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*Mrs. Smith*

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meeting was made by  
The Sec. of the Block  
Managers -*

MINUTES  
MEETING - SEPT. 11, 1942  
2:00 p.m.

A meeting of Mr. E. R. Smith, Project Director, Mrs. Smith, Counsellor, Mr. Frank Sakamoto, Central Block Manager, and all block managers was held at the Block 57 Manager's Office with Mr. Smith as Chairman. Special guest was Mr. Fryer, Regional Director of the War Relocation Authority, San Francisco.

Mr. Smith stated that he "appreciates all coming together for the purpose of discussing community government in its phases. It would be profitable to take a little time to discuss what first steps should be taken in this meeting of self-government." He realizes many important questions that Block Managers have on their minds at the present time and of the many answers that were not satisfactory to many at the meeting held last week. He would be willing to attend meetings of Block Managers that affect the health and welfare of the residents here. He wants to keep attention centered on one principal question, namely, self-government. He believes all Block Managers have received written material with regard to the election of Block Council. All should realize the necessity of some such group in a block to be chosen in any manner acceptable to members of the block and whose functions will be one of advice and of suggestion with regard to matters which concern the daily living in that block. There are many questions that affect the daily lives of the residents of a block such as food, trash, etc. The Block Council can perform a very valuable service in that regards. That of electing a Block Council is purely a voluntary matter.

Block Council - functioning and composition

1. Each block may form a temporary council to discuss affairs of the block, to make plans for the welfare of residents of the block.
2. Members of the temporary Block Council consist of one representative from each building in the block, the Block Manager, and the chief cook--16 in all.
3. a. A representative may be chosen by the residents of the building by ballot or by agreement.  
b. It was suggested that representatives meet regularly, preferably once a week to discuss problems such as improvement of grounds, recreation for residents, health and sanitation, need for preventing fire hazards.
3. This temporary block council is the first step to democratic government. It is necessary to choose representatives for the temporary block council as soon as possible. Each Block Manager should submit this list to Mrs. Smith.



4. Question was asked whether aliens can be on the Council. Mr. Smith stated that no restriction or stipulation with regard to citizens or non-citizens has been set up in the matter of Block Council.

5. The importance of Block Council was stressed although the Community Council is more important. The Community Council constitutes a body of representatives of all residents to determine what are the laws and regulations for this Center. The Block Council is an advisory group.

#### Temporary Community Council

1. It is necessary to set up a temporary Community Council as soon as possible. Since more residents are expected to arrive in this Center, it would be unfair to set up a permanent Community Council at this time until all residents who are expected have arrived.

2. A commission will be appointed to determine how the permanent Community Council will operate and to make more clear not only in the minds of the residents themselves but also to the Administration Staff of the War Relocation Authority what are the needs, desires and problems which face all of us.

3. The Council will act as advisor to the Administration. It will consist of one representative from each block. Election for block representatives shall be held as soon as this Center is filled.

4. Voters - All residents, both men and women, 18 years of age or over, will be eligible to vote.

a. Mr. Sakata brought up the question of why the age minimum was 18 years instead of 21. Mr. Smith stated that there were a great many between 18 and 21 who were engaged in work.

b. Mr. Sakamoto clarified Mr. Sakata's question in regard to the above that he probably meant that it would seem that in the matter of voting, those under 21 would be swayed by others since they really haven't minds of their own. Mr. Smith replied that it would be well to keep a uniform method of selection for the Temporary Council and read an excerpt of the W. R. A. policy with regard to community government. "Section III entitled Qualification for Voting and Holding Office: A. All persons 18 years of age or over shall be eligible to vote in all elections held pursuant to this instruction."

5. Nominations - There shall be nominated at least two persons from among the residents of each block for the office of block representative. These nominees must be American citizens, 21 years of age or over. The Block Manager is not eligible for nomination unless he resigns his position. Names of nominees are to be sent to the Project Director who will look them over and inform himself regarding them and who will post them in each block 5 days before election is to take place. A book will be issued to each Block Manager to register all voters.



- a. There is no set way of making nominations.
- b. There are not any rules and regulations concerning campaigning.
6. Questions and statements
  - a. Temporary Community Council will not be paid. As to the permanent, this will be taken up later.
  - b. The temporary Community Council has only advisory power, no legislative power. As far as major crimes such as felony is concerned, it is not within the Community Council to determine, it is up to local or state authorities.
  - c. Mr. Sakamoto summarized the consensus of opinion of the aliens as to why they should be permitted to hold an elective office--that they are Americanized and barred from citizenship only by an act of Congress and should be given an opportunity to prove it. They would like a reconsideration to be given to the ruling. Mr. Smith stated that the policy of elective officers having to be citizens was set down by the War Relocation Authority and is a definitely stated policy.
7. Elections shall be by secret ballot. A box will be set up in the Block Manager's office. If there is a Block Council, the three of its representatives are to receive votes and tally. If the Block Council is not set up, the Block Manager shall appoint a committee of two. No campaigning or posting should be done in the vicinity of the voting place.

#### Permanent Community Council

1. The Project Director is expected to provide for selection of an organization commission, the function of which is to prepare a plan for the permanent Community Council. This plan will include rules for nominations, elections, and tenure of office of the members of a representative law-making body to be known as the Community Council.
2. Community Council will prescribe regulations and provide penalties for violation of such regulations for all community life with exception of major crimes. Council will also be in charge of community funds.
3. Plan of government shall provide for a judicial committee of not less than three members which shall hear cases and apply penalties for violation of laws and regulations prescribed by the Community Council. This plan of government shall also provide for the arbitration of disputes.
4. The plan for all government shall be submitted to the Project Director for review and will become effective when approved by a majority of qualified voters at a special election.
5. Criminal cases will be handled by state or local officials.
6. Elections shall be by secret ballot. All voters must be 18 years of age or over. Only citizens of the United States who are 21 years of age or over shall be eligible for elective offices. All residents, whether citizens or non-citizens, shall be eligible for membership on any committee, commission, and board.
7. Project Director may set aside any regulations made by the



Council which he finds to be in excess of the functions of the Council.

8. It should be the function of the temporary and later the permanent Community Council to study and understand various details of the policy which affect this Center.

#### Miscellaneous

1. Mr. Ninokawa asked whether Caucasians or any other nationality would be allowed to come into this camp on business with any of the residents. Mr. Smith stated that it should be possible and that a Visitors' Building for both camps should be provided. As to Japanese visitors, this Relocation Center is located in Military Area No. 1 so they are not allowed to visit here unless they have official pass from military authorities.

2. Mr. Smith stated that this Relocation Area consists of 15,000 acres, extends from canal north 4 miles, starts several miles east from the canal camp and extends 4 miles west. Between sunrise and sunset, there can be complete freedom of movement within the Area. Except in legitimate operations as work in fields at night and irrigation and trips back and forth with physicians, ambulances, it will not be possible to have that same freedom of movement between sunset and sunrise unless accompanied by a Caucasian escort. It would be well to post such announcement in the Block Manager's office together with the map of the whole Relocation Area.

