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GILA RIVER PROJECT
RIVERS, ARIZONA

February 26, 1944

WEEKLY REPORT

Community Management Division

Community Government. The long pending report from the Fire and Police Commission concerning the report on police efficiency was finally submitted to the Community Council on Monday. The report was complete, stressing both the strong and the weak points of the Internal Security. In general, the Internal Security Section was exonerated from many reported inefficiencies practically giving an absolute clean slate with the withdrawal of many charges for an action and statement which was not supported with documentary evidence.

There is still some under-current of opposition to the resolution which both councils adopted denouncing the newspaper reports of the atrocities. This however, is not very wide spread but must be recognized as the activity of a still strong minority. At the present time, two councilmen from Canal, Mr. Sasaki and Mr. Fukuzawa, have resigned because of the reactionary and vacillating thought of some community people. We believe that this can be overcome and both of these men will remain on the council. Canal seems to have felt the back-lash more. Indications are that Dr. Nakamura, a repatriate, is behind a considerable portion of the opposition. If possible we would like to send Dr. Nakamura to Tule Lake immediately since his activities are of the general disturbing nature both within and without the hospital.

In a joint meeting of the Community Council Executive Boards, the Church Council representatives, and Public Relations Commission, a plan to celebrate the induction of servicemen is being contemplated. It was suggested by Mr. Wolter that because of the community pressure on the resolution that the staff spear-head this effort. This suggestion was flatly refused by the Executive Boards of both councils and by representatives of the Servicemen's Relatives And Parents Association. They felt that this was a community responsibility and privilege and in line with the activities of every other city in the United States.

We anticipate no difficulty with the induction of selectees although there are two questions which have brought further statements of resentment. One was the rumor that there would be no dependency allowance without special consideration by the Army. This rumor was dispelled by Sergeant Porter of Phoenix, Local Recruitment Officer, by quoting the law in regard to wives and children and the secondary dependency status of parents. The Local Recruitment Officer also dispelled the apprehension that the inductees would be used only to replace men in the 100th and the Combat Battalions by a statement that no definite statement could be made and that all inductees would be treated alike regardless of their ancestry.

The duties of the Block Managers have been outlined with the cooperation of the Personnel Office and the conflicting jurisdiction of councilmen and Block Managers is being eliminated. A copy of the duties of the Block Managers is enclosed. Housing assignments will now be made by the caseworkers in the Welfare Section. The Housing Section itself will be responsible for the details after apartments have been assigned.

Mary McCarthy who was Housing Supervisor is now acting on the Relocation Counselling program. She is very much interested, is capable, and has taken a new lease on life with the greater challenge of the new job.

On Monday, Mr. Wolter talked to the assembly of the Phoenix Junior College. The parallelism between sectionalism and discretionary feeling at the time of the Revolutionary War and today was pointed out. The occasion was George Washington's birthday. There was an excellent response from the students and a plan was initiated whereby one of the Social Science classes would visit the project and study some of the problems first hand.

The Recreation Commission of the Community Council has begun the organization of a Community Activities Co-operative or Association to handle the revenue producing activities. A public hearing was held on Wednesday evening to give every organization an opportunity to express itself. Because of bad weather and the relocation meeting, there was a small turn out. Each organization is now being contacted individually. The result will be compiled and an effort will be made to secure the cooperation of every group in the establishment of a Community Activities Recreation Co-operative.

On Tuesday evening, Mr. Wolter continued his Leadership Training work under the title "Fun By Doing". The plan is to develop leadership in social activities by the participating of twenty to thirty people who would become a nucleus for a better recreation program in the community. This week's party was called "A Rationing Party" and was aimed to instruct the young people in outside "rationing problems" as well as having a good time. Square dancing and the Schottish have become popular within this group. After each program, various activities of the leaders and the general outline is studied for recommendations and improvements.

The Women's Club for the staff and wives of staff members has been established. Mr. Bennett spoke to a joint meeting of Canal and Butte women outlining the problems of the center and its public relationship program. Officers were also elected. Mrs. Seater was selected chairman of the Canal group; Mrs. Runya, chairman of the Butte group; and Mrs. Wolter, president for the joint organization. The Federation of Women's Clubs is to have their Arizona convention at Chandler at the beginning of April. They have requested a speaker at this convention. I have requested Mr. Wolter to make the presentation.

There is a continued reaction to the slowness of Leave Clearance returns. There appears to be a bottle-neck both here on the project and in Washington. The relationships within the center will be greatly improved if both ends of this bottle-neck can be eliminated.

A Traffic Code has been submitted by the Police and Fire Commission for the consideration of both Community Councils.

Court Cases; The first case involving a disturbance of the peace at the Community Activities dance was arraigned with the defendants pleading not guilty. The defendants who are young men have previously been involved in various difficulties which questions their plea. It is highly possible that there is a triple responsibility. First, of the boys themselves. Secondly, the Community Activities Section. Thirdly, because of the attitude of certain police officers toward this group. It is hoped that at the trial next week, several people will become aroused so that the community itself will demand supervision of parents or at least responsible adults for the obstreperous young men and for the supervision of dances without the necessity of asking for police protection. The second case of Assault involving Keiichi Nakamura who was transferred here from the Boston Center. At the arraignment he pleaded not guilty but

evidence indicates that he lost his temper. Through the proper handling of this trial we believe that the pressure exerted by the judo and sumo groups will be brought out into the open and the effectiveness on pressure and individuals will be removed. In both of these cases the trials are merely incidental to the correction of public sentiment and the elimination of adamant methods of meeting problem situations. The trials will definitely place before the public certain administrative problems which require definite community support. The third case of an aggravated assault by a Mess Steward. No arraignment has been made but the report would indicate that the crime exceeds the bounds of a misdemeanor and should be tried as felony in a Federal Court. The administration has made the statement that people who resort to such means of settling difficulties will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and since the defendant in this case has been before the project officials twice previously, it would seem perfectly in order to have this case tried in the regular courts of the county.

War Relocation Authority
Evacuee Project Employment
Office of the Project Director

Position: 1-504
Salary: \$19

BLOCK MANAGER

Cooperates in every way with the Project Director and the divisions of the project, performs any assigned duties, and uses every effort to further pleasant relations between the Administration and block residents.

