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and how many hours a week I would have to teach. I didn't want to take on any more work until the reports were out of the way. Still I want to help in the program if it can be worked out at all. May, however, was not in. Another girl was there with a nice looking girl reporter from the Dispatch office. I talked to them for a while.

In the afternoon took a nap till 3 p.m. Then went to see Mr. Sakamoto and talked to him about the messhall and also gathered other information concerning the block. Dropped in at the block manager's office to get the mail. Spoke to Dorothy about keeping a diary since she's keeping a record about the weather, but I don't think she would be ambitious enough to keep a real record of camp life. She said that she liked to read best sellers so I brought her home and showed her some of the books that we had. Ruby told her fortune for her.

In the evening went to May's place because she was giving a party for Kingo. The Kuwada's and Egusas were there, too. Jimmy Egusa and Yaye were playing with the Ouija Board. They tried to guess Mr. K's age, but I don't think that they were successful. When George first saw the boardwork, he said that it didn't work. It really looks fishy the first time you see anyone do it. Too bad I didn't have time to try it myself. Ruby was trying it too, but I don't think that she was successful because she had her eyes closed. Kingo, Jimmy, Mr. K. George, and I played bridge. George was the poorest player, and I didn't know very well, either. Mr. K. was pretty good and kept telling me where I was wrong, which was sort of irritating. He liked to talk and seemed to be an interesting fellow. He's a man of experience.

Talked to Kingo a little bit about the construction division. Yaye came up and started to talk about the Sofue boy. George said that Yaye looked prettier tonight, <sup>but</sup> I hadn't noticed it especially. May served cakes, sandwiches, and tea for refreshments. Also there was a bottle of wine available, although I don't know where it came from.



We came home at 11 p.m. As we came home we talked about people, trying to find out more about them. Ruby and George are beginning to get more insight into people now. We came to the conclusion that most people had some sort of problem. They are beginning to be able to use the concept of a submissive adjustment in comparison to a more extroverted adjustment.

Block 25 (Interview with Sakamoto)

Mr. Sakamoto himself is a second generation from Hawaii, although he is considered an Issei because he can't prove his birth. He can speak both English and Japanese quite fluently. He was living in Santa Clara County before evacuation. His daughter is married to the Masui's and it was for that reason that he moved to Stockton after the war began. From there he was evacuated to Walerga. He says that several families in this block were originally scheduled to enter the Stockton Assembly Center, but had to go to Walerga because of lack of room in Stockton. For this reason these families are rather isolated here. These families seem to include the Nakamuras, Adachis, Morimotos, Kishiyamas. The Nakamuras originally lived in San Francisco, but had been farming for the last 7 years. The Nagatas and Sugiyamas are both from Sacramento. The Tanabes, Akahoshis, Takedas, and Yamaguchis all seem to have come from the white zone, although I've heard Mrs. Takeda say that she came from Walnut Grove. These later came to this center from Clarksburg, and were originally living in ward one. When Mr. Akahoshi got his job as the block manager of block 25, he brought these families with him. Mr. Sakamoto commented on Mr. Adachi and said that his attitude of being against so many things was partly accounted for by the fact that he was paralyzed once. Today when a vote was taken in the mess hall to determine whether we should have entertainments in January most of the people raised their hands in favor of it, while I saw that Mr. Adachi didn't raise his hand.

Social Welfare Department

Mr. Jacoby commented on the administration set up of the department.



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The Internal Security division was originally set up under the Community Service along with Education and others. At this time the Fire Department was handled as a separate unit by itself. Under the Internal Security Division there were the wardens and the Social Welfare Department. Dr. Jacoby was in charge of both as the head of the Internal Security Division. Mrs. Halle was only an assistant community workers, and <sup>as</sup> such had no complete charge over the Social Welfare Department.

Sometimes toward the end of July orders came through from San Francisco that there was a change made in the administrative set up. It was suggested that the Internal Security Division be placed outside of the Community Service Division, controlling the wardens and the Fire Department, while the Social Welfare Department should remain under the Community Service Division. Mr. Fleming and Mr. Jacoby, however, both felt that the Social Welfare Department should remain under the Internal Security Division. For several weeks this arrangement was maintained. Plans were made to have the Regional Office approve this arrangement. However, in the meantime trouble had also been brewing between Dr. Jacoby and Mr. Halle. The latter probably talked to several members of the administrative staff desiring the Social Welfare Division to remain under the Community Service Division. Dr. Jacoby was not desirous of defending his position. This was taken up by Mr. Flemming, who thought that it would be better if the Social Welfare Department remained under Dr. Jacoby. But since this trouble had started, it was decided in the end to follow the instructions from the Regional Office and to take the Social Welfare Department out of the hands of the Internal Security Division.

Concerning the public assistants grants, Dr. Jacoby related as follows. Right after Mrs. Halle had left, Miss Hashino, Mrs. Akamatsu and Tom Shibutani had come to him and asked that no other Caucasians be sent to supervise the Welfare Department. They also asked that the matter of public assistant grants be looked into because the money for the grants had not come yet. Vouchers were supposed to have been sent to San Francisco, and then instructions came



back saying that they were to be paid within the Project. Word had been sent to Washington by the man in charge in San Francisco to get an O.K. to permit this arrangement. Dr. Jacoby had occasion to go to San Francisco at this time, and prodded 2 officials to find out what was delaying the matter. Letters had been sent before, but this combined action from two sources produced result, and when Dr. Jacoby returned public assistants grants were already being paid. He feels that it was not entirely Mrs. Halle's fault that these grants did not come in, and that it was more likely to have been a coincidence that right after Nao took over the department that the grants came through.

#### Legal Aid Department

Concerning the Legal Aid Department Dr. Jacoby gave the following account. The department was first set up because Henry Takeda had come to the internal security division looking for a job. A suggestion was made that a Legal Aid Department be set up to help colonists. For a while matters of the department were handled through the Internal Security Division, with the part-time project attorney supervising the department whenever he could. Sometime later it broke away from the Internal Security division almost entirely and set up its own desk in the Administration Building, next to the Project Attorney's desk. The Project Attorney was put in charge of the department. Otherwise, the department was autonomous.

#### Nisei Attitude on status

Today I was talking to May Sato's secretary and reporter from the Dispatch office. Both of them said that they wished they could get out of here. They felt that by doing house work they could get out. The secretary, however, felt that she had a duty toward her parents, and was not sure that she really wanted to go. If she did go she would want her family and some friends along. The other girl said that she would go if she had one friend to take along. But both of them agreed that they did not want to be stuck with a domestic job. They wanted a job as a secretary, which the secretary was doubtful



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she would be able to get.

The interesting part of the discussion was the desire of the girls to get out just for the sake of getting out. Also, if they did get out they wanted a job with status. They were concerned with more than just getting freedom or finding enough to do to make a living.

#### Kibeis on Sex Talk

George said that the girl working in the poultry division as a secretary is always being teased by the boys. Some of the boys have been teasing her with vague sexual talk which she probably did not understand at first. Nakamura, who works in the department reports that she is beginning to catch on now. We discussed the matter and George observed that Kibeis and Isseis will talk about sex to girls directly. This was the same sort of talk that disgusted Lily Matsushima while she worked in mess 25. George said that Niseis will do as do the Kibeis on such sexy topics when they are among themselves, but never when there is a girl around. It just goes to show the different attitude the Kibeis and Niseis take toward girls.

#### Construction Division

The construction division seems to be having trouble. There is a general consensus of opinion among the Japanese workers that Mr. Slattery is undesirable as the head <sup>of</sup> the Department. Even Kingo says he will be happy to see Mr. Slattery leave. He said that he was the sort of fellow that was blunt, and also the sort that was not sympathetic toward the Japanese at all. Even though Kingo worked in the drafting department, he did not suspect that Mr. Slattery was up to anything. He did say that Mr. Slattery was the kind that would be against the Japanese having schools and church buildings at the present time, even though they were promised to them. He did not suspect either that the Japanese construction crew was trying to get Slattery out of office. I asked how Kazuko Slattery's secretary was getting along, and he thought that she was getting



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along all right in the office. I mentioned that she thought that the only one she could talk to was he, and Kingo didn't say anything and seemed to be embarrassed. I asked him whether Mr. Slattery was leaving, and he did not seem to know. I pointed out that two engineers had been sent from the Regional Office, and he did not seem to know this either. He did agree, however, that the Construction Division was an interesting one so far as conflicts went.

Ikuo Morimoto

Ikuo has been getting his time even though he stayed home because he received an absent leave from Eastman. Ikuo has been staying home recently because his wife had a baby. But Eastman has left the Project, and George advised Ikuo to come to the farm for a while just to put in his time. Ikuo went this morning, but told George that he would not go for a couple of days. Evidently, he is not interested at all in hog ranch work. George wished that he would quit if that were the case. Clearly Ikuo is not well adjusted at the present time. One source of irritation is probably the fact that he is now out of his elements because he is married, but doesn't find the right sort of companions with whom he has enough in common. Also he may not have learned sufficiently to take up the responsibility of an adult in the way of work.

George Sakoda

We were discussing the types<sup>of</sup> girls tonight, and George hit on a rather good insight. He said that when he went to a dance with a girl like Frances Sugiyama things worked out because she kept telling him what to do. When he just sat down she would ask that they dance. When he didn't dance correctly she would tell him to go slower, etc. He said that he would probably get along further in life if he married someone who could push him along. I agreed with him, but said that he should be careful not to pick a girl who nagged. He should select a person who knew what should be done but



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who was intelligent enough to make him feel at ease. I suggested that Janet Okano might be the right type of person. Ruby agreed with me, while George did not protest.

We discussed Asako as being the submissive type, as well as Yoshi Kato except for the fact that Asako was less well adjusted with people. Nobuko Ike seemed to remain aloof from others, but there was something refined about her.

Dorothy Sofye was not adjusted to the girls about here, either. Insights into personalities are important because it makes it easier to understand oneself, when that becomes necessary. In handling one's own problems insight and understanding into the mechanisms employed by people as defenses are most important in effective recovery. While this means that personalities have to be studied to some extent, something which people don't like still this matter is important enough to be carried out by people as widely as possible.

Wednesday, December 2, 1942

Diary

In the morning worked on a revised outline for the messhall section. Then went to Elberson's office, but he wasn't in. Fumi Sakamoto, however, cornered me and asked me what I thought of creating a job of treasurer from the Executive Secretary position and giving Mr. Sugimoto that job in order to counterbalance the two young assistant general managers. She agreed with me that an Issei should have been put in to appease the Issei elements. We are now back in our old relationship where Fumi comes right out and tells me all of her plans and asks me what I think of them. I think, perhaps, she was afraid for a while that she had incurred my displeasure, although there really weren't good reasons for this.



Frank Miyamoto

Went on to Frank's place to see if he had any material on the messhall section. He couldn't give me an account of one of the Council meetings which might have helped in describing the messhall strike because he hadn't written it up yet. It means that he's behind about 2 months on his write ups. I was glad at least I was keeping up with my daily record, which we agreed was rather sketchy, because I don't have to bother about past work. We talked about how wonderful it would be if we could get someone else to write up the reports and all we did was to keep records. Frank brought up the fact that our records were sketchy and our work scattered because we didn't know what our problem really was.

I didn't get any material on the mess section, but he gave me a copy of the Annals. I also borrowed his section on the social structure and his write up on prevalent fears. I talked to him about some of my background and tried to explain why I was so different from the Niseis around here. He seemed to be impressed with the fact that the background accounted seemingly for much of the different behavior of individuals. I explained my concept of the different types of Niseis that I recognized and their differences. I also went to the cultural conflict situation and the marginal personality.

Frank told me a little about his own background. He said that until about 6 he used to live in a Japanese community, but after that he moved to a Caucasian community. Although he continued to go to Japanese school, he didn't learn it very well. Concerning dancing he said that he did know how to dance, but he could never feel that he was wholly accepted among Niseis. The type of work he is doing at present, his adjustment toward Caucasians are both typical of the marginal personality type of individual.

In the afternoon took a nap, and then started to read the things I had



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borrowed from Frank. Then went to Elberson's office to talk to him. I also tried to get a personal check cashed, but Mike said that there was a ruling now that no personal checks were to be cashed. I said that I would bring the matter up at a meeting of the Board of Directors. I asked Mr. Elberson if he had any material on the messhall strike, and he said that he was writing up a report on labour relations. He thought that we ought to add a section on labor relations to our outline. He offered to give us the material when he wrote it up. Concerning the messhall strike he quickly wrote me a letter of introduction to Mr. Taketa, who had the information that I desired. We talked about this and that and learned something from him. He did not seem to know that anything was brewing in the Construction Division.

In the evening went to see Kazuko to relieve my mind of constant work. She was at home typing away on the broadcast section, which she had just started. She said that Mr. Slattery had come back. She thought that he was going to leave for good, although no one really seemed to know. Shig Makano and Roy Kitade dropped in and the 4 of us talked for a while. The talk centered about the way the project was being run, conditions in the camp, the future, etc. I suppose it could have been said that the conversation was more or less intellectual. Mr. and Mrs. Tanabe sat around the stove with us, but did not say anything at all. We ignored them and talked in English. Once Shig said something to Mr. T., but he did not seem to get the point, and Shig did not try again. I left at 8:30 after having stayed for an hour and a half. Mr. and Mrs. T. kindly asked me to stay for tea, but I went on home, knowing that I had work to do. Came home and finished reading Frank's pieces. Also worked on the outline for personal adjustment, but I still don't know how I should organize the section.

Roy Kuwahara

Works at the present time with George in the Hog Department. He used to work as a chief cook, but gave up the job to work with hogs. He is very



quiet and says very little. George says that he gets along with Kibei girls better than he does with Nisei girls. He thinks that they are more interesting. He has begun to learn Japanese from George because he wants to know more Japanese to be able to get along with Kibeis better. This relationship is rather unique because usually it's the Kibeis who try to adjust to the Nisei.

#### Construction Division

The Japanese in the Construction Division always have been against Mr. Slattery, the division head. Everyone seems to agree that his attitude toward Japanese is so bad that he could not be expected to get along here. There was a chance of his being moved to another center about a month ago, it seems but he did not choose to go. He seems to have wanted to stay because of relations living in California. Kingo said that he would be glad to see Mr. Slattery go. There is some evidence that he is clearing his desk and writing up reports in preparation to leave, but no one really seems to know. Kazuko says that Mr. Mead was forced to leave because the colonists would not take orders from him. The Construction Division is an interesting division to follow if the material could be gotten.

#### Sectional Difference

Mr. Elbersen believes that there are very definite differences between the people from the Northwest and people from California. Elbersen himself feels that people from the Northwest are more desirable. For one thing, the fact that they have lived in smaller Japanese communities have given them a better attitude toward Caucasians. They are more willing to cooperate, not only with Caucasians, but with others in general.

#### Mr. Shirrell

Mr. Elbersen was frank about Mr. Shirrell's attitude toward the Japanese when I asked him if the sort of things that Mr. Shirrell was quoted as saying were true. I had in mind some things that were worked on the messhall strike



report. Mr. Elberson said that Mr. Shirrell was really not a strong man, but the type of people like himself and Mr. Jacoby. If the two of them could be with Mr. Shirrell whenever problems came up, he could be expected to agree with them. But there is pressure from the other side who believe in strong measures. The result is that when someone blows in with a problem Mr. Shirrell often makes snap judgments and says things which are detrimental to a good relationship with the Japanese people.

#### Council

Mr. Elberson asked <sup>me</sup> whether I knew who were elected as officers of the new council. I didn't. He said that Harry Mayeda was elected, chairman; Tom Yego, vice president; Yoshimi Shibata and Koso Takemoto the other two officers of the council. We laughed and thought it was funny that the liberal elements had won such a victory in the council. It's interesting to note that both Yoshimi and Koso are in the Coop Movement at the present time and both are known as liberal leaders. Both of them have stood up for fair Issei representation, whereas the "old guards" as Elberson termed the Tsukamoto, Taketa, Yego-group wanted to reserve power for themselves. Tsukamoto himself had gotten only 356 votes out of a possible 1200 votes, and was 6th on the list from Ward III. Mr. Elberson said that he could never feel as though the old Council appreciated his presence and felt that he would be able to work with the new Council much easier. With the old Council he had always felt unwanted. I asked why the old Guards acted as they did in attempting to retain power and not consulting the people when they could and otherwise not following democratic principles. Elberson felt that the lawyers were always that way anyway. It seems to be typical of lawyers to act in an undemocratic way, just as do big businessmen and the American Legion.

#### Sectionalism

Shig gave me this information on the distribution of people within the wards.



Arboga: 10-11-12 (Perhaps also 7-8-9) 40-41-42 (part)-45-46

White Zone: 42-43-44-47-48

Pinedale: 49-50-52-53-54- Alaska, Ward VII

#### Nisei Attitude

According to Shig someone advised him not to volunteer with the intelligence corps because the men were going to be sent out to the front to do reconnaissance, which meant almost sure death. Roy wanted to know why I didn't apply for Fort Savage, and I said that I was enjoying myself here. Shig then said that I was a rare individual. He himself was not finding it much fun here. I remarked that everyone would be glad when the time came to get out of here, but Roy wasn't so sure. He said that many people were in need even at the present time, and he thought that many of them were going to have a hard time when they got out.

#### Pilfering by Caucasian

Shig related that one Caucasian head who seemed to be drunk half of the time had worked out a system whereby he was able to send out only one half of the supplies that he actually sent out. A requisition was necessary in order to get supplies from the central warehouse to the office warehouse. When the supply was sent from the office warehouse to the colonists, this man required another requisition slip to be made. Thus he was able to have two requisition slips signed for anything that went out. In his book he kept records of both requisitions as having gone out to the colonists. This matter was brought to Mr. Hayes' attention, but he only laughed at it. This happened in the maintenance division.

#### Hayes gives in

This comes from Shig, too. The garbage crew asked for ward warm hats because it was cold in the morning. Hayes insisted that it was not cold enough to issue them. This Japanese fellow asked him whether he was willing to come with them to pick up the garbage. Mr. Hayes asked what time they went to



work. The fellow said at 4 a.m. He told Mr. Hayes that he would come after him at that time. The workers usually did not start work till about 6:30, but that morning they made a special effort to get up earlier and be at work by 4. Mr. Hayes came along with them and got on the truck. At the <sup>first</sup> messhall, however, he got off. He told the fellows that it was too cold and that they could have their caps. He himself went to mess 18 to warm up.

Walter Tsukamoto

Both Shig and Roy felt that it was too bad that Walter had not been elected to the Council. They felt that the Council had made a grave error. Both of them are evidently JACL members. I think I embarrassed them by pointing out that Walter did not respect the opinion of the people. Shig said that he did not like the idea of Walter trying to get Nisei to volunteer for the Army, "Just because he could sit back and take it easy."

Thursday, December 3, 1942

Coop General Assembly

The meeting is scheduled for 7, but doesn't start till 7:50 P.M. A microphone is set up, and recordings were played until the meeting was started. Mr. Kuramoto, the president of the Board of Directors, gets up and makes an address. On one side in front are <sup>sitting</sup> together Ikegami, Shibata, and Honda, all Niseis. Koso is sitting up in front with some of the Isseis. Kuramoto speaks in rather fluent Japanese. He receives an applause. He introduces Koso Takemoto, the Executive Secretary.

The Board of Directors' members are introduced one by one. Mr. Smith is introduced and he received a little louder applause than the rest. Mr. Elbersen is not here.

Members of the various committees are introduced. Membership Committee, Auditing Committee, Management Committee, By-Laws, and Membership Committee, Ward Chairman. Sumio Miyamoto is introduced and is asked to introduce the managers. The two young assistant general managers are introduced first. The rest of the



because of need to stock clothing, etc., the price has been raised slightly. Tobacco, no mark-up, drugs 15%, clothing a little larger, shoes about 23%. Welton and More have not promised credit definitely.

X: What is the average profit at the present time?

Miyamoto: We can't tell until the new statement is made up.

Katagiri: Until now there were some items which were difficult to stock in full. I tried to buy a pair of pants. I finally found them in #1 canteen after some search. On the other hand there are things which I consider luxury and unnecessary goods. Can't something be done about those?

Miyamoto: It may seem that Mr. Smith and I tried to sell unnecessary goods to the Japanese. This camp is very funny. You can't sell anything cheap. They advise us to stock with expensive goods.

Katagiri: I was thinking of such things as the floor lamp. I think there are other necessities that should be stocked.

Miyamoto: There are people who come in individually and ask for some of those goods. We feel that it's best to buy things for these people as cheaply as possible. That's why we have stocked with radios, for instance. We bought in lots because it's more economical. The same thing goes for the floor lamp. People want them for weddings. It's only the way you look at it. We try to get what the people want as cheaply as possible. But if the Board of Directors feel that such goods should not be stocked, then I shall not follow that.

X1: How did we get credit until now?

Miyamoto: Mr. Smith had some creditor friend on the outside. He also talked to the HakuJins that came in a smart way and got credit by the way he talked. He did not say that the WRA would insure payment, but he gave them that impression.

X1: Is it true that the WRA guaranteed the payment of \$100,000 credit?

Miyamoto: This is not true.



important persons are also introduced. Miyamoto speaks in English.

The office staff is next introduced. The roll of representatives is taken.

8:05 p.m. Reports of various committees are begun. Mr. Kuramoto gives the report of the Board of Directors. He is reading out of a written paper. Fumi was saying that she would have him write up his report because he tends to ramble. His last item is the matter of credit brought up by Mr. O'Connor. He goes into this in some length. He is not reading from his paper and wanders a great deal. He goes too much into detail. This was probably what Fumi was afraid of. He touched on the fear which motivates his long discussion. "Many people believe that if the coop takes over the price will be <sup>cut down or profit will be</sup> distributed immediately. But this cannot be done...." He also brings up the matter of scholarship, only saying that this matter has to be decided yet. The matter of paying rent to Mr. Smith is discussed quite thoroughly. He asks that persons thank Mr. Smith personally when they see him. There is a little applause.

8:25 p.m. Report of the Committee on Committees by Mr. Matsumoto. "The amount of work of this committee has been very great. We have had about 15 meetings already. I have 70 or 80 pages of minutes alone." (Mr. Matsumoto likes to feel important about his work. His desire to play a leadership role is definite.) He makes a rather short and snappy speech.

8:30 p.m. Report of the By-Laws Committees by Mr. Sugimoto. He gives the history of the writing up of the by-laws. He admits that the committee has had to receive much help from Miss Sakamoto and Koso.

8:38 p.m. Report on the Auditing Committee by Mr. Tad Tomita. He first apologizes for being chosen the chairman of this committee even though he is young. There is nothing to report tonight because all they have done is to take part in the taking of the inventory. He did not choose to say that the inventory was properly taken.

8:42 p.m. Report of the Management Committee by Mr. Kihei Ikeda. This committee has held only two meetings so far; therefore, there is nothing much



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to report. He brought up 2 problems which were presented to the Committee by the Management Committee. One is the inviting offer made by Montgomery Ward. This was an important matter so that they decided to spend more time on it. The other matter was the price policy. The decision on this too was deferred because the matter was thought to be very important.

Koso: The purpose of the coop is not only to save pennies, for the co-  
Therefore, the Education Committee is important.  
operation among the people is more important./ We should take up Ninomiya Sontoku's idea of cooperation.

8:54p.m. Report on the membership committee by Koso Takemoto.

Scrip

Koso: Concerning the selling of scrip there are various sorts of complaints. One was that the handling of scrip would be troublesome. This, however, is not the case. There is advantage in selling scrip because of the cash available for use. Scrip is also necessary in avoiding the payment of income taxes and in receiving refunds.

Membership

Koso: We intend to carry on the membership drive even though there may be some opposition among the people. We expect to start the membership drive from this coming Monday. (He outlines the procedure for making the membership drive.) He explains the definition of a blocked alien.

Fumi reads the list of questions prepared.

The floor is then opened for question.

X1: How about those who have gone to internment camps?

Koso: They are necessarily blocked aliens. Those who intend to return to Japan can be considered eligible for membership for the present.

X1: How about the person who has his assets frozen, but who has a general license?

Koso: Anyone who has a general license is not a blocked alien.



Xl: The Management Committee says that the management policy is not clear yet. We have to clear up these things before starting a membership drive.

Kuramoto: This matter has been discussed by the Board. It has decided that for 2 or 3 months they will not make very many changes. Concerning the patronage refund, the credit situation has to be met. The refund of patronage dividend will be delayed in order to build up a reserve but the length of time or the amount of reserve to be built up is not clear yet.

Xl: Does it mean that for 3 months nothing is known?

Kuramoto: Everything is known. It just means that no new changes will be made in the management.

Koso: The general policy of the coop is stated in Article V. The business has to be run according to good business policy. The Board felt that the past business policy was to make no changes for the present.

Sugimoto: What had become of the \$2.00 certificate of interest that was promised.

Koso: The \$2.00 was a rough estimate.

Fumi: I am sorry that the \$2.00 has caused some trouble. We did not intend to pay the income tax. I figured that each member would receive about \$2.00. At present I don't know how much it is going to be because we don't know whether the income tax has to be paid.

JS: Are they going to receive the certificate.

Fumi: Yes, they will receive a certificate.

Xl: The chairman said that the present business policy is the best policy. Could the general manager explain the present business policy.

Miyamoto: Until now Mr. Smith ran all of the business. The employment of personnel was set according to WRA policy. As to the price, it was necessary to have some profit to get credit. At first the amount of mark-up was 20% for the first month. Then the mark-up was reduced to 10%. Since then



Xl: I heard that there was a profit of \$30,000 and that the members would receive \$2.00 each. But that seems to have been changed in the present By-Laws. We are not supposed to make any profit in here. The canteen was run for the benefit of the Japanese people, and should not be any profit. The profit should be refunded to the people. If people buy scrip, there should be sufficient cash fund. If the profit were returned to the people, then income tax would not be paid. Has the Board of Directors considered this?

Kuramoto: Mr. Miyamoto thinks that the income tax doesn't have to be paid, it is going to be set aside. The announcement of \$2.00 was a mistake, but certificate of interest will be issued.

Xl: How about the Board passing that the patronage dividend will be refunded.

Kuramoto: The credit structure has to be maintained.

Xl: There should be no reason to worry about credit if you buy most of the things for cash.

Kuramoto: (He explains.)

Xl: This I heard from Mr. Jacoby at a wardens' meeting, although I am not a warden. The wardens discussed a matter of three months ahead. Mr. Jacoby said that it was useless to figure ahead so far because we can't stay here forever. Do we have to stock up so much? Why can't we do cash business?

Kuramoto: For the amount of business that we do, credit is necessary.

(Everybody is snickering at him.)

Xl: I mean that we should do cash business. Why can't we borrow the \$200,000.

The chair is taken by Miyamoto.

Miyamoto: The \$200,000 applied to all centers. (He goes into detail and explains Mr. O'Connor's stand. The creditors put out \$120,000 and the Japanese



put out only \$5,000.) Let's pay our \$1.00 and run the store in the way we want to, shall we? (He receives a good applause.)

Minori: When is the first membership drive going to end?

Koso: One week.

Nimori: Then we can become members later on?

Koso: Yes.

Nimori: I'll become a member later because I don't have the money now.

But what became of the movie equipment?

Miyamoto: The equipment is held yet by Mr. Smith because he feels that the Japanese people may want a theater later on. The contract is being kept up and payment is still being made. About \$1,000 has been paid. The lumber is not on hand.

X1: I am a membership committee member. I understood about the policy and the credit. The distribution of refund will differ according to the number of members, it was mentioned. Is the past profit going to be given to the members?

Chairman: Yes, it is going to be given to the members as a certificate of interest.

XN: I make a motion that the meeting be adjourned.

X: Why was a passenger car necessary? (The chairman explains.)

X: I think that a passenger car is unnecessary. A panel truck should be able to do the work.

Miyamoto: A panel is important, but in picking up the cash three or four people are necessary. Also it's necessary to take Caucasians around. One passenger car will be necessary anyway.

Shinozaki: Are there going to be any benefits for the people who become members the first week?

Chairman: No.



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Shinozaki: Is the certificate of interest going to be limited to the first members.

Ikeda: I would like to have the past profit given to the people who become members the first week.

Nimori: I am against it because I don't have any money at present. (Applause)

Koso: The important thing is cooperation. Also if we have a small membership it's going to be bad for the coop. We shouldn't get any individualistic idea, and we should think of the whole community. We say that there is no competition but we do in the form of mail-order houses. (Applause)

Miyamoto: I would like to extend my thanks to the Board of Directors, Mr. Takemoto, Miss Sakamoto, Mr. Smith and Mr. Elberson who made it possible to have our present coop. We have a great deal of work to do in the future. I would like to have the Board of Directors work hard for the good of the coop. We will work hard to help the Board of Directors. The Committee on Committees has written up a resolution. (He reads in Japanese. Everybody claps his hands in acceptance of the resolution.) Meeting closed 10:55.

Analysis: Tonight's meeting was carried on very smoothly, in spite of the fact that Mr. Kuramoto had some trouble answering questions concisely and accurately. The fellow who asked so many questions is Sakuma, the fellow who had built the Nanko shrine by his barrack. It was interesting to watch the reaction of the others to his questions. They all seemed to think that he had a very poor understanding of the situation. Formerly most of the people would have sympathized with his questions, but tonight everybody was snickering at him. His questions were to the point and all of them were not answered satisfactorily by the chairman and others, but people were not in sympathy with his stand. Probably some of the people knew him for what he was. The tide has definitely turned against such people.

## 2. Dairy

In the morning started to write the mess hall introduction section. Went to see Mr. Taketa; he was out. Then went over to see May Sato about teaching in



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the Higher Education. She was in this time, and I talked to her for a while. I figured that I could teach 2 nights a week for  $1\frac{1}{2}$  hours each and give 3 units credit for the psychology course that I would be teaching. I can probably get my time from the Adult Education Department for this work, which would square me with Dr. Francis as to the number of hours that I would have to teach. May said that I wouldn't have to start till January if I didn't want to, so that is going to work out well, too. Her secretary and the reporter were there again, and I talked to them while May was talking to Mr. Flemming.

Didn't have any time to do very much more in the morning. In the afternoon went to see Mr. Taketa, who gave me the information that I desired, and also loaned me the material he had on the mess hall situation.

FBI: In the late afternoon received a visit from the F.B.I. He flashed his badge and then asked me to talk to him in his car. A tough-looking Japanese fellow was with him. The investigator asked me whether I had been at the broadcast meeting. I said that I was there. He wanted to know first of all if I remembered any of the persons who got up and spoke at that meeting. I said that I didn't know the names of any of the persons. He then asked me whether I remembered which blocks they were from, and I said that I didn't. He then asked me if I remembered any person at all, whether I would recognize them. I said that I remembered that one fellow was a war veteran. The investigator said that it must have been Mr. Ono who spoke first. Evidently he knew him better than I did. Then he asked if I remembered what any of the persons said, and I have the general gist of the meetings, which was against the broadcast. He then referred to a particular speech, and quoted it quite thoroughly, especially the part which went "I would rather be despised winning." He asked me what I thought of that speech. I thought for a while. I then said that he seemed to be shooting off his mouth. I said that I didn't think that he was really dangerous. I explained that the height of the career of the agitators was reached at that broadcast meeting, and that since then



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their position has been very unpopular among the people. I said that since these people have quieted down and have begun to take responsibility instead of fighting against everything, I didn't consider them very harmful. He wanted to know whether I didn't think that that one speech was rather bad, but I didn't admit it. I said that the sympathy of most of the first generation was with their own country, and this was especially true under present circumstances. He came back and said that the only thing that the Japanese were deprived of was the right to become citizens which showed what little insight he had into the actual conditions under which Japanese had to live in the U.S. He could not see, evidently, the enormous amount of social handicap under which the Japanese were laboring under the present set-up. It just goes to show the limited vision that many people have toward such problems, which accounts for some of the naive ideas that abound. I said that the sympathy of most immigrants was with their mother country, and that it was unfair to hold this against the Isseis, although it would not do for Niseis to hold similar views. This he could not see, and he insisted that they had been here 20 or 30 years and should be loyal to America. I wonder if the Japanese would expect an American to be loyal to Japan just because he lived and worked in Japan for 30 years. It seems to me that citizenship should be the deciding factor under the present political set-up, but unfortunately America has chosen to use racial identity in order to discriminate against the Japanese. The interview did not take very long. He said that Mr. Jacoby had sent him down to see him. He mentioned that 7 persons have been already taken, not for activities in here, but because they couldn't get them earlier. Nobody seems to know of these cases. He asked me not to tell anyone that he had seen me, because he did not want to cause any disturbances.