3. Any complaint by residents in regard to medical expenses or otherwise should be in writing and taken by the Block Manager and called to the attention of Mr. Smith.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.



11) Keep place where people vote  
free - influence.

ERS Questions about T.C.C.?

It is temp. is advising rather  
than legislative or regulatory

Question Will members who are working  
have time for C meetings

ERS Yes -

Question Will there be committees  
within Council

Ans Yes - but any Comm. also temp  
will be advising, not regulatory -

P.C.C.

ERS Want to give you imp. points  
w. reg. to P.C.C.

Question Will there provision for alter-  
nate if BR not available.

Ans I think so - that can be  
determined by T.C.C. - leave as  
much as poss to C. members.

ERS We have just rec'd statement of  
policy on Cam. gov - will briefly summarize  
here.



4] B C is advisory group - no  
restriction or stip. with regard to  
citizenship has been set up for BC  
members -

Also to be from Bhs where  
no BC have been set up -

Ans 1 - B, tonight will be set up  
2. Meeting last night -

Hope to clear what a BC is &  
what its functions are. Unless  
further questions about BC -  
let us consider the matter, TCC

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You will see why necessary to set  
up TCC as soon as possible - & why  
not possible to set up PCC - One resident  
are expected in this center - you  
will agree upon to set up PCC  
at this time - until all are here.  
Necessary to give that to org. functions  
of C.C. before it is finally set up -  
All the people for whom the PCC  
will make land phones have it  
in determining how the Council will



7. Nominations (How action)

Any questions?

1- Is it to be 100% self gov., & a  
perfect democracy.

GRS Does not say 100% self gov. - you  
may recall I said Army imp.  
function, CC will be function,  
determining within limits what we  
re demand, laws - gov. lives,  
people in center - For ex. felonies  
will not be within authority, CC &  
determine what shall be done  
in case, murder etc. Insuff. is  
practicable, within wider rather  
broad limits - there will be authority  
& strong authority resting in CC.

Question Must there be at least some.  
Ans. yes.

Must. Any rules gov. election campaign

Ans. none so long as order.

Must. Insulted, Can. for civil gov. in  
nominee - should not be selected by



6. on basis, 18 yrs age - it will be  
wise to continue, essential we  
maintain uniformity with what has  
gone before - so far as TCC is concerned.  
Maybe there is cause. next in  
statement made - All realize in an  
young there are some who even  
the post are not superior in  
wisdom to so far as. Question worthy  
of debate.

I shall make available to you  
later the <sup>section 7</sup> WRA statement, policy  
dealing with voting age. Will to  
keep uniform method, selection &

Rep to T.C.C.

Question has WRA set down dealing  
on voting age

SPS. It is 18. Reads receipt of WRA  
policy on voting age. Section III

We <sup>have been</sup> must be guided by policy on

from C.C. is setting up T.C.C.

Question No votes - does all res. we aliens  
& citizen both

SPS. It does.



Tuesday Sept 11<sup>th</sup>

4 Block Managers. (check & see if  
(59 absent) Sadie has completed  
list)

~~ERS~~ Sept 12<sup>th</sup> ERS

ERS appreciates coming - discuss  
imp. matter & can sort out.

Many imp. questions Blues have on  
minds - Many present at meeting  
weeks ago - when ERS attempted to  
answer questions part of delegate.  
Not in all cases were answers satisfactory.  
I repeat I shall (willing & willing to  
meet with groups to discuss  
questions affect. life, health, &  
residents here - The app.  
we want to keep centered  
on 1 question - Self gov.

All the Blues have received written  
material with regard to election,  
BC.

Believe all realize imp. of selecting  
BC by any means acceptable to people



12) Reads brief -

These highlights do not give as details & that policy. Would take more time than we have this aft. to go over details, policy - but thought it goes to give you a def. idea & what we are ~~on~~ aiming at ultimately w/ respect to PCC is concerned.

As policies ~~will~~ be - we hope to give highlights, then in meetings & in newspapers. So far as details are concerned - need to reserve such detailed study for TCC & then PCC. All will agree ~~must~~ to expect there can be detailed study & detailed exp. & all policies with large groups & large # of groups. <sup>Students</sup> ~~Thones~~ to function, TCC & later PCC to understand the various details & all policies. They will be duly elected Rep. & large no. of people. In many cases they will be well fitted to interpret & properly represent the details, policy - so if there are questions - feeling a regret is not being done - it will be pres to



5 Japhete -

TCC set up to make clear to  
residents & to Ad. Staff what are  
needs & issues, problems, where/are all  
you.

Have all received statement on  
TCC -

Will read it - so all will have  
provisions in mind. Any one with  
question may interrupt.

Question Why 18 rather than 21

Ans. Many under 21 were working -  
felt highly desirable that people  
at least 18 be included in votes.

Question Will you be more business  
than political

Subcommittee If 18-21 vote - the young  
ones have no voice, their own  
will be swayed by older people -

EPS We are considering TCC  
as an advisory body. Surrounding  
already in 1 there have been  
elected considerable # of Rep's to TCC



8) petition

Ans. If you are nominated & don't want to run, you can withdraw

QRS Shows Dems. refuse all public spirited people would welcome chance to run.

Myalari Is CC paid

QRS The TCC is temp - already not paid

Myalari The T.C.C. will have power to make laws would it

QRS The T.C.C. will have advisory function only - PCC will have legislative power TCC presides up to Cam. does executive work until whole Cam is here

Quest. Will the TCC evolve into PCC. or will there be PCC.

QRS Possible

Quest. aliens can vote in the next go - why can't they be elected to legislative office.



1] It is stated clearly that Elective Office  
is limited to citizens. It is a fact.  
Not by policy set down by that direction.  
You will realize that a step in  
advance has been made beyond  
what obtains before vaccination.  
In other communities no non  
citizen <sup>can</sup> vote - in U.S.A. -  
In Rehabilitation center - both  
citizen & non cit. can vote.  
Non citizens can not hold elective  
office. It can not be argued about.  
It is a fact - Half loaf better.  
Ability, non cit to vote is advance  
our situation prior to coming here -

Subsidiary - Aliens know they cannot give  
but full opinions should be heard. They  
are aliens because barred by Congress.  
Many have lived here 30-40 yrs. They  
feel they are Americans. Why not  
also give them chance to prove  
they are Americans - they can run  
things an Am way - non citizens  
wonder like a reeducation.  
This policy



3) Even before ~~total~~ # is here - it will be necessary as you know to choose Rep for TCC

Adm of any blocks in 2 have chosen  
Block Council - many repairs.

The 5 ads of lists, members will be left in the office

~~ERS~~ - How those where no BC - appears unwillingness - lack, interest.