Disseminates to block residents information, administrative regulations and policies when so instructed by the Project Director or his authorized representative.

Attends all Block Managers meetings and brings problems for discussion and recommendations. Makes suggestions and reports problems, through the Central Block Manager, to the Project Director, or his delegated representative, on matters pertaining to the welfare of the people in his block.

Keeps an accurate census of his block, including population, size, condition and number of apartments (both occupied and vacant). Reports this information weekly, along with alterations, additions or excavations, to the Housing unit of the Welfare Section.

Responsible for procedure for the distribution of mail and messages to residents of the block.

Within the block and under proper authority, is responsible for all government property (unless otherwise assigned) including buildings and equipment. Responsible that property issued to residents be covered by proper receipts and that required inventories be made.

Responsible that unoccupied apartments be kept locked, and in good condition, that no assignment of buildings or apartments be made unless specifically authorized in writing by the Housing unit of the Welfare Section.

Responsible for issuance of locks and keys to occupants of assigned apartments, that all vacant apartments are locked and that the keys are safely kept in a designated place.

Responsible for equitable distribution of expendable supplies (oil, toilet tissue, etc.) within the block, and for required inventories of such supplies.

He will promptly report to the Internal Security, for appropriate action, any unauthorized use of government property, or other violations of regulations.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT

Narrative Report for the Month of March

General Statement

The community government has been under discussion by the Council bodies in both Canal and Butte, as well as by the block managers. The thoughts expressed were: first, relocation for the younger element is demanding a change in leadership to parolees and Issei; second, that the council body and block managers' body seemed to be performing parallel, if not duplicating, functions.

After a total of at least 18 hours of combined discussion with the representatives of the staff, the community has reached the following conclusions: first, that under no circumstance will they abandon an elective form of government in Canal, nor will they permit the members of the council to be paid by the administration. They believe that the administrative bodies should be definitely distinct from the policy-making body; second, in Butte a minor revision of the community council was recommended. This revision creates a ward council -- five elected representatives to take the place of the present individual block representation. There is some doubt as to whether this will pass as an amendment to the constitution when placed before the community for vote. (It seems that the elective form of government has definitely penetrated into the thinking of even the older group. The old form of shogun and even genro leadership has given way to the elective idea. It may be that the elective group will not be perfect, as it has not been, but it was surprising that after much discussion a democratic form of government in place of one patterned after the Japanese cultural ideal was decided upon.)

The recreational association has not actually begun to function. This is due in part to a reluctance on the part of the council (made known within the last week) to transfer either the activities of the baseball association and similar groups, and to the fact that the chairman of the commission became involved in violation of project regulations. Delay was also caused by the resignation of Mr. Welles and the temporary appointment of Mr. Goodman.

Report on Judicial Commission

Although the Judicial Commission has been doing its best in the handling of some very problematic cases, there has been some criticism on its procedure. In order to clarify this Mr. Bennett authorized the Project Attorney to follow the recommendations of the functional chart which places the matter of procedure directly into the hands of the Project Attorney. Mr. Terry has worked with the Commission and has straightened out many of the wrinkles which previously caused criticism.

The juvenile situation involving a number of young men of the Project has been given considerable thought by the residents and the administration. The solution is not in sight, but a program is slowly developing which everyone hopes will assist in the correction of the attitudes of the young men, or at least encourage them to volunteer for the armed forces where their energies will be more constructively used.

Red Cross

The Red Cross drives this year have gone way over the top of anything anticipated. It was planned, together with the local branch at Florence, that the community of Rivers become an integral part of county Red Cross operations. This was done for two reasons: first, the population of Rivers was included in the figures upon which the county quota was based; second, because local public relations could be assisted by working with the local branch. The latest report is, however, that such close cooperation cannot be carried out and that the Area office in San Francisco insists that the donations from the residents be sent to the Area office. A number of us feel that this is a discrepancy in procedure and discrimination by an organization whose objectives should certainly include the problems which we face here and we request that the Washington office investigate this matter immediately and if possible secure an agreement by which relocation centers may be considered, at least as far as Red Cross is concerned, as an integral part of the county in which they are contributing. We pride ourselves on the thoroughly American activities which the majority of the people are carrying out. The present plan is to give a token contribution to the Area office, to establish a working budget here at the Center, and contribute the remainder to the local chapter in recognition of the assistance which they have been given and are giving to the development of an over all Red Cross program.

School Mess and Diet Kitchen

Through great exertion of the Project Dietitian, the school lunch program has been established, the health value of which is very great. This program is complicated by the fact that additional help is required both in the preparation of meals and in the supervision of the dining room. No funds are available for this program and it is doubtful if they could be justified. After a thorough investigation by an impartial group, it was recommended that the school lunch program be carried on by the PTA under the general supervision of the Project Dietitian, and that help must be volunteered. Also that the program could be expanded provided sufficient help could be secured to take care of all necessary work.

This month recorded the arrival of Doctor Pedicord, formerly of Tule Lake. He has been well but not enthusiastically received on the part of the hospital staff. The attitude is one of watchful waiting. This has somewhat upset hospital morale.

There has also been a great lack of nurses aides. The community analyst reports that this situation is due to four primary reasons. First, relocation; second, fear of TB; third, the work is too hard; and fourth, there are no alleviating amenities and the discipline is too strict. The last point involves the Chief Nurse. She has done and is doing an excellent job, but lacks human understanding. Her discipline is no more strict than in regular hospitals, but the reaction is different.

Doctor Lawson, our Dietician created some strain in the community by announcing the sale of ice cream at the school mess hall and at the schools. She has been told definitely that she cannot continue this selling. All arrangements have been made for the sale of ice cream on Wednesdays and Fridays. The program has been transferred to Community Enterprises and is worked in conjunction with the PTA.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT

May 20, 1944

Community Government

The Community Councils have been very active in studying the sudden difficulties arising from juvenile problems. At three different times money was taken from the shower rooms. No arrests have been made, and all clues point toward a group of juveniles from ages 13 to 21, including people who have been before the Juvenile Council several times. After many hours of discussion, the Joint Executive Committee proposed that the barrack be set aside as a detention home. Juvenile offenders were to be placed there after their second offense, or if the parents refused or expressed incapability of handling the situation themselves. The juvenile would be sentenced to his probation at this home. He would be escorted to and from school by Internal Security, to and from the mess halls, and on all other needed travel. None of the ordinary privileges of young people will be granted. A Commission of four men is to be appointed to supervise the operation and to act as liaison between parents and the evacuee Internal Security.

