to the staff about this meeting.

Mr. Palmer reported on the agricultural conference which he attended with the agricultural chiefs from all of the centers at Gila last week. He stated that the conference was very helpful and gave all of the directors a uniform working plan.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

MARCH 11, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Bell presiding.

Mr. Campbell, placement officer, reported on project resident employment. He said that the population of the center is now 7100, and that of these 2985 are employed, including co-op and the statistics laboratory staffs. He said that a careful check has been made of the resident population and he finds that there are only 115 employable persons in the center who are not now employed. He said that the employment is now 30 less than the quota allowed for the fourth quarter by Washington so that actually there are only 85 persons among the employables who could not be employed.

Miss Dickinson reported on indefinite leaves, saying that 15 have been issued so far in March and that the total is now 281 for the year, with a grand total of 1835. She said that of the 123 who left in February, their destinations represent 18 states, with the largest numbers going to Michigan, New York and Ohio.

Miss Dickinson stated that the leave clearance hearings are moving forward in a satisfactory manner, with 45 dockets on hand for hearings this coming week. There are now pending in the Washington offices 392 hearings. She announced that Dr. Bane had left for Washington to spend a month working on dockets in an effort to speed up the decision on those from Topaz.

Mr. Carter reported on latest developments in the selective service. He said that the most important new development was that the state director of selective service has issued a bulletin stating that upon induction the new selectees will be placed in the enlisted reserve corps instead of being immediately placed on active duty. In this connection, WRA also announced that those young men who passed their pre-induction and be reestablished so that they will not have to pay for their meals.

Mr. Carter also announced that the army and navy training program has now been opened to nisei between the ages of 17 and 22 who are high school graduates. Forms for the examinations are expected immediately and the examinations will be held for all qualified young men eligible within the center. Mr. Nuttall, high school principal, will assume responsibility for seeing that all arrangements are made for the holding of these examinations. Those who qualify as a result of the examination will be eligible then for further training for either the army or the navy.

Mr. Sanford reported that a plan has been worked out whereby a record will be kept of the time for members of the Council spent in Council work and are therefore away from their regular employ-

ment. The office manager for the Council will prepare a slip which will indicate what Council work the members were engaged in and the time so spent so that the record of the timekeeper will be justified at the place of employment.

Mr. Bankson reported on plans for showing the colored sound film "Go For Broke", which depicts the activities of the 442nd Battalion at Camp Shelby. Center-wide showing of this film will be scheduled. A committee, consisting of representatives of the Council Selective Service committee, the Citizens' committee, the schools and the Administration, is being organized to work out the scheduling of the picture. It will probably be shown as a trailer with the regular co-op movies. Several special showings will then cover the rest of the center, including showings at the schools and probably in the auditorium.

Mr. H. Watson called attention to Office Letter #37 concerning use of government cars for trips outside the center. He reported that the letter establishes the procedure of reporting to the carrier service whenever a car is to be taken to Delta or elsewhere off the project, and that all persons who wish to make a trip to town or elsewhere should ask the carrier service to see whether a car is going out before using a government car. Also, it was emphasized that a trip ticket must be filled out with the mileage and the destination and returned to Motor Pool so that the records can be kept straight.

Mr. Noble reported on the vocational training developments in the absence of Dr. Bane, who has gone to Washington for a month. He said that Mr. Johnson, state vocational educational director, had been expected in Topaz today but had failed to show up as yet. When he arrives, Mr. Noble will discuss with him the set-up of vocational classes here, and will get a plan worked out for apprentice training for the different sections. He said that the chief difficulty at this time is working out proper supervision of apprentices and a system whereby apprentices are moved about from job to job so that they get proper training in all phases of the work they are assigned to. He announced that 20 books on foremanship training have been received and they are available to all those who are interested in looking at them.

Mr. Bell said that he had been hearing repeated rumors coming up from the center that Topaz is to be closed. He announced that there is no grounds for such a report and that up to this time he could say definitely that there was no such information from any source.

Mr. Potter discussed briefly the routing of mail and asked all present, section and unit heads, to turn in to him lists of the incoming mail which they would be interested in seeing. From

this a plan will be worked out with mails and files for the routing of all incoming materials so that all who are interested in seeing certain materials will have it routed to them. It will be routed first to those to whom it is most important, and they will route it on as quickly as possible to others on the list. The final adoption of a routing policy will be established at the next Planning Board meeting.

Mr. Niesse reported that a new system for paying residents their checks had been tried out during the last two weeks by turning the checks over to section and unit heads in the warehouse for distribution at the end of the day on pay day. He said that it had met with great favor by the workers and that it was now planned to try this out for the entire resident payroll. The checks will be turned over direct to the heads of the working groups, who will hand them out just before closing time on pay day. The large agricultural groups will come in from the fields a little earlier that day to receive their pay. This will eliminate the pay station in the center entirely, as the system of holding it open at night, which was given a trial recently, had not proved satisfactory.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

MARCH 18, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst brought up, as the first subject, the matter of large pools of water standing around the resident blocks and the staff apartments. He reported that he had found that it was impossible for residents in many blocks to get into their apartments without slushing through water and that it was a serious enough situation that something should be done about pumping the water or draining it from the vicinity of the buildings. Mr. H. Watson replied that already gravel is being hauled to build walks to various buildings, while in other places where the sewer manhole can be reached with hose, pools are being pumped dry. The water has collected largely due to the fact that the huge drifts of snow, accumulated during the blizzard at the first of the week, are now melting rapidly.

Mr. Sanford reported that the Red Cross drive for the appointive staff will get under way next week and that already notices had been distributed to every member of the staff, appraising them of the need for generous contributions to the Red Cross. Mr. Ernst pointed out that the staff is being asked to give a minimum of two per cent of one month's salary, but that it is hoped that all who can will exceed this amount so that the Topaz quota will be well over the amount set. Mr. Ernst spoke briefly about the tremendous job the Red Cross is doing all over the world at this time.

Mr. Ernst brought up the matter of recreational activities in the center and the fact that they need considerable stimulation since the set up has not been functioning as it should because there has been no administrative head to the department. He said that personnel is searching for a man who can be placed in the spot as head of CAS, formerly headed by Jim Lamb.

The matter of maintaining a summer camp at Antelope Springs again this season has already been discussed with various groups, including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and others, and these groups are going ahead with definite plans of a camping program, although arrangements will have to be made locally for procuring necessary gasoline to operate the trucks and cars that will have to travel between Topaz and the camp. Plans are also being made by these groups for group hiking about the area when the weather permits.

In discussing the recreation program for Topaz, Mr. Ernst declared that he wants to see it developed so that the whole

program will function on a center-wide basis. He said that he would like to have further discussions on recreation phases of the center and asked Mr. Sanford to arrange for such a meeting with him and other persons who would be concerned with recreation.

It was pointed out that funds are very limited for recreational equipment in the future and that the budget cannot be exceeded, but he explained that it might be possible to obtain some transfer of funds from other sections for use in further development of the recreational program and this would be a point of discussion at the special meeting he requested.

Mr. Ernst suggested that the large service flag now hanging in the lobby of the Administration B building should be turned over to the USO and placed in the USO headquarters in rec 4. The USO will be appraised of this desire and the flag turned over to the committee in charge. At the same time the huge American flag loaned to the Administration by the MPs which was hung in the civic auditorium for the induction of the new Council is to be taken down and returned to the Military Police. Two new flags procured by WRA have been received now and one of these will be hung in the auditorium to replace the larger borrowed flag.

