WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Memorandum

To: ~~George M. Dorman~~ Mr. Portner Date: 4/10/43

From: Oleta A. Dunbar
Community Services Division

Reply to Mr. Barrows' memorandum of March 13, requesting copies of material which could be considered as agreements between the WRA and the War Department, has been delayed until this matter could be discussed with each of our Section Heads. With the exception of the general agreement with the War Department, dated April 17, 1942, the following correspondence comprises all of the material of this type of which we have knowledge.

1. Letter from Col. Bissell to Mr. Provinse, dated June 23, 1942, concerning the student relocation program.

2. Letter from Col. Bissell to Mr. Provinse dated July 18, 1942, indicating that responsibility for this program had been turned over to the Provost Marshal General.

3. Memorandum of Understanding between WRA, Selective Service, and the National Service Board. (Although not strictly an agreement with the War Department, you may want this for the file you are building up.)

4. Letter from Col. Glassford to Mr. Marks dated July 31, indicating that the Military Intelligence Division was at least partially concerned with student relocation program.

5. Letter of agreement between WRA and Assistant Secretary McCloy on the matter of student relocation. (With few changes, which have been made by telephone, this agreement is adhered to at the present time in the clearing of student leaves.)

NOTE: It might be well to point out the apparent reluctance of both the Military Intelligence Division and the Provost Marshal General's office to assume responsibility for the student relocation negotiations. As a result of telephonic arrangements, this work was assumed by Assistant Secretary McCloy's office.

6. Letter from Lieut. Hall to Mr. Myer, dated October 12, 1942, regarding the reporting of relocated students.

7. Letter from the Director to Mr. McCloy dated December 18, 1942, pointing out the various inconsistencies between employment and student leaves.

8. Letter from the Director to Maj. Gen. James C. Magee, dated March 12, concerning furnishing of medical services to members of the military police assigned to relocation centers.

9. Letter from Lieut. Col. Walter J. Cummins to Mr. Myer in reply to letter of March 12 re medical services to members of the military police.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Washington

April 13, 1943

To All Project Directors

Attention: Chiefs of Community Services, Community Enterprise Superintendents, Community Activities Supervisors.

In connection with the financing of Community Activities programs please examine carefully the suggestions contained in the accompanying memorandum. Will you please comment on these proposals as soon as possible. We would like to know whether Community Activities at your project is likely to adopt any of these plans or whether another method for having C.A. "pay its own way" is being considered.

I am also attaching a memorandum on the Federal admissions tax. We would like a report from you as to your present arrangements for meeting this tax, which is obligatory for any program having a fixed admission charge. Your early response will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Selene Gifford

Selene Gifford, Acting Chief
Community Services Division

Attachment

4/13/43
Resp for Miss Gifford
B.B.

Mr. Partner

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Washington

April 13, 1943

To All Project Directors:

Attention: Chiefs of Community Services, Community Enterprise Superintendents, Community Activities Supervisors.

Subject: Financing of Community Activities

In line with Section III of Administrative Instruction No. 73 it is expected that the Community Activities program at each center will develop as far as possible in the direction of self-sufficiency. It is anticipated that at least the funds necessary for purchase of recreation equipment will be raised by revenue obtained within the community itself.

Evacuees at each project should be encouraged to proceed along the lines they find most acceptable in order to bring this about. Summarized below are several of the plans and devices currently being considered. They represent the joint thinking and carry the full endorsement of both Community Enterprises and Community Activities.

METHODS OF COOPERATIVE FINANCING

Two of the alternatives have a cooperative base. One proposal is to set up a department in the existing Consumer Cooperative for the purpose of handling the recreational program. A second possibility is the organization of a separate recreational cooperative, or "play coop".