Salvatore How many have not yet formed BC

Miyaki Element needs discussion -

Can there be aliens on Block Council.

— ? This may not clear between  
BC & TCC

IRS must make unperf clear -

Now decreasing BC - not TCC

BC imp - but TCC is greatest imp.

Ultimately CC will be body, Rep

& all people in center - will determine within ~~two~~ <sup>three</sup> months

"What are laws & demands of the city - Naturally - how that Council shall be chosen & how function is & even greater importance than BC



10 That is excellent statement & situation. I have thought about poss. of small group of men category being appointed to a Council, Elder Statesmen. We need all we can do & do some that is available - Such a group of ES comes home strong & helpful influence & make real contribution to life, camp & functioning, CC.

Subinoto Diff. in this election has much explanation - Almost feeling is strong. Feeling is that we are in Concentration camp - we are all alike - all Americans. There is fine chance for ideas & for us there are good Am.

ERS Thanks him -

Reas. section on election -

Juel Is it permissible to have election notes in Bm office  
Ans Not in voting place.



② Function, B.C. to advise concerning  
matters, B.C. members -  
Many questions affecting daily lives  
& residents in B.C. - removal,  
trash - keeping grounds clean -  
food in that mess - B.C. can  
perform valuable service - If it  
does not - no one phones give  
any effort - D.T. B.C. in  
Camp. feel it performs valuable  
service. If people in given  
B.C. not interested in having  
B.C. - no one phones for it  
on them. Purely a voluntary  
matter.

B.C. B.C. members

(No stipulation or restriction was in  
which member, B.C. members chosen  
by whatever means seems suitable to  
residents, & B.C.)



care that to ... there can be  
a consideration of given ...  
Institutions?

Quest. If Blacks has as suitable <sup>nom.</sup> Reps - & there one  
several living on west Blacks - could we borrow his name?  
GRS No. That done in outside world.

Sals Are you aware of needing to be help towards  
help to group to whom you spoke?

Ans No

Sals Is it duty, black M to get this machine going?

GRS Yes - I am sure residents will be act. in  
electing a Rep who will rep their wishes and  
desires -

PCC will make ordinance & regulations. All residents  
will want to have a voice in determining what these  
regulations will be =

Discussion of composition of delegates group -

GRS Appreciate your coming - good at any time to  
talk with Blacks as a group - when they let  
him know in advance -

Intro. Mr. Faye -



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## MINUTES

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### BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: Sept. 16, 1942  
Time: 9:15 a.m.  
Place: 57 Block Manager Office  
Absent: Mr. Paul Kurokawa

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Mr. Sakamoto, who stated that this meeting was not called for any particular subject except that he felt that even though all were still busy they should try to get machinery into motion and to hold weekly meetings as agreed. Until further notice, meetings will be held here every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. This is probably the first formal meeting of the Block Managers.

#### Announcements

1. Some complaints have gone into the Trucking Department from certain Block Managers as not being able to receive certain supplies. The reason for that was there was not enough trucks. Organizational set-up is such that responsibility of certain matters is placed distinctively on a certain person. If any such complaint comes in, that Department Head comes in to investigate the whys. In order to eliminate that as much as possible, if Block Managers would coordinate their activity and direct all complaints through the Central Block Manager's Office, to list them with the Secretary, there would be no misunderstanding.

Question was asked where the office is located. There is eventually going to be a Social Welfare Dept. but the immediate need now is in the Housing Dept. and because of the necessity of being closer to the Dept., it is located at 42-3-A.

2. Because we are running short of blankets, it was asked of Block Managers to ask those who have been issued two blankets to return one. There are persons in certain blocks who are still living on floors and Mr. Baba has said that orders have been put in for a certain amount of cots, blankets, etc. Also there are many who have made their own beds and would probably like to keep their issued ones, but before long we can start sending for our own furniture and beddings from home. The first order was for each person to be issued two blankets but the policy now is one per person.

Block Managers are asked to keep a permanent record of inventory of cots and blankets issued to residents so that it would not be necessary to bother them ever so often and to have this information available at any time.



3. Information has been received that there are many Montgomery-Ward catalogues which have not been distributed at Recreation Hall 47. Block Managers are asked to go down there to see if any belong to residents of their block and get a list so that they can be delivered to their office.

4. Regarding the Block Council, every Block Manager has 14 representatives each now. Mr. Sakamoto suggested that as Block Managers, we should all try to stay out of politics, first, because your positions are of administrative nature and second, it would be a hindrance to fulfill our duties if we got mixed up in politics. In order that all can work for benefit of the people, he suggested that when block meetings are conducted, that Block Managers themselves don't act as chairman of those meetings,--should act as secretary. Get them to elect or appoint by any method you decide among yourselves, someone else to act as chairman of that Block Council. As there were no comments to this suggestion, all were in full agreement with it.

5. Information has been received from the Housing Dept. that most blocks are supposed to have received a memorandum as to taking a weekly census. Upon questioning, it was found that many of the Block Managers had not received it. Mr. Sakamoto stated that this was an army order and that he would send memorandums to them later. As to taking census, a suggestion was made that it should be done on a certain day and on a certain form. It was stated that because housing is not permanent yet and still fluctuating, census may not be very accurate. Mr. Ninokawa suggested that there be a master chart.

Mr. Sakamoto stated that all changes in barracks should be notified to Block Managers. Question was asked that when persons want to move from A to B rooms, should they inform Block Manager or office first. In order to avoid any possible mix-ups, Mr. Sakamoto suggested that even moving from A to B, they should "play safe" and send those individuals to the Housing Dept. (send both parties involved).

It would be a good idea to ask someone in a particular barrack, perhaps Block representative, to take the physical census.

6. Mr. Sakamoto read a memorandum he received this morning which is meant primarily for Izzy Otani and Henry Kuwabara in that Mr. Smith asked Mr. Henderson to acknowledge a petition dated September 12 asking that persons not be moved from Blocks 51 and 58 for school purposes. "We are glad to tell you officially to use Block 41 for the elementary school, Block 42 for civic center, and block 43 for high school. This will make it unnecessary for persons now in Blocks 51 and 58 to move. I understand that persons in Blocks 73 and some in 74 are still to be moved to other locations. We are advised that Blocks 39



and 40 are now almost ready for occupancy and that Block 28 is almost as far along. Since we also have a group of people to move on a volunteer basis from Camp 1, particularly those now living in Block 16, I suggest that you, I, Mr. Yahanda and the three block managers concerned meet together shortly for the assignment of space and consideration of a moving schedule." That means that Blocks 51 and 58 will not have to move; Blocks 41, 42, and 43 are to be used for school and civic center; Blocks 73 and 74 are to move to 39 and 40; that Block 28 is almost ready. Since it doesn't mention about movement in this camp, Mr. Sakamoto stated that he will send a memorandum regarding it and the volunteer movement to Mr. Henderson.