The thought behind this move was to secure conformity with the accepted standards of life by public pressure, and austericism from community life. When this plan is publicized, we do not expect to use the facility since its very existence would act as a deterrent.

It is recognized that this is but a temporary step in solving the juvenile situation. It may prevent further marauding but it does not correct the tendency within the individual. A constructive program will be attempted in connection with the detention home, but the scarcity of leadership is the greatest drawback.

The community has also recommended that family tables be tried in several mess halls through the cooperation of the mess steward, Harold Keadle. Six mess halls are now trying to the family plan with evident success and enthusiasm.

Segregation

The existing plan of segregation is not at all adequate according to opinions of the community and the staff. The new segregation manual states that segregation

will be carried out on the basis of doubtful loyalty to the United States. There are a number of people who definitely demand to go to Tule Lake, but cannot now be accommodated. We have even had one man who has threatened suicide if he cannot go. A number of people have waited since last October for the next big movement to Tule and are now openly more difficult to handle. We anticipate constant irritation from them.

Welfare Counseling

The counseling program is proceeding very acceptably. The present break-down of 340 family interviews shows that 40 per cent are favorable to relocation at the present time-- 56 per cent, unfavorable. It is evident that the counseling program must be carried on for a considerable length of time and from an educational point of view. The 56 per cent of unfavorable replies are now being analyzed. The results will be submitted to the Relocation Planning Committee for recommendations. A new procedure, educational and persuasive in nature, must be instituted to change the unfavorable to favorable if this Center is to be liquidated.

Health Program

Our hospital is again in a state of unrest and turmoil. Personalities are at each others throats and trouble is expected. The trouble is not of any serious nature but is one that has definitely upset the community assurances for health services. The chief factors are a feeling of the evacuee staff that the Chief Medical Officer talks a good job but doesn't do a great deal about it, and that the Chief Nurse, although excellently trained and capable, has had quarrels with everyone on the staff and cannot secure cooperation with or for the Nurses Aides. Dr. Sugiyama expects to leave within a few days. Dr. Iki has not returned and Dr. Kiyasu is planning to leave when he receives a report of Dr. Iki's field report. This leaves us with Dr. Koda and at present--Dr. Loebman. Dr. Pedicord is going to Tule Lake on the segregation coach.

Summer Activities Program

The summer activities program is well underway under the direction of Dr. George Young. The schools, churches-- both Buddhist and Christian, and the Community Activities Section are cooperating. At present the Community Activities Section is the weakest link. Mr. Arthur Griswold is expected on the 26th. We anticipate that Community Activities will have to be reorganized from the very bottom. A number of leaders are expected to relocate this week and next week.

Community Enterprises

The Cooperative, Enterprise Supervisor, Project Attorney, and other members of the staff have been studying and working

on the establishment of domestic and laundry services. Laundry services will be established through the Cooperative but the problem of domestic services has not yet been answered. The solutions recommended are contrary to State law in that if the Cooperative serves as a cleaning house or registration service, the State laws governing employment agencies apply. These laws limit the fee which can be collected over and above the wages to 10 per cent. This creates a situation in which the employees are in a worst position than before and forces the project staff into a dilemma where no matter what it does, it's wrong. A solution will be worked out in harmony with the laws that exist. The solution will, however, violate one of the stated purposes of the regulation; namely the privileges of exploitation. An agreement will be reached with the staff and additional compensation must be made. This in turn violates the regulation and evidently must be so since we cannot obey both the regulation and the State laws.

Miscellaneous

On Thursday, thirty-four inductees left to enter the service. A tremendous crowd of more than 2,000 turned out to send them off. Both Chairmen of the Community Councils expressed the feeling of the community for the boys in the service. The situation was thoroughly American. The need for a liaison worker with the Army was apparent because no arrangements had been made for the transportation to Fort Douglas from Phoenix. Fortunately the father of one of the boys was able to influence the bus passenger agent to clear the bus of civilian traffic for the young men, or they would have been unable to report on time.

The Coming of the Jerome Residents

Dr. Gordon Brown, George Nishimura, and Teizo Yahanda planned to leave on Monday morning for Jerome. They will carry with them the spirit of welcome from Gila and the necessary information to answer all questions. Dr. Brown will escort the first train back. The other gentlemen will go to visit Kansas City, Chicago, and Minneapolis to explore fields for their own relocation.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT

Week Beginning Sunday, May 21, 1944

Segregation

Under the supervision of Mr. James Shelly and the cooperation of all departments, segregation moved to its final step smoothly and without incident. A number of requests concerning the possibility of additional movements to Tule Lake were received, and many personal requests to be included were made. There was no indication of any dangerous activity. Farewells were slightly more final than would be expected for a simple departure. This movement was characterized by the fact that most of the families were going to join other family members already at Tule Lake. There was an expectancy of reunion. Without a doubt, some of the youngsters will want to return to the Center within three to six months, but they wish to go to meet their fathers whom they had not seen for two years.

The caravan left Gila River at 8:00 o'clock the evening after medical inspection had been completed, proceeding without incident to Phoenix. The railroad had spotted the cars on the track opposite the station and for a time it looked as though this was an ideal place. Trucks had to be parked a quarter of a mile away and people taken down the long platform to the cars. The through train was stationed between the cars and the station. We immediately began to unload and get the baggage and the passengers into the cars. When about half completed, another through train came and completely cut us off from our trucks. The first train pulled out and left our cars, and the people were spotted in a very conspicuous place. The M. P.'s had also been cut off by the movement of the trains. We quickly loaded the remainder of the people on the platform. No unpleasant incident of any kind occurred. The cars were then moved to another portion of the railroad platform closer to the station, and we had to move the entire caravan and finish the loading. Again everything worked smoothly. People settled themselves, the check was made, and by 10:30, we were ready to sign over to the Army. The actual transfer did not take place until 11:45. The group and the train were extremely quiet. It reminded me of the people going into the unknown--both fearful and apprehensive--yet with an anticipation of happiness. They were extremely cooperative. The train left Phoenix at 6:05a.m.