Mr. Potter reported on plans which have been made with the mess management for a big party to be sponsored by the USO in Dining Hall 31 on Tuesday evening, March 21, to honor the first group of 32 boys who will be inducted into the military service soon.

Mr. Ernst announced that Mr. Potter, who has been acting as deputy project director since Mr. Hughes has left for the Navy, will leave the project on Thursday to resume a position with the Indian service. Mr. Honderich has been designated to succeed Mr. Potter in an acting capacity.

Mr. Palmer reported that the plant beds have now been finished and that some vegetables have already been planted. The steam heating system is still being tested in the buildings as well as the testing of the water pumped in Topaz, to see whether it will serve in watering the plants or whether it will have to be treated before it is used. He said that 50,000 cabbage plants had been shipped from the Gila Center and placed in the hot beds, and that several cases of roots of the large variety of daikon had been received for planting.

Mr. Ernst reported that on the train west from Washington he visited with Mr. Robert Cozzens, regional director at San Francisco, and that Mr. Cozzens had suggested to him that it might solve the drainage and water problem on the Topaz farms if points were driven down to the water levels. Mr. H. Watson will prepare a report on the possibility of this development

and Mr. Ernst will communicate this information to Mr. Cozzens.

Miss Dickinson reported that forty dockets are on hand for leave clearance hearings and that the hearing panels will meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings to clear up these dockets. She asked that all panels speed up the return of their completed hearings so that they may be rushed to Washington. Mr. Ernst said that he had spent a day in the Washington offices where the leave clearance hearing dockets were being handled. He said that Topaz has sent 745 completed dockets to Washington, of which 326 have been passed on and clearance granted. He said that 32 had been referred back for further information and that two had been found where the persons had requested transfer to Tule Lake. There are now 385 dockets in Washington awaiting final report. He said that while this is quite a number, Topaz is not as far behind as some of the other centers and that he was hopeful that since Dr. Bane is now in Washington working on leave clearance dockets, it would be possible to get speedier return on the Topaz dockets.

Mr. Ernst called attention to the current issue of Life magazine which devotes a number of pages to pictures and a story about Tule Lake, prepared by a man who spent two years in a Japanese concentration camp and was rapatriated home on the Gripsholm. This layout of pictures and story was presented as a contrast to the Japanese camps. Mr. Ernst also reported that the April issue of Fortune magazine will contain articles concerning the entire evacuation, and mention was made that some of the material will be illustrated by Mine Okubo, who resided in Topaz for a year and a half where she was one of the editors of Trek magazine and produced the illustrations for the magazine.

Mr. Pratt introduced Miss Margaret Mack, who has been added to the Welfare staff as an assistant counselor. She comes from New York City.

Mr. Ernst reported that the national director will arrive in Topaz by car on Friday afternoon, March 24, from Salt Lake City and will stay over the week end, leaving for Salt Lake City on Monday. From there he will go to Los Angeles where he has a speaking engagement. Prior to coming to Topaz he will address the Kiwanis club on Thursday noon. For his visit in Topaz, a special meeting of the Community Council has been called for Saturday afternoon. He will attend the regular Cabinet meeting on Saturday morning. Plans are also being made for a quarterly staff meeting to be held Friday afternoon.

Mr. Ernst made a special request that every member of the staff who has any question or any problem which they would like Mr. Myer to know about to write these out and see that they are on Mr. Ernst's desk by Tuesday evening. These should be channeled through the assistant project directors. From these, Mr.

Ernst will arrange a schedule to present to Mr. Myer. It does not necessarily mean that Mr. Myer will answer all questions or solve all problems at this time but the matters will be in his possession so that they can be processed by him. He emphasized that no detail is too small for Mr. Myer to know about and he hopes that the staff will respond with many questions and problems.

Mr. Ernst reported briefly on the directors' conference in Washington, D. C. from which he returned this week. He pointed out that he was highly pleased with the transfer of WRA to the Department of the Interior, as he feels now that it gives stability to WRA. He said that this is the most important step that has been taken in WRA for some time.

Mr. George Shimamoto, vice chairman of the Council, brought up the question of sleeping quarters for nurses' aides at the hospital. He said that those on the night shift, ten in number, could not sleep in their resident apartments because of home disturbances and that a plan which has been developed for removing these nurses' aides from sleeping quarters in the hospital did not meet with the favor of the Council or with the nurses' aides. He declared that it is the wish of the Council that they continue to have sleeping quarters at the hospital and suggested that if they could not they might be forced to quit because of their inability to obtain rest in the daytime.

Following this up, Dr. George Ochikubo, chairman of the Council who was present, also spoke strongly against the removing of this group of nurses' aides from the hospital. At the same time he suggested that the Council should have a representative at the Planning Board meeting where policies were established.

Mr. Ernst said that that he would meet later with members of the Council to discuss the whole matter, including the situation with relation to the nurses' aides and other points brought out by the Council representatives.

Dr. Simpson pointed out that Topaz is the only place where nurses' aides do sleep in the hospital and that he had been requested by Washington to make arrangements for appointive staff nurses to stay at the hospital and remove the nurses' aides.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

MARCH 25, 1944
SATURDAY 11:00 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Dillon S. Myer, National Director, was a special guest.

The first subject brought up by Mr. Ernst was a discussion of the WRA policy on Eastern Defense Clearance. He explained that many persons have been denied such clearance even though they have been given indefinite leave clearance by WRA following hearings. He said that the procedure now where Eastern Defense Clearance has been denied by the Joint Board was for a person to take indefinite leave clearance to the point nearest to the Eastern Defense Command line and then go into the Eastern Seaboard region on his own.

He said that this policy could not be made official but that a person was at perfect liberty to do so and that nothing would happen, because there was no proclamation against being in the Eastern Defense Command area. In this way the only thing a person loses is railroad fare from the furthest point they may go, on into the east.

The point was made that having Eastern Defense Command Clearance denied leaves a stigma against the person, as though there was something in the records which prevent the person going anywhere. Several persons have brought this up in the hope that the denial could be wiped out.

Mr. Myer then explained about the agreement with the Joint Board and how he had given a promise that where Eastern Defense Clearance was denied by the Joint Board, WRA would not grant such clearance. He sustained Mr. Ernst's explanation of how it could be worked without violating this agreement and also said that there was no cause for any fear that a person would be picked up, because if they have their indefinite leave clearance, that is all that is necessary.

He said that a number of requests have been made for individuals who wished WRA to take up with the Joint Board their particular cases in an effort to get them cleared. It was his wish that these individual cases not be prosecuted for the reason that he believes the Joint Board will soon cease to function and that thereafter, the whole matter would be cleared by their indefinite leave clearance, which will mean anywhere in the east. If cases are continually appealed, the Board will continue to function.

Mr. Ernst reported that WRA is now working to find out why some men of military age are being placed on the non-acceptable list. He said that there is never any reason given why one is acceptable to the Army and another is not, and that it is the hope of WRA that some understanding can be reached so that these boys will know why they are not acceptable, with the possibility that whatever has kept them from being acceptable can be cleared up. In this connection, Mr. Myer recommended that these boys first contact their own local draft board and try to find out why they were not acceptable. The Selective Service committee will take up this matter also in an effort to try to clear the records of individuals.

A portion of the meeting developed into a question and answer forum, with different members of the Cabinet asking questions of Mr. Myer, who gave them answers wherever possible.

The first question was: "Is the Jerome Center the only one to be closed this fiscal year."