There was much argument and discussion as to the Blocks 73 and 74 having to move to 39 and 40 as stated in the memorandum as there are already people moving into 41 or at least fixing up the rooms with that intention. In order that Block Managers will not encounter too much trouble, Mr. Sakamoto will forward to 73 and 74 Block Managers a copy of the memorandum received from Mr. Henderson to move into those blocks. Mr. Nakamura stated that he had a written agreement to the effect that Block 73 could move to Block 41 which was made with Mr. Yeaton and of which Mr. Henderson probably didn't know. Mr. Sakamoto will speak to Mr. Henderson about the written agreement. It was suggested that Blocks 36 and 37 be used for school instead of 41, also that since school location is temporary, that 42 be used also for school. Mr. Sakamoto suggested that it might just as well instead of using 41 for school, use 43 and 36 or 37.

#### Questions from Floor

1. Mr. Ninokawa asked if it was true that Barracks 13 and 14 were reserved for mess workers. Mr. Sakamoto said that it was not true as he also spoke to Mr. Henderson about it and he doesn't know. A Mr. Itaya is said to have a statement from Mr. Smith stating that they were reserved. Mr. Sakamoto will look into this matter.
2. Question was asked if there was any possibility of getting any kind of transportation for the Block Managers. The reply was Mr. Henderson had said that he expects to get bicycles for all Block Managers. This was unofficial so Mr. Sakamoto will get something in writing to that effect.
3. It was requested that a large table for Block 57 office be provided when meetings are held since it is too inconvenient to borrow. Before long, it is expected that the Central Block Manager will have an office of its own.
4. There is a rumor that 46 Recreation Hall would be made into a canteen and the Block 51 residents are opposed to it. Nothing is known of this rumor.



5. About the iron beds which the last arriving residents had received, others want to know if they can have them too. Mr. Sakamoto will see the Property Dept. and find out how it will be. According to Mr. Miyamoto, he heard from the Supply Dept. that a shipment was being made from the east on Sept. 3rd.

6. Mr. Uyesaka stated that in regards to the complaint which was mentioned, his block received only 150 blankets after being promised more and so informing residents. So he thinks that promises should not be made if they cannot be fulfilled.

7. It was asked what was the set-up on doctors' examinations on Sundays and no medicine being issued on Sundays or Saturday afternoons. Mr. Sakamoto read a memorandum he received on September 1 from Mr. Henderson regarding medical service in Camp #2: "I have checked with Dr. Sleath regarding the provision of medical service at Camp 2, and he tells me that at least two doctors will be on duty during regular office hours and will also be available on call at their quarters at all other hours of the day. He says that he is maintaining twenty-four hours nurse service and during the night when the doctors are not on duty, the nurse will know where to find doctors in an emergency. One hospital car and driver will also be available on a 24-hr. basis, so that he feels there should be no difficulty in sending for a doctor or in transporting sick persons." Therefore any further complaint in regard to above should be forwarded to Dr. Sleath through the Central Block Office.

47 Block Manager stated that one person went to get medicine but the fellow in charge stated that it was 3 o'clock so he couldn't give it to him, but after some harsh talking, he got it.

51 Block Manager complained that a patient was operated on last Sunday and his relatives wanted to know if they could find out how he was getting along, not being able to get information from the hospital. It was suggested that he should go see Mrs. Smith at 65 Recreation Hall as she is in charge of welfare.

8. About no lights having been installed yet in some barracks, the following Block Managers stated their blocks had not any lights: 73, 63, 74, 58, 59, 61, 72, 46, 60, working in 47 and 54. Block Manager 58 asked the electrical engineer about it and he replied that he thought they were already in. This matter will be checked.

9. About the possibility of getting all ditches filled in, none knew but it will be looked into.

10. Mr. Ninokawa asked if it were possible to get laundry rooms set up even if there were no hot water. Mr. Sakamoto replied that the people's delegates have asked for it and in reply Mr. Smith stated that they would have to be patient about those luxuries.



11. Free clothing for those from Tulare is to be distributed from today. They are to go to 72 Recreation Hall to pick them up.

12. Mr. Ninokawa was not clear as to how many janitors each Block was supposed to have. The chairman asked each Block Manager how many men and women janitors each had and it was revealed that there were differences in the number employed for each block so this fact will be straightened out. Mr. Henderson has confirmed the Assistant Block Manager. As to the extra groundkeeper, it hasn't been confirmed but it has been recommended by the doctors so Mr. Henderson has stated that he believes it will go through. Mr. Sakamoto will try to get a confirmation.

13. Mr. Uyesaka asked if there was any possibility of getting some kind of emergency kits for the Block Managers' offices and the reply was that these will be asked for. Also a request was made for some stationery, thumb tacks, containers for trash, etc.

14. Mr. Kuwabara asked what was happening to the temporary Community Council. This matter will be taken up later.

15. A question was asked where one can make complaint about sewer pipes leaking at Blocks 48 and 58; faucet at 47 mess was wide open; faucets at men and women's rooms at 73 and 46 cannot be closed; brush and Dutch cleanser need to be furnished at 73 and 49. Chairman will try to see about them.

16. About the charge for medicine of asthma patient which was mentioned in the last meeting, it was because such medicine was not provided for at the hospital. Doctors have complained that on calls from patients they couldn't come to see them immediately but when they did later, they found patients playing and apparently well. So it was suggested that the Block Managers be notified first in regard to calls and more care be taken in sending for doctor.

17. A suggestion was made that each Department head appear at a meeting and inform the Block Managers on their Department operations, etc. Although all wouldn't be able to come at once, it probably can be arranged so that each could appear at different times.

18. Mr. Sakata has received complaints from residents that mess workers have been taking raw material from mess in spite of all the talk about shortages. It was suggested that the Block Manager bring this fact up in its block meeting at which time the Chief Cook should become aware of it and see to it.

19. About the 35pound meat for each 100 persons, it was demanded that this ruling be followed since it is a set standard.



20. Mr. Sakamoto stated that we should remind ourselves that we are Block Managers and not the Block Council. Although we are concerned for the time being with things of these sort and our work is purely administrative and since the Community Council is not set up yet, they should be called to the attention of Block delegates in their meetings.

#### Temporary Community Council

As Mr. Smith stated, the temporary Community Council will act only in an advisory capacity while the permanent Community Council will have more regulatory powers except in cases of murder and other serious crimes. Block Representatives felt that they would like a reconsideration made about the ruling that persons 21 years of age having to be citizens, are eligible to hold elective offices. This is serious where older people are concerned so the Chairman suggested waiting until they receive a memorandum from the Central Block Office. He again suggested that each Block Manager act as secretary to the Block Council.

#### Additional Announcements

Henry Kuwabara asked that Block Managers inform residents who are subscribers to the Pacific Citizen to please pick up their copies at 58-1-C.

About clothing not received by former Turlock residents, it would be good to take this up at the Block representatives' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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SPECIAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: September 19, 1942

Time: 11:20 a.m.