Only one criticism of the entire movement has been made by the population--that is, that the bus did not plow its way through the crowds and give them an opportunity to wave a final goodbye. The driver was instructed to avoid this and go around the blocks.

Counseling Program

The counseling program is proceeding steadily. It has recently become the subject of petty criticism. In a meeting with the counseling staff, the following points were stressed: (1) relocation counseling was planning for the future; (2) the counseling program was an offer of friendly service in a compulsory procedure; (3) the counseling program was not a welfare program that should not be looked upon to develop case histories; (4) that the attitude, courtesy, and interest of the counselors in the individual was of paramount importance in securing accurate statements; (5) that confidential information concerning a person's past should not be sought out; (6) that the counseling program should secure the information upon which the entire community management could base its approach for a favorable acceptance of relocation.

Community Enterprises

The Board of Directors of Community Enterprises and members of the staff have been working insistently and diligently in trying to solve the dilemma placed before them by the Administrative Instruction No. 61 and the State employment laws. Both the Board of Directors and the staff have expressed their willingness to try anything. A plan will be proposed that can be operative on the first of June. Whether or not this plan will be entirely satisfactory to everybody concerned is a matter of doubt, since the conflicting laws make it necessary to develop a sort of "court school" planning in which one regulation is avoided on one side and another on the other. Many hours have been spent in trying to solve the dilemma so that further criticism of exploitation will be satisfied as well as the project wages regulations.

The laundry service was planned to be in operation by June 1st. A washing machine has been purchased by the Coop. Unfortunately repair parts are at present unavailable. Whether the program can go into effect as planned largely depends upon our ability to get parts or to organize hand service.

Internal Security

The report for Internal Security simply includes that Mr. John Nichol is doing an excellent piece of work and is capable and courageous chief. His fearlessness of relieving the situation in Canal which has been indicated by me in a conversation and confidential report to Mr. Provinse. This information would indicate that Canal has an active behind the scenes group which is manipulating the leadership.

Community Activities

Mr. Griswold arrived to begin work on May 27.

On Thursday, a group of church people visited from surrounding communities, including Coolidge and Chandler. The attitude was excellent, and I believe a great deal was accomplished in the way of influencing the local communities in understanding our problems. A picture of the group is attached.

Summer activities program is moving along very nicely. A detailed report will be submitted in a few days after Mr. Griswold has had a chance to work with the Summer Activities Director.

Community Government

The Community Councils are working closely with Mr. Merton in answering many of the problems of the Operations Division. It is extremely gratifying to both the Executive Committee and myself that the idea of partnership has permeated the Operations Division. Stormy times are ahead because of the difficulties in personnel and the attitudes that have to be surmounted before a constructive, aggressive movement can be begun. We can anticipate a few adverse reports from Gila. Mr. Morton knows where he is going, and he has the Executive Committee behind him.

Hospital

The relationship between the members of the staff at the hospital is not the most coordinate. There seems to be a lack of unity of purpose. Petty things overshadow the more important. Clash in personalities are frequent. I do not promise any quiet and peaceable time, and I am anticipating some sort of flare-up momentarily. My anticipation, I hope to avoid. Our Chief Nurse has had clashes with almost

everyone on the staff; yet, she is extremely capable. Her standards of work are not successful unless she has highly trained personnel which, of course, we do not have.

Coming of Jerome Residents

Dr. Gordon Brown and two representatives of the community--one from Butte, and one from Canal went to Jerome on Monday to assist in the plans for assimilation between Gila River and Jerome. Information reaching us on Thursday from Jerome indicated that they were having a considerable difficulty in getting people to choose the centers and assigning houses. In order to assist in that and to have specific plans for the arrival at Gila, we sent Mr. Tuttle with our entire housing set up so that the people could be assigned their houses at Jerome, and the way would be paved for a smooth and orderly welcome into their homes in Gila.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT

July 2, - July 8, 1944

This week was one of buzzing activity. Beginning on July 1st through July 4th both camps had welcoming celebrations for the Jerome people. There were tremendous number of activities which will be detailed in the Activities Report. On Monday evening approximately 80 per cent of the population attended one or another of the scheduled activities. On July 4th there was a parade and a celebration at Butte. The speaker from the American Legion at Tucson was Mr. John R. Stilley. A series of baseball games were played with the group of selectees from Poston. A series of games were scheduled for July 8 and 9 with the Junior American Legion from Tucson.

Hospital

Dr. Pedicord, Miss Rappaport, and Mr. Stull left this week. Mr. John Araki from Jerome is taking the position of Administrator. He is an exceptionally capable person with an analytic and organizing mind. Dr. West arrived from Poston and his very gentle and pleasant way has won the respect and confidence of the staff at the Hospital. Miss Sutherland is acting as Chief Nurse for the time being. It has been agreed that there should be space for people on night duty to sleep somewhere in the hospital during the day.

Welfare

The erection of partitions and necessary repairs have not been completed by Public Works for the newly arrived Jerome residents. The priorities established have not been adhered to for reasons of which I have no knowledge.

Community Government

The executive committees of both councils have been elected and have assumed their duties. The Executive Committee of Butte organized and carried out the Fourth of July parade and program and also assisted in the baseball games. Close cooperation with the Recreation Association has developed to the point where the Community Councils stand foremost in all activities and is the last work in representing the people.

In a staff meeting it was agreed that Community Management would sponsor a forum meeting on cooperation in the general labor situation on July 19. It would be primarily for Community Management but other divisions would be invited as well as representatives from the evacuee group. An instruction

is being prepared for all newcomers in the Community Management Division. The purpose is to orient them to their new positions and to obviate some of the difficulties which have arisen in the staff.