Answer by Mr. Myer: "Yes, this is the only one we know of that will be closed this fiscal year. There is no immediate plan of closing any other center. After June, if the plan works out favorably at Jerome we will then consider whether to close another center. I can say positively that at this time there is no plan for the further closing of centers until the whole matter has been studied after Jerome has been closed. We are convinced now that the cost saving in closing a center will not be great. Jerome is the guinea pig upon which we are experimenting, to see just what saving is possible and see what benefits are gained by closing a center."

In this connection, Mr. Ernst made the comment that it was his understanding that WRA would rather put its full efforts to the work of gradually reducing and closing all the centers than to concentrate upon one at a time. This, of course, would be in the future when there is no longer need for any center to remain open.

Mr. Myer stated that this was right. "We wish to work toward relocation so that the day will come when all the centers may be closed. I do not determine when the military necessity ceases to exist for exclusion from the Western Defense Command area, but I am hoping that the time will come when this restriction is removed."

Mr. Myer said that WRA has asked for an appropriation for the operation of nine centers on the basis of 85,000 population for the next fiscal year and that the appropriations committee has accepted the budget request with only a slight cut.

He said that WRA is avoiding any special campaign to speed up relocation from Jerome on the grounds that residents of centers might feel that this was a way in which to crowd them out against their will.

Another question thrown into the meeting was this: "What about center employment policy as to granting annual leave and sick leave to resident workers the same as civil service employees?"

Mr. Myer answered: "This question has been taken up, but no decision reached. The reaction for the most part is that it would not be possible because of the fact that the employment status is not similar. Therefore, it would not be practical. We would rather look to residents obtaining positions outside instead of further institutionalizing jobs in the center. Likewise, it is impossible to bring residents back into the centers under civil service ratings because of the different ratings in pay from general center workers."

A member of the Council stated that residents are now showing their gratitude toward doctors by contribution sums of money to them. This aroused Mr. Myer to strong condemnation of such a practice. He said that the giving of gifts or extra money to workers, no matter who or what they were doing, was a practice that was dangerous and was against WRA policy. He warned the Councilman that it can cause a great deal of trouble, not only to the Council but to the whole center.

"That is setting up a practice that is bad," he said. "No private business is allowed in a center and gift giving in this manner is breaking down the whole system. It is a mistake to try to build up the salaries of resident employees. It causes trouble and is dangerous."

There was some further strong debate on this question by Mr. Myer and the Councilman. Mr. Myer went further to point out that besides being a bad practice it develops a black market for service of resident employees. He said that, for instance, a doctor who received gifts of extra money, it was understood by him that he was receiving them so that he would remain on the job here. Thus he is obligated not to take an outside position if he should find one. Also, one person might pay a sum of money for private attention and another person could not afford this and would not receive the same attention. Also a doctor or other employee might find that they were giving so much private service that they could not do justice to all residents.

Mr. Ernst suggested that this matter be discussed at the Community Council meeting with Mr. Myer. Mr. Myer then con-

cluded the discussion by stating that WRA had never failed to maintain high grade hospitals in every center and that it would continue to do so without subsidizing resident doctors to stay on the job.

Mr. Ernst reported on plans for a clean-up month during April in Topaz. Mr. Niesse said that all of the warehouses have been cleaned and are in top shape. The Block Managers are requesting that a schedule be worked out so that trucks will be available over week-ends for the regravelling of groups of three blocks each week-end and that these blocks be cleared up and put into neat order.

This brought up a suggestion from Mr. Ernst that the clean-up period be climaxed with a celebration of some sort. Miss Robertson stated that the schools are planning a May Day and Mr. Ernst thought that this would tie in nicely with clean-up month.

Mr. Sanford was requested by Mr. Ernst to go before the Council and obtain a committee to plan for a spring festival which would draw in not only the Council but the Block Managers and the schools. He was asked to have a report on this ready to make at the next Cabinet meeting.

Miss Dickinson said that there is considerable agitation in Millard County to have residents granted seasonal leave for share crop work. She said that the county agent wants to work out some way to take care of the sugar beet crop on a shareing basis.

Mr. Myer stated that the seasonal leave idea for share cropping was not one that could be approved and said that unless the farmers could find persons who were already on indefinite leave who would do share cropping or persons who would leave the center on indefinite leave for share cropping, it would not be practical. He pointed out that instead of coming directly to the center, the county agent should take this matter up with the regional relocation supervisor, Mr. Peterson, in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Myer reported that the new property moving regulation allowing for more than one move and for unlimited freight of personal property have been prepared in Washington and are being airmailed to the center.

The policy of issuing additional work clothing was discussed. Mr. Myer said that he has a group in the Washington staff now working out new procedures for the issuance of working clothing and that this would be announced soon.

Mr. Ernst said that at the Project Directors' meeting the

subject came up about how centers can do something about giving children within the centers the same experiences as they would have on the outside. He said that discussion brought out that where only nisei children are gathered they are very Americanized, but that where issei are present the children have a tendency to accept the issei pattern. In this connection, Miss Robertson said that resident teachers in the schools here were voluntarily leading the children in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. She said, however, that there is also a negative side to this, with a reluctance on the part of some children to show this Americanization.

Mr. Sanford asked that a thought be given to the opening of a pre-induction training camp for young men who are to be called in the selective service. He said that these courses are offered on the outside and the selectees are given advance training which assists them in more readily adapting themselves to the training course. An instructor could be obtained from Fort Douglas, it was suggested.

Mr. Myer thought this was a good idea, providing the draft age boys here wished such a course and would sign up for it. He said that this should be only on their request however as otherwise it would appear to them that WRA was trying to force the military program upon them.

Mr. Lafabregue reported that the Red Cross drive among the staff had resulted in \$248.00 being turned so far toward the \$700.00 quota. He said that this accounted for only six units and that each of these was over its quota.

Mr. Lafabregue announced that there would be a informal staff gathering at the Administrative rec hall between 5:30 and 7:30 PM Sunday to meet with Mr. Myer for a general discussion.

The statement was made that former residents who have relocated are frequently writing back about the difficulty of finding housing and the question was asked as to whether it was a function of relocation offices to find out about rent ceilings and to take action if it is learned that higher rents are being charged to evacuees. Mr. Myer said that the matter of housing was as difficult for anyone else as it is for evacuees and that usually such letters were written back during the first few weeks that a person went out, but that if they were to write a little later they would probably write that they had found houses. WRA was interested in protecting evacuees against leasers of houses who might violate the rent ceiling. He said that such cases should be reported to relocation offices for action.

Another question was whether, when an evacuee is out on

indefinite leave and his cash funds are exhausted, whether there were agencies which would help him in emergencies.

Mr. Myer said that he was amazed that such a question was asked because every effort had been made to inform everyone that the Federal Security Agency has been allocated funds for that very purpose and so far every worthy case was cared for. This function is not through WRA but through the Federal Security Agency and is available to every evacuee, who should make application for assistance by inquiring the procedure through the nearest relocation office.

The matter of whether provision could be made for the planting of victory gardens in the center was discussed. Mr. Myer stated that this was strictly local problem. He pointed out that some centers have provided space for victory gardens not only for residents but for the appointive staff as well. He thought it an excellent idea which was worthwhile if land water were available. He said such a plan was especially worthwhile for older residents who could thus be happily occupied during the summer and at the same time could raise vegetables for their own use.

Mr. Palmer was requested to work out a proposal for setting aside a tract of ground where all who are interested could find a little plot for themselves, and report at the next meeting.

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MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

APRIL 1, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Bell presiding.

Mr. Homerich presented a new summer schedule which, after some discussion, was adopted to become effective Monday morning, April 10. The schedule is attached on a separate sheet.

Mr. Niesse announced that the fourth quarter budget had been received and that all of the allotments had been allowed almost exactly as requested. He complimented members of the staff for giving good justifications for their needs. He said that he will break this down to the sections within the next few days.