Kimiko Kawasaki: In the evening went to the coop meeting. Kimiyo was sitting up in front and said that Ruby had left a few days before and regretted that she couldn't say goodbye to me. I said that I was sorry that I couldn't see her before she left. I asked her how Ruby felt when she left. Kawasaki said that she was a



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little gulpy, but that she was really glad to get out of here. She hinted that she wanted <sup>me</sup> to sit with her, so I did. After hearing part of the discussion that went on in Japanese she turned to me and said that she thought she ought to learn some Japanese because it was such a handicap not to be able to understand it. I asked her how much Japanese she knew, and she said she knew only the Katakana and the Hiragana and only a few Kanjis. She asked me if there were anyone who could teach Japanese, and I suggested Byron Akitsuki, who was already teaching the language to Tad Ikemoto two nights a week. She took his address down, and seemed to be serious about wanting to learn the language.

### 3. Nisei Attitude

May's secretary and the reporter from the Dispatch office seem to represent the typical Nisei point of view. I asked them where they thought I was from and they both thought that I was from the northwest -- they didn't think I was from Sacramento. It just goes to show you that I don't run true to form for a Nisei from California. They did not suspect that I had ever been to Japan and seemed surprised to learn that I had been over there for 6 years. They said that they wished they had learned more Japanese. The secretary was from Sacramento; perhaps the reporter was too. They had gone to Japanese school, but hadn't learned it sufficiently to matter much. The reporter had quite Japanese school when she started to go to high school, just when she started to appreciate the fact that she ought to learn the language. The other girl said that she didn't realize how valuable the language was until she came to the center. Now they realize that even to get a job with Caucasians Japanese is very valuable. This was probably brought home stronger by the recent language required for Nisei army recruits. Both of these girls again mentioned the fact that they wanted to get out of here, without knowing particularly the advantage of life on the outside.

### 4. Coop Office Trouble

The coop office is starting to have trouble. Fumi talked to me again today



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and gave me some of the details. She said that she's stepped on Koso's toes more than once already, and doesn't want to have arguments with him too often. Koso has taken over the leading position in the coop office, which was formerly held by Fumi. The split between the two was probably natural because both of them felt partially entitled to a superior position, although Fumi seemed to be willing to let Koso run the show. Koso, however, has not been without faults. Fumi says that he delegates work to her and to James Otsuka, but doesn't allow them to carry the task out completely. James has revolted at this, and has refused to work under Koso. Koso was recently made Executive Secretary, which combined the jobs of secretary and treasurer. Fumi suggested that the job be broken up in two again because it became clear that Koso would have to hire someone else to do part of the job for him. Fumi says that if someone else is going to do a job, he should be given the power to do it by himself. She had in mind giving Mr. Sugimoto the job of treasurer in order to appease the Isseis. But Koso didn't seem to like the idea. This idea was also opposed by Mr. Smith and Mr. Elberson because Mr. S. had offered to sell Mr. Smith some Japanese food, and the price he quoted was higher than that Mr. Smith received from San Francisco. Mr. Smith admitted that he was trying to make a little profit for himself. The two Caucasians say that they don't want to have anything to do with such a person. Fumi asked me to drop this matter for the present. She still thought that it was a good idea. Fumi is at present the research director and her job, I said, was probably largely that of analyzing public opinion. Noboru Honda, as educational director, would do the actual publicity work. Koso hired James, but he wants to have more to do than just keep minutes, etc. He asked Don whether he could write the history of the coop up and Don gave him an o.k. The whole office is a little mixed up at the present time. Fumi thinks that Koso hasn't enough business experience to realize some of the things. Elberson has promised to make



a job analysis so that each person would know just what his job was, instead of everyone stepping on each other's toes. The desire for some power and independence is evident in Kosu and in James, but she believes that if work is given to an individual, he should be allowed to finish it himself. Also, she doesn't want to start out on her research work until she learns what her rights are.

Friday, December 4, 1942

1. Diary

Messhall: The last few days have been rather cold. I have kept the fire burning low in the stove all night long so that all I have to do in the morning is to add more coal. At present we are using about a keg full of coal a day. George usually opens his eyes first and puts on the radio just before 7 p.m. He wakes up because some nearby mess halls ring their bell earlier. I try to get up a little after 7 in order not to be up too late, but usually our mess hall bell has to ring before the three of us get up. As soon as the bell rings at about 7:15 many of the people of the block start to stream into the mess hall. We get up and wash up after the bell rings, and many others do the same thing. The Block Manager, being a city man, is also late. By the time I comb my hair and am ready to go to the mess hall, some people are already coming out. We take longer than others to eat, and sit at the table when only the waitresses are clearing the table. This noon the chief cook announced that he would ring the bell twice this time. Once a little before 7 as a warning bell in order to wake people up, and another at 7:15. There was no order from the administration specially to ring the bell at 7 p.m. A request was made to change the time to 7:30 a.m. but the mess division was told that outside people were working hard, too, and people here must expect to do the same thing. In order to keep the food warm, however, the chief cook said that the platter would be warmed before the hot food is placed in it, and he wanted the people to come on time in order to be able to eat warm food.



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In the morning worked on my outline on the marginal personality section. Filled in my old outline a little bit. Also read a little out of Stonequist and Guthrie.

Higaki-say and three other English teachers came after Ruby to go after the pay checks. Ruby didn't go. Higaki tried to coax her, so I told her to go without Ruby and told her what a urusai (troublesome) person she was. She went off with the others as if she were sore at me. She came back with my check, too, when I was asleep. She left me my check, and I just mumbled something. She asked me what I was going to say, and I said "thank you."

In the afternoon went down to the Ad. Bldg. to see Dr. Jacoby about working on the warden section tonight. He was in a staff conference, however, and I only spoke to his secretary. She said that the Internal Security Division probably wouldn't get paid till the end of next week.

Social Welfare. Saw Mr. Obayashi and spoke to him about the Social Welfare Department. I asked him whether the Department was coming along all right. He said that it was. I asked him whether Miss Montgomery was causing any trouble, and he said that she was getting along fine with the workers. She seems to have worked with Japanese before, and is able to get along with staff members. I asked how Nao was getting along, and he said that frankly some of the workers did not care for her. She did not seem to be able to handle people very well. It seems that the workers are glad to have Miss M. around. I think Elberson was right when he said that it was only Nao and Tom who did not like to have a Caucasian head on the staff and that the other workers were not complaining.

F.B.I. The FBI agent was in the Ad. Bldg., and was asking Walter Tsukamoto about something. The agent had a list of names in his hand and was showing it to Walter. The latter was saying that all of the persons were not councilmen. Perhaps the man is still trying to find out more about the broadcast affair. I



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didn't say anything to him although he passed by rather close. Later I saw him outside talking to Harno.

Coop Office. Stopped at the coop office to buy some scrip with my check. I joked with Mike as usual, and Fumi as usual got hold of me to talk about coop business. She wanted to know whether I would be willing to sit in on any of the committee meetings. I had told her previously that under any circumstances I would not take on any more work. She seemed to want me to sit in on the Committee on Committees meeting and help Koso in this way. We discussed last night's meeting. I said that I was disgusted because the Board of Directors had passed a resolution to forego payment of dividends for 6 months and was afraid to announce this at the meeting last night. Fumi wanted me to bring up the Montgomery Ward deal again to have it passed. We made a mistake when we did not pass it at the last meeting and referred it to the Management Committee.

Thanked Don for introducing me to Mr. Taketa. He said Mr. Cooke had some material, but that he kept it very close to his chest. I told him that he could get the coop report from Dr. Jacoby.

Read out of Guthrie and Hamilton. I'm not really up to par this week. Didn't get anything done on the report this week except to run around.

Kazuko Tanabe. In the evening Kazuko came in to give me a few pages of the broadcast section. Said she wanted to give them to me, but maybe she just wanted an excuse in coming to see me. She said she had to go home right away, and I had a hard time asking her to stay for half an hour. She said some people from the office were coming to see her because she hadn't been working for several days. She has stayed at home, telling the girls at the office that she wasn't feeling very well. Evidently she is fed up with her present life. She said that she wanted to get out of here as soon as possible; it didn't matter what she had to do. She'd either work or go to school. Mr. Slattery came to see her and Mr. Miller, too, it seems, and wanted her to come to the office to work. They caught her typing



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at home. She's given them an indefinite answer.

She believes that Mr. Slattery is leaving soon because he is training Mr. Donovan and herself in office routine. She wanted to know whether I wouldn't write up the public works department, and I said that I might if she helped me. I am trying to have her gather as much material and notes on the department as possible.

When Kazuko said that she wanted to go out, I told her that it would probably do a lot of good to stay in here for at least a year more. I pointed out that just running away from a situation wouldn't help her. Adjustment to a Caucasian world would not be sufficient for most Japanese, and sooner or later most Japanese would have to learn to adjust themselves with other Japanese. This was a good opportunity for her, I said, of making that adjustment. I pointed out that Mrs. Murayama lamented the fact that Connie was so glad to get out of here, showing that she wasn't able to adjust herself to this place. Kazuko felt that if she stayed in this place much longer she would break down under the strain. I gave her a notebook in which to keep her diary. She promised to come to my class tomorrow. She kept saying that she had to go home, but Ruby served tea.

As she said that her typewriter was acting a little queer and that she didn't have any oil or cleaning fluid, I took along my oil and cleaning fluid and brushes. We spent some time cleaning the typewriter together; in the meantime talking about Kasuye, Lillian, Connie, Reiko, Kenny, and herself. I had mentioned that Ruby had some books which Mr. Richardson had sent her, but she did not know that Kazuko was interested in reading them until she told me when we were cleaning her typewriter. I told her that I was prejudiced against college women, and she said that she had an inferiority complex because she didn't go to college. Her sister always kept harping on the fact that she should have gone to college instead of working. After the typewriter was cleaned I got up and said that I had better be running along. Her mother had started to make tea, but I said I was busy, and was sorry to be bothering them all of the time. I spoke to Kazuko



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about the pay, and she said that I didn't have to bother about it because she really enjoyed the work.

Came home and started to correct journal pages. I did not send any pages out to Dr. Thomas this week. Ruby is working harder than usual, trying to catch up, because she was almost 2 weeks behind. I am starting to write more in my journal than I used to, I believe. I figured up how much Ruby would be receiving for work from July 12 to November 30. At the rate of 2 hours a day and 30 cents an hour it would amount to \$72. I figured the whole thing out and decided to pay Kazuko at the same rate, which would amount to something like 8¢ a page. Ruby asked that the money not be given to her because she would spend it if she received it. I didn't intend to anyway, although she can have it if she really wants it. Ruby has actually typed about 400 pages of the journal for me thus far.

This method of writing up everything in the dairy section is not so good. It's best to make the diary section summary of the day's doing, and then elaborate in separate paragraphs. Also, the diary section should be reserved for more personality items written in the first person, while the other items can be written in the third person. This much of the journal for today has taken me just about an hour to write up. Shorthand is a time-saver.

Saturday, December 5, 1942

#### 1. Diary

In the morning corrected journal pages and then sent them off to D.S. Also sent her a letter. Spent the rest of the morning working on the outline for my course.

In the afternoon reviewed today's lecture on the marginal personality. It had started to snow in the morning, and the ground was soon covered with snow. I went to the class a little early to start the stove, but only 5 students turned up. It must have been the snow and the entertainment combined which kept the students away. Amy H. teased me about my girl from the northwest. I told her not



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to spread any rumours. I suppose things like that get around pretty quickly. I wonder what people will say when they see me with somebody else. Spent the class hour in discussing problems in general as we sat around the stove.

Spent the rest of the afternoon speaking to the block manager and his wife. I asked advice on the next meeting of the youth organization. I disclosed my work as a research student for the first time. They didn't seem to have known. I gave them the impression that I was a poor student, however.

In the evening took a short nap. May came and talked about Yaye. Worked for 2 hours on the mess hall section. I found myself writing rather smoothly after getting started. I hope I can finish that section without taking too much time.

2. Japanese Language Class

Dr. Francis today sent a note to Ruby saying that the army has given its permission for a class in Japanese to be opened in the project. Ruby and I had convinced Dr. Francis that it was necessary to have a class in Japanese in order to help those who wanted to volunteer for the Fort Savage Intelligence School. I have talked to some girls, and they seem to be interested in learning, too. Riley today said that he would come to class if it did not interfere with his program. Kiku Tomita was also interested in the class, and she added that she was going to study this time. I believe that Japanese should be allowed to learn their own language in order to have a weapon with which to fight their way through. Without such an advantage they are going to find it very hard even to become accepted in some job among Caucasians. We have to be careful, of course, in choosing a teacher who can understand English and will be able to guide the Nisei in the right direction. The shortcomings of the language schools have largely been one of inculcating Niseis with pro-Japanese ideas. The ideal seems to be to look at things as rationally as possible and not to be too proud or too ashamed



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of one's race. When I spoke to Mr. and Mrs. Akahoshi about the language class, they thought that it was a good idea. They felt that their daughter was beginning to forget her Japanese because she had not learned it for a year. They thought that Japanese language was necessary, because we were all Japanese. Their viewpoint, of course, is different from that of a Nisei. It's because of convenience that a Nisei believes that he ought to learn the language.

3. JACL

The JACL came in for an analysis during class discussion when its stand on evacuation and its advice to a Nisei to clear out of a hostile residential area without a fight were brought up. Riley thought that it wasn't a good idea for the Japanese to be always bootlicking the Caucasians. He could see that this alone would not achieve the Japanese people any status with the American public. The American people often liked people who put up a good fight. He quoted one influential Caucasian as saying that if the Niseis had put up a fight they probably would not have to evacuate, unless martial law was put into effect, which was unlikely at that time. The whole attitude of the JACL seems to be that of playing the role expected by the Caucasian group with the assumption that this would achieve the greatest amount of rights for the Japanese people. They failed to see that until prejudice is reduced they may have to fight for all of the rights they want. This has been true of labour unions. It's also probably true of many minor groups which have won rights for themselves. After all, except for the racial prejudice which issues, we are entitled to these rights. It should be recognized that among other things, we have a right to cultural freedom, just as we have a right to religious freedom. The more you think about problems of this sort, the more confused you become. Little wonder many Niseis prefer to think only of dates and dances.

4. Kibeis

The Kibeis came in for quite a bit of discussion because one of the students



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present was a Kibei. He seems to be rather Americanized because he comes to class and also because he voted for the Theater Project, which other Kibeis seem to have voted against. It was learned that most Kibeis believe that they are returning to Japan as soon as they can. This thought probably makes their life more tolerable than it otherwise would be if they thought that they had to live in America forever. Many of Roy's friends are working in the mess hall. The contention that there are many Kibeis in the warden crew seems to be exaggerated. Roy mentioned that one was working in the Ad. Bldg. On the whole, however, they have stuck to the less desirable job.

5. Akahoshi's (Issei) Attitude.

Mr. Akahoshi used to be the President of the Japanese Association organization before evacuation. He said that he wasn't interned because he had made contacts with Caucasian officials in Oakland. He felt that I should return to Japan, to look for work because I probably wouldn't have much of a chance here in America. Mrs. Akahoshi visualized me as a customs inspector. Concerning agitators he felt that none of them were really harmful. They had quieted down a great deal lately, and this seemed to prove that it was more personal dissatisfaction than anything else which made them do and say the things they did. We discussed Mr. Shirrells' leaving and he did not seem to be particularly sorry that he was leaving. There was a hope that the next director would be someone better than Mr. Shirrell. We agreed that if Mr. Jacoby took over the post the Project would be run more smoothly than it was in the past. We agreed that Joi Hayes was no good. Everybody seems to say this. I told Mr. and Mrs. A. about my collecting material for a thesis, and they seemed to be properly impressed. Mrs. Akahoshi mentioned that I should do something for the Japanese people. They were both in favor, of course, of the class in Japanese language. Concerning the young people's group, Mr. A. said that it would be all right if we didn't drift away from the



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Isseis. He advised me to invite not only the Nisei block representatives but also the Isseis. He said that he was in favor of giving the so-called agitators positions in the block, and everything seems to have worked out fine, since Ueda and Tanabe were elected as block representatives for the Council. Mrs. A. described the changed behavior aptly when she said that they acted as if they had put on a Kamishimo (an ancient formal apparel).

#### 6. Children in Snow

Children and young people seemed to be having a lot of fun today running around in the snow, throwing snow balls at each other, and making snow men.

Sunday, December 6, 1942

#### 1. Diary

Today wrote a rather sentimental letter to Kenny in the morning. Also had a cabinet meeting of the youth group with Mr. and Mrs. Akahoshi present. We discussed plans for our meeting Tuesday night and also for the coming Christian party for children. Worked on the mess section.

In the afternoon took a short nap, and then worked on the mess section. Asked Ikuo to get me the Chronicle, but he didn't get any, I don't know why. We ate at home this evening because there was an entertainment in the new factory put on by the construction division to which most of the people in this block seem to have gone. The food consisted of roasted beef, bread and rice, but they tasted very good. The bread was toasted correctly, the rice was fried with butter, and we were able to eat leisurely. It's that final touch that gives food its value that we don't seem to get in the mess hall, where everyone eats in a rush and in a noisy atmosphere.

In the evening worked on the mess section again until Koso came after me to attend a meeting at Don's place of coop leaders with Mr. Abbott of the Oakland coop wholesale. I went down to the office this afternoon to see if there was going to be a meeting, but not seeing anyone around I had to come home again.



They did have a meeting with Mr. Abbott in #1620. Tonight's meeting probably marked another epoch in the coop history of the Japanese people, but it lasted till 11:30 p.m. and encroached on more of my time. Tomorrow night we have the meeting of the Board of Directors and Tuesday night the meeting of the young people in the block, and Wednesday night the Little Theater plays, and Thursday night ward coop meeting, and all this week a membership drive in our block. It's really going to keep things humming.

## 2. Block Youth Cabinet Meeting

I called a cabinet meeting today in order to line up the agenda for Tuesday night. Mr. and Mrs. Akahoshi, Ziggy, Doris and Nancy Yagi were present. I couldn't get the rest together. I discussed the matter of having advisors for our club. I suggested that we have Ueda, Tanabe, Yagi, and Yamamoto, the 4 who were chosen for the block advisory committee. Although the Isseis will be more troublesome than others we could choose for ourselves, I thought it would be less likely to jeopardize the future of the club if we had someone as advisor who could take responsibility for what the club was doing. Mr. Akahoshi suggested that we also include two women from the Women's Club.

Details of the Christmas party for little children was discussed. It was felt that it was best for the club to do something constructive in order to be able to give a dance in January. For the persons in charge of games for little children we suggested Nancy and Ruby. Doris said that she would help her sister. She talked about how busy she was, but seemed eager to take a hand in what was going on in the block. Doris has mixed up things slightly when she took charge of the last dance. Since Ziggy was busy, she offered to handle everything, which she did, but too much by herself. She made the leis at home, even though Mrs. Akahoshi advised her to make them in the office where others could come to help her. Then Doris complained that she worked on them herself and none of the others helped her. She bought all of the material and other things by herself, and didn't have receipts to show for them. Mrs. Akahoshi warned me that I should choose



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a good business manager the next time. It was partly my fault because I didn't supervise the thing more closely. Doris seems to be the sort that likes to do things, but to do them herself.

There have been some complaints from people in the block because boys are making too much noise at night in the ironing room. They have been dancing the past few days in the ironing room and also there is a ping pong table in there. Mr. Akahoshi asked me to make a requisition for the use of the iron room so that the boys will feel some responsibility for keeping order in there.

### 3. Coop Leaders' Meeting with Mr. Abbott

Tonight's informal meeting of the "cream of the crop" of coop leaders with Mr. Abbott was rather suggestive. Those present were Mr. Sakamoto (Issei), Mr. Ikeda (I), Mr. Teroaka (I), Mr. Ikegama (N), Yoshimi Shibata (N), Noboru Honda (N), and others. Don, Mrs. Elbertson, Mr. Abbott and JS made up the restn of the people present. The meeting was a very friendly one. I don't think any of the persons<sup>present</sup>/felt awkward just because they were Japanese. All of the talking was done in English, and the Isseis hardly spoke at all. All of the asking of questions was done by JS, Shibata and Honda.

Mr. Abbott was a very straight forward and likable person. He was honest and frankly admitted, for instance, that his coop wholesale was rather weak. He was willing to play the game rather fairly and deal squarely with the Japanese people. He is from the Oakland coop wholesale and is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Coop. He seems to have worked for some time very hard for the forwarding of the coop movement, and in this respect his aim is the same as that of Don. From his conversation it could be seen that he saw great possibilities for the coop movement in the present plight of the Japanese people. It was not only the possibility in terms of number that I talked to him. The amount of business being done by the coop in the centers was really envious from



his standpoint. But he also saw that the set-up in the Project made life more ideal from the coop standpoint of view. Many of the petty details of life were taken out by the process of leveling that the Japanese people went through. He thought it would be foolish for the Japanese people not to take advantage of this situation to make the most of this change. Don pointed out that the people had favored a uniform wage scale (50 per cent) and also had wanted the profit to be distributed equally among the members rather than according to the amount of purchase, which he said was really Communism. This change in the social-economic set-up that we have in here is really remarkable when you come to think about it.

Mr. Abbott spoke about the coop wholesale, but the main problem under discussion was a scheme to start a Japanese branch of the coop wholesale, perhaps in Reno, where it would handle the business of all the coops in the relocation centers. By this method it would be possible to get about 5 per cent for all business handled through this central source so that the business would be a self-supporting one. Then the possibility of starting some sort of manufacturing business which would supply the Japanese in the relocation centers was discussed. While some fear was expressed that it may not be possible to sell products on the outside market, the little group saw possibilities in the idea. Mr. Abbott pointed out the fact that the office could be staffed with Japanese people. This would be an opportunity for the Japanese to establish themselves in some line of business which they controlled themselves.

During the discussion it was brought out by Mr. Elberson that Mr. Holland of the Employment Division from Washington remarked that he thought only about 25-30,000 Japanese in the relocation centers would be relocated by the end of the war. This meant that too many people cannot be expected to leave the centers soon, and plans must be made to build up what we can here for them. Mr. Abbott thought that people should disperse for their own good, but thought that it should



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be voluntary. He saw things realistically, however, in terms of the actual life the Japanese should be leading in order to be happy and effective. It was the life of the coop actually put into practice. While he foresaw difficulties for the Japanese people, he felt that the best thing for them was to align themselves with liberal interests.

Mrs. Elberson, although rather frail, seemed a very nice lady. She served tea and toast. I asked her how the baby was, and she said that she was very fine. The meeting was really swell. I came away from it feeling that there was meaning in life here in the camp.

On the way home Tad said that the Board should get busy and do things instead of being so slow about things. Mr. Ikeda didn't know; he thought that if the Board were too hasty it might make some mistake. I brought up the matter of Montgomery Ward and thought that it should have been passed the last time. George Ikegami thought that there was a catch to it because we had to pay for the expense of the mailing and we didn't know what that amounted to. After leaving Don's apartment, others expressed the opinion that even if anything were done, we would have to go slow in this matter.

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1. Coop Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting is called to order by the chairman, Mr. Kuramoto at 7:55 p.m. although the meeting was supposed to start at 7:30. The roll is called and the following found absent: Ryugo Urada (?) Takeda

Koso Takemoto, the Executive Secretary of the Board, is acting as the official secretary. Mr. Elberson and Mr. Abbott are here too. The minutes of the last meeting are read and approved without correction. Mr. Kuramoto is talking in English at the present time.



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Executive Committee Report: 2 persons hired:

Jiro Godo: To take care of scrip sales.

Shinohara: Former vice-president of the Sumitomo bank. Translator,  
and consultant on bookkeeping.

Purchase of Mr. Smith's car agreed upon. \$50 plus cost of tire.

Location of central office. Front part of the barrack next to the magazine  
store to be used.

Delegates to Committees:

Auditing Committee: Taketa

Management Committee: Kitade

Committee on Committees: Sakoda

Agreement with WRA

Objectionable parts in the agreement read by Mr. Elberson. This agree-  
ment seems to come from the Regional Office.

Mr. Smith: The Washington office sent a bill for \$58 per barrack for  
rent. I am not going to sign that until I argue the matter out. I'm going to  
find out that fixtures are and what fixtures are going to be free. We are going  
to fight before signing anything. They said that one building cost \$4,000.  
I can make one of these buildings for \$1,500. You can discuss this agreement  
more when I clear things with Mr. Shirrell first.

Chairman: We shall table this matter till next time.

Planning Board

Chairman: Representatives of the Board were called in and told that the  
dead stock should be marked down. They thought that the Board was ignoring the  
Planning Board. They asked why a membership drive was started without a thorough  
understanding. (The Chairman is talking in English) I explained why we had to  
start a membership drive. The Planning Board was satisfied with the explanation.  
At first they were angry, but they understood us and promised us full coopera-  
tion. The meeting came out very nicely.



Koso: They are 100 per cent behind us.

Smith: Get the three research members of the Planning Board to meet with the accountant and if they can sell him anything, it's all right with us.

Montgomery Ward Offer

Sumio read the minutes of the last Management Committee. Mr. Ikeda was chosen chairman. Frank Matsumoto was selected as secretary.

Sato: If the people want to buy from Montgomery Ward then we should take up the proposition.

Smith: I told Miyamoto to accept the offer. Their soft lines (clothings) are better than Sears. Their hard lines are very much inferior to Sears. Another reason was Mr. Sato's suggestion, and you should let the people decide. The third reason was that sources of supplies are going to be exceedingly difficult to get. Additional source to buy from is helping the people. Sears is very anxious to make the same proposition. The proposition by M.W. is not as good as it sounds. I think the offers are about the same. We can buy from Sears at at least  $12\frac{1}{2}$  per cent discount any amount we want if it's sent to the stores directly. The M.W. offer is not any worse than Sears'.

Ikegami: The sooner we accept the offer the better.

Sumio: It's too late for the Christmas trade.

JS: But the sooner we accept the offer the better.

Fumi: The swatch book has been promised, and I think that is the biggest advantage.

Mitsutome: Brings up a new problem, but the chairman says for him to reserve it till later.

Kitade: Can't we get a better bargain?

Smith: The things were decided at Chicago and probably can't be changed.



Kitade: I don't think that we should override the power of the Management Committee.

Jacoby: We can make our decision subject to the approval of the Management Committee.

Chairman: How about Mr. Jacoby's suggestion.

Sato: I think we should accept the offer. We had a membership drive and you have 150 members. Only 3 persons did not become members. When we make up our minds we can do things. Only 3 persons did not become members because of lack of money.

Jacoby: Why make the motion that we accept the offer subject to concurrent action from the Management Committee.

Kubo: I second the motion.

Koso translated the speech into Japanese.

Sumio: Won't this set a bad precedent? We didn't have to hand them the problem in the first place. Why don't you go on record to leave it up to the Management Committee. If they approve then you can go ahead right away.

There is some discussion. Jacoby offers to withdraw his motion if Sumio's suggestion is better. There is some discussion. JS calls for the question on Mr. Jacoby's motion.

Chairman: Is there any further discussion? This is a hard question. You have to consider the Management Committee's position.

Koso: I think it's better to go ahead and take the vote.

Koso translates in Japanese.

Passed: 10-0.

Sumio: Does the Board mean that it's in favor of the offer? (9:05 p.m.)



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Mr. Park Abbott

Mr. Elberson: Mr. Abbott will talk to you of another source of supply. He is the manager of the coop wholesale in Oakland. I have known Mr. Abbott for a number of years and know him to be a frank and honest gentleman. He has a couple of proposals to put to you.

(Elberson leaves.)

Abbott: I wish to offer you the greetings of the Board of Directors of the Coop Wholesale. The Coop Wholesale was formed in 1936 and was started by several weak coops. It was a weak organization. At the end of two years the coops in California began to grow and there was more need for a wholesale, and the volume doubled. The following year the volume tripled. Last year we had \$190,000 of business, which is small compared to yours. By that time we had 30 coops in California which owned the wholesale. The structure is just like your retail store. It is owned by the member retails. They elect the manager and are responsible for the business. The earnings are given back to the members in proportion to the amount they bought. The dividends are credited, but kept for five years on a revolving basis. This year the wholesale has grown some, but not so much.

We now have the coops in Manzanar and Ninedoka. Last year we persuaded National Cooperatives to accept us as full fledged members, in company with 12 other wholesale houses. There is one in Walla Walla, Washington, and one in Texas. The national cooperative owns the coop copy rights. They have also started a program of owning productive facilities.

But at Manzanar we sold in open competition about dozen items.

The thing that the original coop can do to help you the most is the establishing of a branch office of this wholesale where you could send expert buyers and pool a great many orders. I don't visualize an immediate stoppage of your old arrangements. It would be serious to drop all connections you have at



present. But I am completely convinced that with a little explanation more advantageous contacts than you now have can be gotten. I think it should start modestly, and it should feel its way along. But by having your own able people there who can speak in turns of 5 times the present volume, you can increase your earnings. The only benefit that I know that the existing coops would have would be access to other commodities than they now have. We don't now buy dry goods. It would be to our advantage to be able to offer our coops dry good connections. I think the present Board of Directors would be willing to have the net earning distributed back solely to the relocation centers for whom the office was set up. I don't know how much additional bookkeeping would have to be done; I think my Board of Directors would be willing to have the earnings go back to your own co-operatives.

I think that office could serve you in a number of ways especially the amount of brokerage. It's entirely conceivable that you might exploit machineries for a very modest production. If that production is started it should employ your own representatives in the production. That's the story I urge you to do.

1. To apply for membership in the Associated Cooperative.
2. I urge you to undertake with Manzanar and Ninedoka the establishment of a very modest branch outside of the defense area. (Applause)

JS. What is the membership fee?

Abbott: It's \$50. It's low and returnable.

JS: What is the payment arrangement?

Abbott: Our long time capital is only \$6,000. The short time capital is about \$8,000. We also have 6 or 8,000 dollar advance buying deposit. This allows us to do some advantageous buying. Because of that very low capital our business is very definitely a cash business. Therefore, if Tule Lake placed an order with National Cooperative for an order of peaches or cosmetics, it would have to



be paid for immediately on receipt of invoices. But it probably wouldn't cripple your business. Manzanar was angry at first when they learned that it was cash business, but they have found a way to make the payments.

Sumio: Are there any assessments besides the membership fee?

Abbott: No. But there is a voluntary plan now in which the retail coop offers to maintain a reserve of \$10 per membership. But if such an arrangement were made, you will have a chance to withdraw from membership.

Jacoby: But the projects are not going to be permanent.

Abbott: I don't think that the people cease to become members of some coop even after the war. I wouldn't want to be here if I thought that.

Ikegami: I move that this matter be tabled till we think this matter further.

JS: We don't want to keep putting this matter off all the time.

Chairman: We are just beginners, Mr. Abbott, and don't know how to come to a decision.

Sumio: How soon can we receive our membership fee back if we wanted to withdraw.

Abbott: As soon as possible.

Sumio: We should become a member of the wholesale coop and the Board should decide to become members.

Fumi: Do you realize the position you are in, trying to get membership and now shilly-shillying about membership in the coop wholesale.

Jacoby: I am prejudiced about this matter, but I would like to see the members convinced before coming to a decision.