Japanese Language Schools

It seems wise at this time to recapitulate the developments on this topic. Early in May there was a meeting with the Project Director and the Executive Committees and representatives of the Block Managers in which the topic of juvenile delinquency was discussed. It was stated that one of the reasons for such a low percentage of delinquency was the fact that children attended the public schools, attended the Japanese language schools and worked around home. They thus had little time to get into difficulty. There developed from this meeting an idea that the Project Director approved the beginning of Japanese language schools in this Center. Block managers made this announcement to the people and the groups immediately began to work and organize. As of Friday, July 7 there were approximately 12 such groups. Early in June the matter was turned over to me by the Project Director for investigation. A committee from the block managers was appointed. Toward the end of June a memorandum was issued by the Project Director ordering all language schools to stop until they had been cleared by the Director in Washington. This did not stop the schools and it seemed necessary to bring the matter to a head and to develop an understanding among these who were so interested in language schools. Mr. Bennett called Mr. Runyan from Washington forbidding the language schools at all projects except Tule Lake. A telegram was received confirming this. The orders were transmitted to the block managers with the request that those interested meet in my office at 1:30 p.m. July 7. 23 people attended this meeting, including members of the appointed staff.

It had been stated at the block managers meeting that the primary purpose of the Japanese language schools was to teach ethics to the younger children. After considerable preliminary discussion revolving around the teaching of ethics and juvenile delinquency, three questions were asked: (1) was the purpose of Japanese language schools to teach Japanese; (2) was the purpose to fill up time (busy time); (3) was the purpose to teach ethics.

The group agreed that the primary purpose of the language schools was to teach the children the Japanese language, in order that the parents might have the means of communication with the younger people and influence them in their conduct. At the present time, parents speak Japanese and understand a little Japanese; the children speak English and understand little Japanese. The break in culture and the break in parental influence was in the minds of the group assembled as one of the reasons for an increase in delinquency. It was suggested that instead of teaching children

Japanese, efforts be made to teach parents English and to breach the gap in that way. It was also emphasized that this would be a better plan for the future. The group felt that it was more difficult to teach the parents and was more advantageous from a cultural viewpoint to teach the children Japanese at a younger age. It was agreed that bi-lingual training had many benefits.

The subject matter of the present schools was discussed. The textbook was exhibited and was based on stories used in the ~~Christian~~ schools in California. Discussion brought out the fact that if the main purpose of the Japanese language schools was to teach the use of Japanese only then the subject matter should be revised to include American folk lore rather than the folk lore of Japan. It was suggested that home study use the nursery rhymes--Mother Goose, Aesop's fables and other typically American morality teachings so that the children would have a common ground with all American children and that ~~this~~ ^{the} would be in the language itself. The discussion brought out the point that American Government, the ideals of democracy, Constitution, Declaration of Independence, and other similar documents could be translated into Japanese and form a basis for common vocabulary as well as of teaching the older generation the ideals of the American life.

A great deal of time was spent on the discussion of the advisability and expediency of teaching Japanese. It was agreed by the group that it would be much more expedient not to teach Japanese at the present time. Although this agreement was intellectually understood, there was a great deal of emotional difficulty in giving up what they consider the central point in the valuable contribution of Japanese culture. The value of English to relocate was stressed. This was countered with the fact that parents could not now communicate with the children because the children could not write Japanese and the parents could not write English. The final conclusion of the meeting was that Japanese language schools be stopped on a formal basis. Parents would still continue to instruct their children if they so desire on an informal basis. These informal meetings could not be held at the block managers office. ~~If~~ Every effort would be made to use American ideas and ideals, new materials would be developed for this purpose and the ~~the~~ ^{whole} matter would again be submitted to Mr. Myer with all statements of purposes, methods, materials and further consideration be requested.

Teletype sent out forbidding Y. L. School to use Suggestion Box at the Administration Building. *Myers.*

A number of suggestions have forcefully recommended some sort of swimming pool. A further suggestion recommended the elimination of a practice which forbids the appointed staff from occasionally eating in the evacuation mess halls.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT

July 9 - 15, 1944

On Sunday afternoon, July 9, a baseball game was played between the Junior American Legion of Tucson and our local championship team. A very fine opening ceremony was arranged by the Ex-servicemen's group and included the use of the Boy and Girl Scouts Fife and Drum Corp and flag-raising ceremony. The picture was entirely American, and the Tucson group was considerably surprised by the American attitude of the crowd and the players. An interesting sidelight on juvenile delinquency parallels the visit of the Tucson team in that the evening they spent in camp Saturday night, they raided the watermelon patch in Block 73. Block 73 was very hospitable in every respect and did not blame the boys for this, although they were perturbed.

Another highlight of the week was the visit of the Spanish delegate, Captain Antonio Martin, and Mr. Charles Eberhardt of our State Department. They arrived on Thursday, July 13, and immediately met with the committee representing the Japanese nationals within the Center. The afternoon was spent in hearing complaints of the residents of Butte Camp. A number of minor complaints such as the chlorine in the water, screens, etc. were easily settled. Two major complaints remained: (1) the fact that segregation had not been completed and many of them could not go to Tule Lake; (2) question as to the protection of their property in California. These complaints we were not able to answer here on the project. The matter of segregation involved the teaching of the Japanese language. A copy of the weekly report was submitted to the Spanish delegate and to the Representative of the State Department, showing what we had been doing in trying to explain the Japanese language situation insofar as the Center was concerned. The efforts were appreciated but the interest in developing knowledge of the Japanese language and culture still remained in the minds of the people who intended to repatriate. Complaints were heard in Canal on Friday morning with about the same results. In general the people are satisfied with the life in the Center and have no real complaint with the exception of those mentioned.

The medical situation in Canal received some attention. It is something which has been under discussion

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for a considerable time and for which no one solution can be offered. The condition is not continual and has to be met according to the conditions of each day or week.

On Saturday, July 15, the organization and meeting of the Evacuee Property Committee was held. Representatives from both Councils plus the Evacuee Property Supervisor, the Project Attorney, and the Assistant Director in charge of Community Management were present. A statement of the problem was made and its importance stressed. The Executive Committees of the Councils were charged with seeking out capable and interested people to establish a permanent committee. The purpose of this committee would be to correlate and direct as well as to advise people in regard to information on property, legal procedures, and their rights unto the law. It will probably take two or three weeks before this committee can be really established and begin functioning.