Mr. Sanford reported that progress was being made on plans for the spring festival to be held early in May.

Miss Altvater of the relocation staff announced that the relocation committee will meet hereafter at 11:30 each Monday morning instead of as previously at 4:30 PM on Tuesday.

She said that indefinite leaves during March totaled 147, with approximately 400 leaves for the first three months of the year. She stated that the relocation staff, including Miss Dickinson, Mr. Carter and others, were spending the week-end in Salt Lake City where they were meeting with the relocation staff for the area under the leadership of Mr. Peterson.

A total of 185 approvals for leave clearance were cleared during March, which was three times the number in February.

Mr. Bell announced that on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13, approximately 175 young men will go to Fort Douglas either to be inducted into the Army or to take their pre-induction physical examinations. He said that a teletype received today changed the procedure on the reserve plan which had been previously understood to apply to those being inducted. He said that instead of being held on reserve for an indefinite period that those inducted will now be called almost immediately. Their period of delay will be between the physical examination and the actual induction. Short term leaves are being issued to those who go for their physical examinations so that they may return to the center without re-induction.

Mr. Bell stated that the efficiency ratings for all staff personnel as of the end of March will be completed by April 15. He pointed out that for those who are doing the rating of members

under them this offers a fine opportunity for persons to talk over the good points or the short-comings of employees. He said that it is important to be careful and fair in making ratings. A meeting of all those persons who will be rating others will be held Tuesday, April 4, to study the procedures for rating. The Rating Appeal Board for the center will consist of Mr. Bell as chairman, Mr. Lafabregue and Dr. Hoffman. Those who are not satisfied with their ratings may appeal to this group for changes.

Mr. Miller reminded the staff that all those wishing to organize a volunteer fire squad among the staff should report at the fire station at 2 PM.

Mr. Bell said that the rationing panel is now functioning and that the ration board in Delta insists on the approval of the Topaz board before it will consider the issuance of extra gas coupons to an employee of WRA. The Delta board is also asking that any extra gas be allowed only to assist in group rides.

Mr. Lafabregue was asked to prepare a recommendation for the operation of carrier service and busses to Delta and to offer this at the next meeting.

Mr. Barnhart was present after returning from two weeks at Minidoka, and gave a brief report on interesting highlights of his stay at the neighboring center.

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Summer Work Schedule. Effective April 11, 1944

	Start	Stop	Start	Stop
Mon.	8 AM	12 N	1:15 PM	5:15 PM
Tues.	8 AM	12 N	1:15 PM	5:15 PM
Wed.	8 AM	12 N	1:15 PM	5:15 PM
Thurs.	8 AM	12 N	1:15 PM	5:15 PM
Fri.	8 AM	12 N	1:15 PM	5:15 PM
Sat.	8 AM	12 N	12:45 PM	4:45 PM
Sun.				

Dining Halls Open

Week Days	7 AM - 7:45 AM	12:45 N - 1:00 PM	5:30 PM - 6:15
Sundays	7 AM - 7:45 AM	12:45 N - 1:00 PM	5:30 PM - 6:15

MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

APRIL 8, 1944
SATURDAY 11:30 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst extended an invitation from the City Council to the members of the staff to visit the new tofu plant, which was placed in operation this week.

Mr. Sanford reported progress on plans for the spring festival which is to be held during the early part of May on a center-wide basis. The schools are planning a rather elaborate program, which will tie in with events to be planned by other units of the community. The program will probably be held sometime during the spring vacation period. He said that those planning the festival are very anxious to get as many suggestions as possible and all who have any ideas about such a festival should turn them in to his office.

Mr. Honderich reported that while the center employment allocation provides for 2776 persons, actually on the payroll at this time are 2740. He said that it is getting steadily more difficult to fill positions when they are made vacant now by relocation or other reasons. He said that a few of the sections are a little over-staffed while others are under-staffed and that effort is now being made to adjust these sections within the center. With relation to the budget, he explained that the requests for the fourth quarter had been allowed by the Washington office and that the money is now available for the expenses for which it was requested.

Mr. Honderich also called attention to the new work schedule, which starts on Monday morning advancing the starting time from 8:45 AM to 8 AM and ending at 5:15 PM instead of 6:00.

Mr. Noble reported that Randall Jones, Union Pacific photographic and public relations officer, has accepted an invitation to show colored moving pictures of the national parks in the Topaz auditorium on April 20 and 21 for the entire resident population. He said that Lee Kaye, Utah State Fish and Game Commissioner, has accepted an invitation to show a series of beautiful moving pictures of wild life in Utah to the school students and for the entertainment of the center in the auditorium on April 26 and 27. In connection with this latter, Mr. Boyce was requested to arrange for a showing of the pictures in the Administrative rec hall for staff members.

Mr. Lafabregue reported briefly on the freezing of positions among the appointive staff until the personnel at Jerome Center are transferred or their intentions recorded. He said

that the reason for freezing jobs in the other centers is so that persons now employed at Jerome may have the opportunity to fill in vacancies in other centers.

Miss Dickinson reported that there have been 409 indefinite leaves taken since January 1 and that there have been 40 in the first five days of April. She reported that 12 young men will be inducted into the Army at Fort Douglas April 12. The total indefinite leaves from Topaz this week passed the 2000 mark.

She reported that all leave hearing dockets on the project have now been scheduled for hearings Monday and Tuesday evening of next week. At the same time repatriate hearings have been scheduled and will be cleared up as rapidly as possible. She expressed the hope that the indefinite leave clearance hearings will be concluded in April.

Mr. Ernst read a letter from Sergeant Saburo Kitagawa, a former resident of Topaz who is now in the battlefront in Italy. The writer praised the bravery and fine work of the Combat Team, to which he is now attached. He was a volunteer from Topaz a year before and more recently volunteered to go to Italy from Camp Shelby. Mr. Ernst also read a beautiful Easter message written to him by the Reverend and Mrs. J. K. Tsukamoto, who recently relocated from Topaz.

Mr. Ernst reported briefly on the trip to California, from which he returned on Friday. He said that he had spoken for an hour before the executives of the Pacific Coast Community Chests and the Councils, who were meeting at Sacramento. Before this group he gave something of a progress report on the program of the WRA, with a special reference to its relocation efforts. He pointed out the opportunity which the Community Chests and the Council in the United States have in assisting the relocation program.

Mr. Ernst then spent some time in San Francisco, where he discussed several problems with Robert Cozzens, regional deputy director of WRA. He took up especially with him the procedures for registering residents of Topaz who have become, or will become 21 years of age while living here. He said that Mr. Cozzens will take this matter up with the California state attorney general to get an opinion from which the clerks of the various county boards can operate in registering these young people. The procedures for registering and absentee voting for persons who had previously been voters in California was also clarified. He also discussed with Mr. Cozzens the selective service procedures and arranged with him to supply him with the names of all young men from Topaz who are inducted into the service so that he may get stories in their home town papers on the Coast. Mr. Ernst emphasized that it is these soldiers who will break down

resistance and lead the way back to the coast after the war quicker than any other group and it is desirable to see that as much publicity is given to their military service as porrible.

He discussed briefly, also, the minority problem which is facing the coast areas through the influx of thousands of Negroes, who have come to the coast to work in war industries. He said that the housing situation for Negroes is now becoming acute and that so strong had the entire Negro problem become that coast people have forgotten about the lesser Japanese problem. He said that there are now five times as many Negroes as there ever were of Japanese people. Negro women are now operating street cars in San Francisco. He said that this problem of adjusting Negroes to new life in the west has wiped out any concern over the so-called Japanese problem because people on the coast feel that the Japanese problem never was one that gave the concern that faces the economic subject in the state.