If a cooperative plan is decided upon, certain precepts should be carefully observed. In any cooperative plan adopted it should be understood that the cooperative form may not be used merely as a depository for receipts from Community Activities, with control of the policies of these activities and the allocation of funds remaining the responsibility of the WRA administrative staff. The effect of this would be to set up an unauthorized revolving fund for moneys received from Federal activities. If the funds derived from activities are not to go into the U.S. Treasury as miscellaneous receipts the Cooperative must have full contol of the receipts and of the activities from which the receipts are derived.

A. If a separate Play Coop is planned, the members of the Board of Directors should be evacuees who do not receive cash advances from WRA for duties performed in the Community Activities Section. Members of the C.A. paid staff may advise with the Board of Directors but cannot participate in any voting.

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Rec'd for Miss Powell
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B. If a department is organized within the existing Consumer Cooperative for the purpose of handling the recreational program, the final responsibility for administrative as well as fiscal policies must rest with the Board of Directors of the Consumer Cooperative. The Board may, of course, in its discretion, delegate the actual direction of the affairs of the Recreation Department to an executive committee on Community Activities established for the purpose. This Committee could recommend action in respect to the management of the Recreation Department of the Consumer Cooperative but its recommendations would in all cases be subject to the general approval and control of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee could consist of persons drawn entirely from the Board of Directors or selected from the membership of the Consumer Cooperative Association at large. In the latter case, however, a change in the by-laws of the Consumer Cooperative Association will be necessary at some projects in order to permit the appointment to an Executive Committee of persons not included in the Board of Directors' membership. A person would be eligible to serve on the Committee whether or not he was a paid employee of the Community Activities Section.

(An outline of the method which might be followed in setting up a Department in the existing Consumer Cooperative for the purpose of handling a recreation program was included on page 9 of a pamphlet entitled "Guide Lines on Community Activities" which was sent out to the projects in February 1943.)

## OTHER METHODS OF FINANCING

The suggestions for financing outlined below should be considered as a supplement to rather than a substitute for the Cooperative alternatives listed above.

A. Revenue from Mail Order Commissions. It has been proposed at one project to divert, for use of the Community Activities Section, all money derived as commissions for orders placed with mail order houses. It is acknowledged that a certain number of residents at each center are sending in their mail orders independently, thereby forgoing the rebate which they would receive if their orders were placed through the central mail order desk operated by Consumer Enterprises. It is believed that if all commissions from this type of sale were earmarked for Community Activities purposes and the weight of the C.A. Section were thrown behind the channelling of mail order purchases in this direction, a substantial sum in commissions would be realized. If this plan were adopted, customers would not receive rebates on mail order purchases. All commissions would go to the C.A. Section after the expenses of operating the order desk, including the payment of wages to order clerks, was deducted by Consumer Enterprises from the commissions received.

Under this arrangement it would not be necessary either to set up a separate Play Coop or to have Community Activities as an operating department of the Consumer Cooperative. Community Activities could decide on its own how the funds obtained could be spent most advantageously.

B. Use of Cash Register Receipts. At present many customers of the Consumer Cooperative stores are not holding for patronage refunds the cash register receipts they receive at the time of making purchases. It is proposed that boxes be placed on all counters with the suggestion that persons not intending to redeem their cash register receipts, donate these receipts to Community Activities.

C. Sale of Tickets, Handicrafts, Etc. Finally there are various other proposals for community financing of the C.A. program outlined on page 9 of "Guide Lines". These include admission fees to dances and community entertainments, sale of handicraft to the project residents, booking of the project orchestra for private and club affairs, etc.

Selene Gifford

Selene Gifford, Acting Chief
Community Services Division

Mr. Turk:

Are we planning to have an exhibit at Cambridge

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

April 24, 1943

Mr. J. G. Lindley
Project Director
Granada Relocation Center
Amache, Colorado

Attention: Mr. W. Ray Johnson, Chief, Community Services

Dear Mr. Lindley:

This is a reminder that the deadline for the Relocation Center Art Exhibit is approaching. Entries must be sent prepaid to Relocation Center Art Exhibit, Friends Center, 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, Massachusetts. All pictures must be in Cambridge by May 15, 1943.