The first tentative meeting for Relocation Policy Board was held in the Community Management office on Friday. The Policy Board is to assist in outlining the policies to be followed by relocation counselors. This committee will be expanded by members of the relocation committee representing the residents.

General Comments

The return of Dr. Lawson as chief dietician to the project has assisted in the lifting of the pressure in the hospital kitchen. Dr. West has been very well received and his cooperative spirit has helped us over in the other crises at the hospital.

Community Activities is progressing very well in the development of the Community Recreation Commission. As a result of the baseball games, they have several hundred dollars in their treasury and have gained prestige as a result.

The general situation in Canal is still problematical. We might describe it as a stick of dynamite--not dangerous if permitted to light as is, but distinctly dangerous if the percussion cap or fuse is attached to it. There is not danger of any general difficulty with the exception that the community is very lethargic in regard to its Americanization. It holds to the customary pattern of leadership and this leadership is definitely in on the Council. Exceedingly great care must be exercised in handling the situation so that the leaders may conform with the general policies of the WRA and so that we may not put the fuse into a position which any spark may ignite.

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The appearance of two young men from the Canal Community definitely stating that they preferred to fight with the Japanese Army against the United States rather than the other way around might furnish the fuse. The matter was reported to Washington and permission was requested to send them to Tule Lake or take other action. The failure on our part to take a definite pro-American stand reflects itself in an opinion of uselessness or softness on the part of the Administration. Any growth of that feeling in the community is dangerous in trying to develop a cooperative spirit with the Administration. We simply feel that "If the Administration cannot handle serious problems as this, then why bother them with some of the other things that are going on in the community." This then reflects as a lack of confidence, unwillingness to report any serious situation, and a determination to handle all problems within the group. This might be all right if the group that handled them did not already have the adverse opinion of the camp. We thus place within the hands of this group the powerful weapon on intimidation. They in turn can say "Well, if you tell the Administration that they can't help us now, they can't do anything -- look at such and such a case."

The Canal Community is planning a large funeral service for PFC Araki who was killed in action in Italy. An attempt is definitely being made to point to the honor of fighting for the principles of democracy even though it results in death.

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

WEEKLY REPORT

July 24 - 29, 1944

The most commanding development within the Community Management Division during the past week has been that of juvenile delinquency. This subject has been a matter of growing concern for the past two or three months. On the night of July 24 it was brought to a head when a group of between 30 and 40 boys attempted to get a 14 year old boy from Block 40 out of his quarters and give him a beating in retribution for verbal chastisement given to leaders of this gang by an older brother who is a volunteer for the paratroopers and who left the project on July 21. Members of the gang in their confession said they wanted to beat up this boy "because he was too good."

Discussions were held on Tuesday with the Project Director, Project Attorney, head of Internal Security, and head of the Community Management Division wherein an immediate program of detection and punishment was generally agreed to. The Internal Security rounded up eight persons who could be identified as members of this gang and took them on the night of the 25th to the County Jail in Florence to be held over until the morning of the 27th when the Director returned to the project. Questioning of these leaders brought forth admissions of complicity in several more serious offenses. Three of the boys picked up admitted breaking into the Leave Office, jimmying the file cabinets, and taking shoe ration stamps on the night of the 13th. They also admitted stealing a pick-up truck on the night of June 24, driving about the project and subsequently wrecking it out near the hog farm. A growing wave of resentment against the acts of this youth gang arose within the community. Several informal groups were heard demanding immediate and drastic action. The Judicial Commission was called into conference with the staff group which had previously met to discuss this, and the terms of the sentence were generally agreed upon. Signed confessions were secured from all of the boys--three of them admitting complicity in the graver offenses, with the other five pleading guilty to fighting and disturbing the peace. The sentence for the three involved in the thefts was six months of project labor under immediate direction of a member of the Internal Security with deductions from their

earnings to be applied toward the cost of repairing the wrecked pick up. (This work is not to interfere with school attendance, however.) A curfew requires them to remain in their blocks after 8:00 p.m., except for participation in community activities under such supervision and escort as would be provided by Internal Security. The boys all received a G I haircut and were to keep their hair cut to not longer than $\frac{1}{2}$ " for the period of their sentence. The other five offenders were given a similar sentence except that the period was cut to two months rather than six, and that there was no provision for monetary reimbursement from wages earned.

A meeting is being called this week of community leaders and representatives from various sections of the Community Management Division to discuss further the matter of juvenile delinquency and possible control on a positive side.

Community Activities

On Sunday, July 23 a group of resident American Legionnaires attended the American Legion Junior Baseball State play-off at Mesa as the guests of Joe Hanson, State Athletic Director for the American Legion. At the close of the session when captains, coaches and dignitaries were being presented, Mr. Hanson also presented the group of Legionnaires from Rivers who received a round of applause from the stand.

During the week the Boy Scouts received a check for \$127 for waste paper salvage. The Scouts have picked up paper from both Casa Grande and Chandler which the communities have been unable to get moved from collecting lots, and are reported to have supplied approximately 20 per cent of the total of Arizona's waste paper collection for the month of July. They are establishing a reputation both in neighboring communities and in the State salvage headquarters, which gives credit to them and to the project.

During the week the Hi-Y group has been revived in the Canal Community with an initial enrollment of 13 members.

Scouting activities struck a new high on Friday night when 53 boys from 7 scout troops of surrounding communities came to the project for an over-night camporee with Boy Scouts from the troops on the project. It was an inspiring sight to see some 150 boys gathered about the campfire near the Fox Butte putting on their various troop stunts, eating, singing,

and playing together. The same evening 83 Girl Scouts received promotions or merit badges at the summer Court of Honor. Assistant Director R. B. Cozzens was present and commended the girls, who had as their guests, besides Mr. Cozzens and his family, some 20 mothers and a few members of the staff.

Memorial Service on Friday, July 28

Memorial services were held in Canal community for the second boy from this project to give his life in action in the United States Army. Todd Sakohira was honored in a service which again had the participation of the local Service Command Unit which provided color bearers, escort guard and a buglar. Services were in charge of Mr. Frank Sasaki, president of the Servicemen's Parents and Relatives Association, and followed the pattern of the previous memorial service for Pfc. Masashi Araki. KOY radio station carried a statement of the service in two of its news broadcasts that same day.