From San Francisco Mr. Ernst attended the conference of Social Security executives at Santa Barbara. He said that he was amazed to find that these federal agents from various western states knew absolutely nothing about the WRA program. He said that they are all interested and he spent at least an hour explaining some of the problems which we are facing. He said that they were not concerned by the Japanese situation at all and that, like the group at Sacramento, all of their worries were about other problems of other groups. He said that the Japanese problem is not in their minds at all and he looked upon this as an exceedingly good sign.

Mr. Ernst read a story from the coast paper in which General Emmons expressed the belief that there is still danger of attack on the West Coast and their need for civilian defense program. It was Mr. Ernst's belief that under this statement it would not be wise to start an active campaign to get the return of evacuees to the coast. It was his feeling that when the military need is removed then there will be no trouble about returning to the coast. He said that he was exceedingly encouraged by the attitude of many persons to whom he talked to and who expressed the wish that the evacuees would return to their homes.

Dr. Leo Pressman, new chief medical officer, was introduced and spoke briefly about some of his activities at the Colorado River Relocation Center, from which he has been transferred on a temporary basis.

Russell A. Bankson

MINUTES: CABINET MEETING

APRIL 15, 1944
SATURDAY 11:00 AM

Mr. Ernst presiding.

Mr. Ernst read a communication from Mr. Myer expressing his appreciation of courtesies extended during his recent visit at Topaz.

Mr. Bell reported that he is receiving good cooperation in arranging schedules for government cars which are making trips to Delta and elsewhere off the project. These cars are being registered at the carrier office, where persons needing transportation check to find whether a car is going to the place where they wish to go. He reported on the gas saving program from all of the projects, which shows that Topaz saved 101,000 miles during the first quarter this year over the last quarter of 1943. He said that the saving of gas during the first quarter was 25 per cent under the same period of last year. He said that he attended a gas ration meeting at Richfield the previous week and he has hopes that the board will allow some additional gas for the use of private cars of staff members at Topaz. He announced that on Sunday evening at the civic auditorium the agricultural staff would present a center-wide agricultural program with good entertainment. He announced that the construction work on the new science building adjacent to the auditorium has been started. The first batch of young chicks has arrived and by the end of the coming week 6000 will have been received. Ten tractors are now operating 16 hour shifts on the farm. Considerable improvement has been made in eliminating fire hazards through the center.

Miss Robertson, acting superintendent of schools, reported that the Central Utah School Administrators Association will come to Topaz next Wednesday for their regular meeting. These will include superintendents and principals of schools of this area.

Mr. Lewis of Internal Security reported that Captain Farrington of the Military Police had informed him that all but 16 men of the present Military Police force would leave Topaz on Sunday. There will be remaining only nine guards and other essential personnel under the command of a first lieutenant. Hereafter, only the main gate will be posted by the Military Police.

Dr. Solon Kimball of the Community Management Division at Washington was present and was introduced by Mr. Ernst. He will

speak to the staff of the Community Management Division here Tuesday morning and all members of the staff are invited to attend.

Mr. Sanford reported that the two new church buildings for the Buddhists and the Christians had been completed in the plaza area.

Mr. Niesse was presented to the group as the new acting Assistant Project Director replacing Mr. Hughes.

Mr. Lafabregue reported that the efficiency ratings for the civil service are due and asked that all rating sheets be turned in to him by Monday.

Mr. Niesse discussed briefly the new Manual Release No. 61 on project resident employment. He was asked to make a digest of this to be presented for consideration of the Planning Board next Wednesday.

Mr. Ernst announced that Miss Dickinson, relocation program officer, had left for Chicago to attend a conference of relocation officers.

Mr. Carter reported on relocation. During the first 13 days of April, 57 persons left on indefinite leave, bringing the total since the first of the year to 436 and the grand total to 2011.

Mr. Carter also reported on selective service. Four persons left on April 12 for their pre-induction physical examinations together with ten persons who had already received their physical examinations and were called for induction and placed in the Reserve Corps. On April 13, 134 persons were called to take their pre-induction physicals. Of this number, 131 reported. In all 164 persons have now been called from the center for their pre-induction physical examinations, of whom 160 have reported. One was excused because of sickness and three were not excused. Among the group were two who volunteered for immediate induction. The next call for pre-induction physicals is expected on May 10 and it is expected that there will be a large group.

Mr. Ernst made a brief statement on the status of the three persons who failed to report. He said that he was sorry for them and that the procedure now will be that the failure to report will be reported to the selective service board, which will call them for immediate induction. If they again fail to report the selective service board at Fillmore will turn their names to the Federal authorities and the Federal District At-

torney will see that the due process of law is carried out. Mr. Carter added that he had investigated and could find no extenuated circumstances which might excuse these three.

Mr. Carter reported that special cards are now being prepared for each of the young men who is placed in the Enlisted Reserve, which will serve as a pass and for special privileges similar to the victory cards given the volunteers last year.

Mr. Barnhart explained in some detail the case of Fred Korematsu, which has now been accepted on appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Korematsu, a former resident of Topaz, challenged the constitutionality of the evacuation. The only previous case connected with the evacuation which has reached the Supreme Court tested the validity of the curfew law for persons of Japanese ancestry and this was upheld by the Supreme Court. The case of Korematsu is different in that its will tests the constitutionality of the evacuation itself.

Mr. Barnhart read Selective Service Bulletin No. 49 on boys refusing to accept their call in the draft and it was suggested that this be used in the Topaz Times in both English and Japanese.

Mr. Ernst spoke at some length on activities of the Co-op and of the Council, calling special attention to the controversy which has arisen between certain groups over operation of the Credit Union. He said that the new Co-op board is not favorable to the Credit Union and that the matter has been brought to the Council and that now the Co-op and the Council are discussing the situation. He pointed out that it is no business of the WRA to interfere in any way and he was sure that the matter will be ironed out in a satisfactory manner. He also brought up the matter of the various drives for raising funds which are held in the center. He pointed out that the Council is the authorized agency for determining what drive shall be put on and what shall be done with the funds raised. He said that this is only following procedures in outside communities.

The spring festival party for the Administrative staff will be held on Friday evening, April 21. Committees from the staff are now working on the party. Hereafter, a staff party will be held in the Administrative rec hall every third Friday of the month.

The week of May 8 was announced as the center-wide spring festival week, which will be participated in by all staff and resident personnel of the center. Future details will be announced later.

Mr. Ernst announced that beginning next Saturday the Cabinet meetings will be held from 1:15 to 3:00 PM in the afternoon instead of the presrnt morning schedule. The membership of the Cabinet will be enlarged to some extent to include a number of section heads who have not previously attended. The meetings will be held in the Administrative rec hall instead of the Director's office.

Russell A. Bankson

April 21, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO:

SUBJECT: Saturday Cabinet Meeting

The Saturday Cabinet meeting hereafter will function as a staff gathering where key personnel will have the opportunity of keeping in closer touch with the affairs of the center and to participate in discussions for the benefit of the project.

You are expected to attend these weekly meetings as a regular part of your duties each Saturday afternoon from 1:15 until 3 o'clock, in the Administrative Recreation Hall. Will you please enter this on your calender so that further notices will not be required.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, _____
at 1:15 P.M.