JS: Could you tell about the coop label and the value of the coop goods?

Abbott: Always the coop has been profoundly concerned with quality. When the government instituted grade-labeling, the coops were the first to insist on the canner keeping to the grades. An honest description on the can was on the label.



When you bought Grade c, it said so on the label. They also chose color difference for different grades. Red for first grade goods, blue for middle, green for low quality goods. Our productions usually are superior and almost always the equivalent to that of equally priced goods. They are practically never lower in grade. They maintain a testing kitchen. It's all done because the consumer wants his buying to be done on that type of basis.

Kitade: How is the price?

Abbott: It's competitive.

Smith: Financially it's not a deal. You have to wait 5 years to get your money back. I hope we are not here 5 years from now. I think the quality is good. You can also get the same quality from standard goods. I don't think it's a bad deal. It opens up a source of supply which these people can use in reference to a lot of things. You will also be helping the cooperative movement. I think you ought to let the tail go without hiding the \$50 doesn't mean a thing to us. This is a cooperative movement. They are dedicated to that program. It only represents about 30 per cent of your business. They are not going to reap any benefit for a period of 5 years. Personally I think you should

Horiuchi: I think Mr. Abbott is an honest man. I always thought that we should join a coop wholesale. I move to join the wholesale.

JS: I second the motion.

The motion is passed unanimously.

Jacoby: Reno is very restricted. There's an army headquarters there.

Smith: Denver would be a better place because the governor was in favor of letting in the Japanese. All the rest of the states hollered wolf.

Koso: What do you think about the idea, Mr. Smith?

Smith: It has the germ of a good ideal. Consolidated buying always leads to big things. If you do big business, it'll listen to you.

Koso: Explains in Japanese.

JS: What advantage would there be?



Smith: If you could establish credit, then you can get from 5-10 per cent cheaper than you are getting at the present time. You can make a definite savings. You can save the salesman's commission. You can centralize the credit. It may be 3 or 4 months before you can pay the operating expenses. At the end of the first fiscal period you would have saved the expense money many times.

Jacoby: What are the possibilities of the long-distant contacts that would have to be made? Denver or Salt Lake City are not in the center of activities. Would it be better to have the office in Chicago?

Abbott: I think there is more of an advantage to be closer to the centers. A great deal could be done by mail.

Smith: If they send a man to you, you are going to have to pay for it anyway. Mr. Richardson and I talked about the same matter from a slightly different angle because the relocation policy had not been announced yet. The personnel changes because the Japanese are being asked to leave the projects. Our buyer Ichikawa could be polished off very well for a job like that.

Jacoby: What would be the first steps we should take in this matter?

Abbott: I think that this Board should first go on record of approving this general idea. Then we can proceed to more specific plans. Unless the office is started in a modest way, you are going to have to bear the cost.

Chairman: Any motion?

Jacoby: I move that we approve in general this plan of establishing a special office with the primary purpose of serving the projects and that no financial obligations be undertaken until more definite plans are made and that this coop take a lead in investigating the matter.

JS: I second the motion.

Jacoby: Will this be a branch office which the Associated Cooperatives will institute, or will it be an association office set up by the three projects affiliated with the Oakland office?



Abbott: I hope that it will be a branch office of the wholesale. I think the closer the relocation centers can work with the coop wholesale, it will be better for them. But closer association and eliminating or private backing of the relocation coops the better it is.

No vote: Sato, Kitade, Hirose

7 in favor of the motion.

Miyamoto: I was first under the impression that we would be subsidizing these other smaller coops. But I understand that we are going to receive the profit from the branch office business. I think this should be made clear.

Policy in regard to license fee

Koso: The Council will probably take this matter up. The Council is permitted to collect up to \$1000.

Hirose, Kugo: What do they want the money for?

Koso: For executive secretary.

Smith: I think it is worth the \$1,000 if they give the coop the business to the coop. We can get our cut from anyone doing business here.

Kitade: What would be the feeling of the members?

Jacoby: Should the coop draw up the regulations?

Smith: By all means.

Sumio; One suggestion is to pay the entire \$1,000. The other is that we don't pay the full amount.

Chairman: Leave the matter of regulation up to the Council so that we will be clear of any responsibility.

Smith: It would make the coop money. The laundry man can be stopped with a license.

Kitade: In other words, the councilman is going to get it on their neck.

JS: Moves that the Executive Committee draw up a proposed regulatory ordinance. (Seconded by Jacoby.)



Check Cashing Policy

Miyamoto: Have a special man at the porch next to the magazine section. Cash government checks only to the extent of \$4,000. A little over \$1,000 a month will be cashed in that manner. It should take care of the normal amount.

Ikegami: How about charging 5¢ for those not buying scrips and make it free for those buying scrips?

Sumio: Why not charge 10¢?

Smith: That would be too much.

JS: How about cashing personnel checks. (Sumio is against the cashing of personnel checks. Mr. Smith says the members should receive consideration.)

Mr. Jacoby: Sums up the situation. After a little more discussion it seems that everybody agrees on charging 5¢ for cashing check at the central place. Members who buy scrip should be cashed free.

Sumio: I am against personnel checks.

Smith: I think members should receive some consideration.

JS: Moves

1. 5¢ charged at central place.
2. Those using 50 per cent or more to buy scrip in the canteens will be allowed to cash government checks free of charge.
3. The matter of the cash of personnel checks be referred to the Management Committee.
4. No checks to be cashed at the cashier's desk.

Sumio brings up matter of restrictive permit.

Motion to adjourn meeting. 11:20 p.m.

Sumio: This is off the record, but some customers have already come in and have tried to assert their power over the clerks. I wish people would be advised to go to the managers of the stores with such complaints and not deal with the clerks directly.



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After the meeting I walked home with Mr. Mitsutome who says that he'll come to see me about the meeting. He doesn't always know what is going on. Today he brought up a matter and was told that he was out of order, and he did not say anything the rest of the meeting. He says that he is getting tired of coming to the meetings and is glad that there is only one more month to go.

Analysis: Some trends are beginning to appear among the Board members. Mr. Smith has become very cooperative and is now sticking up 100 per cent for the people. In fact, Sumio sticks more with the former community enterprise interests than does Mr. Smith. The MW business, the personnel check dashing business -- on all of these Sumio has tended to side with the store employees or those formerly connected with the community enterprise rather than with the interest of the people. He puts himself in a defensive position where he is trying to defend the interest of the store workers against those of the people who are going to run that store.

Roy Kitade takes a queer stand. Many times he never votes and seems to do this sometimes just to be against issues. He is shrewd in some ways, but not highly intelligent. Ikegami holds out for taking time in making decisions. He wanted to have the MW offer considered longer and also the joining of the coop wholesale.

Koso and I are generally on the same side. I seem to agree with most of the things Mr. Smith brings up these days. He tends to agree with me, too. Maybe he remembers that it was I that made the first motion to accept his agreement to countersign all checks of the coop when he was so afraid of being shoved out into the cold by the new Board. Dr. Jacoby and I usually agree very well on every issue.

Of the Isseis Mr. Kubo, Sato and Horiuchi are the only ones who talk. They are generally in favor of many of the issues brought up. Mr. Horiuchi sometimes comes out with a different plan than the one presented.



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The group is still cautious about making decisions and it requires some amount of discussion before Board members can grasp an issue. The chairman is starting to handle the meeting a little better, but he is at a loss when he thinks become complicated, as they did on the check cashing policy. Shibata seems to agree with Koso and me. Honda said nothing today.

Niseis have definitely taken the leadership in the Board, and seem to be able to take things in stride more easily than the Issei. Since most of the meeting today was conducted in English, they probably found it hard to follow much of the discussion.

I tried not to say too much today, but only Mr. Jacoby and I were making motions today. I definitely opposed Sumio on several issues, notably on the MW one. He wanted to cash the Management Committee alone where he could give his own side of the story without being hindered.

1. Diary

In the morning worked on the mess hall section. Then wrote a letter to Mr. Richardson in regard to the policy Nisei leaders should take. Took a 2-hour nap in the afternoon because I didn't get much sleep last night. Worked on the mess hall section a little more. Then took a shower at 4 p.m. The water is hot then, and this way I can jump into bed quicker after coming home from meetings and writing up my notes for the day. I'm not going to have to work on my course much this week because I did not give my lecture on the marginal personality. That means I can put more time into my reports. But I'll be busy every night this week attending something or other. I tried to get out of attending the meeting of the Committee on Committees but I'll have to go this week. The chairman said that he would try to get someone else the next time.

Tuesday, December 8, 1942

1. Diary

I stayed home all day today to work on the mess hall section. I can't write very fast and I don't get very far. The snow has melted and the ground is



slushy at the present time. It was rather cold today, but if the coal stove is going I don't feel it at all. I'm getting rather soft though, because I don't get much exercise. I bet I'd have a time if I went out to the sugar beet field right now.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor which started our evacuation. I really don't mind the evacuation for myself and didn't feel anything out of the ordinary yesterday. I had to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors and that kept me busy. The day was eventful because Ikuo left for Block #4 because his present room was too small, the Kishiyama's had a baby rather suddenly and it turned out to be a girl. Today there were only 4 at the mess table and all of the talk was about giving the new baby a suitable name. George hit on Pearl, and everyone immediately agreed to this. I'ts really a beautiful name.

Tonight I held a meeting of the young people in the block. It took some time for the members to get together, but evidently most of the members seem to have gotten together. There were a lot of things to bring up and there were some disagreements, on the part of a few boys on what was being discussed, but everything worked out smoothly. It was really a darn good meeting. I've put my experience at other meetings into practice and find that I can conduct a meeting quite successfully. I did not try to push the members except on the use of the ironing room, and they came out with good suggestions. Most of the decisions that we made were really intelligent, I believe. The members are learning a lot about how meetings should be conducted, but are also coming to realize the responsibility toward the Isseis. Tom and Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Yagi were all present and helped the meeting along with their opinions. Mrs. Akahoshi made a very good speech. She had brought along Mrs. Nishida to watch the meeting. Since I couldn't take any notes on the meeting, I'll have to write it up after I receive the minutes from Nancy.



2. Mr. Kishiyama

Mr. Kishiyama was a bachelor until recently, and is probably about 37 or 8 years old. He married a Kibei girl rather recently, I believe. Anyway he was expecting a baby in January, but it was suddenly born on December 7, the anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. When Ikuo's baby was born and it turned out to be a boy, he went around boasting that fact and passing out cigars. Mr. K at the time hoped that his baby would be a boy, saying that he wouldn't have anything to do with the baby if it turned out to be a girl. We kept kidding him that his baby was bound to turn out to be a girl. Well, it really did turn out to be a girl, and he feels a little bad about it. He had a name for a boy all picked out. Ruby found out that the baby was a girl. Mr. K. told some people that the baby was a boy. He told the man eating at the next table when asked which it was that it was a boy -- anyway he would call it a boy. The man said he thought something was funny because if it had been a boy he would have learned about it before today.

Mr. Kishiyama has given reason for believing that a girl really wasn't so bad. I told him that a girl would love him more than a boy did, but he didn't seem to like to think of the baby in that way. George suggested Pearl as a name because she was born on December 7. He agreed with this immediately. We all thought that it was a good selection. We then tried to think of a Japanese name. We thought of including one of the words from Shinjyu (Pearl) in the name, but we couldn't think of a good name. Mr. K. wanted to include the word Katsu (victory) in the name because of the significance of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This evening he came to the dinner table saying that he had selected Katsue (Victory Harbor) as the name of the girl. He had written the name of the girl on a piece of paper and showed it to his wife (she's only about 22), and he said that she probably agreed with it because she only smiled. He seems to have made the decision for both of them.



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Tonight we were discussing Ikuo, and he said that he would go to work right away tomorrow afternoon after attending a funeral in the morning. Ikuo had quit his job a month before, his wife had his baby and was still not back to work. His excuse was that there were so many things that had to be done around the house. His father, of course, could have done such little tasks if necessary. Mr. K. said that I. was lazy in the first place. He had wanted to tell George before, but he couldn't very well do it. But the interesting remark that he made was concerning Ikuo's attitude toward his wife. The two of them have been rather loving toward each other. They would go out arm in arm to wash or go to the mess hall. He spent a lot of time making furniture for his wife. Now when she had a baby he stuck around her. He said that people about commented that they were a really loving couple (naka no ii fufu). This sort of comment seemed good in a way, he said, but from another angle it was also uncomplimentary. He got too mushy (beta beta), and he didn't think that it was very admirable for a boy to be like that. He said that Ikuo had two faults: One was his dislike for work and the other was his weakness for women. He himself was not going to show any such weakness, and was going right out to work tomorrow. We find in Mr. Kishiyama's attitude the typical Issei attitude toward women. They don't understand that many women, even Isseis, demand more than just cold attention. They prefer sometimes to have their husband be mushy. But Mr. K. will never understand that. Because his wife is a regular Kibei with mostly Japanese ideas she will stand all of that. But she really is not as happy as couples could be. He's been a bachelor too long for one thing to know that women require special attention at times. At the dinner table he hardly speaks to her and eats silently.

Mr. K. is rather an odd fellow, and is not too sociable with people. He says that there are only one or two other apartments besides Ikuo's and ours which he goes to. He only drops into our place for business of some sort. He is generally not very sociable and prefers to stay home most of the time. He works very hard,



however, and is always making something at home. He was one of the so-called agitators in the block, and took delight in going to meetings at first to express his views. He opposed a great many of the constructive suggestions, such as the theater project, and expressed suspicion against the WRA and also dissatisfaction at being put in here. Since the Theater Project has been settled, however, he has ceased to attend meetings. He has found that he was becoming disliked for the things he said, and found it wiser not to say any more. The rest of the "agitators" must have undergone a similar change of heart about the same time, because since then they have all quieted down.

Wednesday, December 9, 1942.

1. Diary

In the morning worked on the mess hall section. I'm not taking the trouble to put any footnotes down at the present time, and am writing a great deal from pure imagination. If I want to get these reports out in a hurry, that is the way to hurry them up. In the afternoon worked some more on the mess hall section. Mr. Taketa came along and took the notes because he said that there was going to be a meeting of the Planning Board. It seems that there are more troubles because of poor distribution of food, etc. He said that he would bring back the material and also tell me more about the new trouble.

Just before noon went to Tom's place to get a typewriter ribbon, because the old one has worn down too thin. Stopped first at Frank's place to return some of his sections that I borrowed. We talked over some of the comments I made on his social structure section. Frank had an answer for everything I told him. We didn't quite agree on all of the points. He is anxious to get the reports out of the way, too, but so far he has finished only the sections on social structure and Recreation Department. He is now working on the political structure. He said that he was not gathering material at the present time because he thought he'd better get the report out of the way first.



At Tom's found that he was out. The first thing that caught my eyes as I entered was the bright lineoleum that had laid on the floor. Mr. and Mrs. Shibutani were both home, and I talked to them for a while. I asked Mr. Shibutani whether he was working, and he said that he wasn't. When I asked him whether he would be interested in teaching, he said that he didn't have the experience for it. They didn't say that they thought that teaching Japanese was a good idea. We discussed the difficulty of learning a foreign language. Tom and Tomi came home just as the dinner bell began to ring. Tom seems to have only a few more sections to finish.

George brought home some Christmas trees, because he was allowed to go with the truck to cut trees for the mess halls, schools, and hospital. We had several on hand. We gave Asako one. She was here because I had asked her to fill out the citizenship questionnaire. We gave one to the block manager, to May, and to Ikuo. George asked that we save one for him, although I don't know whom he intends to give it to. I felt as though I might want to take one to someone, but at the moment I don't know whom I could take it to, except perhaps to Kazuko. Ruby seemed glad to have the Christmas tree.

In the evening went over to Kazuko's place to ask her to fill out the citizenship blank. She wasn't in and her mother had to go after her. Kazuko sat down and filled the questionnaire right out for me and didn't hem and haw as Asako did. I talked to Kazuko again about her problem of being a marginal personality until I had to leave to go to see the Little Theater play.

I went a little earlier than George and Ruby, who had stopped in at Morimoto's new place, and saved seats for Ruby and George, so that we were able to sit together. The play was really very well performed. On the way home we talked about Ted, and George also told me something about Sweden. It was 10:30 when we came home, but George was invited over to the Kishiyama's for tea and went, although he didn't really want to.



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2. Asako Higaki

Except for Asako's peculiarly Japanese hair, and lack of smartness in the way she dresses, although she is neat, you don't suspect her of being so Japanese just on first speaking to her. Her family, however, has been rather strict in maintaining Japanese ways, and Asako seems to have complied to them as much as possible. Ruby said she didn't want to go over to her place tonight to take the citizenship blank because the folks were so old-fashioned. She felt that they would say things about her behind her back, which seemed rather silly for Ruby to care much about.

Today Asako brought back the citizenship blank in the evening and exhibited some of her really Japanese traits. She handed me the blank and said that when she helped me she didn't intend to receive any money for it, and did not want to fill out such a form. I told her that I wasn't paying for the amount myself and that it wasn't going to be very large, anyway. She tried to make excuses why she didn't want the money. Ruby tried to urge her by saying that I wouldn't feel good if she didn't accept. But still she wouldn't do anything about it. I then had to insure her a little by telling her how troublesome she was and even got to calling her funny and queer. I even said that she was very stubborn. She had begun to fume with anger, but she's become used to my taunts by now. She started to leave, and I told her that I was not going to let her go until she filled out the form. I had to coax her a little more, and she finally filled it out. But evidently she felt rather humiliated. She kept shaking her finger at me, and was almost panting with anger. George brought in some Christmas trees, and we offered her one. She kept saying that only a small one was sufficient, but we told her that if she wanted one, she'd better say so or she may not be able to get any at all. I also apologized for having her fill out the form, and we laughed it off as a good joke. The interesting point in her behavior is that she acts just like an



Issei in the way she believes she has to refuse something and then making an effort to keep that pretense up. She is a good contrast to Kazuko who sat right down and filled out the form without a second word, even though both had said that they did not care about the money.

3. Kazuko Tanabe

Besides talking about the Construction Department and a few other things, we always end up by our discussing her predicament as a marginal personality. It gives us something to talk about in which we are both interested. I enjoy sitting and giving her all of the advice that I want to give to people, anyway. I have been trying to make Kazuko see that it was to her advantage if she learned to adjust herself to the Japanese people while she was in this center. But she is not wholly convinced yet.

Kazuko is aware that she is different from other Niseis. Mr. Slattery, for instance, feels that he can reveal a great many things to her which he wouldn't reveal to other girls in the office. Evidently he feels a gulf between himself and the other girls which he doesn't feel between himself and Kazuko. She doesn't seem to get along with the other girls in the office, except one who lived in Gresham and had been among Caucasians and speaks atrocious Japanese. Her name was Uetake, I believe.

I asked her how she felt about her position, and she said that she thought she was better off than the other Niseis. She pointed to the fact that Mr. Slattery was able to put confidence in her, which he couldn't do with other Japanese. Then she said that if she mixed in with the other Niseis too much she was afraid of how she would think when she got out of this place. She was afraid that she would become just like the other Japanese, feeling a gulf between herself and the Caucasians.

She was troubled, however, about the wisdom of her stand. She brought up Kikuchi's story in From Many Lands, which she said she read several times. When



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I asked her what she felt about Charlie, she said that she thought that he was brave in being able to face the Caucasian group. She also said that until she read the story it had not occurred to her that it was possible that she would not be accepted by Caucasians just because she was a Japanese. This is one fear that seems to be haunting her. While working in her community in an office she has always been accepted within the circle of her friends. Her adjustment to the Japanese group is made difficult by the fact that the racial door has not been slammed in her face as yet. Even here she finds that she is being taken into Mr. Slattery's confidence. I tried to explain that her adjustment to the Caucasian group was not necessarily superior to an adjustment to the Japanese group, but I'm afraid that I am going to have a hard time convincing her of this.

Kazuko's adjustment in Japanese school was rather interesting. When she was small she was forced by her parents to go, even though she dreaded it. She had made a partial submissive adjustment to the situation. However, when Japanese songs were being sung, she wouldn't sing them. When any ceremony or lecture was going on which she suspected as being un-American, she simply walked out of the room, feeling that it was not right to listen to such things. Her identification with the Caucasian group and ideals is clearly evident. She kept to herself most of the time because she didn't get along with the other Japanese girls. Her sister, Kazuye, found another girl like herself with whom she chummed around. When recess time came along, other girls went outside to play. Kazuko preferred to stay in the room and read English books or study her Japanese. She seems to have compensated by studying Japanese, and she and her sister advanced faster than most of the girls. After finishing the high school level, she was persuaded by her folks to go two years more to a Hoshuka (post graduate course). She feels that she has not learned enough yet, and says that she wants to enter the Japanese class that is going to be organized here. There must have been a conflict in her mind because she was forced to learn Japanese and even found compensation in



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learning it well. Part of this conflict was dissolved by her realization that reading and writing Japanese was necessary to her as a part of her education. She probably felt that this did not interfere with her role as an American. She kept up this belief by not accepting anything else besides Japanese that was taught in the Japanese school. Other higher grade students learned brush writing or history, but these Kazuko never tried to learn at all.

Kazuko said tonight that Slattery might be made Project Director. This seems to be rather certain, although the colonists are not supposed to know it yet. She thought that it was a good enough because she thought that Slattery would make a good Project Director. I hinted that there might be trouble.

Kazuko said that there was some trouble about some misinformation passed out about clothing allowance which has enraged the boiler man or someone. Noboru Honda was said to be responsible for giving out this information at one end, and a group of representatives said that they were going "to fix him up." They traced down the source of misinformation to Slattery's office. Evidently someone had gone through Kazuko's files and had passed out misinformation on that basis. The complaint of the delegation which came to see Kazuko Monday was that if she had kept them informed about such matters trouble could have been avoided. They warned her that "she'd better quit before they did something to her." This is rather serious, but what can one do about such a situation?

#### 4. Little Theater

Several things can be noted about the little theater. The Recreation Hall was neatly, although not elaborately, fixed up with a stage, curtains, and benches. At the door three girls in regular evening gowns stood to gather the tickets and act as ushers. The girls were stunningly dressed, but I felt that they were slightly out of place. It seems to be a desire to create the atmosphere of a first-class theater on the outside. There were almost an equal number of boys and girls, with slightly more girls. Even a few little kids were in the group.



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Practically no Isseis were in the group. Jim Miyagawa was there with his wife. While some of the people were dressed up as they did for church, many, however, were dressed sloppily. The atmosphere was one of an entertainment which was neither very high nor very low in standards. For this reason the girls in the evening gown were definitely out of place.

5. Swede

George talks a great deal of Swede as a funny fellow. He talks loud and swears a great deal, I understand. The only things that he thinks about, according to Ted, are whiskey and women. It seems that he gets hold of whiskey occasionally. He seems to get along with some women. He told George that he had sexual relations twice with one girl that used to come to the Social Welfare discussion. George understood that she was married. Swede used the dirty four-letter word in describing the relationship, and George wanted to tell this to me when Ruby wasn't around. Since Swede is living alone it seems that it is not too difficult for him to have Affaires with women whenever he can get hold of one. I'd certainly like to know how much of this sort of thing is going on around here. George offers to bring Swede around one of these nights so that I can get a closer view of him.

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1. Ward II Coop Meeting

XI: I've lost 15 pounds. The doctors are impolite.

Ikeda: I have an upset stomach. It used to be that I could eat like a horse, but it's no good when you come here. The doctors are very impolite. We should do something about them.

H: A patient waited all morning and then was told to come the following day when his eye hurt.

I: There's also the fellow with a sore teeth which wasn't waited on.

XI: They should be more kind.

XI: If they are busy, they ought to hire more people.



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Only 3 Nisei were here tonight.

I went to see George, but learned that he was in bed already. I think that he forgot that there was a meeting tonight. It is 8:05 already, and the meeting just about to start. The Isseis are taking more interest in the meetings. Mr. Ikeda and Mr. Matsumoto both like to come to meeting and speak their say.

Mr. Sakamoto opens the meeting in Japanese. Since the matter of membership drive has to be discussed, the membership committee is meeting together with the representatives.

Roll call: Absent: Sato, Tom Hayashi, Miura, Iseri.

The minutes of the meeting of 2 weeks ago are read by the secretary. Mr. Sakamoto asked Mr. Shijo to explain the minutes in Japanese. He says that there have been some complaints that when the minutes were read in English some people could not understand what was going on. Mr. S. didn't seem to want to explain it, probably because of the difficulty. JS says that it is probably not necessary. Mr. H. says that if those who understand English feel it's all right, there should be no need of translating into Japanese. The minutes are approved without further explanation. The minutes of the membership committee are read. Mr. Sakamoto reads the minutes and then translates into Japanese. The following were proposed by the membership committee to be presented to the Central Committee. The profit from purchases by nonmembers should be divided by the members equally.

One third of the past profit be distributed as a refund to the nonmembers (proposed by Mr. Ikeda).

Mr. Nishida proposed that instead of the Board of Directors having full authority, the General Assembly should have the power when the coop desires to borrow money from the WRA.

Chairman: Let's leave out questions till after the reports are given in order to save time.



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Committee on Committees. The report is given by Mr. Matsumoto. There was a request to do something for the whole community. First, it was recognized that all of the people should become members. But because this cannot be expected and because there will be a lot of families who will suffer because of lack of funds, there was a request to set aside about 30 per cent of the profit to use for the benefit of the needy. The recommendation was to refund one half of the 70 per cent equally among the members, and one half according to the amount of the purchase. The office asked that because there would be some misunderstanding they asked that this matter be left till later. For this reason this matter was not proposed at the general assembly. People who have a lot of money will get a lot. People who have very little will not get very much. This doesn't seem to be right. I think that we should do something for the whole community. I wanted to put this matter through, but was asked to extend it to a later date. When there is more than one member to a family then they do not have any advantage over the family which has only one member.

Ikeda: Is the ground that this matter will cause misunderstanding that it was refused?

Matsumoto: Yes.

Ikeda: There will be no benefit in having more members from one family.

Nishida: I think it is a good suggestion.

Ikeda: We shouldn't let them keep our good suggestion down.

(Ikeda and Matsumoto feel rather important about kicking about this matter.)

Ikeda: If the past profit isn't distributed according to the desire of the people in the Colony, the coop is going to meet trouble because the profit doesn't rightly belong to the coop but to the people.



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Montgomery-Ward. Mr. Ikeda explains the result of the Management Committee. They asked more time to discuss the price policy.

Board of Directors given by Mr. Matsumoto. This afternoon he came over to ask me what the important points were that should be reported.

JS explains his stand when the assistant manager was selected.

Ikeda: Mr. Miyamoto is not the sort of person who has handled a lot of merchandise. It has to be someone who has handled his own money and made a profit.

Matsumoto: You have to train young people. But at the start it's important to give a good impression on the people.

Ikeda: If you don't bring important matters back to the block, the Board is going to be looked upon like Mr. Smith was.

There are a lot of opposition to charging 5¢ for cashing checks. They believe the people are going to think the coop is trying to make money.

The ward is for not charging anything at all. There is general assent on this matter. No formal motion is made.

Nishida: The directory should be distributed free of charge.

JS explains why.

Mr. Matsumoto says that he is against expanding of activities by the coop, referring to the branch office which was approved by the Board.

Ikeda: I think the important matters should be brought back to the ward.

JS explains that he has always tried to consult the ward whenever he could.

Sakamoto: The people are not in favor of profit-making. The canteen is for profit alone.

Nishida: Everybody has very little money. We don't want them to be spending a lot of money.

JS answers. He says that the board cannot do anything if it doesn't have the support of the wards. He is angry and about ready to resign.



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Sakamoto: The Board ought to know more about some of these matters than we do. They work hard and pass things. It makes it hard for the Board of Directors. If we don't support the Board member, it's going to make it hard for the members. It may mean that there will not be anyone to be a member of the Board. I think we should think about this, too. I think we should understand a matter fully before trying to vote against a Board's decision.

JS has sort of turned the tide. They didn't like the idea of the Board going ahead so fast.

A question from Mr. Shinozaki. He asks why this important matter (branch office) was not brought back. JS replies that the final decision has not yet been made.

Matsumoto: They should go easy because going too fast confuses matters. I don't want the Board to reply too much on Mr. Smith and the General Manager.

Ikeda: Then it's only a matter of studying the matter. It's all right then.

I think I have won a victory on this matter. For a while I was thinking that I was going to quit my job.

Ikeda: It won't be good to accept the 15¢ for the directory. The feeling of the people is likely to be bad.

JS asks for a vote. The matter becomes whether everyone prefers the directory free for each family. This is passed unanimously.

Donao: How about starting a photography shop? I think it's very important. How about getting a photographer from Klamath Falls, if necessary?

Chairman: This matter can be brought up through the Planning Board and the Council.

Check-Cashing. Some discussion on this. Service desired for personnel checks, but there is fear of bad checks.

## 2. Membership Committee Meeting

End of meeting of representatives. Next the meeting of the membership committee is held.



Mr. Hashimoto gives a report on the Central Membership Committee meeting. Ward II has decided to stop the membership drive in order to suggest two recommendations:

(1) to reserve one-third for persons who cannot become members (under 18 years of age) and use it for community benefit and improve the feeling of the people. Return the rest of the two thirds to the people. Extend the drive for another week. Make the financial status clear.

According to Mr. Takemoto the canteen has been under Mr. Smith. It was arranged for the coop to take over all of the profit and goods. Only the coop is entitled to this profit. Since the profit belongs to the coop, the profit should be returned to the members. Money for the benefit of the people can be gotten in other ways. If it's necessary the money will be given to the people. Not in money to fritter away.

A statement cannot be presented at this time because the office is not sure. It doesn't want to make any guesses. A certificate of interest will be promised, and he wants a price based on this promise. When an accountant comes and finds no members it will reflect on the coop and he desires to have as many members as possible. The other members werenot in favor of Mr. H's suggestion and sided with Mr. T. I had to withdraw my suggestion.

The second suggestion was that when money is to be borrowed from the WRA the Board of Directors should not decide and the membership should be consulted. Mr. T said that he didn't think that there was any chance of borrowing money from the WRA. The limit of responsibility is only \$1.00.

The matter of scrip was brought up. Is it possible to take the tickets separately from the book? Why not consider scrip just like cash. Since there is fear that the cashiers will use the scrip again, I suggested that the scrips be punched when accepted. Mr. T suggested that this matter be brought up in the Management Committee.



Ikeda: Then it means that you have to be a member of coop to have a right to the profit. If there is a ruling, then it's all right.

X: What happens if a nonmember buys with scrip?

Ikeda: The dividend goes to other members.

Chairman: We had some doubts and stopped the membership drive. But I don't think we will be risking the members' money by having them become members.

Toriumi: Someone says that there is a debt of \$11,000. Does that debt have to be paid right along?

Nishida: Will the members be allowed to return the scrip?

A membership committee member asks why WRA clothing scrip are being used by the coop.

Ikeda: (to JS) You guarantee that members have the sole right to the past profit. (JS nods his head.) Then let's go ahead with the membership drive.

Nishida: If a profit-making business is operated by the Japanese people, will it affect the peace treaty after the war?

X: No. It's not a profit-making business.

11:25. The meeting is closed.

Analysis: Tonight's meetings were fruitful in bringing out some interesting situations. The first one is the attempt on the part of the ward representatives to oppose most of the things passed by the Board. There seemed to be a feeling of wanting to show the Board who was really boss in the coop business. The feeling of wanting to seem important by opposing the decisions of the Board seems to have been rather strong. Mr. Ikeda, who feels that he is a "big shot," seems to feel rather left out because he is not on the Board. He would be if it were not for the fact that he is a blocked alien. Coupled with that is the fact that these people who opposed constructive measures passed by the Board or suggested from the office are those who are relatively new in the Coop Movement. They have not been in it long enough to know all of the facts and understand all of the people in the movement. Each new committee has caused the central office trouble.