Place: Block 57 Office

Present: All Block Managers, Mr. Henderson, Mr. Fryer, Mr. Yeaton, Mr. McIntyre, Gila News-Courier reporter

Mr. Henderson was in charge of this special meeting which was called for a very serious business. He first introduced Mr. Davis McIntyre, Regional Chief of Employment and Housing. Mr. Henderson stated that this was the most serious situation faced since the Project was begun. The two counties of Pinal and Maricopa are faced with the problem of having long-staple cotton picked. By request of the government, acreages were extended since cotton was suitable for many military uses and a great quantity was needed to be produced. The labor situation has been a bad one on account of defense industry having left many shortages of workers. Avenues for securing employees are lost; most available source of labor for getting cotton harvested is here at the Gila Project. He stated that it was unfortunate perhaps that the attitude of persons on the outside towards the Japanese is somewhat variable; there are still people who think that the treatment by the government to the Japanese is too good for them. He hopes that all will believe that on the basis that "we are all human beings in this mess and we ought all work for the best way to the best possible solution." Because of the absence of any reservoir of labor, the whole United States and Army are looking for that as here on this Project. We are the last supply here. He believes it is vital that we meet this challenge that is thrown in our laps; first, because if this cotton is not picked, they will blame it on the Japanese, and second, he himself and Mr. Yeaton will be thought of as having slipped up on their jobs. He doesn't want to give the residents the feeling that they are being forced to do the work. He states that if we do the job well, it will do a great deal in making it easier when we go to the outside. "We want this word 'relocation' to mean exactly what it means." He has now officially orders for calls for approximately 1500 workers to pick this cotton. Many of the orders he has now is close to this area. Breakfast hours can be advanced so that workers can go on trucks to ranches and return by night. Those that are further away, it will be necessary for workers to move out there.

Rates. We can only get into the long staple cotton which runs about 750 lint cotton to the acre. Workers are paid on a basis of lint cotton picked, \$3.00 per hundred pounds. The current



rate of \$3.00 is the highest paid at this time. Mr. Henderson stated that "we will guarantee to you that no one will go out of this Project without being paid the prevailing wages." They have refused offers of substandard rates of pay.

What earnings will be. Probably most of the residents haven't picked cotton before so they have to go out to learn, but the average worker will pick at least 100 pounds a day. Later on he should be able to pick 125 and 150 pounds. If one can't pick a minimum of 100 pounds, he thinks there is something wrong with that individual.

Meals. As to orders for work around this place, Mr. Henderson states that Mr. Harding can make mess accommodations so that one mess at each camp can be prepared to serve breakfast to workers at 5:15 a.m. and dinner at 8:30 at night. All trucks would leave here at 6:00 a.m. and be back here by 8:00 p.m. The Mess Dept. is not equipped to pack lunches in sufficient quantities to take along. Jim Shelley of Cooperative Enterprises will take the responsibility for securing supplies so that sufficient lunches are packed to deliver to mess halls at breakfast to be picked up by workers. Mess Halls #6 at Camp 1 and #56 at Camp 2 will accommodate this service. As days become shorter, the meal schedule will be changed. Since there will be dews in early mornings, cotton will not have to be picked when wet.

Fees or deductions. No fees will be charged against you when you accept employment. Ordinarily when on the outside, one will be expected to pay his own bills but under these circumstances, we would not have to look at it from this point of view. There will be no responsibility or deductions for meals, bed and board for those not working and who remain in camp. For those who actually go out to work, there will be a small deduction. The average cost is 35¢ per person to feed those in this Project which includes cost of raw food, labor, utility and overhead. However, breakfast and dinner to workers (cotton pickers) will not be 35¢ but 15¢ which is cost for raw food only. Lunch cost to begin with will be 35¢ which includes all costs. As volume increases, it may be possible to reduce the cost. Therefore, for a family of one or more workers going out in the fields to work, they will be asked to pay a portion of their living costs which is 65¢ per day. It will also be necessary for workers to furnish their own sacks in their cotton picking operations--charge of \$2.50 to be borne by them.

#### Questions

1. What is this sack for? The sack referred to is a large fabric sack into which you put cotton as they are picked. When full they are weighed, dumped out and then you fill it up again.



2. What do you base your rate on? You are paid on piece work basis. Mr. McIntyre stated that as far as he knows, rates here are about the same as in California.

3. How many hours a day do you work? You leave here at 6, ought to get there by 7 or 7:30 depending upon the distance from the job. In evening you leave there 6:30 or 7. The distance is 3 miles from camp up to 30.

4. What about hospitalization? If worker is being transported every day and becomes ill or has injury, he has all the hospital facilities of the Center. If he goes out and lives on the grower's place or on a community camp, there are a variety of arrangement for medical care. In all cases if you become seriously ill, you can return to this Relocation Center for hospitalization.

5. What about compensation? Some growers carry compensation; it is up to the grower since it is not required. When workers come in to sign up at the Employment Office, it is only a preliminary sign up. Employers will be here and workers can talk with them personally and make all deals. Mr. McIntyre stated that he would prefer that those things be talked with growers. Mr. Henderson stated that when a person signs up at the Employment Office, it does not necessarily mean definite acceptance of the job.

6. In regard to injury to fingers or inside of nails, how would hospital care be given? Such injuries are likely to happen until one gets used to the work. One can tape them up but Mr. Henderson will talk to Dr. Sleath about it.

7. Is it possible to quit work? One can quit at any time even if there is a contract. The contract as drawn up now does not apply to those commuting but to those persons who leave camp and take up residence on the growers' camp. In those cases, contract provides for termination by either employer or worker on a 5 days' notice. Amendments will have to be made for those on commuting basis, less than 5 days' notice.

8. When are wages paid out? Every day in cash.

9. When you go out, will there be any m.p.'s? Any trouble started will be taken care of by civil authorities. There will be m.p.'s around county lines. Workers will be given full protection when they leave.

Mr. Frank Sakamoto took the floor and stated he appreciated how Mr. Henderson felt about this thing. He stated he cannot guarantee what percentage are loyal to the United States, but a great portion have always maintained that they are loyal to this country. Although they may have been doubted, they are still loyal and are glad to meet this challenge. However, he didn't think this



should affect all people as all place his security<sup>on</sup> home and family before anything else. In time of war all are willing to sacrifice and do their share. In the list of those who signed up for cotton picking, he noted that (1) most of them were single persons or young men whose family were not dependent on them; (2) there are others who would like to go and sign up if they knew that his family would be cared for; (3) there are those who have not stated anything but are holding back because they want to look after their family; (4) there are those who are willing to sign but must first consider the privacy and security of their families. If they can be given assurance that each family will be given units of its own, he himself will go out and dig up more volunteers.

Mr. Henderson stated that he had neglected one person and proceeded to introduce Mr. Fryer who is to be temporary Director of this camp.