Community Government

The community councils held no meetings this week. The Butte block managers in their meeting passed resolutions demanding detection and punishment of juvenile delinquents and assuring Internal Security of their full support and cooperation. They requested that names of all persons found guilty by the Judicial Commission be published in the paper (Under Arizona law, this matter of publicity cannot be applied to juvenile culprits but will henceforth be observed with adult offenders.)

Summer Program

The first term of the summer session ended on Friday with indications that the participation in the volunteer activities was growing rather than diminishing. Church school attendance has increased slightly, whereas afternoon and evening attendance in club and group activities has picked up a little bit. Variation in attendance at volunteer activities seems, however, to be more dependent on the weather than any other one factor. When it is relatively cool the attendance is higher than during hot spells.

Community Analysis Section

The greatest loss in the Division this week occurred with the relocation of Mr. Seich Oguchi, Senior Research Assistant, and with the departure of six weeks leave of Dr. G. Gordon Brown, Community Analyst. This leaves the

section with no effective workers at a time when their services are vitally needed. So far we have no plan for assigning any of this work to other members of the staff as the staff is already depleted, and people are doing other's work due to leaves, details, etc.

Community Enterprises

Community Enterprises seems to be making some headway in the problem of domestic and laundry services together with a stern attitude on the part of the Director toward chislers in the staff. Community Enterprises has settled some of its transportation difficulties by the purchase of a car for Community Enterprises' use, exclusively.

Hospital

Developments in the hospital seem to be quite satisfactory although the matter of providing optometry services on the project is still not solved. The desire of residents of Canal community to have a doctor located within the community is still being pressed.

NARRATIVE REPORT

Month of August, 1944

Community Management Division

The summer activities program practically comes to a close with the end of this month. We feel that the program has been very extensive and very successful. Three volunteers--Priscilla Hannah, Betty Kline, and Elaine Wood, together with several members of the Education Section staff have made the national organizations programs on the project very vital. At the close of the summer program, we find ourselves with well-organized YW and YMCA groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, activities of USO nature, and increased interest in young peoples' activities in the churches.

The summer school program in the Education Section has been outstandingly successful at the elementary level, though not so successful at the high school level because of the great number of high school students employed on the project.

There has been considerable change in the Community Councils. Each Council has a new Chairman. Both the Director's office and the Community Management office are collaborating to define the work of the Council and Block Manager groups respectively, and to confine the activities of the respective groups to the respective job descriptions. Mr. Bennett personally attends all Council meetings, and a much better rapport between the Council and the Director's office is resulting.

Activities in the Health Section move along in a very satisfactory manner despite the absence of a Hospital Administrator and the resignation of two nurses. The greatest need in this section at the present time is optical equipment and an optician since the optical cases have to be sent off project for attention.

During the month, several small groups attended conferences or summer camp meetings without incident and with enthusiastic reception from the entertaining organizations. The project Recreation Association again early in August entertained the American Legion State Junior baseball champions for practice games before they left on their road to regional and sectional eliminations which finally carried them in the national finals at Minneapolis. The group of baseball players

and their Legion sponsors were most enthusiastic ^{about} by the ^{on} reception, treatment, sportsmanship, and life of the project.

Five memorial services have been held on the project for soldier sons, killed in service, with the local S. C. U. cooperating in the memorial services by furnishing an honor guard.

The appointment of an Assistant Director in charge of Community Management is still pending. Early action on this position is greatly desired.

THE JUVENILE CODE OF BUTTE COMMUNITY

Be it Enacted by the Community Council of Butte Community that this Act, to be known as the Juvenile Code of Butte Community, provides as follows:

1. Juvenile Board. A Juvenile Board is hereby established to consist of three members to be appointed by the Community Council to serve for a period of one year. In the event that any vacancies occur in the Juvenile Board the Community Council shall fill such vacancies within a period of two weeks.

2. Jurisdiction of Juvenile Board. The Juvenile Board shall hear and determine all cases of juvenile delinquency and all offenses committed by juveniles which may be referred to it by the Judicial Commission. When and after any case has been referred to the Juvenile Board by the Judicial Commission the same constitutional rules and procedures applicable to the Judicial Commission shall govern the procedures of the Juvenile Board.

3. Definition of Juvenile. For the purposes of this Code a juvenile shall be any evacuee resident of Butte Community under the age of 18 years.

4. Laws Applicable to Juveniles. All acts declared to be offenses by the laws of this Community shall also be deemed offenses when committed by juveniles.

5. Assistance to Juvenile Boards. The Juvenile Board shall have the power to appoint one or more probation officers subject to the approval of the Judicial Commission. The Juvenile Board shall have the authority of the Community Council to request information from any officer of the Administration of this Center which it deems necessary or advisable to assist it in the hearing, determination and sentence in any case.

6. Appeal. Appeal may be taken from any decision of the Juvenile Board to the Judicial Commission within one week of the imposition of sentence. In the event of such appeal the decision of the Judicial Commission shall be subject to the same review as provided in the Constitution.

7. For the purpose of this Code and in addition to, but without limitation upon, the acts declared to be offenses under the laws of this Community, the following shall be designated as juvenile offenses and shall be punishable in the same manner provided for violations of any law of this Community:

- a. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to smoke tobacco within Butte Community.

- b. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to use, drink, possess, sell or give away, or permit or encourage another juvenile to use or drink any intoxicating liquor.
- c. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to take part in any baseball game or play whether with a hard or soft baseball in any residential block area or any street or road adjacent thereto.
- d. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to enter or attempt to enter any invitation dance or other social function held in Butte Community without official invitation, or to cause any disturbance or to loiter in or around the place where such function is being held or to refuse to leave the premises if requested to do so by any member of the Internal Security force or any member of the appointed staff or any resident of the Community in charge of such function.
- e. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to use vile, obscene, profane or blasphemous language in any public place or at any public gathering.
- f. It shall be unlawful for any male juvenile to annoy, molest or in any manner assault any female juvenile.
- g. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to be absent from his block and from his home overnight without the express permission of his parent or parents.
- h. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to enter upon, possess or in any manner use any mechanical equipment owned by the government of the United States without the express permission of the official responsible therefor.
- i. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to create any unnecessary noise or disturbance or to annoy or molest any person attending any moving picture show, play, dance or other public exhibition in the Community.