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Now it's the membership committee which is only beginning to understand what it is all about. The opposition presented by people who like to talk and consequently who like to be in the limelight is very interesting. It is this sort of people who are willing to spend long hours at meetings. What they desire, for one thing, is the privilege of talking in front of an audience. When they are ignorant we call them agitators. When they are intelligent, they make good leaders.

The representatives had Mr. Mitsutome and me on the spot. Mr. M. didn't say anything, and I had to get up and defend myself. Mr. M. tried to give the impression today that he knew what was going on in the Board meeting when he came to ask me details of the minutes of the last meeting, but he finds it difficult to do any real explaining. He was mad for a while and was determined to hand in my resignation as a board member if the representatives were not going to back up the decisions of the Board. Everything worked out well. Mr. Sakamoto backed me up on my stand. Mr. Matsumoto came out and said that he wanted the Board to take a firm stand. Mr. Shinozaki demanded to know why an important matter was not brought back to the ward. Mr. Ikeda broke down and said that it was all right if the matter of establishing a branchoffice was only approved for discussion. Mr. Shijo and a few others seemed to be swayed by the talkative ones, but in the end all of the clamor quieted down. What is necessary is to give the representatives the impression that they are being consulted each time a matter is settled in the board meeting. Things would not have been so bad if I had given the report, I don't think, because I would have brought out some of the points more clearly so that there wouldn't be so much misunderstanding.

3. Diary

In the morning worked on part of the mess hall section. Just reading what I had written over took me all day, and I still wasn't through. Wrote a letter to DS in the morning asking for 5 pounds of candies and some paper supply. Also took a short nap in the morning because I became very sleepy.



In the afternoon worked on the correction. Mr. Mitsutome came to ask me details of the Board of Directors meeting so that he could give the report this time. Got Nancy to write up the minutes of the last meeting. Took it and reported to the black manager what went on at the last meeting. He didn't seem to like the idea of having been made advisor along with his wife. He said that the Isseis had to be given the impression that we were not ignoring them. A Kibei fellow was talking to Dorothy Sofye about marriage. Dorothy looked happier today than she did before. Ruby says that she is going to get married and move into Ikuo's apartment. She is to marry one of the fellows that went to the beet field. It seems to be George Ike because he was mopping the floor of the apartment, or maybe it was the fellow who was with him.

At noon we had weiners, and were able to bring 6 of them home because George and Kishiyama didn't come to eat. We bring home a lot of sugar in the morning because there is a bowl just the same and only 4 of us eat at the table. Got Yoshie to get us some bread. Made hot dogs in the late afternoon and ate them with tea and jello which Rubby had made.

In the evening right after dinner went to see Seiko Akahoshi with my mandolin to ask her to teach me the tune of "White Christmas." She sang the song while I tried to pick it out on my instrument. This song seems to be very popular. I had learned parts of it at the last couple of dances that I attended. Since I was asked to play something for the Christmas party, I thought it would be an appropriate song to play. I learned it in about 15 minutes.

Had to attend a meeting of the Ward II coop representatives. It lasted till 11:30, because there were so many things to discuss.

#### 4. Asako Higaki

Ruby today told me the reason why she did not like to go to Asako's place. She has been there and has heard the mother criticize Miyoko Ito, who lives next door, because she is more Yankee-like than Asako is. Evidently she takes a great



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deal of pride in the fact that her daughters are very Japanese. She would probably be shocked if Asako went ahead and got a permanent without consulting her mother. It's for this reason that Asako doesn't have the ability to do as she pleases. She must usually conform to what her mother considers correct.

5. Issei Attitude

Evidently Mr. Mitsutome has some good family connections in Japan. He attempts to maintain a certain standard in his home life and in his attitude. He says that he cannot eat the food served in the mess hall and has to buy a lot of food on the side. He says that he has already spent \$350 since evacuation. He used to be a hardware man before and evidently has some savings, although most of it is frozen with the Sumitomo Bank. He wants to send his son to college to continue his engineering course, but he is afraid that he might use up all of the family savings. He says, like the rest of the Isseis, that he is going back to Japan after the war. If he still had his hardware business he would have made quite a bit of money from the rise in price alone. He doesn't like Mr. Matsumoto, who acts too much like a big shot. He pointed out that Mr. Matsumoto himself was opposed to a lot of things that he is favoring at the present time. This pettiness on the part of the Isseis seems to be rather characteristic, although it is found among Niseis too. The concept of statuses differs with Isseis and Niseis and consequently they are jealous of different things.

5. Utility-man misunderstanding

A fellow misunderstood something that Noboru Honda said and reported to the janitors in Ward III that the utility men were not doing much work. Actually what was said by Noboru, chairman of the block managers, was that the utility men, who were being employed as janitors at the present time because of lack of supplies to do carpentering work, should be retained as utility men. This would make it easier for the block to have work done in the block. Utility men had threatened to beat Noboru up, but the matter was clarified at the meeting of block managers.



The block manager doesn't know who is to succeed Mr. Shirrell as Project Director. He said that most people thought that it was going to be someone from the outside.

The above incident is important because of the threat made by the utility men to do something to Noboru. In the past similar threats have been made by various Isseis. When the Threater Project was being discussed, it was clearly stated that the councilmen should be beaten up if they would not reconsider it properly. At the broadcast meeting no one threatened, but the atmosphere was such that made Niseis quiet and Isseis afraid of saying anything in favor of the broadcast. It is such attitude as that that have lead to the recent riot at Poston. What makes many of these Isseis take such attitudes when things don't go right? Don't they know that there is a certain channel through which such matters could be taken care of? Or do they feel that there is nothing that can be done about certain people, who "are in" with the Caucasians. It seems to me that a large part of the threat to violence is based on a feeling of helplessness.

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1. Diary

Finished reading through the mess hall section that I had already written. I was going to finish up the rest of the section, but didn't get around to it. Toasted more of yesterday's weiners and bread and had a delicious hot dog and tea all by myself. Ruby was away almost all morning getting a permanent. It caused quite a bit of commotion. Wrote a letter to Dr. Gundlach telling him about Mabel and the rest. I wrote a couple of pages as a criticism to Mr. Armstrong's article. It's the same old thing that has gotten hold of me lately -- trying to be Americanized completely is not the best adjustment for most Niseis.

In the afternoon Fumiko Yabe and Helen Mayeda brought their evening gowns as they were going to use the apartment as a dressing room. Ruby hadn't swept the room in the morning and in the afternoon went off to her English class. I was



rather ashamed of the way the room looked, and felt sorry for the girls with their pretty gowns and all for the looks of the room. I therefore took almost an hour sweeping and mopping the room. I had to sweep twice because when I mopped dirt came out again from between the cracks in the floor.

As I didn't have any more time to do much with the report, I let it go and started to correct journal pages instead.

In the evening right after dinner went to see Kazuko to give her the first part of the mess hall section and to get the broadcast section. But she wasn't in, and I spent the time until 7 p.m. talking to her parents. I then had to go on to the meeting of the Committee on Committees. The meeting was over a little after 9, and had Koso drop me off at block 47. When I went in to see Kazuko, Frank was already there talking to her. We talked for some time, but I ended up talking to Kazuko again about her trying to break into the Japanese group. We left Kazuko at 10:45. Kazuko promised that she would come to my class tomorrow.

2. Ruby's Permanent Wave: For some time now Ruby has not been taking care of her hair so much. I used to tell her that she looked like a scare-crow, her hair rather straggly. I don't think girls should become so careless just because they are going in for a career or are married or are not interested in men. Mrs. Yoshida is just the same way. She is really good looking, and would look beautiful if she took care of her hair a little more. She was here today and I kidded her about getting a permanent. She said that her husband did not like it. Also, she said that it was too much trouble to take care of. But I think she had begun to consider it.

Ruby finally decided to get a permanent. I don't know what made her do it. Probably my kidding Asako might have had something to do with it. She spent most of the morning in getting the permanent. Evidently she was afraid when she came home that she was going to look funnier than ever. She didn't seem to like it when I told her that she looked like a little girl. Friends who came in



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commented that they liked her better with a permanent. In the mess hall several of the waitresses commented that she looked well in permanent. No doubt much of it was pure flattery which girls are required to extend to each other, but I think Ruby was glad that she had gotten the permanent. Betty Nishida got a permanent a day or two ago, and she seemed to be awfully happy about it. Mrs. Ishizuka got a permanent several days ago, in spite of the fact that she is married and is a Kibei. And here is Asako afraid to change hers very much after all I told her. It just goes to show what a strong hold her parents have on her.

3. Kazuko's Parents:

Tonight when I talked to Kazuko's parents, I realized that they had different views from other Isseis. They had lived among Caucasians in the same community for over 30 years. They knew Caucasian friends who knew them every since childhood. Mr. Tanabe had been farming all his life, sometimes working as a farm laborer. He grew over a hundred acres of rice at one time. He has grown other things too, seems to have had the most experience in rice growing. When the war came along he was hoping to lease land under Kazuye's name and be able to make some money. He said that just when the chance to make money had come along they were forced to evacuate. He said this without any feeling of bitterness.

He said that when they left the town old Caucasian friends told him that they were sorry that he had to go. I think they also said they would like to have him back after the war was over. These Caucasian contacts seem to have made a great deal of difference in shaping his attitude. He said that after the war things will be better and the Japanese will be able to get along better. He hoped that after the initial period of adjustment after the war, everything would go along smoothly. His adjustment to the Caucasian group has been definitely one of subservience to them. In speaking of his work, he invariably said "They allowed me to make money," "They gave me such and such work." The adjustment has been one of reaping the greatest advantage by means of acting according to



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the wishes of the Caucasians. He remarked that the government had paid 25 per cent on the quota of rice that he raised and seemed to feel thankful for this help.

It is because of this sort of adjustment that Kazuko and Kazuye were also more likely to adjust themselves to the Caucasian group in the way they have done. Their antagonism toward the Japanese seems to be based on something different.

#### 4. Kazuko Tanabe

Kazuko and I talked with Frank about things in general. Then Kazuko brought up the fact that she had written to Kazuye about an idea to put into her theme on the predicament of racial minority. I learned that she had compared her adjustment with those of other Niseis and concluded that her adjustment was the more superior. I tried to point out that she was mistaken in this, and again ended up by doing most of the talking in a preaching sort of way. One thing that I said hit me as being very true: that was that Kazuko's antagonism to the Japanese people is due to the resentment that she built up when she was going to Japanese school. Imagine a child going week after week and gradually building up resentment against others, trying to find consolation in her studies alone. Her insecurity must have been great, and her need for convincing herself that she was all right and even superior to other people must also have been great. It's for this reason that she probably insists on talking about her own adjustment and feels that it's superior to the adjustment made by other people.

She said that if she did not feel superior about her adjustment she would not be able to feel secure at all. I pointed out to her that this wasn't true. It was merely rationalization. I pointed out that putting on an air of superiority was very harmful in many cases, and said that it was usually a compensation for an inferior feeling. This seems to be quite true in Kazuko's case. I pointed out that her adjustment was due to her having lived in a certain geographic environment, and could not be any superior or inferior than another type of adjustment.



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She had a ticket to the Little Theater and she mentioned that she was interested in Little Theater work. In fact she had once taken a major part in a commencement play which was not held because she was sick. I told her that she should join the group and meet some of the people. I think she really wanted someone to push her into something like that. She kept insisting that her adjustment was better, however, and I left her at that. She's beginning to doubt her own conviction and the quicker she breaks down the better it is going to be for her. But I'll have to see her through to a satisfactory conclusion.

5. Nisei Attitude (Frank)

Frank's attitude is one of accepting the fate of the Japanese in America and be satisfied with it. He said that he had lived in a district where many Japanese did not live and lived and worked with Caucasians. When his Caucasian friends went out on a date, he went into Japanese town in Los Angeles to look up some Japanese friends. He said that there was no use in ramming one's head against a brick wall, when it was known that it wouldn't do any good. I asked him what he thought of some of these Americanization programs, and asked him whether he didn't feel that they were all right, but he thought that perhaps he did feel hesitant in that manner. I pointed out that complete Americanization alone was sufficient if a subservient role was to be played in the American social-economic system. But I also pointed out that many Japanese would not be satisfied with such a role because, for one thing, it did not satisfy all the demands that a person was likely to make, such as need for leadership, marriage, etc.

6. Rev. Tanabe

There are some rumors going around about Reverend Tanabe, according to some members of the Committee on Committees. People are saying that they won't go to church any more. It seems to have something to do with his wife, or the extent of the activities carried on by the church. Whatever the scandal, it must have been serious because one person was not willing to say what it was about.



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1. Diary

In the morning worked on the outline for my course on adjustment and mal-adjustment. In the afternoon reviewed my notes and went to class, but only 3 students turned up. They were Riley, Kiku and Roy Nojima; they are three students who are probably getting the most from the course. We sat around and discussed many things in general. I brought up the matter of marginal personality a little bit. I also got the three of the students to give their life story briefly. I brought them home and served tea, and we talked till past 5 p.m. If the class gets small enough we can always have it at home.

In the morning Mr. Morimoto dropped in and brought us a cake as a celebration for the birth of the baby boy. He seems to have brought it to 3 apartments in this barracks and probably several more places. He came in and sat down to talk, saying that he didn't mind talking at our place. Ruby served tea and we talked of this and that.

In the evening corrected some pages of the journal. Then went to Kazuko's place to get the broadcast section, and also to take her Stonequist to read. Stayed till 10:30 and ended up by mapping out a program of associating with Japanese a little more.

2. Issei Attitude

During the membership campaign there was fear on the part of a few Isseis that if they joined the coop they would not be able to sue for damages after the war. No one seems to be able to insure that he won't be able to, although this fear seems to be rather silly.

3. Stealing

There are a great many complaints that the workers in the canteen are habitually taking goods home. One man described the people as tucking things under their coats when going home. Anyway the people agree that the moral standard of the Japanese people has become very low since coming to camp.



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There were rumors about stealing <sup>from</sup> the clothing store from Klamath Falls which came to sell suits and shoes and such things. It was understood that the coop would receive 10 per cent of the sales. Ruby this morning came back with the report that ladies in the laundry room were saying that \$300 worth of goods were stolen by the Japanese. Riley reported that the manner in which the goods were sold out in the open without any receipt of any sort being written made it exceedingly easy to steal a pair of shoes.

#### 4. Rev. Tanabe

I asked Mr. Morimoto about the rumor about Mr. Tanabe and he seemed to think it might have been about the matter of semin-bari (1,000 stitches). Women have been getting them made for their sons in the Army, probably in preparation for the leaving for the battlefield. It is just a plain piece of cloth on which 1,000 women are asked to put a stitch on each. This is worn around the stomach as a protection against bullets. It is very common in Japan, and the concern of the mothers for the safety of their sons must have motivated the making of such a charm. It seems that Mrs. Tanabe refused to put on a stitch for somebody. Perhaps she thought that it was unAmerican to do so.

#### 5. Whiskey

Mr. Morimoto says that he bought half a pint of whiskey. It seems that one of the returning sugar beet workers wrapped 6 flasks around his legs and brought them in. Many others were previously searched when they hid them around their stomach and had them confiscated.

#### 6. Block #25 Youth

The Christmas program has hit a snag. Nancy this morning told me that she wanted to resign as the chairman of the program, because there seems to be some dissatisfaction among the members about her choice as the head. The last dance was handled by her sister Doris, and she seems to have done things too much by herself. The protest is that the Yagi family is trying to run the club alone. Nancy asked me to choose Clara or Nobuko so that the protests must have come from



the other side of the block -- the Isleton side. The block manager of #26 had asked that we hold the party together. We had decided at the last meeting that this party would be held separately. Nancy wanted to hold the party together, but she didn't want to take the responsibility for making such a decision. She said that she was in hot water already. So I got up and asked the group if it were all right to hold the party together. Some of the people raised their hands in favor of it and no one raised their hands in opposition.

I met Mrs. Akahoshi in the laundry room, and spoke to her about this matter. She said that Nancy did not seem to be very popular with the rest of the members, in spite of the fact that she did work very hard. At the last meeting, for instance, when one of the boys was trying to lower the age limit to 16 or 17, she showed by her facial expression that she didn't think very much of those boys. Then when she finally spoke out and made a retort to what one of the boys said, he jumped on her and demanded what she had said. I thought the matter over and decided that this matter of sectionalism would have to be settled if the club and the block were to proceed harmoniously. In order to do that, it wouldn't help any to put in another chairman in Nancy's place. These people will have to learn to cooperate with people they don't like sometimes because the help of everyone in the block is needed to make any affair successful.

Betty Nishida asked me today why I wasn't at the meeting on the play. A few of the girls had gone just to be cooperative and were put on the list of those willing to appear in the play. She said that it was unfair and seemed to be accusing me of running out on them. Clara said that she was not going to appear. I asked Clara whether she was going to help on the Christmas party program, and she said that she would, although she didn't seem to be too enthusiastic about it. Ruby said that everybody is not as enthusiastic about this party as they were about the dance.



6. Kazuko Tanabe

I spent a little over 2 hours at Kazuko's place tonight. She was typing the last few pages of the broadcast section, so I let her finish while I read through the part she had already typed. Her mother was already in bed because she was sleepy. Her father was reading the newspaper, I believe. I was going to ask Kazuko to go to Mrs. Murayama's place, because Kazuko had said that she was formerly interested in Little Theater work. But since it was so late we decided not to go, and we started to talk as usual. Kazuko kept bringing up a lot of things by herself, and brought out some of the bulletins and things she had been saving since evacuation. She also said that she kept a diary all along. She said that she would delete parts of it and show it to me perhaps when she left camp.

I learned that her parents had preferred to associate with Caucasians rather than with Japanese. They used to entertain some of the most prominent people in the town and have it written up in the town paper. For this reason they were not well liked by the Japanese people. This accounts for the different view that Mr. Tanabe has on the question of post-war resettlement. His contention seems to have been that it was best to mix in with Caucasians.

Kazuko mentioned the Lieutenant that came here from Fort Savage <sup>as</sup> having been brought up just as she had been among Caucasians. He is very lonely in the Army with a great many Japanese about him.

We got into the topic of her adjustment in camp. I came right out after some discussion and asked her whether she was willing to follow a program that I would outline for her. She seemed to be willing enough. I tried to explain some of the mechanism involved in her trying to make up for her sense of insecurity by comparing herself constantly with the Japanese and trying to prove to herself that she was superior to them. I also pointed out the resentment that she had toward Japanese in general, which prevented her from associating with them freely. The first point was to try to catch her bad compensations, as I called it. To aid this she was to keep on with her journal and record those things as come to her mind daily.



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Next I listed some of the groups that she should try to join. First, I said that she should go to church, fellowship group especially. She said that she had been going to church occasionally. Next was the Little Theater because she had said that she was interested in it anyway. I also included my class, because she wanted to come to it anyway. She did not come today because she met with some of the Caucasian workers at the Ad. Bldg. and had to pour her woes on them. She said that she wanted to join an intellectual group because she would get along best with people with similar interests as herself. She also said that she didn't want to waste her time with people from whom she couldn't learn anything. Then I said that she should attend all block meetings and accept positions on committees if they were offered to her. I pointed out that one thing that the Japanese people could give her was a chance for leadership -- that and a feeling of belonging. She said that she did not go to meetings, but that she was sometimes consulted when, for instance, the block wanted to put on an Americanization program.

Then I mentioned that she should go to dances. She said that she had been asked many times to go to dances, but had refused most boys. One boy had asked her 9 times already. Frank last night had come to ask her to go to the dance last night and also to tomorrow's dance. She said that she did not care for Frank's company. She said that she was disgusted because the Japanese did not know their manners. The time she had been to a dance too many boys had cut in and they began to quarrel, leaving her stranded. She said that the dances she attended had left her disgusted. She said that she wanted to go to dances where many Caucasians were invited. I told her to let the Caucasians alone because she was going to adapt herself to the Japanese. Because she had been refusing some of the boys that asked her for a date, I made it a rule that she was not to refuse any boy the first time, unless he had a very bad reputation. She was to give each boy at least one chance. Then I put down that she should go to at least 2 dances every month.



Somehow we got to talking about H. Kazuko seemed anxious to see more of him because Kazuye had said that he was brilliant. H. has been seeing a certain girl and asking for a date. The girl, however, says that she doesn't care to be seen with him because of the way he looked. When Kazuko went over to this girl's place, she left H. talking with her parents and walked out on him. I said that it's too bad we couldn't get together more often.

I asked Kazuko whether she was going to Fumiko's recital tomorrow, and she said that she was. She wasn't aware that tickets were going to be necessary, and I suggested that she drop in at my place for a ticket, because I had some extra.

Although I have been handing out advice quite freely in the past, this is the first real formal prescription that I have written for anyone. Whether it's going to work or not is another question.

Sunday, December 13, 1942

### 1. Diary

It's already 11:45 and I want to go to bed. I didn't get a nap today, and I thought I was going to get a thorough rest for a change. But Koso came after me to discuss some coop matter, and kept me out till late. We had run out of coal, so I just had to get some of that.

In the morning put a stand on our little Christmas tree. It's a silver tip of uneven shape, but it looks good enough in the room. Mr. Kishiyama took me to Mr. Ito's place, since I told him that I was looking for a carved vase which I wanted as a gift. I was hoping that I would be able to buy such a vase. Mr. Ito was working away, varnishing two vases which he had already carved and polished. He had several good ones on the shelves. He had already given away some. He started to work on a block of wood for Mr. Kishiyama. He asked that Mr. Kishiyama take it home after he carved out the block of wood and polish and varnish it for himself. Mr. Kishiyama then offered to find a block of wood for me, and asked Mr. Ito whether he wouldn't cut the thing out for me, too. I let the arrangement go at that, although I did want to have the whole thing made.



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In the morning took a notion to clean the yard. Also took out the geranium plants which seemed to be ready to die and put them in separate boxes. They were given to George by Mike, but he never did take much interest in them. There were hardly any roots at all on them, which probably accounts for the fact that they haven't grown at all.

Harno came in the morning to get the Japanese language book on which he was working. George and I talked with him till noon. He ate with us and then stayed till nearly 2. I asked him to get a Chronicle for me, but he said that when he went by there was a long line at the store and he couldn't get a paper.

May came in the afternoon and fussed about the way #2508 was left by the Christian people. After a while May, Kingo, Ruby and I went over there to sweep the place out. Some of the other girls from the Music Department were there, and we managed to get the place cleaned out in no time. Fumiko and Helen used our room as a dressing room again. I waited for Kazuko to come and then she, George, and I went to the concert together.

After the concert I got hold of Riley and had him stop in. Kazuko was saying that she had to go home because she had things to do. Anyway, her mess hall ate at 5 p.m. I insisted on her staying, because I wanted her to meet Riley. We sat around and talked and drank tea. The subject of Xmas trees came up, and Kazuko said that she wanted one very badly. I told her that I would have taken one to her if I had known that she wanted one so badly. Since we had no other tree to give away, we gave her a branch of Manzanita, while Riley took home a few branches of fir.

Since they stayed too late to go home to eat, they ate with us. Clara didn't like it because we hadn't told them before the dinner. Since there were no plates two of us had to eat out of pie plates. We sat around talking some more later. Kazuko left after a while, and George saw her home because he wanted to go see Frank. Art dropped in, and we talked about things in general. Harno dropped in



for a short while, but left because he had to go to a meeting. I was hoping that he would be able to meet Kazuko today, but he wasn't even able to go to the concert.

Koso then came over and asked me to go over some legal matters with him. And so I went with him to the office. Then we went over to see Mr. Elberson and stayed till 11:30. Mr. Taketa came over again tonight to borrow the notes.

## 2. Coop Conference with Koso

Koso came over at night and wanted me to go over to the office to go over some WRA instructions with him. He wanted to clarify some issues which had been brought up primarily by Mr. Ikeda from Ward II. He had stopped the membership drive in our ward by appealing for some changes to be made before the membership drive was carried on. Mr. Ikeda's suggestion was that since the colonists as a whole had some right to the past profits, some provisions should be made in order to allow for this. He suggested that about 1/3 of the profit be set aside for nonmembers. At the ward meeting he asked me whether I was sure that the profit was promised to the coop, and I said I was. At the time he said that if it were certain, there was no need to make any provisions of that sort. But in the Planning Board he had again brought up the matter and had insisted that the profits belonged to the evacuees as a whole and not only to coop members. Koso insisted that the profit belonged to the coop, but he wasn't too sure. Also he wanted to get a decision from the WRA in Washington to lay down the ruling in order not to put himself on the spot.

Koso and I went over the letter from the WRA Washington office. In one administrative instructions it said the profits belonged to the evacuees, but that it would be turned over to the consumer cooperative association. In another "outline plan" this was stated more definitely. We went over to Mr. Elberson's place and talked about this matter some more. It developed that what should be done was to clarify several points through Washington.



Is it possible to get a general license, in which case "blocked nationals" would be able to become members? Is it possible for the coop to distribute coop money to nonmembers on a patronage basis? If so, how would money be distributed to nonmembers. Which nonmembers would be eligible for this benefit? How much benefit should nonmembers receive in comparison to members?

It's clear that the coop members have the final say as to how the past profit is to be spent, except where the law makes certain reservations. This matter is largely one of trying to make the Planning Board and others understand the situation and trying to get them to back down intelligently.

All this brought up Mr. Ikeda's present position very clearly. Mr. Ikeda is one of those important men in the community who is always consulted on important matters and whose judgment is considered almost final in any matter. On the outside he seems to have been the head of a large corporation or a firm of some sort. His understanding of the coop is rather slim, and as a member of the temporary advisory committee for the coop, he could not lead others in an intelligent discussion of the coop. However, when the actual coop structure was being set up and representatives were elected, he insisted on staying out because his funds were frozen and he did not want to get the coop into trouble.

Things proceeded quite smoothly in Ward II. Only Mr. Shinozaki raised some fuss on the matter of reducing the past profit by having a sale or something, thus doing away with the necessity of paying income tax. Mr. Shinozaki and the Nisei representative resigned once because their ideas were not taken up by the ward, but they were asked to stay on.

Mr. Ikeda again appeared in Ward II coop meetings when he was asked to serve on the Management Committee. Mr. Matsumoto made this suggestion on his own initiative. When the Auditing Committee members were chosen, Mr. Ikeda was suggested, but Mr. Matsumoto said that it was better to reserve him for another committee. He had the Education Committee in mind, but finally decided that he should be on the Management Committee. His approval by the ward was unanimous.



Everyone thought that he would be just the one for any job. The idea was to get him into an important a position as possible. Things then began to pop. He was also on the Planning Board which had just begun to become active. When the income tax was being discussed, he campaigned for contribution to the community of a sum of money to reduce profits to avoid paying too much income tax. This matter was brought up at a Ward meeting, but nothing was done about it. The Auditing Committee took the limelight when the inventory taking was being discussed. At one of the meetings Mr. Ikeda wasn't present. He had appeared at a meeting of the membership committee and had suggested that the membership drive be stopped until some points were clarified. Then when all of the suggestions were not accepted by the central membership committee, he brought up more matters at the last meeting. He was definitely against the coop charging 5¢ for cashing checks. He was against the coop accepting 15¢ for the directory. He opposed the establishment of a branch office. Then he wanted to know why this matter wasn't brought back to the ward. He is still arguing through the Planning Board about the matter of distributing profits to nonmembers.

Certain things have become clear. Mr. Ikeda "is not as smart as people think he is" as Koso put it. In fact, some of the suggestions he has made are rather foolish. He seems to be bringing up these things just to feel important, or to attract attention. He is like a little child with a new toy or a weapon. He wants to go out and attract attention with it. Underlying such behavior seems to be a feeling of being left out of the coop movement. Rightly he should be on the Board of Directors of the coop where he can really make the decisions. As a blocked national he is not even able to become a member of the coop. He seemsto be bringing up all of these little points passed by the Board of Directors and opposing them just to impress people with his importance. He is acting just like some of the so-called "agitators" have acted in the past. Mr. Elbersen too said that he was disappointed in Mr. Ikeda. He is expressing himself too quickly



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without too much thought, putting himself in a position where he has to defend his positions, which are sometimes hard to maintain.

3. Mr. Smith

It seems definite that Mr. Smith is going away to some other center. The employees of the canteen are giving him a party. Mr. Elberson is griped because the Board of Directors weren't invited. Mr. Smith thinks of the canteen employees as apart from the coop members. When he speaks of "the organization" he is primarily referring to the employees and not to the membership. He thought a good way of retaliating was by having the Board of Directors send Mr. Smith a gift and to have it presented at the party.

4. Koso Takemoto

Koso seems to have called on me because he did not have anyone else to call upon for help. Of course, I was mixed up with Mr. Ikeda and knew something about the matter. Evidently he doesn't want to call on Fumi, who probably knows as much as anyone else on this matter. Also, he said that Hakujins couldn't be trusted entirely. He said that he wanted an advisor. He said that Hakujins couldn't always understand the feeling of the Japanese.

5. Yabe's Concert

The concert was a success. The hall -- #2508 -- was packed to the very end and some people who had tickets had to be turned away. The crowd who attended seemed to be a queer mixture. A few Caucasian ladies were present. Then there were Nisei men and women who were smartly dressed. Then there were those who had very little make-up on and plainly dressed. There were only a few Isseis. There were also some adolescents. The girls probably outnumbered the boys. The group seemed more mature than the one which went to see the Little Theater plays.

6. Pilfering: BM's son

Mr. Kishiyama brought in the rumor that things had been stolen during the sale the other day. He said that people in this block were involved, and said that



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the block manager's son was one of them. Ruby said that she thought he was likely to take something. I then pointed out to Mr. Kishiyama that it was just the same as hog being killed on the hog farm. He did not seem to have realized that this might be looked upon in the same way he was looking on the block manager's son. He said that what they didncouldn't be considered a crime. I'm afraid that I embarrassed him.

1. Block #25 Youth Meeting  
(held Dec. 8, 1942)

Monday, December 14, 1942

The notes to this meeting are being taken from the minutes written up by the secretary, Nancy Yagi. The second meeting of the young people of block 25 was called to order by JS at 7:30 p.m. The bell was run at 7:15 and again at 7:20. It was 8:30 before most of the people turned up. 38 were present in all. The roll was called, the minutes of the last meeting read and approved. Tad Oshima gave the treasurers report, which was approved without any comments. There is a profit of \$4.83 from the dance. Tad is evidently a Kibei and spoke English with an accent. He said that if there were any questions, he would be glad to give the report again in Japanese.

JS first gave a report on the coop urging everyone to become members. He asked that every member of the club become a member in order to facilitate the election of officers for the coop, the study of the coop, etc., by the young people's organization. How many of the young people will become members will be interesting to watch.

The question of having advisors for the club was brought up. At the meeting of the cabinet, which met with Mr. Akahoshi, it was suggested by JS that 2 Isseis, 2 Niseis, and 2 women be selected as advisors. The necessity of having advisors in the first place was to have some sort of buffer to avoid conflict with the Isseis. The advisors could be asked to be responsible to the Issei group for anything the club might do. Mr. Yamamoto said that he thought that it was not wise for the young people to cramp their meetings by having Issei advisors. He had



worked with a group of young Buddhists and had found that it made it difficult for young people to do anything when the old people were around. He thought that it was better to have no advisor at all. Mr. Akahoshi was asked her opinion, and she said that it was important that the club did not drift away from the Issei group, and she thought that advisors were necessary. Mr. Yagi made the motion that Mr. Akahoshi be selected as the advisor. It was agreed by most persons that having 6 advisors was too many. The motion was passed, and then it occurred to Mr. Yagi that Mrs. Akahoshi might be included as advisor. The motion was reconsidered and both Mr. and Mrs. Akahoshi were elected as advisors for the club. Mrs. Akahoshi was asked to say a few words and she got up and made a rather formal speech in Japanese. She said that she was glad to find the young people so active. She only wished that the young people understand the desire of their parents to do all they can for them.