Charles F. Ernst

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Project Director

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CENTRAL UTAH CABINET MEETINGS

September 28, 1942 to April 15, 1944

- 9/28/42: boundary fences discussed
- 10/5/42: Myer & Col. Wilson present. Lt. Nail to be invited to be Cabinet member; he wants to prevent visiting & fraternizing between residents & MP detail. Myer suggested City Council to give some responsibility in re garbage disposal, etc. Ernst suggests giving each person on leave a physical exam and social study before releasing for furlough; Dr. Ramsey wants re-examination on entry to protect residents within. Myer suggests study of fears among residents to alleviate their worries. Myer offered to send a mimeo report of surveys made in other centers regarding fears & cycles from his main office. He also stressed the imp't. of preventing rumors & fears by using positive methods. Each P.D. may use discretion as to whether AP apts are built by contract or by evac. labor
- 10/12/42: Problem of control of furloughed persons--credentials, escorting, reporting absences, work status, changes, student visiting, county lines, "etc." Lt. Nail requested that Caucasian Females do not fraternize with soldiers or visit the MP canteen unescorted.
- 10/19/42: Bell asked to advise C. Council of need for judiciary committee. Idea of Americanization, perhaps geographically, thru the City was projected, this as a future objective looking toward eventual accomplishment. Hunting within Project area is prohibited. Systematic release of rec. bldgs planned as soon as unit to be moved has other space.
- 10/26/42: Cornwall to meet with Co. Commissioners of Millard Co. to discuss labor needs, public relations. Posting of signs of boundaries discussed. Lt. Nail X stated that arrests will follow apprehension of anyone crawling thru or under the fence. Matter of freedom of movement allowed farmers in Topaz area referred to Bell & Lt. Nail. Scrap lumber to be distributed
- 11/2/42: Sunday supervision discussed. Adm. directive to be issued on privileges of residents to move about area and center. Ernst could not see any precedent for a community trust fund accumulated by taking at the discretion of the Co. Council the excess of earnings of workers at private wages at the center & redistributing these excesses to other workers at wage advances.
- 11/9/42: 170 residents in County scrap drive. Hughes says liberal interpretation of rules resulting in considerable laxity in issuance of passes & prob. will result in unfavorable public opinion unless issuance is tightened up. Housing situation is critical. Ad units need more space; evacuees continuing to come in small groups.
- 11/16/42: Movement of vehicles in center shld be controlled; lumber stealing problem.
- 11/23/42: Meeting of Director with Myer & JACL. Relocation urged as active policy of WRA (not large group employment in agriculture, etc., but family-by-family adjustment in various places over the country on more or less permanent basis); Organize to accomplish relocation; abandon regional offices as such after New Year establishment of relocation offices-1943 goal to be 35,000 relocatees; industrial development of Project is out; trust fund plan is out (no more work commuting); project experience & training to be springboard for relocation; movement to re-open Selective Service; keep WRA program simple; no subsistence deduction schemes hereafter; minimum of agriculture & maximum of seasonal development in work; project sanitation stressed; develop a sound leave system; analysis of center employment needs; move out members of AP who are out of tune; project org & oper; authorization exists to buy school & dwellings materials for project; central warehouse accounting recommended; all clothing issued prior to Oct 21, 1942, to be gift; labor priorities for evacuee labor on project jobs.
- 11/30/42: Army inspection and recommendations (including curtains for women's latrines). Pass system to be revised due to "incident" (?) few days before.
- 12/4/42: Lt. Nail wants to be consulted before MP area landscaped.
- 12/19/42: Lost evacuee sought

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Oshita, Tadajiro

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Fresno

Farm laborer

Transferred from Jerome.

Makes slippers etc, now, but will probably be a
welfare case

TOPAZ CABINET MEETINGS

- 12/28/42: Nail repeatedly complains about kids climbing towers; wants suggestions to provide entertainment for Delta soldiers
- 1/2/43: Gambling in center; no WRA or City Council regulations against it. Relations of Caucasians with MP discussed.
- 1/9/43: Tsune Baba and H. Yuasa of Council present. Each bldg has barrack captain who reports to Block Manager. Ernst asks if Delta situation is well enough in hand so MPs can be asked not to pick up Japanese on the streets. Leave: 267 leave applications in Washington... Total of 317. Out on work group leave, 162; short term, 62; indefinite 27. Labor pirating in center.
- 1/16/43. Rumor clinic to be established. Visit of Governor Maw & party.
- 1/23/43. Ernst on speaking trip finds public softening up; job requests
- 2/4/43. REGISTRATION of all men and women over 17 will begin Feb. 10.
- 2/6/43. Army team present under Lt. Lee Tracy. Representative citizens to meet Feb. 8 when Lt. T will read War Dept. proclamation and Japanese interp. Feb. 9, Topaz Times special edition; Council, Feb. 6. Registration to be by blocks with bl. mgr checking people off. Mr. Ernst: it is the desire and objective of WRA to depopulate the centers. "The message of the Secretary on the 28th of January will go down in the history of WRA as that day when the beginning of the depopulation of the Centers was started. The entire WRA program has been definitely affected by the new policy of the War Dept. providing for voluntary induction of JA cits into the armed forces of the U.S. It is assumed that greater opportunities for resettlement throughout the entire nation will be possible.. Meeting of AP, except school teachers, to be called at which time Lt. T will read message.

Manpower shortage. Ernst recommends that Kibei be taken out of dining halls and trained for other jobs.

- 2/13/43. Block Meetings to choose 4 delegates to attend meeting on registration.
- ✓ 2/28. Matter of parties in Delta; up to Mr. Ernst. Desire of management to permit as much freedom as consistent with good practice.
- 3/6/43. No passes for no answers. 230 from Hawaii to be housed in Block 1. 32 repatriates left center. Status of Dr. Goto in Center, to be used in public health position; distinct conflict between Dr. G and hospital staff. "Considerable doubt still exists in the minds of many who answered "no" to Question 27 as to whether they would automatically become volunteers by answering "yes" to this question. 26 men changed answers from no to yes yesterday a. m.; effort to get others to change. "Fascism and Pacifism" pamphlet being distributed in center.
- 3/9/43. Desert News quoted Minidoka Irrigator that 400 Minidokans volunteered. Ernst analyzed reasons for success there--small discussion meetings first where all problems discussed and clarified without the meetings getting out of control. Meetings held before registration, and when reg. came, no misunderstandings.

Many changed answers. Bob Iki reports volunteers are beginning to come out openly and proudly and even assisting in procuring further enlistments.

- 3/12/43. Plans to meet Hawaiians
- 3/13/43. Retraining of residents to take places of relocatees. Scheduled hospital & doctor walkout at hospital. 4 doctors resigned. Personnel haven't elected grievance committee to present complaints to administration. Dr. Goto will be called in to assist Dr. Boardman. Ernst says Boardman not able to run hospital as should because no org. chart to show authority & responsibilities. More private parties in Delta. What to do with citizens who answered NO, asks Ernst.
- 3/20/43. Work commuting still going on. Project believes Councilme should be paid as it was justifiable and would give them a higher status; Wash to est. uniform policy. Manpower shortage. Local Volunteer for Victory group (Bob Iki), many

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Yumiba, Komaki

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d. 16, 14, 11, 8, 6

resettled-d. 23, 21 so. 18

Gardena

Farmer-Had small farm leased

Transfer here from Jerome. Father passed away in

Jerome.

Boy is NO*NO, but changed to YES-YES. Expects in-
duction.