- j. It shall be unlawful for any juvenile to loiter after the hour of 8:00 p.m. in blocks 67, 68, or 69 or in the area containing government buildings, shops, warehouses, and storage yards to the north of said blocks and it shall also be unlawful for any juvenile to loiter after the hour of 8:00 p.m. in blocks 41, 42, or 43 or in or near school buildings to the north of block 43 except for the purpose of attending a regular class or function in an orderly manner.
- k. It shall be unlawful for any male juvenile to wear clothing of the type known as "zoot suit" or to wear his hair in the style known as "duck tail" or "zoot suit."

8. Effective Date. This Code is declared to be an Emergency Law under Section 7 of the Constitution and the Community Clerk shall furnish copies of this Code to each Block Manager and cause the same to be posted in a conspicuous place within each block immediately and shall cause this Code to be published in full in the next edition of The News Courier and this Code is declared to be in effect on and after September 1, 1944.

This Act duly passed this 28th day of August, 1944 by three-fourths vote of the total membership of Butte Community Council and approved in the manner provided by law.

John I. Fukushima
Chairman

Kaname Takahashi D.D.S.
Secretary

Approved:

L.H. Bennett
Project Director

NARRATIVE REPORT

Community Management Division

Month of October, 1944

The Canal Council appears to be gaining prestige under its present leadership. Certainly it is taking a more active interest in general community affairs, is cooperating well with the administration and is having referred to its community problems both by block managers and by block residents. The Canal chairman does a good job of directing discussions with the result that practically every member of the Council participates in same discussion at each meeting with the result that other leaders are being developed.

The Butte Council possibly has stronger leadership than Canal but less active participation by councilmen generally. This is partly due to the larger sized group in Butte but even more to the strong character of the Butte chairman and to his very direct and honest approach to all problems. The Councils are both very reasonable in their attitude towards administrative problems and we are trying to reciprocate in our consideration of community problems.

Mr. Bennett's denial of the Community's request for a change in supper hour, the reasons for which he fully explained to the Joint Executive board of the Councils prior to the denial, was very well received by the councils and block managers as well as by the Manpower Commission. The Mess supervisor have yet to meet with the administrative officer for the final explanation and acceptance of the denial but in view of other organized evacuee reactions no difficulty is anticipated.

The Block Managers are more and more accepting the administrative nature of their responsibilities and authority and relinquishing their previous political activity. The Canal Juvenile Board has been organized with 3 women and 2 men as members. (Canal also has a woman block manager). The Butte Juvenile Board as well as the Butte Juvenile Guidance Commission have both been selected. Some of the membership is overlapping. The Guidance Commission has a personnel advisory group from Education, Welfare and CAS. The Juvenile Guidance Commission has a good understanding of its functions and responsibilities as well as its limitations. It has solicited and been assured of the assistance and cooperation of the Juvenile officer from Internal Security and that of the probation officer out of the Welfare section. The chiefs of Welfare and Internal Security have indicated satisfaction

with the administrative arrangement between sections for apprehending juveniles and handling their probation and the individuals involved are cooperating closely first to prevent delinquency and second to correct the delinquents.

The CAS program by its attention to block groupings as well as over all project organizations is well geared to hold delinquency to a minimum insofar as group efforts are concerned. It is hoped the guidance council via the probation officer, and by use of individual approach will further allay the problem.

The Community solidarity is well indicated by its support of the combined Community Chest and United War Fund Drive, as it did last year. Both Communities through their Councils and Block Managers approved the plan and then contributed about \$2000 (from evacuee residents only).

COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

NARRATIVE REPORT

Month of July, 1945

Community Government

Despite announced closing of both camps the blocks each elected councilmen and the councils continue to be of importance in the two communities. The Canal council with its officers remaining unchanged is an especially potent factor in that community. Also from Canal has relocated Mr. Yahanda, first and only Central Block Manager in that community to the time of his departure. His departure has definitely weakened the comparative influence of the block managers in Canal.

The Canal council, through its Public Relations Committee, is for the first time sponsoring meetings that induce relocation. The meetings are for the express purpose of helping residents understand food rationing and at the meetings are presented job opportunities, particularly in the non-evacuated areas. The chairman of the Butte council is on short term so the burden of civic responsibility in Butte has fallen on Mr. Asami, Central Block Manager, who is well able to shoulder the load. The relationship between council and managers has been smoother and more cooperative in Butte than in Canal so the absence of the chairman of the council is felt less than is the absence of the Central Block Manager in Canal. All groups seem to have finally accepted relocation as inevitable though the Canal council apparently continues to search for excuses for those who would delay.

Community Activities

Most organized activities are being liquidated though certain services such as public address system, community sewing services, religious activities, etc. are continuing and many recreational activities continue on a volunteer basis. We are trying to have the people sense that liquidation of CAS is normal with the times and is not being done to cause discomfort or inconvenience. I believe Mr. Griswold is succeeding well in using his liquidation to promote resettlement planning, at least of his own workers, volunteer and paid.

Narrative Report

Month of July

Welfare

Preparations for relocation of public assistance cases continue about as scheduled. Canal's summaries have practically all been submitted to the County of residence for consideration and Butte's summaries will be completed about mid-August. Acceptances are accelerating but housing remains a major obstructing factor to actual resettlement. The Relocation divisions now referring to welfare all cases in which financial difficulties are the deterrent to actual movement and welfare is attempting to counsel and otherwise assist that group of problem cases. The assistants in the blocks(relocation and welfare) are being most helpful in locating persons with special problems.

Health

The Medical Social Worker has had some delays in her department due to shortage of stenographic assistance but a stenographer is scheduled for that section early in August and that should expedite the submission of welfare cases requiring institutional care. Meantime we have moved a total of nine TB's and have about 25 more to be transferred. We are planning rearrangement of wards so that the nursing staff can carry the load. Many nurse's aides are relocating and since the hospital is staffed largely from Canal, we are anticipating such emergency medical care as an all Caucasian staff can provide, only and that very shortly.