The by-laws were discussed. Sady Yagi, Dorothy Sofye, and JS were appointed to work on the by-laws. The following points were discussed. There were only two suggestions for a name: "block 25 club," "block 25 senior club." Dues: 5¢ a month. Age limit: 18 years and up. 2 of the boys were clammering to lower the age limit to 16 or 17 because there were people in that age group who would be left out. JS suggested that they make amendments to the motion to lower the age limit to 16 or 17. Both amendments were made and lost by a vote of about 16-6. During the discussion many of the members seemed to feel that these boys were causing too much trouble. Nancy especially was disgusted, and when one of the boys mentioned a certain person who would be left out if the age limit were left at 18 years, she remarked that "they wouldn't be interested." She was immediately attacked with a menacing "What did you say?" She kept still. This antagonism between Matsumoto's -- Sofyes and Yagis seems to be of old standing, according to Jimmy Nishida. Back home in Walnut Grove their family always had to stand between them to quiet matters down.

Election: Officers would be elected semi-annually. One of the girls wanted the officers to be elected very three months because she thought we weren't going to



be here forever and didn't want just one set of officers.

Meeting: Meetings were tentatively set at every 2 weeks.

Discussion was held on the possibility of having a Christmas party.

Everyone was in favor of doing something else before having another dance. It was also suggested that the party be held with block 26 because they had invited the children of block 25 to their Thanksgiving party. At the cabinet meeting Ruby S. and Nancy Yagi had been recommended by the block manager as chairman of the party. A part of the group, however, did not seem to like Nancy's being chosen. After the meeting the complaint seems to have been that the Uagi family was trying to run everything, since Doris had taken care of the dance. The two of them had chosen their committees. A budget of \$15 was voted for this party.

Sadie Yagi suggested the sponsoring of a play on January 9 when the entertainment for Isseis was to be held in the block. The group seemed willing enough to put on the play. The chairman stressed the fact that a play should not be undertaken unless the members were willing to pitch in and help. Mr. Yagi, Mr. Ike, and Mr. Yamamoto were selected to be in charge of the play.

The use of the ironing room at night was requested of block manager from 7 to 9 p.m. The block manager had requested that a formal application be made in order to make the members feel responsible when they were using the ironing room. It was a general complaint that the young people made too much noise in the ironing room at night. Also a group had begun to practice dancing almost every night in there. Some of the boys didn't see any use for such a request, but it was passed.

There were a great many points to cover, and a few of the boys raised some opposition to some of the discussion. George Matsumoto was one of them. He doesn't seem to be so intelligent and is probably not liked by a lot of people. He seems to make up for his shortcomings by arguing against people in general.

There was a good attendance, however, and the meeting was a success.



## 2. Coop Board of Directors Meeting

The meeting is in progress when I arrive. The minutes of the last meeting are being reviewed.

Check-cashing policy: Opposition to charging 5¢ came up in the Council Meeting, and it was decided that this matter be held up till further discussion by the Board of Directors.

11 board members here. The meeting is being carried on wholly in Japanese. None of the Caucasians are here.

Roy: Have the councilmen any power over the coop? (in English)

Koso: No, but they represent the voice of the people.

Horiuchi: I thought our policy of charging 5¢ poor. Why not raise the pricing on cigarettes or something which people will not be aware of.

Koso: The strongest point put forth by Mr. Smith is that the nonmembers are profiting at the expense of the members.

JS: I move to cash checks free of charge.

Sato: I am against not charging because 3 or 400 dollars is too much.

Miyamoto: It's best not to charge because the amount is too small.

Koso: Sumio: How about asking the WRA once more about their cashing the checks?

Sumio: I asked again, but they say that they can't do it.

Some rankling resulted from this discussion. Mr. H. says that the people will crab if we charge anything, and therefore he believes that we shouldn't go too far.

Koso: You can't use our office for cashing checks because the clerks won't be able to work.

Roy: We can't use the bank because people will steal magazines.

Koso: I think the WRA should provide the room for cashing checks.

Takeda: Let's think a little deeper before making our decisions, because it's not good for our prestige.



Roy: I think we are going ahead too fast.

Horiuchi: I think problems should be taken back to the ward.

Roy: The Board has certain power. It shouldn't be a messenger boy.

Kuramoto: Until a certain time we should follow public opinion.

Takeda: Deciding things too quickly is very detrimental.

Sato: I think we should charge 5¢. We are in an unknown financial situation. I am against changing our decision.

Itami: I think so, too.

Kubo: It came up in our ward and the ward people thought that it would be all right.

JS: I would like to ask for a motion. (His motion is lost for a lack of a second)

We have a hard time getting a motion on the floor. No one seems to want to make a motion. JS finally makes the motion himself. A committee of 3 to 5 to see Mr. Shirrell about the WRA paying 5¢ per check cashed, for room, and looking into other possibilities of facilities. This motion fails, only 5-1. Takeda opposed to asking for 5¢. Another motion is made by JS.

The details of the negotiations are left up to the committee. This motion is passed.

#### License Fee

Koso: It seems that the council cannot take anything from the Caucasians. But they can take from the coop. There are no regulations at the present time about prohibiting other private enterprise. We talked with the Legal Aid Department. They suggested that toward outside enterprises the coop should be given the authority to control. We must get this o.k. from Mr. Shirrell. Toward evacuees they proposed that no private business except community enterprise, giving the coop the monopoly. Set up some punishment for violators. If it's a matter of not being able to hold \$1,000, they can tax private enterprise and give the surplus to the coop. This has not been clarified yet. Perhaps it means that the Council can collect only \$1,000.



Roy: Why should we discuss this problem?

Takeda: Can we stop private business at home?

The group is in favor of Koso's suggestions.

Gifts: Mr. Shirrell, Mr. Smith, and Mr. Miyamoto are going away. Miyamoto and Hirose are going to Colorado to teach Japanese. The Council collected 75¢ each from each councilman to be used -- half for party and half for a gift.

Horiuchi: Don't we have to ask the members?

Chairman: No, I think we have the authority.

Sumio: Don't give me any present.

Mr. Smith gave a farewell talk about giving the community enterprise to the coop. He asked the employees to work as they had been doing in the past. He gave a tearful talk. Since this party turned out to be a real farewell party, I would like to ask the coop people to join in on the party. The board members can pay 35¢ just like the canteen employees and the gift could be paid from the coop fund.

Takeda: I move that a committee of 3 be chosen to select a gift for each of 3 persons, the amount not to exceed \$30 per person.

A vote is taken. Roy doesn't vote. He is always against things. He said that this will set a funny precedent.

Committee on check cashing facilities. Horiuchi, Kitade, Sakoda, Kubo, Takeda.

Donation Committee: Sato, Ryugo, Itami.

Sumio: I think George can take care of it.

(This matter was left up to the general manaber when he went out.)

Sumio: Mr. Smith is going to Granada to set up a store. He is going to be the supervisor for the 2 relocation centers. He probably won't come back here very often. His work here is over. His old debt has been paid 2 days ago. Mr. Smith may go along with Mr. Shirrell, who may go to Washington. Mr. Shirrell trusts him as a businessman.



Sumio: Mr. Smith wasn't really doing anything, except signing checks. The rest of the work was being done by Japanese. Also he was going to Klamath Falls getting things and going to the bank. You can ask Mr. Elbertson to go. Or you can ask Mr. Shirrell to allow Japanese to go. If they are afraid of hold-ups they can take an M.P. along, Kubo moves and JS seconds that the president of the executive secretary sign the checks.

Roy: Won't it be inconvenient for the general manager? A suggestion is made to make it possible for the president or executive secretary and the general manager to sign the checks. But since the president has to sign the checks, making it possible for either the general manager or executive secretary to sign the checks.

JS: Why not divide the <sup>executive</sup> secretary job into secretary and treasurer? Koso is carrying too much work.

Taketa: I call for the question on the original.

This is passed unanimously.

JS moves that the position of the executive secretary be divided into secretary and treasurer, and Koso be retained as the secretary.

Taketa: I second the motion.

This motion is passed by 10-0.

Miyamoto feels that if a treasurer is put over the bookkeeper, then Orie will feel mad about it. He thinks that the general manager should be made the treasurer. There is quite a bit of talk on whom the treasurer should be.

Shinohara was mentioned. Koso has hired him. But others think that he is a blocked alien. Everyone believes that Orie should stay in her present position.

The matter is tabled till the next meeting.

#### Disposal of Motion Picture Projector

Sumio: Mr. Smith says that he can sell it at any time. He wanted to keep it because he felt that the people may some day want to have a motion picture house when they change their minds. He wanted to hang onto it, but since he has to go he wants a decision on this matter.



Several people say that the projector should be kept. Mr. H. says that we should sell off the projector because of the opinion of the people.

Taketa: Good equipment is worth keeping. If we tried to sell it off quickly we would be likely to lose money.

Koso: We should take this matter back to the block.

Taketa: I don't think so. We would be losing money.

Miyamoto: I don't want this Board to become a messenger boy.

JS: I think the ward should be consulted whenever possible. Roy: I think this should be taken back to the block. It will become an important problem if we go ahead by ourselves.

Sato: I think this matter should be taken back to the block. But if explained to the people it should go through. Also, it depends on what kind of pictures are shown.

Horiuchi: Even kids were against the theater. This should not be taken back to the people. Mr. Smith can help us sell it off.

JS stands up for Mr. Taketa.

Executive secretary is appointed to take charge of this. Koso asks that this matter be not brought up in the ward meetings.

#### Disbursement of Profit

Koso: The past profit is to go to the cooperative and is going to be controlled by the members. It is not yet decided that the members will receive all of the profit.

Ryugo: There was talk in my ward that the people who became members early should receive more of the past profit.

Taketa: In my ward they seemed to desire that people who don't become members within about a month not be allowed to share in the past profit.

Kubo: The Planning Board went to Mr. Smith and was told that if they had built the theater they wouldn't have had so much profit to worry about. Why don't they forget about the matter and donate a little money to the war effort.



Several people think that the Planning Board is trying to do too much. Mr. H. feels that the Planning Board and the Coop are going to clash. They think that the coop is made up of young people.

## 2. Diary

In the morning completed reading the broadcast section and also corrected a few more pages of the journal to send off to DS. Took the package to the post office and had to stand in line for about 20 minutes. Jimmy Nishida came along and we talked for a little while about how uncooperative the block is. He has taken charge of the play more or less without even having been chosen to do so, and I don't think the block people are going to like it. Got Ruby's package for her. Turned out to be some Christmas presents for Japanese children from a Baptist church containing a dozen heavy bibles besides the gifts. The small gifts prettily wrapped had to be unwrapped for inspection by the M.P. The box was really heavy carrying home.

Stopped in at the Ad. Bldg. to get my check. Then spoke to Dr. Francis about my work. Asked her if I could take some of my hours in Higher Education Work. She started to figure out that she could let the Higher Education be about 9 hours, leaving 36 hours I could give to Adult Education. I said that at the present time I couldn't open any more classes for her. I explained how busy I was with the coop and the youth club in the block and also my report. She asked how the report was coming along, and I explained that we were working on a report now which was requiring a lot of time. I told her that I was willing to get less pay if I wasn't teaching enough hours. She broke down and said that we weren't being paid too much anyway. She thought that I was being honest with her. She figured that I was doing my share for the community along the line of Adult Education, and merely asked me to open another class whenever I could. I let the arrangement go at this.

Saw Dr. Jacoby but he had a cold and was on his way home. I tagged along with him. At his door he said that he would ask me in if he could help me, but he didn't think he could. I asked for my reports which were in his hands for some time now. He gave them to me. He had made comments on the Social Welfare and



Legal Aid Departments. He hadn't read the Buddhist section yet and wanted to keep that a while longer. I gave him the Fire Department and the Broadcast section which I had brought along. Elaine Ishikawa was speaking to Mrs. Jacoby. She said that she was very busy on Saturday afternoons, but that she had signed up for the psychology class in Higher Education. Mrs. Jacoby asked me to come again because she hadn't seen me for a long time.

Stopped in at Frank's place to give him a copy of the broadcast section. I didn't intend to stay very long, but spent the rest of the morning there. I told him that I wasn't getting anywhere, and he said that no one seems to be getting any where. I got to talk about some of the marginal personality cases that I had come to know, and Frank seemed to be very interested. He himself said he had a rather different background. He had always been able to keep both Japanese and Caucasian contacts all of the time. In high school this wasn't very hard. At college he lost track of many of his Caucasian friends, but was able to make more along the line of his study. He found that she didn't have the interest that most Niseis had, but didn't feel particularly as he was not accepted by the Japanese group. He seems to have made a rather good adjustment in this regard. We also discussed some of the terms that were important in our study. We discussed the possibilities in Thomas' four wishes, Frank thought I should make use of because they were rather inclusive. I brought up the discussion role, adjustment pattern, needs all of which seemed rather important. They were very closely connected, but each could be useful in a different way. I said I would probably use some of these terms in the personal adjustment section. I also said that I would base this section on the social structure section and social change section written by Frank and Tom. Frank is anxious to get the report out of the way and is working on the large sections first. I started the other way, trying to get the smaller sections out of the way first. But since it seems that it is going to take too long if I did that, I am going to leave the smaller sections for later, and get started on the larger sections. It is more accurate if the smaller



sections are written up first and the larger sections based largely on these smaller sections, but if we turn out the larger sections first, formulations can be based on these, which is possible with a bunch of smaller sections.

Spoke to Mr. Nishida about the membership drive. He's not doing so well. In the afternoon caught up on my journal and writing up the block 25 meeting held last week. In the evening had a block meeting and then had to rush off to the meeting of the Board of Directors which lasted till 12 o'clock. Tomorrow we are having another block meeting, the night after these is a party for Mr. Smith, Thursday night is the ward meeting, Friday night I'm supposed to go to the Committee on Committees meeting, but I think I'm going to ditch it. I've also been put on a committee to see Mr. Shirrell about facilities for cashing checks.

### 3. Block 25 Membership Drive

Spoke to Mr. Nishida about the membership drive. He said that there were only 40 signed up. He seemed to blame the people for not understanding about such matters. He said that there were oppositions from his side of the block, which is the north side. The people from Walnut Grove seem to be against joining. Three persons even came to say that they changed their minds after having signed up. When I spoke to Mr. Sakamoto about this matter, he said that Mr. Nishida had gone ahead by himself without consulting himself or George. He thought that he had made a mistake by doing this. As a result he wasn't able to sign up very many people. He himself, it seems, is not fully convinced that people should join the coop. He didn't try very hard to put many people in because he didn't even contact George and Ruby. There were probably some oppositions because he was handling the drive. I said that Mr. Nishida will have to realize the responsibility of raising the number of members in the block because it is going to reflect on his ability as a membership committee member.

### 4. Shift of waitresses (Elsie Yagi)

This week instead of Yoshie or Clara we have Elsie as our table waitress. She says that they have started a new system whereby the waitresses are going to



rotate and wait at different tables each week. We didn't know Elsie's name, but we soon found out in time. She is out of high school, but can't be more than 18 or 19. She is just at the slightly shy stage where she is afraid to smile directly at anyone. When we ask her questions, however, she talks readily, and some of smiles to herself when she is doing her work. Her family is a large one -- 8 boys and 7 girls, two of the boys being twins.

#### 5. Block 35 Meeting

I let Mr. Yagi make the announcement for the meeting tonight, which was a big mistake. He announced the meeting as one on the rent factory, and didn't say anything about the other things that were to be discussed. I rang the bell at 7 p.m. and half a dozen people turned up. Then I rang the bell again at 7:10, but no one seemed to come. I got a few of the people to go out and round some people up. I went with Nancy to the south side of the block trying to get members to come out. We got Tom and Mr. Yamamoto out. When I peeked in at the Ike's I saw Clara there who seemed rather ashamed of herself. There were several boys there, and she said that she was going some place else. Nobuko also seems to have gone with her. We didn't get much result. We didn't bother with the Nagatas. Grace came out of her own accord. After waiting till 7:30 we had only about 20 members.

After the meeting was started George Matsuomoto brought up the fact that this club wasn't a coop club and he resented the fact that I was always putting coop matters before club matters. I tried to explain that coop was an important matter of the block, just as the council was. But he didn't seem to be able to get this through his head. I told him that if he wanted to he could bring up a motion the next time to rule out coop from club activities.

Jimmy Nishida wanted more people to take part in the play. They were going to have 2 plays and needed a girl and 3 boys. Volunteers were asked for, but only a few of the boys seemed willing to cooperate. I told Jimmy that he would have to contact the individuals for this.



Everyone was disgusted because of the poor showing at the meeting and lack of cooperation.

Concerning the chairman of the Christmas party, I said that I had asked Ruby and Nancy to resign because there seemed to have been some opposition to them. I suggested that the membership elect the chairman. I pointed out that unless the people cooperated they weren't going to be able to do anything. Since most of the members weren't present, it was decided that this matter would be taken up tomorrow night.

The matter of the bazaar to be held at the end of the year was brought up by Mr. Yamamoto. But since we had enough to do already and no one seemed to be willing to cooperate at the present time, I asked for a motion. Since there was no motion the matter was dropped.

I turned the meeting over to Sadie to take up the problem of the tent factory. This matter had been brought up at the Issei meeting on Sunday night, and it was decided there that the matter should be left up to the Niseis because it concerned them most. It seems that in other blocks there was a great deal of opposition to a war production factory here in the center. The fact that it was decided that the young people should decide this matter since they were the ones who were going to work in the factory goes to show the extent to which our block has quieted down on the matter of this sort. I haven't heard the result, but I'm pretty sure that this matter was passed by the young people.

Tuesday, December 15, 1942

### 1. Diary

I was really tired today. I slept in the morning for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  hours because I couldn't keep my eyes awake. Then I had to spend the rest of the morning in catching up with my journal, because I didn't feel like writing anything after coming home late last night. At noon I made an announcement in the mess hall concerning the meeting of the young people to be held in the evening.

Mr. Taketa didn't bring the material back on the mess hall, so I decided to



do some reading for my personal adjustment section. Anyway I decided that in order to provide DS with something to discuss the next time she came, I thought it was better to go ahead with the larger sections. It's not the best thing to do, but under the circumstances we can't help it. We just don't have enough time to be writing all of the small sections first. Since I don't have much material on the family, I'm not going to touch that till later. Also, I'm going to let the section on customs go because it doesn't seem to be so important just at this point. If I can get my personal adjustment section out and do a good job of it, I think I will be making myself the most useful to the study just at this point. There are some case histories, block 25 and family history to write up, but these will have to come later. Looked through Blumer's Critique for ideas and also several other books. I'm trying to determine how the material should be organized and what concepts I should use.

Late in the afternoon went to the T.D. office to see the WRA photos of the camp. Very few of the pictures were distinctly taken, but I intend to order about 50 of them. There are things you can get easily from a picture which would take a lot of words to describe. Some of the things you can never describe in words but which you can <sup>get</sup> easily enough by looking at a picture. Said "hello" to Jobo and Eugene. Saw Howard and asked him to put in a plug for me for the coming class. I did this because only three students turned up at the last meeting, and I had to report to Francis that there were 8 students in class last time. I also intend to send notices out to students telling them that the class is still going on. Talked to Byron for a while. He said that the last dance in the factory was poor because the cement floor was rough. He was asking some one which dance that was coming up was the best, because he wanted to go to the best one.

Stopped in at the Social Welfare Department and talked to Tom. He said that he had asked DS to come up in January rather than on December 26 because we wouldn't have enough material for her. He said that he is just banging out material briefly and said Frank and I were being prolific. He writes at night,



and doesn't come to work in the morning. He says that he hasn't any time to attend any meetings, which is probably very true. Not until this report is put out of the way will we be able to do very much. But I can see where we will always be under pressure to be turning out some sort of report all along. It just means that a certain amount of our time will have to be set aside for work of that sort. There will be case histories, groups, incidents, etc., which will have to be written up as we go along. It's a good thing that I have stenographer help in getting my journal and my reports out. We agreed that the large sections would have to be turned out first if we are going to start to get any formulations of the problem at all.

Naoko said she wanted to talk with me. She said that she was still reading Menninger and felt guilty about keeping it so long. I told her that I had it renewed till January so that she could keep it a while longer. I walked home with Grace H. who mentioned that I hadn't been in the Social Welfare office for quite some time now. I asked her how they got along with Montgomery, and she said that she had known her for a number of years. Evidently the staff gets along very well with her.

In the evening I had the meeting of the Block 25 young people with the youths from Block 26. It really turned out to be a poor meeting, and half of the people from Block 25 walked out before the meeting was over. I think they were disgusted with the people from Block 26 because they insisted so much on a dance and tried to change so many of our plans. I was disgusted when the meeting was over.

Came home and asked Ruby to make some tea for me. Ate an apple and ate the cake which Mr. Morimoto had given to Mr. Kishiyama. Ted and Lucille dropped in after Fumiko Yabe's concert, and stayed for about an hour. George was not home and I entertained the best I could. Fumiko and two other girls came in in evening gowns to change. They used the closet instead of asking the boys to leave. Ruby served tea and cake to the guests. I played "White Christmas" on my mandolin for Lucille, while Ted talked to Ruby about books. I asked Lucille whether she liked to read books, and she said that she didn't so well. I embarrassed her, I think,



and she said that she was Ochokotchoi (not serious). I have a feeling that the two will not get along very well because their interests are different. Lucille is a regular Nisei with limited interest. Ted, on the other hand, is looked upon as being sort of queer, and is interested in books and music.

## 2. Block #25 Youth

Tonight I rang the bell first at 7:15 and then again at 7:25. About 25 members showed up from Block 25 and about 20 from Block 26. I was able to start the meeting at 7:30. First I brought up the matter of electing a chairman for the Christmas party. First the young people were reluctant to voice any opinion, but there were 3 suggestions made -- Yagi, Nakamura and George Matsumoto. Mr. Yagi declined because he said that he was too busy. After a vote was taken, it was discovered that the majority were in favor of George. This was surprising to me because he had been doing a lot of unnecessary talking and opposing at past meetings. Perhaps they preferred him to Nakamura. George seemed to be pleased, and seemed to be willing to do what he could.

Next I brought up the matter of plays. Two plays were selected, both of which were to be given in Japanese. One was a melodrama of the typical Japanese sort, involving family relationships. The other was a comedy and was suitable for Nisei to give. Jimmy Nishida said that they would probably have to drop one of the plays because they did not have enough volunteers. I asked the opinion of the group as to which play they desired to drop. But no one seemed to have any opinions, so the matter was left up to Mr. Yasuda, the Issei in charge of the entertainment for January 9.

Everything went along well until we started to discuss the details of the Christmas party with Block 26. Mrs. Nakayama, the President, came up and took the chair with me. He is the fellow in the Music Department who was trying to drum up trade for the dance which was given by the Music Department during the Harvest Festival, which turned out to be a flop. He is typical of the rowdy type of Nisei who likes to jitterbug and prefers informal affairs. First the matter



of including or excluding older people from the party was discussed. This didn't get very far because the problem of having a dance was immediately brought up. I maintained that we could not have a dance in our mess hall for Christmas because we were planning to have one in January and we didn't want to spoil our chance of putting on a good dance. This party was going to be put on for children, and I didn't think that we should have one. Mac felt that the ideal of the president should not prevail over the wish of the members. He thought that if we were afraid of only a few Isseis we would not be able to do anything. He said that he could not have a dance in his mess hall because it was being loaned to some other group for a dance on Christmas night. A note was taken and it was decided that there would be only a party for children and that the older children would not be admitted. Many of the people maintained that high school kids would not be interested in coming to a party and playing cards. They preferred to dance or not come at all.

Mac then suggested that a dance be held in their mess hall while we put on the children's party. I said that if Block 26 did sponsor the dance, it would be all right with us. We would be willing to sponsor the children's party. A vote was taken and this arrangement agreed upon. However, one of the boys from Block 26 pointed out that the Isseis in Block 26 would not approve if they did not sponsor the children's party and then sponsored a dance. He was against having a dance. This fear of the Issei, in spite of what Mac said, seemed to be rather general. A vote was taken among Block 26 members, and it was discovered that they were not in favor of having a dance. They asked that the dance be sponsored by both groups. I maintained that since we were going to have a dance in the block because of a wedding this Sunday, we could not sponsor another dance. We had members from Block 25 who felt that a dance should be sponsored jointly. I held out against it. I think the people from Block 26 felt rather angry because of my attitude of sticking up only for our own welfare.

But this time half of the members from Block 25 had walked out on the meeting in disgust. I really don't know which bothered them the most -- my attitude



or the attitude of Block 26. George was asked to appoint his chairman for the various committees. Mac wanted to know why we had to have such elaborate set-up just for a party. He thought that the President could run around and do most of the work. George asked Doris to be the head of the games committee. I said that Doris was busy. She said that she would be willing to take charge that night. Clara was asked to be the chairman, but she flatly refused. So Doris was made the chairman and Clara the assistant. I told George that he should get his committees together and see that they make arrangements for the party.

Tad Oshima brought up the fact that there was going to be a marriage by Tatchan, and suggested that we should give them a present. I called the dozen remaining members of the block together and asked their opinion on the matter. Since there was a membership of about 50, 5¢ each would mean \$2.50 and 10¢ each \$5. Some were in favor of 10¢ each, but I pointed out that each family would be required to pay so much yet. Doris pointed out with good reason that there would be more than one member from one family which would work a hardship on that family. A vote was taken and the sum decided on as 5¢. It was also decided that since it would be difficult to get a suitable gift that money would be given as a gift. I said that I would have to see the block manager about this before making a final decision.

And so the meeting broke up with everyone feeling bad. The more meetings we have the more trouble we seem to have. The fact that the members are allowed to decide matters to a large degree doesn't seem to help because they tend to squabble among themselves. This bickering seems to be a characteristic of minority groups. It was very true of the Issei, and I am beginning to believe that it's almost as bad among Niseis in our block. I'll have to think up more ways and means of having the block people get along more harmoniously. I'll have to get the by-laws worked up, have another election, and turn the chairmanship over to someone else. While I make valuable contacts, it is becoming too bothersome.



1. Diary

Tonight I write my journal up in a rather sentimental mood. I have just come home from a farewell party for Mr. Smith and was struck by the sincerity with which Mr. Smith was given the farewell party. Mr. Smith had done his best to run a sound business for the benefit of the Japanese people, and most people will never know it and will feel that we have gotten rid of a bad man. The employees of Community enterprises will miss him and the Board of Directors will probably learn later on that they missed a friend.

Decided today to finish the mess hall section even though Mr. Taketa didn't bring back the material that I wanted to use. I decided that I wouldn't spend too much time on any of the smaller sections anyway, but rush through them as soon as possible. In fact, I intend to start right in with my personal adjustment section. Spent the morning working on the mess hall section. Tad Ikemoto dropped in and we had a short chat.

I took a short nap in the afternoon and Mr. Mitsutome dropped in to learn about the last meeting of the Board of Directors. Finished the mess hall section and read it over for correction. Also put pages of the journal and Dispatch back into place to clear my desk for a new section. Dropped in at the canteen to cash a check. Marjorie Ito was handling the selling of scrip. She said hello and changed my check for me when I bought only 1 scrip book. It seems that she does this unless she is very short of change. She was changing \$40 check from some other bank, but I suppose all of that is necessary if the relationships with the customers are going to be maintained.

Saw Mrs. Akahoshi in the afternoon and asked her if it would be all right to let Tatsuo and Dorothy read my book on Marriage, pamphlet on sex and birth control. She thought that it was a good idea. Concerning the last she thought that because Niseis preferred American style they would prefer not to have a child for a year or two. I asked whether a Kibei and a Nisei girl would get



along, and she thought that if the boy gave in to the girl's point of view, they would be able to. She also mentioned that although Kibei girls married Nisei girls, it was rare to find Nisei boys marry Kibei girls. I said that this might be due to the fact that there was a surplus of Kibei boys and Nisei girls.

In the evening George brought home a couple of old posts which he intends to use in making a vase. He got this idea from Mr. Kishiyama, and thinks it's going to be a lot of fun to make. But he has no idea about how the carving ought to be done.

In the evening dressed up for the party for Mr. Smith. Sumio had said that there was going to be a dance, but I didn't know that the dance was the main thing, and the entertainment and speeches and refreshments only secondary. For the first half an hour or more I just sat around watching the others dance. I knew only a few who were on the floor and I was afraid to cut in on them. Margaret and Marjory Ito were dancing most of the time. I tried to look for Shizuko Imbe, but I couldn't locate her. Yoshimi had brought Alice Abe along, and I waited for them to start to dance. Roy came along and when I told him that I didn't know anyone there, he grabbed a girl who had just come in and introduced her to me. Her name was Futami, but she was so bewildered because it was all so sudden and Roy just walked off and left us, that I didn't even have a chance to say a word to her. I finally got up enough courage to go up to Alice to ask for a dance. After that it was all right. Alice seemed to like my reserve or something. She said that she was surprised to see me jitterbugging once, but I told her that I didn't jitterbug at all. Danced several times with Helen Higashi because she happened to sit right next to Alice and I didn't want to leave her sitting down. Ted and Lucille were there too, but I didn't want to break in on them because Ted seemed to want to dance exclusively and intimately with Lucille alone. Toward the end I danced with Alice once more. I told her that I liked to go to dances, but found it difficult to find the right sort of girl. She seemed to understand immediately what I meant. She said that all the girls did was talk of dances. That's the way



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it was in the canteen. The girls were so young yet. You couldn't really talk to them about anything else. I wonder how old Alice is?

2. Tad Ikemoto

I think I have put this down somewhere before, but Tad still believes that if he can find nothing worth while over here he wants to return to Japan. For that reason he believes that it's best not to be teaching anything in the Intelligent Service because one would not be recommended in Japan if he did. He wants to go to school and learn business administration. His folks ran a hotel in Sacramento, but he doesn't ever intend to run a business of that sort. It's the same second generation desire for a white color job.

3. Rumor. Block #25

Ruby tells me that she heard from two sources that there is a married man in the block who has gotten an unmarried girl in some other block into trouble -- pregnancy. While the parties conveying the gossip knew who they were talking about, they would not say. The man had a child already and is about to have another child soon. It should be quite easy to trace down a description of that sort.

4. Farewell Party for Mr. Smith

The farewell party for Mr. Smith turned out to be a very successful one. Over 150 people were present. The party was given by Enterprise employees including a number of Isseis. The Board of Directors and important officers of the coop were also included in the party. The cost of the party was defrayed by each person paying 35¢. Half of this was used in buying gifts for Mr. and Mrs. Smith while half of it was used to put on the party. The first part of the evening was occupied with dancing, which was being done mostly by the younger canteen employees. None of the Board members danced, I think, except Roy and I. The Isseis were bored because they could do nothing but watch the dance. At about 9 entertainments were presented. They were mostly vocal selections. One Issei man



rendered a Shigin, and he did it rather awkwardly and because it was too drawn out, the young people began to snicker. In between one verse one fellow started to clap, just to try to get him to quit. This attitude of laughing at anything Issei at a dance is typical of the attitude of people at a dance. As I tried to bring out in the dance section, things Japanese are generally taboo on the dance floor.

After the entertainment refreshments were served. They consisted of sandwiches, cake, potato chips, jello, and coke, and it was the best refreshment I had tasted here.

Speeches followed. Mr. Kuramoto, President of the Coop, gave the first speech. He said that Mr. Smith was the father of the coop, and as such was sorry to see him go. But he had one consolation. Mr. Smith was leaving behind efficient employees whom he had trained well. He said that he knew that the workers were going to work just as hard for the coop as they had for Mr. Smith. This speech was translated by Yoshimi Shibata, the Assistant General Manager. He didn't do a perfect job, but it was good enough.

The M.C. then presented Mr. Smith with gifts, which consisted of a set of three travelling bags. He could hardly speak because he was overcome with emotion. The others were beginning to feel the tenseness in themselves. In reply Mr. Smith said that he had only started the Enterprise. It had been the help of the employees who had enabled him to make a success of it. He called the original 9 employees of the first canteen together. He called them by name -- only one had transferred to another work. The rest had stood by and had worked hard. He hoped that they would do the same for the coop. Tears were glistening in the eyes of some as Mr. Smith spoke. He said that he was not saying adieu but only au revoir, as he would be coming back from time to time.