Mr. Fryer stated that he appreciated very much what was being said, particularly what Mr. Sakamoto had to say. He thinks that the desire for family privacy is felt by everyone else. He has the full backing of the Administration in that respect. They have been assured that engineers will leave enough lumber for floors of barracks. The share is desired that unity will be maintained. This cotton problem is extremely important and the authorities are appealing to you but the final decision rests with you. Mr. Fryer will be here at least 6 weeks and he stated he shall have time to meet with the Block Managers and to get the Block Council under way.

It was announced that 200 workers for cotton picking are needed immediately. All arrangements have been made so that the first 200 workers can leave Monday morning. #1 Camp is to get 100 and the #2 Camp 100 workers. It was asked how long the cotton picking season lasts. Reply was 120 days.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40.



*Mr. Henderson*

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BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: September 23, 1942

Time: 9:15 a.m.

Place: Block 57 Office

Absent: Masato Iwamoto, S. Kamiyama, Henry Sakata

Chairman Mr. Sakamoto called the meeting to order and asked if there were any corrections to minutes of the last meeting. There was none. Chairman stated that from now on minutes will be passed out at the following meeting in order to help out the messenger boys' work.

1. Questions brought up in last meeting were taken up with Mr. Henderson and answered.

- (1) About two janitors, two janitresses, and one groundkeeper per block--there is no definite information from Mr. Henderson. He said "no answer." Mr. Sakamoto stated that since there is a practical need he will give his "okay" for all Block Managers to get two janitors and two janitresses. So that these workers will know exactly what to do and to avoid any misunderstandings, it is important to divide their work. The two janitors are to take care of the men's shower room and outside grounds. The two janitresses are to take care of the women's shower room, laundry room and ironing room. Those block managers who have not these four workers will get additional workers and send them to the Employment Office with their "okay".
- (2) About a bicycle for each block office--they are still negotiating; there is no answer yet.
- (3) As to whether barracks 13 and 14 of every block are reserved for mess workers--the answer was no; as far as Mr. Henderson and Mr. Yeaton know, Mr. Smith has not issued such a statement. Mr. Ninokawa asked whether he can get assurance that movement into his block could be held back until mess workers get moved into the block. The reply was that no assurance could be given as all jobs are temporary and it would not be fair to give such privilege to mess workers. Mr. Miyake stated that he also got confirmation from Mr. Fryer that all jobs are on temporary basis.
- (4) Regarding clarifications as regards to doctors' hours Saturday afternoons and Sundays, Mr. Henderson will refer the matter to Dr. Sleath.
- (5) Regarding a clarification as to whether the person in charge of medicine dispensation was right in stating that after 3:00 p.m. he cannot give medicines--this matter was also referred to Dr. Sleath.



- (6) Whether an emergency first-aid kit could be provided to every block office--Mr. Henderson will also ask Dr. Sleath.
- (7) As to if it would be possible to provide every block with trash or rubbish containers, the answer was "not now but trying."
- (8) As to stationery and supplies for every block office--Mr. Henderson stated he will try but Mr. Sakamoto has information about another procedure for getting them so this will be taken up later.
- (9) In regard to no lights yet in some blocks--Mr. Henderson has agreed to talk to them but at the same time Mr. Sakamoto has sent a memorandum to them about it, so they should get results.
- (10) About the sewage pipe and water leakages, a memorandum has been issued.

2. It was announced that requests for minor plumbing repairs should be reported to Center Block Manager's Office at 42-3-A or in case of immediate need, they could be reported to Mr. Yamamoto at 57-10-A or Mr. Kono at 64-8-D who are the two plumbers working under the Housing Department from block to block. If major plumbing work is requested, it will be referred to Furman Brown.

3. In case there is an emergency need for transportation, this can be obtained by going to Warden Office at 64 Recreation Hall as they always have a truck for such cases or see Mr. Yeaton.

4. Mr. Sakamoto read a memorandum from Dr. Sleath regarding visiting Sacaton Indian Hospital. "Various requests have been made by relatives of people hospitalized in the Sacaton Hospital that they be allowed to visit there. This question of visiting in the Sacaton Hospital has been thoroughly discussed with the administration here. The policy adopted is that routine visiting of patients in the Sacaton Hospital by evacuees here should not be allowed. The reasons for this decision are as follows: (1) The rubber shortage in the Project is exceedingly serious and it is felt that the tires and tubes cannot be worn further by such transportation. The seriousness of the situation can be readily realized when we already know that one of our ambulance cars has no spare tire due to the fact that no rubber inner tube is available for it. (2) There is a definite shortage of cars which are available for regular necessary transportation purposes. If such visiting were allowed, one of our hospital cars would have to be used for this transportation and would not be available for emergency duty in the Project. (3) Were visitors allowed to go to the Sacaton Hospital, Caucasian escorts would have to be provided for each trip. Inasmuch as visiting would have to be done during the regular Indian Hospital visiting hours, namely, from 2:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon, these escorts would be very hard to get. For the above reasons, it was felt it would serve the community interest best if visiting in the Sacaton Hospital were not allowed.



This policy applies only to the patients who are not in a critical condition. Every effort will be made to see that relatives of patients critically sick are transported to Sacaton Hospital."

5. It was announced that the memorandum issued to all Block Managers regarding Tulare Center Japanese books confiscated now available at Recreation 72 should be posted as many do not know of it.

6. A memorandum received from Mr. Yahanda, Central Block Manager and Housing Supervisor at #1 Camp regarding Community Garden was read: "Our Farm Division has just informed us that they have set aside 10 acres of land adjacent to Camp Two for the use of its residents. It is set aside primarily for those who wish to grow vegetables as a hobby. All implements will be furnished by the Farm Division. All vegetables grown may be consumed by the residents from their respective blocks. This plan was formulated especially for those who have small patches outside of their apartments and wish larger plots and richer soil." In connection with this, Mr. Sakamoto has sent a memorandum in answer stating that he would like a man from the Farm Division to give more details and explain further.

7. Regarding the weekly census, a copy as issued August 26th was sent to all Block Managers. It should be understood that this census must be sent in every Monday to the Housing Department at 42-3-A, just as weekly meetings of the Block Managers are to be held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. This census is requested by the War Relocation Authority under proclamation of the Army and must be taken once a week. Main objective is to account for total number of evacuees. For the time being until all adjustments in housing can be made, Block Managers are asked to take the census on sheets issued to them and fill in just the last name of families in each room and the number of persons and the total number in block on corner of the sheet. List all names as assigned and if you find out any facts about "borrowed names", make a notation of that on another slip of paper. As to bachelors, it will be necessary to list all names; as to patients in hospital, make that notation. This method will be used until everything is settled, then it will be necessary to only mark the total number of persons.

8. About the shipment of trunks which Mr. Kurihara of Block 52 wanted to know, as far as is known about all baggages, furnitures stored with the government, until warehouse facilities are available here, there is no answer. If a family is sending for a bed, trunk, etc. from his private home and not in government storage, they can be sent for.