Topaz Cabinet Meetings

special privileges to volunteers....Staff opinion is that ~~Issei~~ aliens should not be penalized for no-no answers, but citizens should be restricted to smaller area, perhaps fence moved. Should No answerers be given key positions; should leave grants go only to yes people. Council members say much talk of what will be done to negative Issei and Nisei; belief is that they answered honestly and would do no harm; if wanted to commit sabotage could answer yes and avoid suspicion. "The Council also stated that the residents believed the FBI as the full machinery to segregate any dangerous enemies from the loyal residents that there is no need of any segregation within the Center." Fear that volunteers and families might be discriminated against in way of food and otherwise annoyed.

3/27. No more than 10% families will be split by segregation. Some system of reward for good workers talked about but nothing done.

4/3. Boardman protests suggestion that physical operations of hospital be separated from professional operations. Timekeepers are being insulted in trying to find out who is on job & how long. Formation of FEPC. Salt Lake City full of Japanese; Issei having special trouble getting jobs outside.

Manpower shortage. Teacher shortage.

4/10.

4/17. Absenteeism due to Wakasa incident. Leave without penalty to attend funeral.

4/24. Ernst to start stepping up leave program. Importance of settling family units together. Selective Service is near.

5/8. Absenteeism prevalent in center. Timekeeper shows only 3000 workers on job tho 3900 employed. Need for local manpower commission to study worker morale; tendency to let down before going out on indefinite and short-term. Others say the no-nos are the indifferents. Acute personnel shortage. Trouble with AP: a member of AP insisted on occupying evacuee-reserved seat in bus

5/19. Kimball present. How will Council conduct business when aliens on council-certain to use J. language, but records should be in English. Sea shell exhibit by Hawaiians, first general effort of newcomers to contact the public.

6/26. Ernst recommends more talk in Times about accomplishments of Farm rather than so much about manpower need. Mr. Ernst brought Up & read extracts from the WRA pamphlet on "Evacuee Resistances to Relocation," put out by the Wash. office. It was agreed that members of the cabinet should study this pamphlet carefully during the coming week & at the next meeting should come in with ideas as to how it might be applied best to the residents of the center. During the coming week each division chief and section head is to discuss contents of the pamphlet with members of his staff so that all of the staff will be acquainted with the contents. Mr. Bankson was requested to prepare mimeographed copies of the 12 points made in the pamphlet...for distribution among a. p. Mr. Lafabreque said that he had already taken up the discussion of the pamphlet at his staff meeting & had found members of his staff somewhat discouraged over relocation after reading it. However, it was proposed that some plan be worked out so that a digest of its contents might be translated for the older residents of the center. Mr. E suggested that perhaps it would be better to present the ideas to a small group of residents first to get their reaction. Mr. Noble--little known about real desires. To be discussed next cabinet meeting.

7/3/43. 11 men to Leupp, didn't get chance to say goodbye. Consensus was, best thing to do is pick up these people, tell families afterwards. Segregation program will help reduce employment in center.

7/10. Plans for segregation program.

Shinoda, Owari

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Sister of Mrs. Hiroto 52-5-A. Will go with them

TOPAZ CABINET MEETINGS

July 10, 1943. Segregation. Ernst requests statistics on family makeup of repatriates; anticipates "terrific disturbance within the families of those affected." Only about 200 will be affected; others will be more or less inds. or entire family groups. Ernst thot all who wanted to cancel rep. had probably done so during 3-months period since registration, so that the way the matter stands probably those who will be affected by the order desired this very thing, as this, of course, is the first step toward ~~actual~~ return to Japan...large no. ...who had filed for repat. under the emotional strain of the regis. or of the Tanforan A. C. had since talked the whole matter over and had voluntarily asked that their requests be cancelled. While those who asked for repat. and now wish to make changes are limited to those who had their requests in prior to June 1, the privilege of changing the answer to question 28, where repat. is not involved, is still open...

~~Center~~ manpower situation has now practically solved itself by the announcement of the seg. program, as the no. removed from the center to the seg. center will automatically take care of the nec. reduction in the employment numbers within the center...now main trouble is to reduce the no. of \$19 employees to proper percentage, but this was being accomplished by reloc. of workers & div. readjust.

July 17, 1943. Segregation. PDs to meet in Denver to discuss program. List of Segregation questions.

Aug. 7, 1943. Visit of Sp. Consul. Discussion of holding leave clearance hearing as soon as possible so that denied persons can go to Tule in the general transfer 1500 transferees from Topaz is estimate. 2000 expected from Tule Lake. No answers can be changed to yes until Aug. 14. Repatriates committee asks no inspection of their household effects as they leave; Ernst favored honor system; Niesse reports considerable shortage of tools, blankets, etc. Transferees & residents are very strongly against any overall social plans for transferees; desire is to have all social activities be simply spontaneous. Planning of welcome for newcomers. New farm workers slow due to inefficiency; complete indifference to farm work among them and whole program slowed down. "These workers arrive on the job late and stand around doing nothing for some time; they quit work for ~~lun~~ lunch far ahead of the noon hour and they go back to work late and by four o'clock in the afternoon they are through for the day and head back to the center." Average worker...not putting in half day of honest work and that the foremen seem to be doing nothing about it...much better day's work was given to the farm program by the drafted workers averaging 75 to 100 a day, who are taken from each block irregardless of where they are employed. He said that these people seem to get a real pleasure out of giving their day's work to the farm.

Aug. 14, 1943. Adm. cabinet committee has been appted by the Council to met regularly with the ad. cabinet each Sat. p. m., duties to bring up subjects for discussion and to submit to PD any matters which the Council wishes to bring up to the Ad. Ernst "further explained that through this committee all matters developing in the center will channel through the Council to the Administration, and that hereafter no members of the Council or any Council Committee should connect directly with any members of the administrative staff on any subject... The ~~ex~~act procedure would be...for any person in the center who has some matter to be presented, to contact first the proper Council committee, which will report it to the Council. The chairman of the C. will then present it to the adm. committee, which will bring it to the PD, who will then direct it to the division chief under whose jurisdiction it would come. The div. chief will in turn present it to the section or unit head who is affected. ...in the same way any member of the appointed staff who has something to take up with the Council or residents would channel it up thru his division chief thru the PD who would present it to

the ad. cabinet committee of the Council, and in turn would then be presented to the Council. In this way, he said, everything would be above board and full facts on both sides will be known before any announcements are made.

Letdown in work during hot ~~weather~~ ^{work}. "This must be corrected, he said, and that he was speaking as much to the a.p. staff as to any others when he said there is a real job to do at Topaz...etc.

First annual report of Topaz being prepared.

Relocation: Topaz is third of 10 centers with 11.36% of original pop. now relocated on indefinite leave. Minidoka stands first with 15.9%, Granada second with 12.3%, and Rowher a close fourth to Topaz with 11.3%.

60-day extension to reduce no. of \$19 workers.

Hiking trips--rules being broken. Ernst says all trips and hikes beyond project would be stopped until further notice. Community Council has apptd special committee to determine what had transpired at the Sunday evening meeting and why the committee of 9 apparently was put at a disadvantage at this meeting, the com. of 9 having previously represented residents to Sp. Consul.

Aug. 21, 1943. Master list shows 1289 persons being transferred. 12-14 residents will leave on Gripsholm, Aug. 24.

Aug. 28, 1943. Relocation: group of yg men formed coop in so. Idaho, joined by similar group from Ht. Mt. Quota for relocation for year is 2000. ...Thomas Holland, Employment Chief from Washington....stressed point many cannot relocate, emphasized no forcing of people to leave the centers. It must be on a voluntary basis when they find that they can fit themselves into the normal American life. Therefore, relocation centers will remain open, not only through the war, but undoubtedly for some time afterwards. He said that as relocation proceeded and enough persons from all of the centers had re-established themselves to permit the consolidation of centers, it would be possible to close some of them. Urged...trial basis on seasonal leave...usually 50% make a go of it. Of 11,000 now out, about 90% are young people, really difficult WRA job will be to make relocation possible for older people and families. Indef. leave program will reach 20% by the end of the year which will leave approximately 85,000 in the centers.....Civil Service slow on acceptance, intensive investigation

Total Tule Lake transfers--1288.