Sumio then said a few words, remarking that he was leaving too, and was saying his goodbye to the employees. He then introduced Mr. Ikegami, the succeeding



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general manager, who said that his job was a hard one with Sumio and Mr. Smith gone, and asked for the cooperation of the employees. He made grammatical errors and was not a smooth speaker.

I started to leave before the last dance began. I shook Mr. Smith's hand and said that I appreciated what he had done for the people. I said that I was sorry that there had been so much misunderstanding on the part of the people concerning him. He said that he had only done what he could for the best of the majority of the people. He did not let criticism bother him, he said, unless they were true. You couldn't expect to satisfy 15,000 -- it just couldn't be done. But if one worked for the majority of the people, everything would work out right in the end. He said that the Board would be suspected in the same way that he had been suspected. He advised me not to care too much about criticism, but just go right ahead and do the best possible for the majority of the people. Most of the criticism, he said, was due to ignorance.

I could not help feeling that here was a man who had been wronged. He had been highly suspected of shady dealing by the people, but he had continued to carry on his work. He have sold off the movie project, but he preferred to because he felt that the people would one day come a need for it. It would be difficult to determine sort of a man Mr. Smith was, but its certain that suspected. This suspicion is a factor which relationship between Japanese and Caucasians difficulty and for this the Japanese must share a large part of the burden.

1. Ward Coop Meeting

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Talk: It's all right to learn dancing, but why make the lights dim and dance late at night. If they want to learn dancing why don't they learn during the day.

XI: I think dancing is all right, but I'd like to have them keep from playing the music so loudly and disturbing people at night.



Meeting: The meeting is opened at 7:50 by Mr. Sakamoto. Roll call, minutes. An Issei asks that the minutes be explained in Japanese thoroughly. Mr. Shijo tries his best to explain in Japanese. The fellow tries to bring up another problem, but the chairman tells him that he is only to ask questions concerning the minutes at this point. Mr. Matsumoto is asked to make his report. He is sitting right next to the chairman by the table. He always manages to sit at the head of the table. He says that there was a lot of work to do, but he has only a little to report. Actually the committee on Committee did only about five minutes worth of business and spent the rest of the time in talking about things not in their sphere.

Donao: Has it been decided that the profit would be distributed to all of the people in the Colony? At our Council representative meeting they seemed to think that this matter was settled and that everybody was going to get his share of the past profit. This report was given at our block meeting. (It seems that the report was given incorrectly. Mr. Sakamoto explains and Mr. Matsumoto explains, too. We are taking too much time.)

Board of Directors report by J.S.

Matsumoto: I hear that Mr. Shibata is a better man than Mr. Ikegami.

J.S.: No, Ikegami has more experience.

Matsumoto: If all of the officers change it's going to be bad. We ought to prevent it.

J.S.: Are there any suggestions for treasurer?

XI: Hoshida, Block 35, Sumitomo of San Francisco and Sacramento for seventeen years. Forty years old. Graduate of University over there. Speaks both English and Japanese. Tagaki; worked at Shokin in San Francisco. U.C. graduate.

XI: I'm in favor of the Board member's opinion that those who don't become members should not be given any of the past profit.

XI: People in our block were protesting the dividing of the profit among non-members.



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(It seems that the Planning Board has spread false reports on this matter.)

XI: I don't think the Planning Board needs to come back to the block because it's a planning body.

Donao: Our block people complained that newspaper is not distributed evenly. I want this matter brought up in the Board meeting.

Donao: There's a canteen employee in our block who refused to become a member. (He repeats too many stories.)

Hashimoto: There's a very tough (namaikina) girl who refused to hand out pennies in return for scrip. The manager said that he knew about her, but he didn't want to fire her because she might call him bad names, or if it were a boy might even do him harm. He didn't think that it was worth the trouble to fire anyone. He would fire a person if a word came out from the Management Committee.

J.S. asks that the membership committee report be given first because discussion could be held later.

Membership Committee Report. Hashimoto: We weren't able to start our drive till Wednesday. We finished the drive by Sunday, and handed in our result on Tuesday. Eight hundred eighty-six members for our ward. Mr. Shinohara was surprised at the good result.

<u>Ward Membership</u>	<u>Drive Result</u>
Block	
25	38
26	79
27	86
28	120
29	134
30	119
37	96
38	107
39	107

Donao: I move that non-members be not employed by the coop. Everybody seems to be in favor of this. (This is passed unanimously.)

He crabs a great deal of the way the canteen workers are working. He thinks that if the workers don't like the criticism, they should be fired.

J.S. explains the stand of the canteen employees.



Donao: The laundry man selling whiskey is all right.

XI: One parent said: "Other children bring home things, but our children are no good because they are lazy."

Hashimoto: The taking of lumber is the beginning of all this trouble.

Donao defends those who took lumber. He says that it was necessary. They were forced to take lumber through necessity, and the fault is that of the WRA.

Meeting closed at 9:50.

Analysis: The meeting proceeded rather smoothly except for the fact that Mr. Donao kept talking too much without giving anyone else a chance to say very much. He probably comes to the meeting because he is given the opportunity to talk so much. He brings up things that he said several times before and then keeps repeating them at the same meeting. I suggested to Mr. Sakamoto that he should get through with the business part of the meeting first and leave the discussion till later when the tea is served and everyone can relax. It's a good idea to give these people a chance to discuss matters and blow off steam, but they should not be allowed to impede the progress of the meeting.

## 2. Diary

Spent the first part of the morning typing up notes for my class. There were only 3 members present at the last meeting, and I want to see that more come to class. I'd hate to send in false reports to Dr. Francis all of the time. Worked the rest of the time on revising parts of the Creative Writer section and the dance section. The latter has too many corrections and requires full revision, but for the present I decided to revise only the introductory section on the significance of dances in the Japanese community. Worked part of the evening and barely finished this section. I still have to type it up as I wrote it out in shorthand.

In the evening attended the ward meeting of the coop representatives. Came home relatively early at 10 p.m. Mrs. Ishizuka was here with Kiyo (the baby), and I played with her for a while. Kiyo demanded milk, and Mrs. Ishizuka, who was in nightgown and bathrobe, uncovered her breast in front of me and started to feed



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the baby. There was no attempt to hide her breast from me. I suppose a Caucasian woman would not do that. Mrs. Ishizuka was married at the age of 20 in Japan. Her husband came after her from America. The marriage was arranged by the parents. They seem to be getting along all right.

Roy was here again tonight to learn Japanese.

3. Dorothy Sofye

Since Dorothy was alone when I went to get the mail in the evening, I took the opportunity to talk with her. I asked her how she felt, meaning about the marriage, and she said that she didn't like all of the formality that she had to go through. I asked her whether she felt that this was just another event, and she said that she didn't feel too different from usual. I asked her how long she knew Tatsuo, and she said since June. She had known that he existed before, but was only acquainted with him enough to be able to say hello to him. The marriage was first talked over between them and decided upon before asking for the help of a Baishakunin. Mr. Ishizuka was selected as one of the baishakunin, but he seems to have handed over the task to Mr. Kaya, the chief cook, probably because Tatsuo worked in the messhall. The block manager represented Dorothy, which was natural because Dorothy worked for him.

I asked Dorothy whether Tatsuo spoke much English. She said that he had gone through high school and spoke it enough. She admitted that he wasn't exactly her type, but she felt that they could make a go of the marriage. They had talked the matter over, she said. I suggested that it would be easiest for them to get along if Tatsuo were able to make the major adjustment. I also said that they should talk matters over frankly in order to avoid misunderstanding.

I asked her whether she had read very much on sex, and she said that she hadn't. I told her that I had given Mrs. Akahoshi a book on marriage and some pamphlets. She said that in her days she didn't learn anything on sex in high school and would be glad to see such a book.

Last night a marriage ceremony was held, and only relatives and baishakunins



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were invited. There were 17 or 18 present in all, according to Mrs. Ishizuka. A strictly Japanese ceremony seems to have been followed. The ceremony included the exchange of gifts (Yuino) and the san-sankudo, in which sake was used. Whiskey was used by the rest of the people present. Mrs. Ishizuka said that regular Japanese utensils for marriage ceremony were used and the regular procedure for Japanese weddings followed. After the ceremony there was a great deal of fancy Japanese food including osushi, a few of which Mrs. Kaya brought to us this morning and which were served. The interesting part is, I suppose, the fact that the ceremony was carried on in strictly Japanese fashion. I was interested in learning how much it would cost to get married. Mrs. Ishizuka thought the coming celebration would cost at least \$100. Each plate was calculated to cost 70¢. Besides close relatives, one person was going to be invited from each apartment.

4. Block #25 Youth

Nancy reported today to me that Block 26 desired to call off the joint children's party. They probably figured that it wasn't worth while to have the party together if they weren't going to have a dance and they were going to furnish presents and candies for their own children. They were probably angry because I did not accept their proposal to hold the dance party jointly. I think they were disappointed because they came with the intention of holding a dance party together.

5. Carved Vase

Mr. Kishiyama reported tonight that the carved vase deal was out. Mr. Ito had shown the block of wood he intended to use to make the vase I had asked for to his teacher, and he was told that he would not be able to make one good enough to present to a Sensei (teacher). Mr. Ito was afraid that if he made a poor work of art it would damage his reputation later on. I told Mr. Kishiyama that it didn't have to be so good, but he said that Mr. Ito couldn't be expected to make one if he couldn't make a good one. Mr. I. said, however, that he would be willing to make the one he had at present and give it to me. I told him that it wouldn't be fair.



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because his vase was supposed to be a good one. I thought that Mr. Ito would have to be prevailed on again to make one with what material he had on hand, or I seek out somebody else who could make one for me.

I spoke to Mr. Matsumoto about the matter this evening, and he said that he would try to see if he couldn't find something for me. He said he knew a lot of people who were working on things like that. I said that it would have to be good, but that I was willing to pay a little sum for it. I hope he can find something for me.

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I'm sleepy tonight, and it's only 10:40. In the morning I finished the introduction to the dance section and typed it up by myself. My typing was rather messy compared to Kazuko's typing. Sent the dance section and Creative Writer section out to D.S. along with a letter. Then went to the #2 canteen to cash checks for myself and George. Marjory cashed my check right away when I told her that I would buy 2 or 3 scrip books. I wanted to get a \$3.25 book, but she did not have any. Others came in to cash checks, and she had to turn some away because they did not buy enough scrip books. I think the feelings of many people were hurt because of this refusal. Shizuko Imbe came by and asked me whether I had to buy scrip, too. George Nakagawa was hanging around; and when I asked him how it was in Montana, he said that they weren't treated so very well, although they did have some fun.

Went to the clothing canteen to see if I could get a \$3.25 scrip book. I also wanted to see Alice Abe with whom I danced at Mr. Smith's farewell party. I got my scrip book. The girl at the scrip desk was telling people who came in that she could give only \$1 in change in selling scrip books for checks. There's a lot of trouble in cashing checks because there isn't enough cash on hand and clothing allowance for 4 months was paid to the people. I got \$11.25 because I didn't work during September, while most of the people received \$15.



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I bought some stockings and drawers. I tried to buy a good sport shirt, but they had just run out of a good one. I was told that I might find it in the #1 canteen.

After making my purchase I located Alice who said "hello" to me casually. She was standing by Helen Higashi. Alice said that she was just trying to learn how to jitterbug. She said that Yohsimi had tried to show her how. We talked about the relationship between the customers and the employees, and I sympathized with her.

In the afternoon I took a short nap before going to the coop committee meeting to see Mr. Shirrell about facilities for cashing checks. Mike, Hisako, Minnie, Rumi and the rest were at the office. After a preliminary conference in the office among Roy, Koso, Mr. Kubo and me, the three in the committee went to see Mr. Shirrell. We didn't get much results from Mr. Shirrell, and we had to come home without any results. In the office spoke to May Sato, Mr. Taketa, Henry Taketa. Henry said that they were doing \$2,000 month work in the office, but at the same time their skill as lawyers was steadily going down. Walked home with Roy, who insisted on stopping in at the canteen for a coke. He seems to know a great number of people, but still seems to feel a sense of inferiority.

Came home and found Mr. Matsumoto in the Block Manager's office. He said that he was inquiring about my request for a carved vase, and seemed to think that he could get something for me. I told him that I wasn't going to the Committee on Committee meeting tonight because I had so many other things to do. Took a shower and started to work on the by-laws of the Block 25 club. Ruby was trying to decorate the Christmas tree with crepe paper, and I told her how well the Christmas tree in the coop office was decorated and explained how she should do it. George remarked that May was really good at things like that. Then I kidded her about having an inferiority complex about such things, when the mess bell rang. Ruby never showed up to dinner, probably because she felt pretty bad about what we had said about her.



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After we came home she disappeared to May's place and took the liver that Swede had brought to George from the slaughter house.

In the evening I finished the by-laws and then went to see Kazuko. She seemed to be happier than she usually was. She had been out every night this week except one, and hadn't had any time to do any typing for me. We sat around and talked as usual. Came home at 9:40 to find the hog workers' weekly gathering in progress. The meat from the hog that was killed had been sliced and fried and made into pork sandwiches. I made some for myself, and they really tasted good. I'm really sleepy tonight to write any more.

2. Coop Committee Meeting with Shirrell

Kubo, Kitade, and I walked down to the Ad. Bldg. to see Mr. Shirrell about the possibility of getting some facilities for cashing checks. The three of us believed that it was impossible to get the WRA to set up any sort of facility to cash checks, but there was a possibility that he would let the Coop have a room where check-cashing could be done. But Kubo and Kitade did not think that even this would be granted. "I know Shirrell too well," was Kubo's remark.

As Mr. Shirrell was busy, we waited in his office. He soon came in and wanted to know to what he owed our visit. Mr. Kubo, who spoke with a slight accent (being an Issei) acted as the spokesman. He explained the situation bringing out the point that he thought the WRA ought to help the people in the matter of cashing checks. Mr. Shirrell had been approached on this matter and had the answer on hand. He was not sympathetic at all. The WRA had no responsibility at all, after issuing checks. On the outside people had to pay money to cash checks just the same. Things had changed on the outside, only people in here didn't realize it. He made a flat refusal, and didn't think that there was anything that he could do about it.

The matter of rooms was brought up. Mr. Shirrell wanted to know if there was any barrack on the place that was not being used. The time-keeper's office was mentioned. Mr. Shirrell said that it was being used. Anyway, the coop would have to be charged rent if such a room were used. We tried to argue with him on this



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point, but he did not relent. Then we suggested a recreation hall, #708 which was being used during the day time. Mr. Shirrell said that all recreation halls were in the care of Mr. Flemming. If he were willing to let the coop use a recreation hall, it was all right with him. He didn't do anything to put pressure on Mr. Flemming. We could go in to see Mr. Flemming if we wanted to and convince him that cashing checks was a community service. Mr. Shirrell did not even say that he thought that the coop was doing a good thing for the people in cashing their checks and that he would try to do all he could to help the coop carry out this task. So we dropped the matter and decided to use the bank for cashing checks.

3. Kazuko Tanabe

I found Kazuko making crepe paper flowers to send to some of her Caucasian friends. She said she hadn't done a bit of typing for me all week because she was out all week except Thursday. It seems that she's taken my advice quite to heart and has been going out and also has been keeping up her journal. I think she was happier because of it all, although she said that she preferred to be alone so that she could think a little bit. She was also invited to a party by the time-keepers on Saturday so that she wouldn't be able to come to my class. Also, she was chosen the chairman of the dance to be put on by the Publicity Works Division on Christmas Eve, even though she protested that she didn't want to do it. I told her that she must, and also do a good job of it. I talked to her again for about 2 hours explaining her situation all over again. This time we touched on her relationship with Kazuye. I pointed out that she probably felt inferior because Kazuye took up so much of the affection in the family and also because she went to college. I pointed out that she was trying to make up for this inferiority by relying on Caucasian contacts. I think I disturbed her a little when I said this, but she kept her composure. Kazuko's folks dozed off to sleep while we were talking. I notice that K. never serves tea herself.



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1. Diary

In the morning wrote a letter to Reiko because she asked for one to cheer her up after finals. Also wrote one to Mrs. Montgomery because I hadn't answered her letter for over a month. We don't seem to have so much in common as we used to when I was in Japan. Also typed up the club by-laws and distributed them to members of the committee and the block manager. May dropped in, and we ate what pork that was left over from last night. Didn't get anything else done in the morning.

In the afternoon had my class. Ten persons turned up, including three new students. Perhaps it goes to show that the students are not finding the class interesting. Maybe it's too hard for them. I talked about marginal personality. Walked home with Hiroshi and went down to the canteen with him. We bought ice cream sandwiches which were only about half the size. The clerk said that it was due to sugar rationing. H. bought a bag of potatoe chips, and we munched on them as we walked to Tom's place. H. has traces of the rowdy behavior pattern. He's intelligent, however, and we seem to get along in our conversation. At Tom's place we found Tomi in but Tom out. We talked with Tomi until Tom came home. H. did most of the talking. When Tom came home, I borrowed his section on social change. We talked quite freely of the work we were doing in front of H. I think we can trust him, and also I think he can help us too. Tom said that 4 of the social workers, including Naoko and himself, were planning to become medical social workers and leave Montgomery since they didn't get along with her.

Dropped in at Kazuko's place, although it was already 6. Kazuko just came home from her party and said that she really enjoyed herself. I didn't have much time to talk with her, but I asked her whether she would like to go to May's place tomorrow afternoon, and she said she would.

Tom and Tomi wanted to know whether I was going to Bob's place. I didn't know anything about it, but I said that I might. But I didn't go because I have so many things to do. I would rather go to a dance or something, I suppose. When I get married and settle down or if we get this report out of the way, I may have more



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time for more social life. I showed Tom my nine page introduction to the dance section, and he said that I was putting them on a spot by turning out so much for just an introduction.

George said that he didn't want the small Christmas tree any more because Miss Yamasaki said she already had one. I was going to take it to Kazuko last night but forgot. We promised to give it to Elsie Yagi, who has been friendly to us as she waited on us. She seems to like us, and we like her.

In the evening started on an outline on the personal adjustment section. Read a little out of Young. The whole field is starting to become clear to me. I think our structural report should have been cast in the rough form of our general problem: the past, the changing conditions, the effect. The meaning of personal adjustment has become clearer to me, and I think I can write quite a bit on the personal adjustment section. I'm afraid that I might spend too much time on just the introduction and background section because there seems to be so much to cover in that field.

Ruby's check came and she seemed to be glad. Asako came tonight, and I asked her whether she would consent to write up her autobiography for me; but she flatly refused me. I used all of the arguments that I knew but without avail.

Sunday, December 20, 1942

1. Diary

This morning there was a little mix-up in the mess schedule. We were supposed to eat at 8 a.m., but the bell rang at 7. I heard the first bell, but I decided that I would stay in bed and eat at home for once. I haven't missed a breakfast since I came; but I thought that food would taste better, and also I thought a little more sleep would do me good. There was a black-out and the lights went out, and Ruby prepared breakfast by candlelight. We had fruit salad, toast, coffee, and grapefruit, and we had Mrs. Kaya and Mrs. Ishizuka eat with us.

Since it was dark I couldn't do any studying. I started to make a shelf to put books on because I didn't have enough space. Also, Ruby's Japanese books



were coming, and I thought I could put a few of them on my shelf. I should make a shelf for Ruby, but I don't think I have the time for it. Took me till noon to finish the shelf.

In the afternoon took a short nap, and then went after Kazuko, but she said that she wouldn't go to my sister's place. Went on by myself and ran into Ken Yasuda, who was looking for psychology material on sound and color. I told him to come over and look over the books that I had. Went to the magazine stand and tried to get a Chronicle or an Examiner, but they were both out. I got an Oregonian which cost only 10¢. Went on to May's place where a group of young fellows were playing hana. Later they started to play poker, and I joined in. In the meantime May cooked some liver which Swede had brought for George and some potatoes, and we ate them while we played. They really tasted good. Yaye wasn't around. Mrs. Fujimoto was there and said when she saw Kingo's book on mental hygiene she really needed something like that. There was one Hawaiian fellow, I think, called Mas. I was the worst player in the group. I didn't go broke, but I nearly did. It seems that either I don't have any luck all of the time, which is not possible, or I'm a poor player. Mr. Kuwada seems to have gotten into trouble with the block manager and was being called on the carpet. Ruby and I left at 5 p.m. George couldn't go because he had to work. We brought home some liver for him. We were a little too late for our mess, but since it was stew they had anyway, we decided not to eat. We were full anyway.

In the evening attended the wedding celebration for Tatsuo Egi and Dorothy Sofye. There was a dance afterwards, but I didn't enjoy it so much because the crowd was very young, and there was too much jitterbugging going on. I danced with Yoshie, Kato, Hanako, Yasuda, and Grace Matsune the most. Besides, she is from San Francisco and probably feels out of place in the block. I don't know why but Grace doesn't seem to get along too well with the young people in the block. Perhaps it is because she sort of puts herself above them, having been in the queen contest. Spoke to Mr. Akahoshi about the expensiveness of the celebration and told him frankly that it's going to make it difficult for others in the block to get married. After the dance I felt I should



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stay behind to help, but I went on home because I still had my journal to write up.

2. Yoshie Kato

Danced the last dance with Yoshie. She's really too short and plump to suit me, but I find her agreeable. Connie accuses me of liking a girl because I can dominate her, but whatever the reason I can't help if I find quiet girls somehow attractive. Yoshie is not disturbed at all and is usually smiling. Her submissive sort of adjustment so far has stood her in good stead. She's too Japanese to be accepted by the rest of the crowd, even though she is cute. I don't think she danced at all with anyone else except with George. Yoshie will probably end up by marrying a Kibei who asks her folks first, and continue to be dominated all the rest of her life.

3. Kazuko Tanabe

Kazuko said that she couldn't go to May's place with me because she had washed her hair this morning and it hadn't dried yet. I think she really meant to come along with me and had expected that her hair would dry in time. I urged her to come along just the same, but she said it was Sunday, and she didn't want to be seen without her hair fixed up. I talked to her about the party she had attended Saturday. It was given by the time-keepers in the Public Works Division and turned out to be a card party. A few people tried to dance, but found the floor unsatisfactory for that purpose. They played pinochle, and then bridge. Kazuko didn't know how to play bridge, and they started to teach her, but she actually didn't learn very much. She said that when she turned up, some girls told her: "I didn't know you came to things like these. If I had known I would have invited you before!" Kazuko said that she enjoyed herself, although for awhile she was disgusted with herself because all they did was to play pinochle.

There was also a block Christmas party for children the other day that she didn't know about. She probably talked to some of the girls in the block about it conveying the idea that she was interested in such matters. They told her: "We would have invited you if we knew that you would be interested." Anyway, I think



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Kazuko is doing wonderfully with my advice. She didn't seem disturbed at all about telling me that she couldn't go today with me.

4. Egi-Sofye Wedding

This afternoon a ceremony was held at Reverend Sasaki's home. Only about 12 people attended, probably only the closest relatives. The service was Buddhist.

The celebration held in the evening was rather elaborate. The mess hall was decorated with crepe paper the night before. Pastel shades of pink and blue were used, and it was really lovely to see. Tables were arranged in a large square. There were about 120 present in all. Besides close friends and relatives one person was invited from each apartment.

The food was a curious combination of Japanese and American food. There were two sabazushi (rice-ball with mackerel), one ebi-zushi (rice-ball with lobster), two other sushi, Kanten (like Jello), sliced orange, two tuna sandwiches, cake, and crab-meatsalad. For drink bottles of soda water were served. There were enough for about two per person. Tea was also served to those who wanted it.

In other respects the celebration was probably just as it would have been on the outside. The bride was dressed in Nihongi (Japanese clothes), and the groom in a dark suit. The bride sat on the right side while the groom sat on the left side. Next to the bride and groom sat their respective baishakunins and then their respective families.

Mr. Nishida presided as the chairman for the first part. The bride's friend gave a speech in Japanese, following the conventional Japanese pattern in her choice of words and in what she said. She must have gotten someone to write the thing up for her and then memorized it. The groom's friend gave a shorter speech, but again in Japanese. J.S., as the president of the young people's club, was asked to say a few words, and he was the only one that spoke in English during the whole evening.

After the speeches were over, Mr. Nakamura took over as the chairman of the entertainment part, and he did quite well. He was jolly enough and helped to liven up the group. The first part of the celebration was rather solemn. The second part



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was gayer, as it should be. Mr. Tanabe rather voluntarily got up and sang a humorous song with an erotic tinge, and did a crude dance to it. Mr. Nakamura also gave a similar sort of song which was amusing. The rest of the people who sang, sang regular Japanese songs. Several Niseis were called up to sing and they sang Japanese popular songs. Bando Misa gave two dances, and they will probably have to pay her for her services. The entertainment was purely Japanese. The party was cut short because there was a dance after the party.

The thing that interested me most was the expense that went into the celebration. White corsages (carnation) were given to some of the major guests, while gardenia corsages (which Ruby says cost 75¢ apiece) were given to some of the women. The flowers that the bride had (which I didn't notice) are said to have cost \$5; Mrs. Ishizuka mentioned that the food cost 75¢ per plate, which I don't doubt at all. When the dance was put on, soda pop, potato chips, and sandwiches were served. I figured that the wedding in all must have cost about \$300 or \$400. I spoke to Mr. Akahoshi about it, and he said that Mr. Yagi wanted to do this for Tatsuo because he was only a foster son, and Mr. Yagi wanted to treat him like a real son. All of the expenses, it seems, were paid for by the Yagi family. I told the block manager that it would set a bad precedent for the block, and he said that he couldn't refuse the Yagis because they said that they wanted to do this for Tatsuo. But Mr. A. thought that it would be a good idea to find out how much the wedding actually cost and then try to make a rule within the block to limit the expenses. He thought that no other family would undertake such a large wedding.

At the table the young men who were sitting together alluded to the wedding night of the couple and laughed. Several of them cut an opening in the kanten and shoved an olive or an olive seed in and thought it was rather funny.

#### 5. Wedding Celebration Dance

The dancers were practically all Block 25 young people. Some of the parents were sitting at one end watching, and the kids wanted to turn off the lights so that it would be dark. They were afraid to come close to the elders when dancing. Many



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of the boys and girls came in couples, and they stuck to each other rather closely. Almost every other number was a jitterbug, and most of the younger ones were on the floor enjoying themselves. Mabel, who is not very attractive or intelligent, was dancing, primarily because she knew how to jitterbug. Hanako, who was older, an outsider from San Francisco, and who did not know how to jitterbug, tended to be left out from the crowd of younger people. Nobuko, for some reason or other did not dance at all. Yoshie, her sister, and a few more, did not know how to jitterbug and were left out. They were too Japanesy and quiet to be accepted by the younger set anyway. Nancy, who was 24, was on the floor because she was an accepted member of the block and knew how to jitterbug. Some of the less attractive girls, like Lillian Ito, were left out almost entirely. This brings out some of the things that matter in a group of this sort -- looks; acceptance of group ways, such as jitterbugging; acceptance of group attitude; American ways rather than Japanese ways (this in spite of the fact that the whole block is very Japanesy).

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1. Coop Board of Directors Meeting

Roll call. Koso asks that the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. Since no one else makes the motion, J.S. makes the motion.

Reports

Membership committee	5,300
Block 13	157
15	145
51	144
19	4
18	0

Mr. Taketa: I move that we accept all of the members who handed in application for membership. Seconded by J.S. (There's a discussion on blocked aliens. There is a suggestion that members be asked once more whether they are block aliens or not. Sumio suggests that Walter Tsukamoto be asked for a legal opinion and then be in a position to tell the members that in case of falsification of application that they will be liable for damage. Five, yes; six, no on the motion.)



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Mr. Jacobson, the auditor, is here. He and Mr. Gentz come in and shake hands with everyone. Mr. Gentz goes to the Auditing Committee meeting. Mr. Kuramoto speaks in Japanese. After Mr. Jacobson came in, the members were speaking in English for a while, but they went back to Japanese. Mr. Kubo is speaking in Japanese now.

Check-cashing committee

Kubo. (Gives report in Japanese. Mr. Shirrell to consider check-cashing facilities.)

Horiuchi: I move that we borrow money from the WRA to use to cash checks.

Check-cashing policy:

George: You can't carry out the 50% policy.

Roy: The Management Committee wants the coop to have enough cash to cash all the checks the people want cashed. The Management Committee is against the idea of charging 5¢. They believe that if a charge is going to be made it should be 3¢. They want to put this through even if the Board is against it.

Miyamoto: I am against charging for checks. It keeps ill-feeling, and the charge can be made up by raising prices some place. Also it entails bookkeeping trouble.

George: It's best not to hurt the people's feelings.

Elberson: What's the argument if it cost 5¢ to cash checks.

J.S.: I think some means of settling differences of opinion should be worked out.

Koso: I will ask the Executive Committee to meet with the Management Committee or the chairman of the Committee.

Management Committee Report

Roy: The committee wants personal checks to be cashed at each canteen if some employee in the canteen will endorse it. (Each check is below \$20.)

Horiuchi: I suggest that we don't cash checks at all. They should cash them at the bank.



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Jacobson: I think the Board is a little off in handling such matters as these. The Board should instruct the Manager to handle this matter. He would confer with the Management Committee. Cashing checks is only a minor part of the Coop business. The purpose of the Board is to set down general policies only for the Manager to follow. If you are going to take up your time with small matters like these, you won't have time for important things. My recommendation is that you don't make any change for cashing checks. All of them are members. It's only a small amount. I think it's best not to cash personal checks. You will save a lot of trouble later on. People will have less money later on.

Horiuchi: I think we should stick by our decision. I move that we don't cash personal checks. I'll resign if the Management Committee doesn't agree with me.

Koso: I don't think that the Management Committee should feel that if their suggestion doesn't go through, they should want to resign.

Elberson: I suggest that we go ahead with the next order of business.

Mrs. Jacobson's Report: The order is just about completed as of November 30. But I've prepared a financial statement in a similar form.

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\$ 35,458.00  
2,864.00  
8,696.00  
130,006.00

14,102.00

In bank.  
Cash on hand.  
Receivable for WRA for clothing.  
Merchandise inventory. (We are satisfied that on the whole the inventory is correct.) (Your inventory based on the present sales is quite high. It should be about half of what it is now.) Miyamoto: We were anticipating the clothing allowance and the holiday.  
Equipment. A substantial reduction was made, but we have to follow federal laws on this matter. If you don't do it, it won't be acceptable. I based the write-off on a five-year basis. The Government has allowed private business and other businesses to write off defense facilities and equipment on a five-year basis. The Government will allow it on a five-year basis. I don't think you can get permission to write it off any quicker.



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(\$565 will be written off for the past 6 months.)  
I can't find any basis for taking a write-off for liquidation loss. I think it is better to accumulate a general surplus, which this liquidation reserve is anyway. You will have a reasonable time to close up and you can get rid of your inventory. You shouldn't have a great loss.

\$136,770.00  
2,351.00  
325.00

1,628.00  
216.00  
353.00  
10,077.00 ?  
860.00

Liabilities, accounts payable (mostly for merchandise).  
Salaries payable for January and July..  
Equipment for WRA. I have left \$1,100 labor done by WRA carpenters on barracks because it will be less likely that you will have to pay.  
Scrip outstanding.  
Federal excise tax.  
Tax on cigarettes.  
State sales tax.(estimated).  
Rent. They didn't know the exact amount.

There are some liabilities that I haven't set up.  
Payroll taxes: old age annuities and State Unemployment tax. I don't think you should have to pay them, but this is not definite. \$900.00 for both. I think it's best not to recognize this sort of liability.

Workmen's compensation. Not very great.

Personal property taxes. It will be possible that you won't be subject to them.