- (1) Question was brought up whether those can be sent for at government expense as was discussed back at Tulare. This matter will be looked into.
- (2) As to hatchets confiscated at Tulare, it is not known where they are.



- (3) A request was made for flashlights for all block managers since they are necessary in case of emergencies at night.

9. Steel cots have been issued to half of 46 and most of 47; at first the policy being on temporary basis. There will be a reconsideration since more carloads of steel cots have been received and within a few days, we can find out definitely about it. It was also announced that additional blankets have been received so it will not be necessary to recheck and get back some from those who have been issued two.

10. About data of parolees having to report twice a month, Mr. Kikuchi has been asked about it, but no definite information is known. If such a case comes up, he should be taken to see Mr. Spencer at 65 Recreation Hall. He is presently taking the place of Mrs. Smith.

11. About the list of Block Council members, the following Block Managers are asked to turn<sup>in</sup> their names: Block 49, 51, 52, 54, 59, 61, 63, 65, 72, 73, and 74 for the files of the Central Office.

12. Block Managers were asked what supplies they will need for their offices. The following requisitions will be put in: pencils, papers, notebooks, scratch pads, thumb tacks, pen and ink, mucilage, stapler and staples, folders, clips, wastebasket, blotters, rulers, sign brushes and paint, typing paper, carbon paper, bulletin boards, desk and chair.

13. Mr. Sakamoto introduced Mr. Charles Kikuchi who is Supervisor of the Social Welfare Dept. who stated that the exact procedures as to parolees reports is unknown but he should fill out a change of address card if he has received one of those form letters.

#### Questions from the Floor

1. In the first aid kit, Mr. Ninokawa stated that he would like to have instructions and medical treatments for snake and scorpion bites. A memorandum will be sent to Dr. Sleath asking for instructions.

2. It was requested that some kind of report about patients in Sacaton Hospital be provided. A memorandum will be sent to Dr. Sleath.

3. It was suggested that there should be a pharmacist at the hospital even on Saturday afternoons and Sundays, in case of emergency.

4. About obtaining unemployment insurance, this matter would be for the Community Council but it is of the opinion that it is impossible to get it.



5. Is there going to be a bank in here? Mr. Kikuchi is to find out about that. It was stated that it would be possible to cash government checks at the canteen but not personal checks. A question was also asked about a Postoffice in here.

6. Block Manager 63 reported a gas leakage at his mess.

7. Mr. Kurokawa suggested that <sup>a</sup>Salvage Dept. be created. This will be up to the Community Council. Another suggestion was that Shoe Repair Service be given.

8. It was reported that mess workers are to get clothing and it was suggested that everybody should get them, especially janitors and janitresses in their work. Block Managers are requested to get their names, I.D. Nos., address, sizes of boots, family number and size of gloves.

9. Mr. Otani stated that one of the residents in his block had requested that a crib be provided for his 10 mth. old baby. It was suggested that he make his own; nevertheless, a requisition will be made of Dr. Sleath.

10. A supply of bowl brushes, soap tray for shower rooms, disinfectant was requested. Mr. Sakamoto stated that he had spoken to Mr. Korn about it. Also spigots for faucets at shower rooms was requested.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.



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BLOCK MANAGER'S MEETING

*Mr. Henderson*  
Date: October 28, 1942  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Absentee: Mr. Kuwabara

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake. It was requested that all Block Managers send their block clerk to the meetings in their absence, since there are always some important matters to be discussed.

Instructions about clothing issuance were received by Mr. Huso. At this time, Mr. T. Ishikawa of the Clothing Department was introduced, who immediately proceeded with instructions covering clothing. Two pamphlets were passed out to be read and studied by the Block Managers. Any questions to be answered are to be brought up at the Special Meeting to be held on October 30, 1942 at 9:00 a.m. at 42-3-D at which time Mr. Huso and Mr. Cholt will be present.

The temporary Community Council will set a definite date for election for all new blocks, registration, and closing date of registration.

The following topic of discussions are to be referred to the Community Council:

It was requested by Block Managers in 30 and 31 that traffic around these blocks be cut down.

Requested that the Chairman of Block Council be put on the payroll.

Regarding the barbers, beautician, shoemakers, etc., is just a matter of license. Of course, a small fee will be charged, the wages will be deducted and the balance will be put in the Community Fund.

It was requested that bicycle be obtained for the block managers to go on emergency calls and other important matters.

On October 27 about 3:15 p.m. an emergency hospital call was put in by one of the block managers but was ignored by the hospital saying that all home calls were cancelled. Upon investigating, it was found that only one doctor was at liberty the rest were at Camp 1 on an emergency operation. It was asked that the Community Council take up this matter about hospital calls with Dr. Sleath. However, the chairman requested that all block managers use his discretion in making



emergency call to the hospital. Until the telephones are installed, it seems that the only way to put in an call to the hospital is through the Warden, Fire Department, stop a passing truck or car, or the Housing Department.

It was stated that early morning workers are disturbing the peace on their way to work.

The following business pertained to the different blocks:

Mr. Uyesaka stated that some of the buildings in his blocks were unpainted. Is it possible to obtain paint to do unfinished work? Blocks 49 and 48 are also unpainted in spots. As soon as the contractors leave here, the Army will be here to check the entire camp and any unfinished business will be the responsibility of the contractors.

Mr. Miyata asked if barrack 13 and 14 in Block 73 can be occupied, until the hospital fumigates these two room nobody is to step inside.

Block Manager 28 stated that there is a shortage of seven mess table in his mess hall. How soon is this available?

All recreational activities within the block for the people in the blocks must be referred to the CAS at Rec. 56 Mr. Harry Ota, Director. The CAS will be more than glad to offer any assistance in the interest of young people. The Recreation Hall in each block is under the control of the CAS and permission for use must be obtained from them.

It was asked whether some of the ditches and ground could be leveled off with tractor but according to Mr. Kasamatsu the Administration and the Maintenance Department will be unable to assist, but Mr. Otani replied that much of this improvement may be done with the cooperation of the people in the block working together, since everyone in the block is responsible for the cleaning and upkeep of the ground in which they reside. Block 73 is the only exception to this rule, the reason is because of the rocky ground.

Regarding missing or ~~stolen~~ equipment when there is no evidence to claim the article the block manager in particular cases should get together with the manager of neighbor block and settle such dispute. The chairman requests that the block managers make a list of all repairing and replacing to be done for the next meeting. It seems that there has been quite a number of damages inflicted on buildings and the surrounding vicinity which was must be looked into.

It was requested that block managers call attention to parents at respective meeting regarding the conduct of young people on streets and in the public.



Mr. Sera of the Property Department was asked to furnish a list of necessary office supplies for each Block Manager's office. The bulletin boards for the mess hall and block manager's office will be furnished in the near future. The ironing board pads were also requested again.

