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INTRODUCTION

This manual has been prepared for the benefit of the block representatives which have been chosen by the people in their respective blocks. The purpose promoted in this manual is to clarify the status and responsibilities of each representative. There will be distinctions made between the block representative and the block manager.

It is noted at the outset that both block representatives and block managers have their respective duties, but the primary requisite to the proper functioning of this community rests on the coordination between these two principals.

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Morris Abe, Secretary
Temporary Community Council

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STATUS OF TEMPORARY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

The regulations for the establishment of a system of self government for the Tule Lake Project are expected to be announced in the near future by the War Relocation Authority. It is expected that the colonists will form and administer the democratic institutions by which the various community services will be carried on.

Before these regulations can be determined, it is necessary to have some experience and some tangible evidence of the aptitude of the colonists for the exercising of governing power. It was for this reason, therefore, that this temporary system was organized. This temporary Council, having only advisory authority, will serve for the immediate needs of the community. From the experiences of this Council, definite regulations will be drawn.

The temporary Community Council shall adopt such by-laws as it may deem necessary to govern its further proceedings. It has no power to issue ordinances, but shall make such recommendations as it shall deem proper with reference to any matter pertaining to health, welfare, recreation, education, and any other matters of internal administration. The Council may divide itself into such other committees for the purpose of informing itself upon matters of internal administration and of making recommendations in respect thereof to the Project Director.

STATUS OF BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

The duties of each block representative are as follows:

1. It shall be his duty to bring forth to the Council all complaints and suggestions which pertain to the welfare of the community proper.
2. It shall be his duty, eventually, to aid in the adoption of the rules and regulations which will govern this project; and to inform the colonists of his block of all Council regulations and policies.
3. It shall be his duty to make adequate reports to the Project Director and to the Project Staff concerning the functioning of the community services.
4. It shall be his duty to perform such other duties as may be designated from time to time by the Project Director.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE BLOCK REPRESENTATIVE AND BLOCK MANAGER

The fundamental distinction is that the block representative represents the voice of the people in his block in matters relating to the community proper. The block manager, on the other hand, serves his block in matters relating to the personal needs of the colonists. Examples of some of the fundamental duties of a block manager are as follows:

1. Distribution of information -- The block manager is a liaison officer between the administration and the people; and in this respect he has the authority to inform the colonists of all rules, regulations, instructions, information, and other forthcoming orders issued by the administration office.
2. Receipt and distribution of mail -- The block manager is personally responsible for the collection and distribution of mail.
3. Housing problems -- All changes in residence of colonists must be referred to their block manager. All matters pertaining to repairs, heating, and sanitation are to be handled by the block manager.
4. Mess hall -- The block manager is not concerned in the organization or operation of the mess hall; but can act as a medium between the mess hall and the people, and may transmit complaints to the Chief Steward.
5. Supplies -- Household supplies and repairs for residents are handled through the block manager.

In summary, it should be remembered that the distinction lies in the fact that the representatives are elected to serve the people of their respective blocks with the idea of a community benefit, whereas, the block manager is appointed by the administration office as its medium of decentralizing the numerous duties and functions that are necessary. Inasmuch as both block representatives and block managers are serving their people, it is hoped that there be close cooperation between the block representative and block manager. There is no reason for any conflict in the jurisdiction held by each, but in the event of such, immediate reference should be made to the proper authorities.

REPRESENTATIVES

WARD I:

4--YUASA, George, 406-C
 5--UYENO, Tom, 519-D
 6--SAKATA, Frederick, 617-A
 13--FURUKAWA, Yoshio, 1316-C,D
 14--TANAKA, Harry Y., 1405-C
 15--ABE, Morris, 1503-A
 16--KUMAGAI, Nishi, 1604-D
 17--WAKAYAMA, Gerry, 1703-C,D
 18--KUMAMOTO, Yukio, 1818-E

WARD II:

25--YAGI, Sadayoshi, 2502-A,B,C
 26--MIURA, Roy, 2603-B
 27--MASAKI, Takeshi, 2715-A,B
 28--TAKETA, Henry, 2818-C
 29--NIKAIDO, Roy, 2907-B
 30--TSUDA, Hitoyoshi, 3015-C
 37--KOGA, Albert, 3717-C,D
 38--NAKANO, Lawrence, 3804-A
 39--MATSUDA, Yoshiaki, 3904-A

WARD III:

22--SAKIYAMA, Tom, 2205-D
 23--MAYEDA, Harry, 2304-B,C
 24--SUZUKI, Yoneo, 2405-A
 31--HAMATAKE, Ichiro, 3103-C
 32--MIYAMOTO, Sumio, 3213-A,B
 33--TSUKAMOTO, Walter, 3307-A,B
 34--KUROKO, Kenneth, 3418-D
 35--TAKEMOTO, Koso, 3506-B
 36--TANAKA, Kiyoshi, 3618-C

WARD IV:

7--OUE, Fred, 702-D
 8--SUGIYAMA, William, 804-B
 9--HARA, Harry, 918-D
 10--HAMATANI, Kiyohiro, 1015-A
 11--SASAKI, Barton, 1105-C
 12--KUBO, Shigaichi, 1202-D
 19--ONO, Chugoro, 1906-C
 20--JINBO, Lloyd, 2018-D
 21--OSHIMA, Coffee, 2116-C

WARD V:

40--YEGO, Masayuki, 4019-B
 41--MATSUMOTO, Tom, 4101-D
 42--TSUKAMOTO, Frank, 4211-C
 43--SASAKI, Frank M., 4316-F
 44--YAMAMOTO, Frank, 4414-A
 45--KAWAHATA, George, 4519-E
 46--KAWADA, Masao, 4614-A,B
 47--SHIBATA, Yoshimi, 4716-E
 48--FUKUI, Fred, 4802-E

WARD VI:

49--TANIGAWA, Frank, 4902-C
 50--DOI, Frank, 5015-A
 51--YEGO, Thomas, 5104-B
 52--NORIKANE, 5212, C
 53--YASUMURA, George, 5301-B
 54--OKURA, Min, 5415-C,D,E
 56--MATSUOKA, James, 5612-F
 57--YOSHIHARA, Takeo, 5717-A,B
 58--FUKUI, Shuichi, 5816-D,E
 59--SAKAGAMI, Mutsuo, 5916-A

WARD VII:

67--SATO, Ray, 6705-E
 68--YUMIBE, Kiyoshi, 6803-D
 69--YASUI, Ray, 6916-A
 70--ISERI, Mun, 7012-F
 71--
 72--
 73--HORIKE, Tsuyoshi, 7313-A,B
 74--KODAYAMA, George, 7411-D