In addition to $245 in general awards, including a $50 first prize, there will be special awards for the best flower painting, portrait, landscape, relocation center or assembly center scene, example of Japanese style painting, and example of mimeograph art.

To ensure a representative number of entries from your center, it will be appreciated if you will designate someone to provide information concerning the exhibit, and assist where requested in the making of arrangements.

If you require information in addition to that previously sent you, it may be obtained from George A. Selleck at the address given above.

Sincerely yours,

Edward B. Marks Jr.

Edward B. Marks, Jr.
Community Activities Adviser

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1943

To: All Project Directors

Attention: Community Activities Supervisors

Supplementing the kit of film materials sent you recently, we attach two other items:

1. List of films available on cooperatives.

2. 1943-1944 Catalog of Selected Motion Pictures issued by YMCA Motion Picture Bureau.

Edward B Marks, Jr

Attachments - 2 to Project directors only

Edward B. Marks, Jr.
Community Activities Adviser

cc: Cozzens
Pitts
Whitaker
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## COOPERATIVE MOVING PICTURES

The following 16 mm. films on various aspects of the cooperative movement are available from:

Eastern Cooperative League
135 Kent Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The Cooperative League of the U.S.A.
167 West 12th Street
New York City

Let's Cooperate, 16 mm. silent, 2½ reels, color. Rental, $6.00.
The activities of the students of the Pine Mountain, N. C. Settlement School in establishing and running a co-op store which serves the community as well as the students interestingly portrayed.

P.T. Here is Tomorrow. 16 mm. sound, 3 reels. Also 35 mm. sound. Rental, $4.50.
A stirring documentary film telling in human terms the achievements of thousands of farmers and urban workers in building a "people's business" through working together with their neighbors.

Consumers Serve Themselves. 16 mm. sound or silent, 1 reel, color. Rental, $3.00 sound, $2.00 silent.
Co-op grocery distribution on the eastern seaboard. Scenes are typical of the activities of any co-op or wholesale, and show how cooperators are providing themselves with tested quality products.

The Co-ops Are Comin'. 16 mm. silent, 2½ reels, color, or black and white. Rental $6.50, for color film; $3.00, black and white.
A visual record of cooperativeprogress in the Middle West. Photographed in connection with the first all-American 2,600 mile Co-op Tour in 1941, you visit with the tourists' cooperative mills and wholesales, department and grocery stores, gas stations, insurance companies, and the first cooperatively ownedoil refinery and oil wells in this country.

Planning for a Saner World. 16 mm. sound, 2 reels, black andwhite. Rental, $3.00
Delegates to the 13th Biennial Congress of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. - farmers and city dwellers, discussing and acting on the problems facing consumers.

The Turn of the Tide. 16 mm. sound, 4½ reels, color. Rental, $15.00
A dramatization of the story of the Maine lobster fishermen.

The Credit Union - John Doe's Bank. 16 mm. sound or silent, black and wite or colored, 3 reels. Rental, $4.00, $6.00, $7.00, or$10.00 depending upon type of film.

Morrill Tozier, Assistant Chief, Reports Division June 24, 1943

Edward B. Marks, Jr., Community Activities Adviser

Here is some additional information of the contributions of the evacuees to the war effort:

1. Lieutenant Weldon indicates that there were 55 instructors of Japanese descent at the Navy Language School at Boulder in February, 1943. He estimates that the total at present is larger than this figure, probably around 65.

2. We have one wire back indicating that total war bonds and stamps purchased by all evacuees at Gila since the inception of the center amount to $10,925.00.