Patronage refunds. You haven't kept track of patronage so that you can't declare the earnings as a liability to the patrons.

Federal income tax. It will amount to about half of your income.

38,321.00

Income. This is liable for some reduction.

Profit and Loss Statement

\$488,506.00  
63,067.00  
2,260.00  
171.00

Income from sales, service purchase, and freight (six months)  
Gross margin (12.9% of sales)  
Income and discount  
Cash long

Expenses

\$ 156.00  
970.00  
582.00  
586.00  
348.00  
73.00  
700.00  
157.00  
300.00  
175.00  
81.00  
83.00  
565.00  
18,385.00  
245.00  
119.00

Scrip  
Equipment rental  
Barber and beauty shop  
Bank charges

Shoe store  
Watch shop  
Depreciation  
Salaries  
Fire loss  
Theft loss



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Discounts taken: You should have a substantially larger discount if you had more funds to pay off the invoice right away.

Sumio: We have been taking all of the discount that we can get. Much of the business we get is cash business.

J.: It's important to have enough funds to be able to take all of your discounts. I don't know if the matter has been taken up with the WRA, but I read that it was possible to help finance the Community Enterprise through loans, but I believe that the funds you have available are nearly not large enough to carry on the present business. I suggest that you try to borrow some money -- about \$50,000 or so. After you pay your sales tax, etc., you won't have very much left. It's more important to have money on hand than pay interest.

Gross income: 12.9% It was impossible to calculate what the income was in different departments and different stores because the sales and purchase items were shifted around. The 12.9% is lower than it should be when you consider that service income is included. I would like to make a recommendation: grocery, 20% of cost; also on tobacco. It would leave 15% on sales. Hardware, dry-goods, drugs: you should take a mark-up sufficiently high that you will net 20% on sales. It's advisable to have a uniform mark-up because the earnings will be distributed on sales. If you get a variation, the payment of patronage refund will not be equitable. If you have those mark-ups, you should average about 17.5% to 18%, which is very low in comparison with business outside. Your prices should be very competitive. If you have that gross margin, then you will have substantial earnings and you will build up your capital. You will be able to start paying cash back on a cash basis, and they will appreciate it much more. It will be in the nature of forced savings.

I don't think it is practical to have departments. But I think you should have retail amounts for which the store has to account. The invoice will have to have two prices, but it will have a very definite control of each store. I believe that the extra work is worth it. Stores have shown better results on the gross margins of about 4% or more. It would mean about \$20,000 in your store.



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Horiuchi: I think what Mr. J. says is the only way to do business on a sound basis.

J.: The reports will be typed right after Christmas. The variation should not be more than one-half of one per cent. The biggest reason for loss in a store like yours is carelessness, errors, and there is also some suspected stealing going on. The greatest source is the natural inclination to give the customer the break.

\$103,000 in the bank on December 18.

\$103,000 worth of checks which had not been cleared; you don't have any extra cash.

J.S.: How much capital do you think we should have?

J.: At least \$75,000. \$100,000 eventually. If the business is expanded.

Scrip: The important thing is to get the largest percentage of sales in  
If you can get 50% in the name of the patronage,  
the name of the patronage./you will be doing a fine job.

It might be better to use cash register receipts. This method is probably cheaper.

Elberson: It's a mess.

Insurance: Three fire insurance. \$100,000 limit. Merchandise and equipment were \$145,000. Yours only get paid pro rata.

Miyamoto: They wouldn't give us a burglary insurance.

J.: You should have bonds on all of the cashiers and managers. I heard you had trouble getting bonds. I took this matter up in St. Paul's. It costs \$5 per \$1,000. The reason I was able to get the bond/<sup>was</sup>because we have several hundred coops in the company. You can get any of the other types of bonds.

Elberson: Will you explain the coop insurance program?

J.: We have tried to concentrate a large volume of insurance so that we can get group rates. We were able to get 55¢ per 1000 which is only a little more than one-fourth of your rate. In your case we can get about five centers



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to go and get an interstate rate. At Manzanar the rate is \$1.40; yours is \$2. We're also trying to organize our own insurance company. Then we can save the coop a lot of money. Get someone in the coop as an agent and perhaps licensed and get a proper insurance for the coop. The coop will get a commission.

Election of treasurer: Yoshida, Takagi, Sugimoto, Tomimatsu. Tommy came in for an interview. He gave an impressive list of work history. Several people who knew him snickered. Roy said that Tommy was hard to get along with.

Miyamoto: Mr. Smith wanted to say goodbye to each board member, but didn't have time. He really had the Japanese people at heart. The auditor did not find anything fishy about the inventory.

J.S. moves to pass the resolution of termination of trust.

Unanimously passed.

Mr. Yoshida elected. Mr. Sugimoto next.

Sumio: Mr. J., was there really anything wrong with the books?

J.: No.

Meeting closed at 12:15 p.m.

Analysis: The Management Committee is ready to resign if they can't put through their desire for the coop not to charge anything on cashing checks. Maybe they feel that they are very important.

## 2. Diary

Can't seem to remember what I did in the morning. Read Tom's section on chronology of events. Also looked up a few items in Blumer's Critique. I think my outline is all right as it is. Took a nap in the morning.

In the afternoon rewrote the outline. Ruby's boxes came and with them a 60 volume set of Japanese literature. I wanted to have them in the room just to impress people with my interest. It will be less likely that they will think that I am a stool pigeon. Went to Bob's place, but found out that he had moved. Then went to the Ad. Building and talked to May. The arrangement of desks had changed and half of the departments had moved out to the addition made to the Ad. Building. Saw Harno making



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some sort of requisition. Asked him where Bob's place was. He said that he wanted some psychological advice, so I told him that he should come over some time. I said that he should give the girls a chance, and he seemed doubtful whether he could do that or not.

At Bob's place I learned that my package hadn't come yet. Bob was having a secretary, Lora, type away for him. We talked shop for a while. I showed him my outline, and he didn't have many comments to make. He asked me my background, and we talked about Christmas. When I left him, he thanked me for coming over.

Stopped in at Frank's place. I showed him my outline. He thought that I was covering too much ground. He suggested that instead of my adjustment pattern I use W.I.'s concept of defining the situation. I asked him exactly what that involved, and it seemed as though defining the situation was included in my adjustment pattern. I had to come home by 4 to see Saddle about working on the by-laws. We dropped in to see Dorothy, since she was on the by-laws committee too. She and Tatsuo were in their apartment -- rather barren, except for the fact that there was a bureau and a double bed. We decided to leave her out because she didn't seem to have any comments to make on the by-laws. Saddle and I talked and read through the by-laws with the block manager and made only a few corrections. I commented on the fact that people in this block talked very good Japanese, and Saddle thought that that was true; some Niseis spoke even better Japanese than Isseis. Mr. Nishida commented that dancing should be taken up in America, since we couldn't keep to Japanese ways alone. Then he looked at his watch, got up, and said: "It's going to start now." I wondered what it was and learned that radio programs were expected from Japan at 5 and 10 p.m. I asked him later if he got the station, and he said that he didn't. Perhaps, he said, it was only on at 10 p.m. Some families have been getting Tokyo at the latter hour. I tried to get Tokyo at 5, and George tried at 10 without any luck. One fellow is said to have said that since he heard a voice over the radio in Japanese he is satisfied.

In the evening I had to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors. Business



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took us till past 12, and we didn't get through half of the things we should have.

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1. Diary

In the morning put the two boxes of Ruby's books against the wall and made them look like a book shelf. I won't be able to make a shelf until after the reports are written up. Then worked the rest of the morning on the introduction to the personal adjustment section. It was very sketchy and easy to write because the outline was complete.

In the afternoon slept for two hours and then got up and finished the introduction. Ruby bought me a wallet as a present. Ruby wants to make this a real Christmas because she hasn't had a real Christmas for some time. It was really thoughtful of her because I really needed a wallet, since I lost mine last week.

Mrs. Murayama dropped in during the evening just before dinner to bring us a coffee can full of cookies from Connie. Mrs. M. claimed that Connie made them herself, and I looked very surprised at her that Connie would ever do such a thing. We talked of the Little Theater mostly and the plays that Mr. M. was working on. I asked the cook whether it was all right to have a guest. He went and asked someone frying steaks on the stove, and the cooks wanted to know who it was. The reply, however, was yes. It was rare that we had steaks for dinner. Possibly it is because the Spanish Consul is here. We had intended to have a young people's meeting, but there was an announcement that the Isseis would have a meeting to make recommendations to the Spanish Consul concerning the condition within the camp. So I cancelled my meeting of the young people. I thought that it would enable me to attend the Isseis' meeting. It didn't occur to me at the time that I would not be welcomed at that meeting, since I had been used to attending meetings all along. I guess I didn't hear the announcement that the meeting was to be strictly for Isseis. Mrs. M. said that she was going to see a man who was supposed to be very good at telling fortunes.

In the evening went to the Issei meeting. After the meeting Mr. Nakamura and Mr.



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Tanabe came after my notes. Since the reverse side had notes, too, I took ink and dabbed it all over my notes. They said that because the meeting was for Isseis alone and had nothing to do with Mr. Shirrell, they didn't want any notes to be circulating. I explained that I was only a student gathering material to write about the Japanese people. There was a lot of time as I blocked out the shorthand notes, and I told Mr. Nakamura my position. I was studying psychology; I thought that the story of the Japanese ought to be written; I studied Japanese literature in Japan. Mr. Nakamura and I argued about the management of the store. He seemed to feel that the Board of Directors was doing things contrary to the wishes of the people, pointing out to me that I should act according to the wishes of the people. He tried to tell me that the method of managing the store was very poor. I tried to point out that it was very difficult to run the store at the present time and was difficult to expect employees to work hard. Mr. N. said that he knew Mr. Hayashi and knew about me, but he didn't want the other Isseis to cause trouble.

Ruby came home and talked to me, but I didn't tell her what had happened. She must have sensed that something was funny. Well, she will learn in time. I was so disgusted that I decided to go to see Kazuko. I wanted to ask her about the dance on Christmas Eve. She had just come home from the Christmas Carol program, which she said she enjoyed. I told her my troubles, and then we sat down and talked about many things. Only towards the end did we end up by talking about her trouble. She seems to be getting a strong grip on herself. I left at 10:30, feeling better. It was snowing when I left home, but the snow had stopped and the ground was covered white.

2. Block Spanish Consul Meeting

The meeting was attended by about 30 Isseis in the block. There were several Kibeis and only 3 women. It seems that the Spanish Consul is here for a couple of days to find out the dissatisfaction faced by the Japanese people within the centers. It is difficult to say why he is here. Perhaps he is here on a mission to verify the fact that the Japanese people in the centers are not being mistreated. Perhaps this means was taken because the OWI had failed to get a broadcast from the Japanese



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people. The Isseis seemed to be aware of the importance of this meeting and took care to word their dissatisfactions carefully.

The dissatisfactions listed included the return of internees to the centers, the return of sick persons in county hospitals to the base hospital, better food, sufficient calories, free sheets and laundry, free clothing and allowances. For the indemnity it was decided to ask for \$100,000 per person for physical and spiritual damage that the colonists had received. It was decided to ask this amount in gold. There was a general understanding, however, that even though they asked for this amount, no one would know till the peace was signed what the actual amount would be.

The meeting was carried on very smoothly. There was a great deal of joking and laughing when a funny demand was made. There were no hard words, and no one became overly excited. The women, especially, laughed whenever someone made what seemed to them a funny suggestion. There was very little suggestion about other matters which they were dissatisfied with. It was decided that there was no use listing the dissatisfactions because they were dissatisfied with them all.

Wednesday, December 23, 1942

1. Diary

In the morning worked on the outline for the past adjustment section, but didn't get very far. I found that it was difficult to employ the three concepts of role, needs, and adjustment pattern because they tied in so very closely. There didn't seem to be much sense in repeating the same sort of thing over two times. I think I shall have to limit myself to typical adjustment patterns if I am going to make any headway. Read through Frank's recreation section which is worth having. His introduction, especially, is very good.

About 10:30 went to the #5 canteen to see if I couldn't find a good present to give to Ruby and George, since Ruby gave me a present already. I found a good pair of gloves for George which cost \$2.65. It was a little expensive, I suppose, but it's all in the family, anyway. I couldn't find anything for Ruby in #5. Alice was waiting on some customers, and I was only able to say hello to her. I wanted to



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talk to her, but I didn't want to wait around too long and so went on home. The ground was covered with snow from last night, and I put on my dark glasses when I went outside. I next went to the #2 canteen to see if I couldn't find something for Ruby. I couldn't find anything, so I decided to buy her a fountain pen from the outside. She's been doing my laundrying and cutting my hair, so I owed her something good. I bought a box of crayons to take to the children's Christmas party. I was going to buy one more, but it was the last one in stock. I talked to Mike's sister and got her to wrap up the crayons nicely. I asked her whether the customers came in and bothered her, but she didn't seem to have very many complaints. She made a joke out of the fact that I was a coop man. Spoke to Yoshima, the General Manager, who said that the check cashing situation was very bad yet. They were making plans for fixing up the bank for check-cashing purposes. There is no candy in the store at the present time. There are very many toys in there, too. Bought a bottle of apple cider which was on sale.

Met Kaya-san in front of the mess hall, and he talked to me for the first time and wanted to know if they made me scratch out my notes. I said they did. He replied that I should have explained it well to them. He didn't think there was anything wrong with a fellow writing a story.

Yoshida-san came in this morning and was glad to see the Japanese literature series on the shelf. She immediately went through the titles and selected the volume of Tokutomi Roka to take home to read. Ruby was afraid of not getting her books back and insisted that they should be brought back within two weeks. She also took the name of the books, the name of the borrower, and her address down. I'm glad the books were here last night, because I was able to point to them last night for the two gentlemen and tell them that I had studied literature in Japan.

In the afternoon worked on the outline a little bit, but became disgusted with it. Then took a short nap. Then decided to go to Bob's place to see about my Christmas packages. Stopped in at the library to return Menninger, which was long overdue. Dropped in on Dr. Jacoby and returned his Thrasher to him. I talked to



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him for a short while on the personal adjustment section. He thought that I should stick to typical patterns of adjustment. I was glad that he used that pat expression. He said that he had to write a report for the Spanish Consul and therefore had to chase me out of the office. He's always busy like that. I asked him why he thought the Spanish Consul was here. He thought he was here at the request of the Japanese government.

Stopped to talk to May Sato. She asked me to make the outline for the course as soon as possible. I said I would do what I could. Bob and Haney were both in. Haney kept rubbing it in that I didn't come to see them at all except when D.S. was here, and asked me to come more often. I told them I would come around more often when I got married and settled down a little more. The packages from D.S. had arrived, and he had taken them over to Tom's place. Stayed a little while and then went on to Tom's place. The packages were there, but neither Tom nor Tomi were home. Talked a while with Mr. and Mrs. Shibutani about things in general. They speak Japanese but don't take the nationalistic attitude that so many of the Isseis do. They take a more matter of fact attitude toward things. It was getting late, so I left without waiting for Tom. Met him on the way out and learned that he was waiting at my place for me. Got to the mess hall a little late and so was not able to make the announcement about the meeting tonight.

Nancy said that she couldn't come because she was going out on a date. Elsie said that she was going out on a date too. Doris and Grace went out tonight too. Art came after Ruby and wanted to know whether it was best not to go tonight because it was so wet. Ruby didn't want to go particularly, since it was still raining and the ground was wet. Art was willing to call it off and make a date for New Year's, but they ended up by going just the same. They came home, and Ruby said that she had a good time.

The meeting of the block young people was rather sad. Only 21 persons showed up, and we were unable to pass on the by-laws as I had expected to do. After the meeting George and I decided that for our party on Christmas Eve we would invite



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Harno, Kazuko, and Riley. We went to Harno's place and found him taking off his boots. We asked him to come along with us, and he immediately wanted to know whether it wasn't Kazuko's place. He said that he was laying off of women, and insisted on coming with us. We talked for a while and then left him, after assuring him that Kazuko would not be invited tomorrow night and that he should come. We stopped at Frank's place because George wanted to tell him that since the high school kids were working for the next few days he could take a day off if he wanted to.

It was nearly 10 when we got to Kazuko's place. Ikuta and another fellow were with her playing checkers. The other fellow went home as soon as we came, saying that he was sleepy. The four of us then sat around talking. George and Ikuta kept talking about things in general. Kazuko brought up about things going on in her office and about some material she had gotten from the office -- a bibliography and a piece about the Japanese written about Embrie. My "As They Await Evacuation" was listed, and she said that she wanted to read what I had written. I was surprised that my term paper was listed in there. Tom's two older pieces were in there, but not his "First Twenty Weeks." I'll have to see Dr. Gundlach and find out where his copy is floating about. Kazuko had a desk made by the construction crew for her brought in today. They also have some lumber for her, but they don't know how to bring it to her. She said that when the coordinators found anyone stealing lumber they were allowed to take the lumber from them, but they usually didn't take it back to the lumber yard but kept it for their own use. Kazuko is getting a real grip on herself and probably needs my help no longer. We have interests in common, however, and I think we will be able to work together very well. She seems to be interested in the work we are doing, and maybe she will be willing to learn more about it. Maybe she can act as secretary while we're having our conferences. I took her some candy that came today and also the December copy of "Your Life" which contained some of the advice that I had been giving to Kazuko. We came home at 10:30.



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2. Block Youth Meeting

I rang the bell for the meeting at 7:15 and again at 7:25, but it wasn't until about 7:35 that we were able to start the meeting. Only twenty-one were present. Of these only six were girls, three of them the quiet Kato sisters. Those who came first or generally who came at all were those who were not so popular with the opposite sex. Clara came in with George Ike and Nobuko came in later by herself.

The roll was called. Then the minutes of the last three meetings were read. Betty acted as secretary because Nancy wasn't here. She read in such a small voice that probably very few people were able to hear her. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$9.23. The candy that Nancy ordered for the club arrived, but Betty had already gone ahead and bought pop corn and nuts to make candies. It seems that Nancy went ahead and sold part of the candy to others. She can't seem to get it into her head that she should consult the club before doing anything of that sort. Saddle said that he would buy the candy and donate it to the club. There was a donation of \$5 from Mr. and Mrs. Egi and a balance of \$9.23 in the treasury.

Details of the plans for the Christmas party were discussed. It was decided to invite everyone above three years of age. Club members were to contribute a present each. Candies were to be given to everyone. George Matsumoto reported that there wasn't enough entertainment arranged and thought that the games still had to be taken care of. Doris has accepted the chairmanship but only on the condition that someone else get the games together. Except for Betty, it is evident that very few people are enthusiastic about the party.

Saddle reported on the play that was to be put on by the young people in the block. Jimmy called off the play because there wasn't enough support. It seems that too many people refused to take part because one or two people did not want to cooperate. Discussion was held on this matter, but it seems that the club is going to contribute only two or three individual numbers. Saddle said that some men commented that the young people in this block were only interested in dancing and were not interested in doing anything else. The lack of cooperation in this block seems



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to be pretty bad. I guess the people in this block are not used to working together.

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1. Diary

Spent more than an hour in the morning sweeping, mopping, and cleaning up the room to make it look presentable for Christmas. I worked on the outline on the old adjustment section but didn't get it completed to satisfaction. There are so many different ways of organizing the material that it is really difficult. I have got a rather firm idea of types in my mind, and it probably hinders my thinking to some extent. On the other hand, I can see certain things rather clearly because of those concepts. I can't seem to be able to make up my mind as to what extent those concepts should be used.

In the afternoon took a nap for an hour. Then worked on the outline again. Toward evening George came home and bought Ruby and me stockings for presents. He also went out and bought something for May and Kingo. Ruby told me that May seemed to be expecting something from me. I didn't expect to do much Christmas shopping but decided I had better get something for May. I asked Ruby whether I should get something for Yaye, but she said she herself was only giving her a handkerchief she had received from someone else. I didn't feel too obligated to get anything for Yaye. I didn't care about the money so much, but in the first place there was quite a bit of sentiment within camp that presents should not be exchanged. I ended up by getting one dozen skeins of yarn and a rug pattern which cost \$2.35 in all. The canteen was filled with people in the afternoon trying to do last-minute shopping.

Couldn't do very much work on the outline in the afternoon. Took a shower and then started to make a sign for the children's Christmas party tomorrow. George came home and suggested that a few more people be invited to our party tonight. Kazuko had dropped in to tell me that she could not come tonight because she was going to a "shindig." I was surprised to hear her use that word. I told her that she should go by all means. She seems to find good excuses for not coming to my class or to the things to which I invite her. George suggested that we invite Riley as we had planned and also Kiku. It was getting to be near time to eat, but I went out to see them.



Riley was home, but he said that he was already invited out for the night. Kiku was in too, and she said that she would be willing to come. I told her that I would come after her around 7:30 or 8. I was a little later for dinner.

May and Kingo came first and started to cook. I went out to see if I couldn't get Shizuko and Mike Inbe to come, too. They had the Kitazuma brothers visiting them, and I told Mike that they could come later. She said she would, but she never did turn up. Met Mr. Mitsutome in the latrine and learned that he was unable to attend the coop meeting because he was on duty as fireman for the boiler. Ran into George Ike in the dark who said that he was coming after me. I told him that I would be unable to go because I had to attend a party at home. I went on after Kiku. Harno was here by that time. The lights had gone out, and we put on candles to light the room.

I decided to go to the coop meeting just to give my report. I didn't intend to spend more than half an hour, but it took me almost an hour to go there, give my report, and come back again. The meeting was the same as usual. Mr. Donao kept talking too much out of turn; Mr. Shinozaki kept asking questions which were filled with distrust; and Mr. Ikeda asked a few questions and said that the people's decision was important.

When I came back May was still cooking the sliced pork in a frying pan on the stove. Most of the others seemed to have eaten already, and I ate by myself. I drank the tomato juice and apple cider which I had bought during the day. There were also olives, pickles, nuts, dates, and candies; and we really had enough to eat. Ted and Lucille were here too. After eating, we cleared the table and worked on the Crossing the River puzzle. The lights went on, and we were able to see better. We got out cards and played racing with three decks of cards and three games of solitaire going on at the same time. It was the first time Kiku had played the game. She got all excited and was really funny. Reminds me of Ned. After playing three games we found out that it was already 11:30 and had to break up. I got ready to see Kiku home, although I had an idea that George might have wanted to do that. Art



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said that he would come along with me, even though he lived in the opposite direction. George said that we all should go out for a walk, and so the three of us saw Kiku home together.

May gave George and me shaving cream. Tom gave us a thermos bottle. As far as Christmas goes, this was the best one I have had for years. In Japan the Nikkei club used to get together, but we really didn't have exchange of gifts. The last three years I used to spend rather lonely Christmases either at Kitahata's or at Fred's place without a single present. This year I was really in a position to invite friends and have a good time. On the outside people are probably worried about prices, having difficulty getting things, and generally having more worry than we have.

Friday, December 25, 1942

1. Diary

In the morning wondered whether I should go out to see anyone, but decided that it would be better if I studied and then went out in the afternoon. Worked on the outline some more, but didn't get any place. Around 10 o'clock Mike and Shizuko came with a little bag of candies for us. While we were talking Mr. Matsumoto came to tell me that he had found a vase for me. Some man had intended to keep it for his own purposes, but Mr. Matsumoto brought it along with him, telling the man to make another for himself. Mr. M. said that he would bring it for me when he had a chance, and I said that I would go to see him about it one of these days. He was very kind to me, and I was very polite to him. Good relations are going to be important for me in the coop business, but I think he wants my friendship too.

George and Ruby were not home, and so I had to entertain two girls all by myself. I served tea and brought out candies and nuts to eat. Then I suggested that we play a game of pounce, which the girls thought would be fun. I had invited them last night, but they could not come because their guests did not go home till about 10 p.m. We had a hilarious time playing pounce. I was leading at first, but Shizuko soon caught up with me. Mike was way behind, and she kept insisting that she was going



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to win the next game. When we had to go at noon, Mike insisted that we would have to play again some other time. They went home laughing.

We were thinking of bringing the turkey dinner home to eat because it didn't taste good in the mess hall, but we decided that it would be too much trouble to do so. The turkey dinner was really good. There was sufficient turkey and stuffings, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, creamed corn, baked potato, pumpkin pie, oranges, nuts, coffee. I'm pretty sure that it would have been difficult this year to get a dinner of this sort on the outside for 15,000 people. Eating in the mess hall wasn't as bad as I had anticipated.

Took a long nap in the afternoon. Asako brought a book mark for a present while we were asleep. I then got up and decided to go to see Dr. Jacoby about getting some of my sections back and asking him about the personal adjustment section I was working on. He was trying to take a picture of an artificial flower. When I went into the house I found the Elbertsons, Miss Robinson, and another lady. I had brought along the report on the coop, and Mrs. Elbertson seemed to have fun reading it. She's really a nice person and seems to get along with Don. I think Mrs. Jacoby has difficulty getting along with Dr. Jacoby. I got into a conversation with Don about Mr. Smith. May came up for discussion; and when I asked whether Mrs. Jacoby had gone to hear the choir, she said that she didn't get out any place. Don has been going out quite a bit too; but Mrs. Elbertson's attitude was very pleasantly expressed when she said, "Baby plays with the rattler, and Daddy plays with the coop." Mr. H. came in and challenged Dr. Jacoby to a game of pool. Don and I had enough to talk about. We discussed Walter T. and decided that the JACL would be better off without him. We agreed that Yumibe made an apt statement when he declared that the JACL leadership was too much like the American Legion. Mrs. Jacoby asked me to stay to dinner, but I said that I wanted to eat at home with George and Ruby. Tom and Tomi came in as I was about to leave and were asked to stay to dinner. Tom said that he wanted to borrow some of Don's books. He said that he was going to take some time off till New Year's to read some books. Dr. Jacoby came back to answer the phone. We started



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to discuss the concept of role. I said that I wanted to use it to mean the behavior expected of individuals by a group. Dr. Jacoby thought that that should be called "expected role." Tom thought that the important thing was the way the individual saw the situation (W.I.'s defining the situation). It was getting on past 6 p.m., and I had to leave in a hurry. I forgot to ask Dr. Jacoby for my other sections.

At home we ate a very simple meal of balony, fried rice (brought by Mrs. Kakiuchi), and Sukemono. The children's party started at 7:30, and I went to see how it was. The leaders were leading the children in some games, and then they sang Christmas songs with them. I tried to get several of the girls to play cards with me, but Yoshie's sister said that she didn't want to learn card games. I saw her later playing Chinese checkers. Evidently she has a concept that card playing is bad. Lillian and Mabel said that they did not want to play. I ended up by playing "Old Maid" with some little girls. Elsie announced the entertainment. I had to play "It Came upon a Midnight Clear" and "White Christmas." Afterwards popcorn balls, nuts, and candies were served. Presents were distributed to children. I played mahjongg with Nancy, Ruby, and Yoshie, while the high school kids played games and made a lot of noise. Yoshie is quiet but is usually smiling and seems to be quite happy. Her submissive sort of adjustment must be very satisfying to her. The party broke up at 9:15, even though I wanted to play mahjongg longer. Everybody helped to clean up, and it was good to see the young people cooperate. The party was a success, thanks to the work done by George and Betty.

Came home and wrote a letter to Martha. And so ends one of the happiest Christmases that I have spent in recent years.

Saturday, December 26, 1942

1. Diary

My journal during this holiday season, I think, is going to be rather sketchy. I can't possibly do all of the things that I'm supposed to do and want to do. In the morning reworked my outline for the lecture on adjustment. I didn't spend much time on it because I only had to prepare an hour's lecture. Went to the recreation



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office to get two bids for the New Year's Eve dance. They cost 25¢ apiece. Also got two hundred raffle tickets to sell in the block as a block club project. Saw Kiku and said "hello" to her. Then went to canteen #5 to see Alice to ask her to go to the New Year's dance with me, but she wasn't in. I spoke to Helen, and she said that Alice had gone to the Ad. Bldg. I went there again just before noon, but Alice was again not in. Went to see Mr. Matsumoto about bringing home the carved vase he had gotten for me, but he was out too. Stopped in at the canteen and bought half a dozen cups and saucers as I was having my class in for tea. Left a note with Shizuko asking Mike to go to the Record Office reunion, since I wanted to play pounce (or is it ponds?) with her.

I asked Nancy, Betty, and Grace to sell raffle tickets for me. They were all glad to do so, so they said. I asked Clara, and she reluctantly took ten. I handed the rest over to Tad, the treasurer; and he immediately proceeded to sell them to the Isseis five or ten at a time.

After lunch swept the room and mopped the floor to make it look cleaner. Also washed the cups that I had bought and put cookies and candies in bowls ready to serve. Seven came to class today. Before class we stood around the stove and talked about things in general. We are starting to become acquainted with each other. Ruby Tanabe came again. She likes to talk. I talked on the criteria to judge good or bad adjustment, but I'm afraid that it was too abstract to most of those present. I'll have to make my lectures less abstract. We had class for about an hour, and then we sat around the stove a little while to get warmed up again. Then I brought them home and got them to play pounce. Kiku and Frances were the best. Marion Yego, Tom's sister, was pretty good; but Ruby was very slow and slowed her down. Riley and George were in-between. After playing that game for a while, Ruby came home and served chocolate for us. As we sipped it and ate cookies, we talked about things in general.

The trouble in the #43 mess came up for discussion. The block people wanted to keep the turkey till New Year's, but they were told by the truck driver, "Gen. Doi,"



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that they couldn't do it and that if they weren't going to use the turkey he would take it back to the warehouse. This led to blows, and someone took a cooking utensil and hit him on the head, making it bleed. His father and brother told him that he should apologize, which he did in English. The Isseis told him that they couldn't understand English. They told him to bring his father. But his father wouldn't come. The administration sent out word that the turkey had to be cooked on Christmas, and consequently the block did not get to eat dinner till 7 p.m. that evening. The block 47 people were sick because of some bad food on Christmas. That was probably why Kazuko did not show up at class. I was surprised because several of the girls said that they had never played card games before. Ruby, especially, couldn't even shuffle a deck of cards.

Took a shower after dinner. In the shower room spoke to Mr. Yamamoto. I apologized for the fact that the club had given up putting on any of the plays that had been prepared by Mr. Yasuda. Mr. Y. said that it was all right with him, but Isseis were touchy about such matters. They are that way, he said. Then he mentioned that one <sup>the</sup> fellow had come to see him about what Spanish Consul had said in answer to a question by an Issei. The question was, "After the war, would we be able to go back to our own homes?" The Spanish Consul answered that if the war was won by Japan, then we would be able to live wherever we pleased. If Japan lost the war we probably wouldn't be able to leave here, anyway. Therefore we shouldn't worry about such questions but just sit tight and stay in the center without going out to work. Whether this last was an addition put on by the Japanese or not, I don't know. Anyway, it shows the attitude of the Japanese people. If the Spanish Consul did say such a thing, it is rather serious because it's against the WRA policy. Personally I don't believe that he did say exactly just that. It seemed that many foolish questions were asked the Consul. One question which was considered intelligent was this, "Were the Japanese people really fired upon when they were unarmed?"