Sept. 1, 1943. Topaz Times says volunteers may be asked to replace leaking water mains; Ernst says statement not called for. Discussion of policy of paper, Bankson left to work out policy for news processing to eliminate delay & inaccuracy. COUNCIL Labor Committee concerned over labor situation where residents are called on for extra services; so calling for volunteers should be carefully considered. ERNST: "transfer program...greatest step the WRA has taken since the evacuation itself, as it touches so many human lives....wants transfer program to run smoothly without upsetting emotions of people & called upon every member of the staff to cooperate to his fullest capacity. He said that every staff member must watch his step to see that no apprehensions are developed within the center.... all those going toward Japan will be together and satisfied and all others will be cleared for indefinite leave without further restrictions as rapidly as they can find ~~suitable~~ desirable employment. Ernst wants entire a. p. to dine together once a week.

TOPAZ CABINET

Sept. 11, 1943 Wanda Robertson, first woman Cabinet member. O. F. Hoffman, newly arrived social analyst is cabinet member.

Simpson wants typhoid shots for all a. p. Ernst said if this done, same invitation must go to all residents. Ernst objects to A. P. getting reserved seats at evacuee functions. Also appealed to staff regarding their personal appearance when they are attending the social functions.

General report on WALKOUT in operation division since Friday, a week ago. Could find no actual cause for this disturbance, believed concentrated on operation divisions...Labor Committee has now assumed the responsibility of negotiating with the group representing the resident workers; hopeful present negotiations will end in settlement...residents are not working for a. p., but a. p. and residents are working for a better center...Emotional period in the transfer but called upon all to join in seeing that everything goes forward with the least possible disturbances. Trouble apparently was outgrowth of dispute started in garage after MP had been posted at west gate & drivers refused to go thru gate. Has spread to other units of operations section..elected council chosen to serve people, proper for Council to assume resp. for working out solution.

Discussion of Vocational Training Program

Oct. 2, 1943. All persons going on seasonal leave must first be employed within center; many taking employment for one day then asking for season leave; water-main repairs interrupted. Problem of mending water mains turned over to Council to find some way of interesting the residents in wanting to assist in the removing of the broken pipes. Volunteer crew in Bl 42 had opened up ditches in one day and this block is now in good order; hope other blocks will do same.

Ernst stressed part COUNCIL is expected to play in assuming new & impt. responsibilities for operation of center from viewpoint of residents themselves. "FORECAST SPEECH" by Ernst given wide distribution.

Oct. 16, 1943. Employment Division is now Relocation Division. Sanford replaces Lorne Bell as Chief, Com. Mgt.

Oct. 22, 1943. Visit of Myer.

Ernst...the COUNCIL, if it was given all of the facts of any instances would be able to come up pretty close with the right answers to how to do the job and was strongly in favor of making more and more use of the Council so when such things as harvesting crops, of repairing water mains, and like of that for community's interest, the Council should be all out in its responsibility in seeing that this work is properly done and on time. Mr. Myer again pointed out that it must be all one way or the other, either Council assume all responsibility and gets the job done, or the Ad. must assume the responsibility.

.....Myer, first job in the center is to run it right, and the second job is to relocate the people in a satisf. manner so that they may resume a normal way of living." Discussion of doing away with seasonal leave & making all leave ind. Myer not sure.

Oct. 27, 1943. Myer's request for aid in harvesting at Tule Lake. Going wages to be paid....Dr. OCHIKUBO-special Council meeting held, concern over public attitude in sending workers; O. not certain how many would sign up but Mike Maruyama said 35 had already signed.

Oct. 30, 1943. Reports that T. L. volunteers threatened but 32 were going. Plans for removal of MP.

Nov. 6, 1943. 219 men, 204 women 14 or over who were Kibei.

CABINET MEETINGS

Nov. 13, 1943.

Nov. 20, 1943. 2 boys apprehended for breaking into Coop store; 1 under 16, from Tule Lake. Put in County jail. First annual report ready.

Nov. 27, 1943. Provinse reports Wash. concentrating on relocation & Tule Lake. At TL, no more than 3-400 well organized enuf to create trouble. Situation surprised WRA as various groups were expected to assimilate, instead had not and disorganization resulted. Myer talked to A. Legion in Indiana. Wash. concerned of resident resistance to removal of MP

Dec. 4, 1943. Saiki Muneno, new chmn CC and vice chairman, Mike Kudo.

Ernst: impt. of strong men standing for Council election. Plans for C particip. in relocation and MP removal; Ernst thinks C. should control gambling & drinking.

Dec. 11, 1943. Council bans bingo-playing in blocks. Chmn anticipates trouble in enforcing order and requested ED to call in MP for Sat. evening to enforce order in Block 34. Ernst refused, would be grave error as the matter was strictly concerning Bl 34 and the Council, and that the Council should work out the problem itself. (Report later settlement of bingogame sent in). Council passed ordin. eliminating bingo games at request of certain groups which felt they were getting out of control and becoming more or less a racket with each block vying for top returns. 17 votes cast by council; 4 blocks against; other reps absent or didnt vote.

Dec. 18, 1943. New type of leave clearance announced. Auditorium dedication.

Dec. 24. New family interview program; rumors that this will be another registration or forced relocation.

1944

Jan. 1, 1944. Highlights of year: registration, Wakasa incident, relation of residents with MP, segregation, visits of Spanish Consul. (Hughes).

Roscoe Bell (operations): farm returns; production next year; new construction work; replacement of water pipe lines; handling of motorized equipment.

Jan. 8, 1944. Ernst wants to see some major center-wide activity always in the making so no let-down in resident morale. Chicago Evacuee conference--Granada wants report on plans postponed to Jan. 20 and WRA pay expenses. Topaz Council to discuss.

Jan. 15, 1944. Tule Lake returned to WRA by military.

Council ordinance on gambling adopted; Jud. Com., I.S. and P. A. are meeting to develop proper procedure for enforcement. Unfavorable resident attitude about Chicago Conference; but Council by small majority voted to send 2 delegates. Myer wires postponement of conference.

Jan. 22, 1944. NISEI DRAFT ANNOUNCED. Manzanar requests transfer of no. of Manzanar families for family reunions.

Jan. 29, 1944. Birthday Ball Celebration with County people. Report on atrocities. Poston & Gila being closed against visitors from outside or residents out. "He stated that he had reported back, as far as Topaz was concerned, instead of closing the center, we were throwing the gate wide-open & inviting 150 persons from the neighboring communities to visit in the center and attend President's Birthday Ball."

Feb. 5, 1944. Commentator Vandercook's analysis of J-A situation well received. Miss Dickinson, new head of relocation division.

Feb. 12, 1944. John Embree visiting center.

Feb. 19, 1944.

March. 11, 1944. Rumors of Topaz closing

Mar. 25, 1944. Myer present. Jerome only center to be closed that year.

Council members states that residents are gifting doctors. Myers "strong condemnation" dangerous practice against WRA policy. "No private business is allowed in a center and gift giving in this manner breaks down whole system." Further strong debate by Myer and Councilman

Apr. 1, 1944. 175 yg men going for induction or induction exams.

Apr. 8, 1944. Apr. 15-all but 16 of MP will leave.