3. I neglected to mention that several of the projects have blood banks. I am trying to run down this information.

4. The following information from Minidoka points out the contributions made at one particular center:

a. Evacuee residents contributed ~~$22,075~~.00 $2,275 to Red Cross 1943 War Fund including $158.00 from school children. The Red Cross unit is active in home nursing and other problems.

b, 337 volunteered from Minidoka between December 1 and June 1 including one set of four brothers and two sets of three brothers. 34 volunteers are married and 23 are fathers. Up to June 15, 178 volunteers have been inducted.

c. 17 have gone to the Army Language School, Camp Savage where they will become teachers and front line interpreters. Percentage of volunteers was about 20% of those eligible and much higher than the normal community.

d. Prior to opening of volunteering, there were 298 residents of Minidoka with a son or brother in the Army.

e. Seven residents of Minidoka fought for the United States in World War I.

Edward B. Marks, Jr.
Community Activities Adviser

* Not mt $5,906.25 to 6/1/43.

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON


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August 17, 1944

Mr. R. B. Cozzens
Assistant Director
War Relocation Authority
Sheldon Building
461 Market Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Cozzens:

Enclosed is a letter that we sent to Tule, Gila, Colorado River, and Manzanar Relocation Centers. We are attaching a copy of the semi-annual report on Community Government for the period of January to July, 1944.

Sincerely,

Solon T. Kimball/R

Solon T. Kimball, Head
Community Organization and
Activities Section

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Date ans.---

No reply nec.---

To file---
(NAME)

September 11, 1943

Mr. Fred Kobayashi
Physical Training Department
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland

Dear Mr. Kobayashi:

I am sorry that you were unable to stop in the other day when you were in town. Perhaps you will have an opportunity to come by one day next week. If not let me know and I may be able to arrange to come out to College Park.

Incidentally, I have checked the files and I find we have a job application from Mr. Masami Hayashi at Tule Lake. Hayashi states he has twelve years of experience and holds the Southern California rank of Fourth Degree and the official Japanese rank of Third Degree. He has never been in Japan but has four years of judo instructor experience in Southern California. I believe his leave clearance is still pending.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Edward B. Marks, Jr.
Community Activities Adviser

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

WASHINGTON

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December 21, 1944

Mr. Duncan Mills
Project Director
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston, Arizona

Attention: Mr. John Powell
Assistant Project Director

Thank you for sending us a copy of your letter of December 15, 1944 to Mr. Harold B. Allen, West Coast Regional Executive, U. S. O. regarding the need of national U. S. O. funds to operate U. S. O. activities at the three units at Poston.

We have forwarded a copy of this letter to the Recreation Division of the Office of Community War Services for their information. Attached is a copy of our letter of transmittal to the Federal Security Agency. The Federal Security Agency has sent us a copy of the report that Mr. Harry H. Stoops, Regional Recreation representative made, and I thought that you would be interested in seeing his report which is attached.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Stalley

Marshall Stalley
Community Activities Adviser

December 21, 1944

Mr. Sherwood Gates
Director of Recreation
Community War Services
Federal Security Agency
1523 L Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sherwood:

Thanks for your letter of November 22, attaching a copy of Mr. Harry Stoops report regarding financial assistance from the U. S. O. in establishing services in relation to military personnel at Colorado River Relocation Center, Poston, Arizona.

I thought Mr. Stoops might be interested in receiving a copy of a recent letter from Mr. John Powell, Assistant Project Director, Colorado River Relocation Center to Mr. Harold B. Allen, West Coast Regional Executive, United Service Organizations. You will note that this request from the Colorado Relocation Center is for a monthly grant of $40.00, $20.00 of which would be used at Unit I, $10.00 at Unit II, and $10.00 at Unit III. The Colorado River Relocation Center consists of three camps; therefore, such service will be required at all three units. You will note also that the Colorado Relocation Center is asking if it would be possible for national U. S. O. funds to provide for the employment of a full-time evacuee executive secretary to supervise the entire U. S. O. operations at all three centers and at the rate consistent with the employment policies at the relocation center; namely, $22.50 per month.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall Stalley,
Community Activities Adviser

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