In spite of the fact that it was raining, Mike and May Sato came over, and the three of us went to the party. We met May Ohjura on the way. Most of the older



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Issei members of the former Record Office crew were not present. The rest of the older crew tended to stick together the rest of the evening. The newer crew were generally younger and of the jitterbugging type. They did most of the dancing. May, Mike, and I played cards most of the evening. There were group games in which we had to take part. Rather silly games but they helped to pass the evening away. The refreshments were good, and consisted of hot dogs, potato salad, cake, pickles, chocolate, and punch. Miura passed out puzzles for people to solve. I tried a hard one and an easy one and failed to solve either. Amy worked in the kitchen, probably because she would have felt out of place otherwise. Kiyo seemed to be rather restless. There is a disturbing gleam in her eyes, as if she were bitter about things. May insisted on helping with the serving without being asked to. She's a nice girl, but she lacks that certain punch. May Ohmura, too, seems to belong with us to the older and quieter set. There were entertainments, mostly singing and musical numbers. Danced only the last dance with Mike. Frances said "hello" to me as we were cleaning up. I thought she didn't like me, but I suppose she's willing to say "hello." With the younger set coming in, the Record Office seems to have lost most of its former dignity. I didn't want to dance because there was too much jitterbugging going on. Mike said that it made her nervous to dance, but she's a good follower. Very few of the girls seemed really attractive. As Mike and I walked home together on the edge of the camp, the wind was blowing as we trudged down the muddy road. On the left we could see the lights of a watch tower. The moon was out, but the sky was filled with threatening clouds. It wasn't raining, but the atmosphere was very desolate. Mike said that she didn't like the scenery. I said that I did because it reminded me of Egdon Heath in the Return of the Native or scenes from Wuthering Heights. The low hills and the Abalone Mountain protruded their profiles against the drab sky. I really thought that it was a good scene. (12:45 p.m.)

Sunday, December 27, 1942

L. Diary

In the morning I tried to analyze some of the case histories that I had on hand.



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At 10 a.m. went to the Dispatch Office to see if I could help the Creative Writers with their calendar. Riley, Jobo, and Eugene were there, doing nothing in particular. Art had not arrived yet, and nobody seemed to know what to do. I got Riley to bring out the large sheets of paper which Ruby said were being cut up. Riley and I cut them up first with a knife. In the meantime we sent Eugene after a paper cutter, and when that came I started to cut the paper up into the right sizes. Riley and Art and Jobo helped, and by noon we had the sheets ready to run through the machine. Some artists were still working on the stencil. It was raining, and I had to come home in the rain.

In the afternoon took a very short nap and then went after a newspaper to Block 28. Met Mr. Takeda there who said that I could have the messhall material whenever I needed it. Stopped in at Mr. Matsumoto's place to get the vase that he promised me. It was rather a plain looking thing, and I didn't think very much of it at first. But the more I see of it, the better I like it. The finish is not as good as it might be, but the shape is natural and the polish not too unnatural. I asked Mr. Matsumoto whether I should give some orei, and he said that it wasn't necessary. But I'll have to think of something, anyway. He said that a fellow named Akiyama made it.

Came home and looked at some of the funnies and then went out to the meeting of the Board of Directors. But the meeting wasn't being held at #717, and I couldn't find out where they were holding it. Met George Ikegami, but he didn't seem to know either. I had to come home.

Spent the rest of the afternoon on analysis of data. May came with Kingo as she had promised to eat pakkai (pork ribs cooked with pineapple). She had brought along a can of pineapple. She and Ruby cooked it, and it took them almost an hour to do so. I guess they realized what a time-saving device the community messhall really was. We talked of the girl George and I were going to take to the dance. May advised Asako for George, and she didn't seem to think much of Kiku whom George had in mind. I had already made up my mind, of course.



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In the evening worked a little more on the analysis of data, but with a cough and being sleepy I decided to quit early tonight.

2. Swede

Swede dropped in to see George today; I got a chance for the first time to talk with him. I asked him questions, and he was willing enough to talk. He lived in Portland. He left home when he was about 15 or 16. A German family kindly looked after him, and he worked his way through high school. Since then he has been doing a great variety of work -- slaughter-house, longshoreman, factory, played the races, professional wrestling. He lived with Caucasians and didn't see much of Japanese. Also, the crowd that he ran around with was rowdy, and he was accustomed to drinking heavily, stealing, and playing hard. He said that he used to worry his parents by having his name appearing in the papers as being badly hurt, etc.

When he first came into the Project, he was afraid that he would not be able to get along with the Japanese people. He could speak only a few words of the Japanese language. The food was so bad at first that he lost a great deal of weight. But gradually he became accustomed to the food, and also found that he could get along with the Japanese people. He still finds that girls are shy of him when he approaches them. He talks loudly to girls he doesn't know, and they probably spot him immediately for a rowdy. Last night, for instance, he was talking to Kiyo; and she looked at him in a way that showed that she didn't like his approach. With the Caucasians he gets along better. From the administrative staff he received a Waltham watch; I don't know why. He must have done them some sort of favor. He said that Mr. Shirrell was a good man, although he didn't think much of Mr. Hayes. He is not afraid to argue with the Caucasians when he thinks that he has good reason.

George relates some of the things that he has done here. He has been called before the council several times for stealing meat or lumber but has never been proved guilty. He has been chased by soldiers on a jeep because he had a case of liquor, but he kept one step ahead of them and was able to distribute the liquor to his friends; and the soldiers were unable to pin anything on him. His illicit relations with women



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were mentioned before. George says that anyone who treats him well gets treated well by him too. If they don't treat him right, then he takes it out on them. On the whole he is liked by people who know him. His one fault is the fact that he has to have liquor all of the time. Where he gets it, he doesn't say. He wants to get out at the present time, and he was unable to get permission to do so because of bad behavior. He wrote to a Senator whom he knew, and it seems that he will be able to go out now.

3. Fumi Sakamoto

Yesterday before class Fumi came along, and she came into the class room of her own accord. She said that she had a job on the outside and was thinking of going out. She was ready to quit her job with the coop, and was going to stay on long enough to train someone into her job. She had been having words with Koso, and she doesn't think very much about him at the present time. She says that he doesn't have much business sense. She didn't like the idea that the coop office workers were going to be asked to work on Saturday afternoons too, just like the canteen workers because they were going to be on the coop payroll from January. She feels that Koso is not able to make a decision when he should. She said that I had more business sense than Koso did. Her main irritation seems to be the fact that Koso just orders her around like a secretary. He gets either her or Noboru to take minutes of the Board meeting, when he should be doing that himself.

She said that Mr. Smith came in just before he left, put his arms around her, and asked her to take care of things until he came back, because she had more sense than the whole Board put together. She thought that this was a very good compliment.

Somehow I got into her background. She had been married, but had instituted divorce proceedings. Her husband was living in Sacramento, a Caucasian. She didn't get along with him very well because he doted on her mother so. She lived in San Francisco where she worked, while he stayed in Sacramento. She said that she was willing to go half way with any man, but she wasn't willing to go along with a man who was tied to her mother's apron strings. What her contacts with Niseis were,



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what made her marry a Caucasian, How she got interested in the coop, etc. would be interesting to learn. I think I can get her to tell me a little more. If only I had more time!

#### 4. Spanish Consul

In my talk with Mr. Matsumoto I learned that he thought that the Spanish Consul probably didn't say anything about the Japanese staying within the centers. I suspected as much. Rumors are difficult to believe. According to him, the Consul came in at the request of the Spanish Ambassador who in turn was asked by the Japanese government to investigate conditions within the centers. The main reason seems to be the incidents which occurred at Poston and Manzanar, because the Japanese government was interested in learning whether the Japanese people were being mistreated or not.

Monday, December 28, 1942

#### 1. Coop Board of Directors

Harry Makino introduced. Board member from ward #1 in place of Hirose. The meeting opened at 8:10. There was some difficulty in getting a quorum together. Mike is here to act as secretary. Fumi refused to act as his secretary, and I don't think Noboru wanted to do it either. Koso read the minutes of the last meeting. The minutes were poorly written up. The English was poor, and the wording was poor. I guess that's why Koso gets someone to take the minutes for him.

Mr. Yoshida refused to take the position as treasurer because he was a Seventh Day Adventist. He couldn't work on Saturday, etc. Therefore, Mr. Sugimoto was contacted and made the treasurer.

Motion Picture. Investigation made by Noboru Honda and memo written to each ward chairman. The high school gymnasium was not expected to be completed by summer. Mr. Harkness was willing to let the people use the gymnasium for movie purposes, but this would make the hall unfit for basketball purposes. The gym will hold about 1,500, but no seats are provided. Previously the fire chief objected to the use of the gym mostly because of the the/movable seats which were a fire hazard. It was thought that the use of the factory



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was not good because of poor hearing.

Film costs from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The movie company may refuse to lend films with poor equipment. A fire-proof projection room is necessary. The coop projector can be sold at any time without a loss. Mr. Smith thought that it was wise to keep the machine because of its value.

J.S. asks: 1. Can we get Japanese film? Yes.

2. How much will it cost to see the picture?

3. Will we be able to select the films? Yes.

Income Tax. Koso asked Mr. Elberson if it is all right to report on the income tax. Elberson: I want to ask you a favor not to discuss this matter until an article is written for the Dispatch. This is a wire from Myer in Washington. Income taxes don't have to be paid. Patronage for the period before the coop took over can be estimated on the basis of the patronage after the time the coop takes over.

Koso translates in Japanese.

A resolution written up by Walter Tsukamoto is read by Koso. The annual fiscal year is made from July 1 to June 30. Mr. Jacoby wants to know whether it is all right if the first fiscal year is 13 months. Koso prods Mr. Kuramoto to call for a vote.  
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This/passed unanimously.

Auditing Committee Report. (Held over from last meeting) On inventory. Auditing Committee asks to be excused from responsibility for the inventory. It regrets that the original plans were not followed in taking the inventory. (Mr. Jacobson met with the Committee since this report was written, and everything was settled. The Committee went on with the writing up of its report.)

## Calendar.

January 1 to 8

Membership drive

Verification of membership drive

January 14

General assembly

January 16 to 19

Election of new block representatives

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Meeting of new representatives

Nomination of Directors



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January 28 Election of Directors

February 11 General assembly

Lending Library. Fumi reads a recommendation. Initial cost is about \$250.

Elberson: That doesn't include a library in the administration recreation hall.

The chairman and Koso think that the matter ought to be studied further. J.S. moves that the Board should approve of this plan and have Miss Sakamoto take this matter up with the Management Committee for further study.

George: I'd rather not have the library in the magazine section. I've contacted them, and they don't want to give us space. They don't seem to want to co-operate.

The motion is passed unanimously.

Policy on Donations.

Koso: I think this requires a committee. There are many kinds of donations. I think the coop should be willing to donate to community activities. The Council was asked for a budget. The coop was willing to be taxed up to \$1,000, but it is asking for complete rights on enterprises within the center. Donations to the Council when their budget isn't sufficient may be necessary.

George: We have been refusing donations to small individual groups, but have been giving donations to community-wide activities.

Elberson. You must remember that you don't get exemption of income tax on these donations.

Makino: Ward #1 thought that the Board went too far in giving donations to three people who left the Project because it wasn't a business matter.

(We got sidetracked on taxation.)

J.S.: I move that we have the executive secretary meet with the Committee on Committees and prepare a report to be presented to the ward meetings.

Sato asks questions in Japanese. He gets lost because the discussion has been in English.

The motion is passed unanimously.



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Employer Relation Committee. Fumi reads the recommendations. J.S. moves that the Board approve of the creation of the Employer Relation Committee and recommends that Miss Sakamoto work out further details with members of the Board. Passed unanimously.

Rationing of Canned Goods. Gasoline needs.

Jacoby: The coop gas estimate should be turned in so that the WRA supply would not be depleted. Fourteen gallons for thirty cars. As a matter of fact, we have enough gas on the Coast. It's the tire situation.

The meeting adjourned a little before 11 p.m. There were not very many things on the agenda tonight, and the Board was able to refer matters to committees quite neatly.

2. Diary

In the morning worked on the analysis of data. I'm putting down case histories, incidents, and the like on 4x5 paper. If I get enough of them, I'll start writing my material up. In this way I'll avoid the danger of creating something out of thin air.

Went to see Alice, but she was too busy. Talked to a warden in the clothing canteen and learned that he was stationed there for about a week now. He said that several sweaters were stolen one day, but he didn't catch the parties doing it. He said that restrictions should be placed on stealing because it wasn't fair to those that did not steal. He mentioned that things would improve when they built the jail, which they were going to do shortly.

Dropped in to see Tom about giving me some white and yellow paper because I was out of them. I also showed him the vase. He didn't seem to think that it was so bad. We talked about the report at some length. We are starting to agree on certain things.

Went to see Frank to return some material to him. Michi was home but went out to do some shopping. It seems that Michi insists on going out in the springtime,



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but Frank hasn't got his material together for his Phd. thesis. Since he is working on personal adjustment, he'll want a series of case histories which he has not got. It's an interesting observation, but people who have made their adjustment to the Caucasian group want to get out of camp. Riley and Kazuko, for instance, want to get out. Took Haruo along to Frank's place, but he didn't talk much. I was looking for a can to fit the vase, and I tried one of Michi's soup cans and found that it fitted well. Michi insisted that I take along the can of soup with me.

In the afternoon took a very short nap and then started to work some more on the data. In the evening took a shower and then went to the social welfare office to get the paper from Tom. He brought along only white paper, saying that he didn't have any more yellow ones. Stopped in at the Dispatch office to get extra copies of the Dispatch magazine which Jobo promised. He said for me to get only three, but I took five. Went to the clothing canteen to see Alice, and had to wait till the store closed. Walked home with her and another girl who said she was going out to Chicago to work. Met Kiyoko who was walking home in a rather dejected manner. I said "hello" to her, and she looked around and greeted us. Just before I got to Alice's place I asked her whether she wouldn't like to go to the New Year's dance if she didn't have any previous engagement. She exclaimed that she was sorry. She wanted to go with me, but she had been asked by boys way ahead. I think she was sincere when she said that she would have liked to go with me. I should have known that she would already be asked. I said that I would ask her again and went on home.

Ruby heated up the remains of the pakkai we made yesterday and found that it tasted very good. I worked on the data a little more. I'm going through my journal now for data. Spoke to George and suggested that we go to the dance with Mike and her sister, Shizuko. George had said that he would go if I took Mike and he was able to take Shizuko. I had said that I wouldn't mind, except that I had another girl in mind. George was wavering between Kiku and Asako. May thought that Asako was a good girl, while I told him that she wouldn't have any fun on the dance floor. She's not the type. She's too Japanesey and wouldn't act proper on the dance floor.



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It wasn't very hard for me to talk him into going with Mike and Shizuko. But he wanted me to do the asking because he didn't know Shizuko hardly at all.

Mike Shizuko and James Otsuka. So after dinner went over to Mike's place just before going to the meeting of the Board of Directors. To my surprise I learned that Mike was going to the same meeting as a secretary to Koso to take the minutes. After talking about other things, I asked Mike whether she wouldn't like to go to the New Year's dance. She said that she thought she couldn't go. I probed her a little and learned that James Otsuka has asked her to go to the dance, and she refused him. She was afraid that if she went to the dance she would see him there and would embarrass him. I pointed out the fact that he was disliked by a lot of girls and was probably turned down by other girls too, and she shouldn't let him bother her. She said that he was all right, except for the fact that he was nosey about other people's business and rather officious. He didn't seem to care so much for the feelings of other people and was rather rude at times. Once when Mike refused to go to the factory dance with him, he dropped in at her place just to show her that he had found a girl to go with. Once he asked Mike and then Hisako, who worked in the same office; and then went home to ask Mike's sister. I told Mike that he has not been out very much, and that probably accounted for his behavior; but, of course, there is more than just that. He seems to be covering up for his inferiority by his aggressive attitude toward girls and people in general. After working on Mike for a while and seeing that she was receptive to the idea of going to the dance, I brought in George and Shizuko. I said that George and I thought it would be a good idea if the four went together. I pointed out that the food concessions would be open and George could probably get us free pork sandwiches. Shizuko was knitting away and acted as if she didn't hear what was going on. When I asked her specifically, she said that she wouldn't go because she wasn't a good dancer. Mike then came out and said to her, "Let's go." Koso then came after Mike, and so I told Shizuko to think the matter over.

3. Girls Leaving Camp for Work

Alice's friend found work with a Christian organization in Chicago and was



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going out to work soon alone. I asked Alice if she would be willing to go out, and she said that she would. Later she said that her parents were against it because it would mean that they would be separated and may not be together again. If they had to return to Japan they may not be able to contact her, etc. I think Alice will ponder a long time before she makes up her mind to go out. I asked Kiyo, and she said that she would go out if she had a friend with her. Alice said that there would be a lot of Japanese in Chicago. Evidently they can't get used to the idea that Caucasians can make as good friends as Japanese. But Kiyo said that it was hard for her to leave because she had two old folks at home.

4. Katsuyama

Katsuyama is said to have regretted having taken part in the farm strike because he has a job on the outside or wants to get out and is not able to at the present time because of such participations.

5. Good Girls in Block #25

According to Mr. Kishiyama, Yoshie is the hyoban musume (well-spoken-of girl) in the block because she is so quiet (otonashii). Anyway, that's what the Isseis think. She is too Japanese and quiet to be popular among Niseis. He said that Hanako Yasuda was also popular with the Isseis. She, too, is quiet, even though she is from San Francisco. He pointed out Clara Sakamoto as being about the third most popular, and I couldn't see that very well because she seemed to be typically Nisei. It might be because she attempts to maintain a certain standard. She was dissatisfied with the last block dance, for instance, because there were too many stags and it was too noisy.

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1. Diary

Finished going through my journal for data on the personal adjustment section. Spent the morning working over the data. The block was having mochi-tsuki (pounded rice cakes) in the laundry room. Mr. Tanabe and Mr. Nakamura were in there playing leading roles in getting the work done. Many young fellows were in there, too,



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helping with the pounding. In the afternoon the mochi were distributed to each apartment, nine to each person.

In the afternoon took a short nap. Mrs. Yoshida came along and I talked to her a while. She said that when she married, her husband was somewhat older than she was, had been going to a university, and was planning to return to Japan. These things probably account for the fact that her family life is not entirely happy.

Went to the post office to get a package from the University. Was going to stop in at Mabel's place to return a few books, but found I had the wrong ones so I didn't bother about stopping in. At the post office I found a line about forty feet long waiting to get into the post office. I had to wait about thirty-five minutes before I was able to get my package. It was torn on the side, but I don't think I lost anything. There were three typewriter ribbons in the package. Stopped at the coop office. I had asked Fumi about reading my coop report for me because she probably knew as much about the coop as anyone else in the Project. She inquired about it and so did Noboru Honda, who had heard from Mr. Elberson that I had done a fine piece of work. I told him that I would make arrangements in January to let him read the report. I'm getting into the same difficulty that I had when I let Reverend Kuroda read my Christian Church report. Asked Koso not to hand out the coop calendar until after January 1 because the Creative Writers were going to sell their calendar at the Jamboree. Said "hello" to Mike, Hisako, and Minnie. Joked around with Mike but did not get a chance to ask her whether Shizuko had decided to go to the New Year's dance. I am presuming that she is going.

Came home and started to write the past adjustment part very sketchily. I've got to skim through the preliminary part if I am going to finish the report by the time D.S. comes up.

Dorothy Sofye Egi dropped in to return the books and pamphlets on marriage that I had lent her. She said that they helped her very much. I talked to her about the coop purchasing more books like that and about her adjustment. She said that she spoke to Tatsuo in English most of the time, although he didn't speak much Eng-



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lish. But he understood what was being said. I mentioned that the adjustment would be easier if he was able to learn the Americanized ways. She seemed to want to stay to talk to us, but the mess bell rang and we had to go.

Mr. Nakamura dropped in to see me about translating some Japanese for him.

It was a list of things that had to be discussed at a block meeting. I had to use a dictionary to do the translating for him, but I learned that he did not know all of the Japanese characters either. He said that it was necessary to get the recreation for the young children set up in order to avoid juvenile delinquency. We talked of the War, and I said that it would probably not end right away. In that case if we stayed in the center, it would mean that a great deal would have to be done to improve conditions here so that things would not be too bad for those remaining behind. He thought that it was a good idea for the young people to learn Japanese, and I pointed out that Ruby and I had arranged for that. I think I have succeeded in casting aside what doubts he had about my being a stool pigeon.

In the evening had a block meeting which was very poorly attended.

Kazuko Tanabe. I spent almost two hours at Kazuko's place. I took a ream of paper, some carbon paper, and a roll of typewriter ribbons to her. I asked her how the dance had been, and she said for me to forget about it. She said that others thought that she was enjoying herself. It seems that on the day before Christmas Mr. Slattery and other Caucasians came and brought candies and things to the office. Kazuko talked to them, especially to Mrs. Slattery, and talked about some of the Japanese heads in the construction division, pointing out their weaknesses. The Japanese girls thought that Kazuko shouldn't have revealed such things to the Caucasians. This was hanging over her, and consequently she didn't enjoy the dance. This has caused her to make her feel low, and she has applied to outside leave.

She said again that she didn't want to become just like the Japanese people. I was discouraged because I had thought that she was improving, but she has caused a setback by saying what she should not have said to Slattery. I tried to convince her again that it was very important for her future that she face the problem of ad-



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justment to the Japanese people right now and remove the antagonism that she has toward them. She had not gone to see Mrs. Murayama about joining the Little Theater. Her excuse was that if she decided to drop out of the group Mrs. M. would feel bad about the matter.

2. Club 25 Meeting

Only seventeen turned up at the meeting, and for a while I thought that it would be better not to have any meeting at all because there weren't enough members around. Only one-third of the members were present. Then I thought it would be a good idea if the quorum were lowered to one-fourth or one-third and the meeting carried just the same. The meeting was held as planned. The by-laws were passed without too much comment. Then an election was held and the following results obtained:

President	George Ike	9
V. Pres.	Tom Takeda	7
Secretary	Betty Nishida	8
	Grace Matsune	1
	Nobuko Ike	3
	Mrs. Egi	4
Treasurer	Tad Oshima	7
	Mas Yanada	4
	Roy Mizuno	3
	Saddie Yagi	2

Methods of getting more members to come to the meetings were discussed without very many good ideas. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 o'clock.

Wednesday, December 30, 1942

1. Diary

In the morning worked on an outline for a Psychology 1A class for Higher Education. All I did was to copy the outline from Ruch's textbook and outline the method of teaching to be used. A more detailed outline or syllabus was called for,



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but I didn't feel that I could give the time to write one up.

In the afternoon took a nap for two hours. Then went to the recreation department to hand in part of my raffle tickets. Fifteen of the twenty books that I bought were sold. Then went on to the coop office to see about getting a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting. Fumi saw me coming from the window and asked me to come in. She said that she wanted to talk to me about something, and I quietly sat and listened to her for a while. I asked Mike for a copy of the minutes of the Board of Directors' meeting because I wasn't going to attend the ward meeting on New Year's eve. But Mike didn't have it ready, and I asked her to bring it over on her way home. Then I went up to Minnie to ask her for copies of the minutes of the Council meeting which I didn't have. She was very nice about it and even gave me copies of minutes for which she had only about four copies. Formerly she wouldn't give me any unless she had at least five on hand.

Came home and wrote a little bit on Issei adjustment. The whole thing has to be sketchy because I haven't time to write anything elaborate.

In the evening Mr. Kishiyama brought some shiruko that he had made with the azuki (red beans) that he had taken home from the mess hall. He also furnished the mochi for this. Dropped in at Mike's place to find out whether Shizuko had actually made up her mind to go. Mike was drying her hair, and Shizuko was putting hers up. After talking for a while, I asked Shizuko what she had decided, and they laughed and showed that they were willing to go. So I didn't say anything more about it.

Went to help the Creative Writers finish making their calendars. Worked till 10:30.

2. Fumi Sakamoto

Fumi talked to me about some of the plans she was making. She had received a scholarship from the Rochdale Institute, and a Caucasian naval officer had invited her to live in his home in New Jersey when she went to school. She said that she wanted to wind up her business in San Francisco and here in Tule Lake by the middle of January in preparation to leave. She was thinking of having a Personnel Director



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and thought that Noboru Honda was a good person for it. He had sold insurance and knew how to handle people. Also she was thinking of getting Harno to take over her work as a research director. She said that there were only three people she thought she could really rely on for help at the present time; they were myself, Harno, and Taketa (Board member). After working with Koso she doesn't seem to think very much of his ability as an organizer. The matter of coordinating the work of the committees should be done by him, she said, but his time was taken up with the work of the Board alone. Therefore, she wanted to create a new job of coordinator and put Noboru Honda in charge of it.

She felt that the coop was only moving from day to day without any planning ahead of time at all. It was Koso's job to do some planning, but he doesn't seem to be able to do it at all. Therefore, she thought that she ought to outline a plan for the coop for the next six months or so in order that the coop would not be caught up with a lot of details and get lost. She wanted me to help on such a plan and started to list the things that might be included in such a plan. I mentioned first the matter of setting a definite policy for the coop on such matters as the price, patronage refund, etc. Then I couldn't suggest anything further, and I told her that she ought to consult Harno about the matter first. Anyway, I didn't have the time to be discussing all of the details out with her since it was a task which would take about a week to complete.

She said that she wanted to read my report, and I said that I would let her do so if she kept it confidential. She also said that she would like to attend my classes in January when she would be working only a half-day. I told her that she had missed a good series on cultural conflict and marginal personality. She wanted to know whether she was a marginal personality. I said that she was "sort of." She said that it made her feel funny to think that she was a marginal personality but seemed interested in learning more about it. I told her that I was busy working on a report and offered to talk matters over with her perhaps at a show or someplace since I didn't seem to have very much time. She was willing, or seemed more than will-



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ing, to take up the offer.

### 3. Creative Writers

Eight or nine of the members of the Creative Writers turned out to help make the calendars. There was a great deal of laughing and talking going on. Jobo was ribbed a great deal about girls and his failure to be popular with girls. Eugene said that he wasn't going to the dance because all of the girls had refused him. Then there was talk of putting on a dance and making it strictly invitational. Jobo thought that it would be a good idea to have smooth music only and no jitterbugging. He seems to be fed up with the young high school kids. I think Eugene feels the same way about the matter. There was a discussion about whether the Ten-Hi Press Club members should be included, but Eugene said that there were high school kids among them and thinks it wouldn't go well. No doubt there is also some sectionalism involved, too, since most of the Ten-Hi club members are from the Northwest. Art suggested having some classic numbers for entertainment, and Jobo thought it was a good idea if popular songs were omitted from the entertainment. The feeling of being too young for the high school jitterbugging group and the desire to compensate by emphasis on smooth dancing and classic entertainment seem to prevail in the club.

The calendars were packed away in bundles of fifty at my suggestion and counted before being packed away in a box. There were 1,287 calendars in all. About 300 were missing according to Art's calculation. In the processes of making them many people must have walked off with several. If we sell all of the calendars at 10¢ each, we would be able to clear about \$100. \$75 easily. Refreshments were served after the work was over.

Thursday, December 31, 1942

### 1. Diary

In the morning worked on the personal adjustment section. Went to the canteen to buy something to eat on New Year's. The store was just packed with people buying food. Since New Year's is the big holiday for the Japanese people, they probably bought more things for that than they did for Christmas. Since there were no



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tangerines, I bought some oranges instead. Also bought a can of orange juice and an avocado.

We had a bachelor who came from some other block eating at our table once or twice. He ate as if he was going to see a fire or something. Mrs. Kaya, who is coming to our table because Grace is going to quit working in the messhall, mentioned this fact to Mr. Kaya, the chief cook. Mr. Kaya is thinking of quitting his job to take a rest and wants to eat at our table if he does this. Therefore, he told Mr. Sakamoto to send the bachelor to some other table, which suited us just fine.

Jamboree. In the afternoon went to the factory to help sell calendars for the Creative Writers. I was there too early and had to wait for the others to come. The calendars were selling for 10¢ each, and they didn't sell too fast; but by 8 o'clock in the evening we were able to dispose of about 500. There were half a dozen others helping, and I was able to go around to see some of the other concessions.

I spent most of my spare time at the penny throw concession. I found that I could put a penny in the 25¢ dish about once in every 10 throws. After making about \$1 or so I went to buy some barbecued pork sandwiches and a bottle of pop. I also bought some for those selling calendars. I bought one dozen calendars for \$1. Then I went back to make some more money. I put in two in a row into the 50¢ dish and was able to make about \$2 more. I bought two crepe paper corsages for 35¢ each. I don't think I would have thought of buying them if I hadn't won money in the penny throw. I tried another penny throw place, but I learned that it was difficult to make any money at all. May and Kingo were trying, and I gave them some pennies, but Kingo didn't seem to be able to put them in very often. I went back later to try to put pennies in, but they had gotten wise and lowered the 25¢ dish to 15¢ and the 50¢ dish to 15¢ too and had learned to tilt the dishes the right amount so that the pennies would not stay in easily. After spending about 35¢ or so futilely I decided to quit.

Tsuyako and Mabel. Met Tsuyako, her sister, and Mieko walking around and also



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buying pork sandwiches. T. wanted to know why I didn't come around any more. I told her that I was busy. I asked her where Mabel was, and she said that she was at home sewing. T. demanded to know why I didn't go to see Mabel any more. For a while I was afraid that Mabel was just staying at home all of the time. Anyway, T. doesn't seem to know what transpired between us. I saw Mabel at the dance in the evening with a young man. When she saw me she smiled and I did the same. Perhaps she was glad that I had come out to the dance. I was glad too, but I felt a little sad and sentimental to think that she was getting along and really didn't need me.

Cal Club. The Cal Club was getting along very poorly. They had several artists working making sketches, but their booth was set up primarily to make hot chocolate. The girls were wondering at first whether they should make chocolate at all. They also had a number-of-beans guessing contest going on. May Sato, the faithful girl, Kiku Kato, Kimiyo Kawasaki, Mrs. Sakada were behind the counter. Kimiyo seemed to want me to talk to her, so I bought a cup of chocolate. Also I guessed that there would be 1600 beans in the jar. The chocolate was too sweet. The Cal Club sent a telegram to the Creative Writers saying that they were glad to hear that the Club was doing so much business. The Writers sent a telegram saying that they were sorry business was so bad, and sent them a calendar for consolation. As Art says, the Cal Club gets very little cooperation from its members. They can't get together and prepare for anything decent, and they fail to put anything over with a bang. They were probably one of the most poorly organized booths in the whole place, except the stand next to us which was trying to sell ready-made sandwiches.

Bussei. The YBA had a Bingo game going on and also sent out telegrams for 3¢ per ten words. They should have charged at least 5¢. It just goes to show the timidity of the Busseis when they do anything. Five cents should have been the least they could have charged.

The Jamboree was filled with young people of all ages, and there were very few Isseis out. The eating booths were probably the most popular except for the



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chicken dinner booth which sold only 500 during the first afternoon. They probably sold about the same amount in the evening, but they still had another thousand to sell. The hamburger stand sold out on the first afternoon. The pork sandwich stand, which was being run by the Hog Department, just about ran out of barbecued pork on the first day. They made \$30 or \$40 on the sandwiches but lost about the same amount on the chasu they made. The crepe paper corsages which were selling for 35, 10, 25, and 50¢ were selling fast. It seemed rather foolish, but boys were buying 35 and 50¢ corsages for their girls. It meant the earnings of a whole day put into one corsage. This reckless spending is not so bad because the money goes back to the people, but it's all out of proportion to what they can afford.

Dance. I came home in the evening to eat and take a shower. Then I got dressed and went back to the factory and helped to wind up the business for the day. I took care of the money and brought it home with me. George was thinking of just staying at the factory and having Ted bring his coat for him, but I told him that he would have to go home and dress up. I scolded him and told him that he couldn't treat a girl in that way. He brought the things belonging to the writer home for us in a pick-up. He got dressed and then we went after Mike and Shizuko. We gave them the corsages. The four of us squeezed into the front seat of the pick-up, and Mike had to sit on my lap. There was a regular procession to the factory when we went, but the road was dark and we could not recognize anyone.

The inside of the factory was rather dusty, and a great many people were in there. Also the concrete floor accumulated a great deal of dirt and paper and things, and it was not too good for dancing purposes. The Star Dusters furnished good music, but there was entirely too much jitterbugging going on to suit us. I danced practically the whole evening with Mike except to change with Shizuko and Art. I wanted to change partners with Yoshima and Alice, but I could never locate them when I wanted to. There were many young people from block 25. I was surprised to see Tom dancing with Tomi. Frank, Michi, Kay, and Keiko were there too.

About half of the dances were jitterbugs, and Mike and I had to sit out through