A General Discussion was held on the following subject:

Partition Lumber. The first order for 215 partition lumber is in and most of the material is here, however, those in right now will be used for welfare and urgent cases.

? ( Absent Employee: Absence of employee on account of illness must first obtain an okay from the doctor; a paid replacement may then be made temporarily but not for over 20 days.

Sanitation of Latrines: Several complaints were brought in by the people saying that the janitors and janitress in the blocks are not keeping the latrines clean the block managers were asked to warn their employees. The janitor and janitress are requesting for rubber gloves and sanitary cans. A drainage system should be installed in the women's latrine. The plaster boards are wearing out with daily cleaning on the border of the walls 1x12 should be put on the bottom to prevent too much wear.

City Beautification: Mr. Ninokawa asked if another person could be obtained as a block gardener in view of the fact that beautification of the ground around the mess hall and latrines are to be started in the near future, which will require the use of another person.

Wide spaces between the floor of some apartment are to be taken care of with the laying of a linoleum and composition material which are already here.

The installation of telephone will be done in the specified block as soon as the Administration telephones are finished.

The matter of Milk Station for baby feeding will be looked into at once.

A notary public will be furnished by Mr. Kawai and will be in the newspaper.

With the Sign Shop available ~~now~~ it was requested that uniform sign for Mess Halls and Block Manager's Office be made.

Requested if a removable type of screens be installed in the mess hall to facilitate cleaning of windows on both side.

All discrepancy regarding mess halls and crews should be taken up with Mr. Tanaka of Mess Operations.

Meal tickets will be furnished to blocks as soon as the new blocks are filled and settled

Lack of transportation has delayed arrival of freight and



delayed the installation of the Fire Prevention Bulbs. As soon as the trucks are available they will be installed in each barraek.

Who will be responsible when damaged goods are received will be looked into.

In order that evacuees may have their belonging stored in Federal Warehouse by outsider or friends in ~~the~~ town they must first write to the nearest Federal Reserve Bank in either San Francisco or Los Angeles and make application for storage. This question of some of the Vacaville, Suisun and Winters evacuees receiving their stored baggage without their consent will be checked, since no Federal storage is to be received at present until the warehouse in this camp is finished.

It was request that we bring up to the Community Council a Industrial Department.

As there were no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: November 4, 1942

Time: 9:10 a.m.

Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D

Present: All 32 Block Managers. Mr. Huse, Mr. Kawahara,  
Mr. Ishikawa and Mr. Aratani

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake. Mr. Huse of the Employment Office was presented and he gave a short analysis of clothing issue.

Mr. Huse stated that the question of clothing is always apt to pop up, and that they are particularly interested in getting clothing for families of workers. There is no reason for unemployment here except in cases of illness and physical reasons. As to whether temporary employment is applicable, it would be. Minimum requirement is 25 days of work. Part-time workers also get clothing.

Questions by Block Managers were then asked and discussed by Mr. Huse and members of the Clothing Allowance Division.

1. Is there any chance to change the script so that it can be used for other purposes other than clothing? There is no definite answer to that. This should be referred to Mr. Cozzens once more.
2. As to involuntary unemployment, Mr. Huse stated there is no reason for unemployment in this camp so there would not be any unemployment allowances.
3. Mr. Takeda of Block 34 stated that there were many residents in block that want jobs but aren't able to get any. Mr. Huse asked that he send those people in to the Employment Office.
4. In cases of old aged people not working, for their clothing they should go see the Welfare Department or they may be classified as dependents by their working children and receive it that way.
5. Mr. Sakata asked in a case of two workers in a family, one of whom works in this project, how would they get clothing. The one who works here could be head of family and receive clothing for the family but the worker outside of the project would not be entitled to get any.
6. Mr. Kurokawa inquired if in a family of three where the wife works and there is a child, would the husband who does

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not work although capable get clothing. Mother and child would get it but the husband would not.

7. In the case of a worker who becomes ill, will he get paid during that time? This point has never been cleared by the Fiscal Dept.

8. Since when does clothing allowance apply? From September 1st in both camps.

9. How can Block Managers determine whether a person is able to work or not? He should have a doctor's permit or in cases of doubt, send them to Mr. Landward.

10. What about the person who is injured while at work. If there is any person working in that family, the injured person can be a dependent and receive clothing. It is unknown about unemployment insurance.

Summary of the above as given by Chairman is that head of families can be shifted around. The fact that one member of the family is working does not constitute the whole family eligible for clothing unless other members are minors or sick. Each family will be handled as an individual case. Block Managers should use their common sense in handling so that no one in a block can pull a "fast one" on them.

It was stated that where allowance is not enough, that family may request more from the Welfare Department. In regard to cases handled by the Welfare Dept., a copy of the report will be given to block managers concerned so that there will be no duplication.

Question was asked if Block Managers can get clothes. Chairman is working on it with Mr. Henderson.

Mr. Ishikawa, in charge of clothing allowance in Butte Camp, announced that Forms GR-23 and GR-24 were in so the Block Managers should drop in his office at 42-1-A to pick them up. He also instructed them to write out one copy each if they have no typewriters. If they do type them, he asked them to make one extra for his office. Mr. Kawahara, Canal Camp clothing allowance representative, suggested that GR-23 forms be made out first, then the GR-24 later. These requisitions are for the month of September. Any other questions or points not clear may be taken up to the Clothing Division where either Mr. Ishikawa or Mr. Aratani will assist.

Mr. Taki Asakura of the Housing Department presented his problems at this time. He expressed his appreciation of the hard work that Harry Miyake and Frank Sakamoto had done in having been responsible for finally getting partitions but the



problem now is in furnishing stoves for the divided rooms. Because of the contract for their purchases and blue-print of where they are to be placed, families in these divided rooms will have to compromise or sacrifice its use. Every room will have a stove as per the original plan. He is working on a solution for this problem but in the meantime, he asks the Block Managers to be patient about it.

Another matter Mr. Asakura mentioned was that of lumber. Because of need for lumber for evacuees, he was able to convince the administration that they should purchase some for distribution to evacuees. A contract for purchase of \$27,000 worth was all set and ready to be signed this morning but it fell through on account of lumber stolen and shed broken into few days prior. It was discovered that windows and doors for use of partitioned rooms were also missing. The problem now is what should be done about getting them back. Block Managers expressed the desire not to be given responsibility of getting them back. It was agreed that the Community Council should take care of the matter. It was also recommended that the missing lumber be purchased by the army from the contractor and the method for retrieving them be settled later.

#### General Business

1. Fertilizer. A load (enough for 12 blocks) of cow manure is here and as to where the man should start delivering them, it was decided that he should begin from block 66 and go down the area. Block Managers concerned should go back to their blocks as soon as meeting is adjourned and get some help to unload and select the site of its unloading.
2. Census. All census should be in today.
3. Election. Saturday is election day for the new blocks. Block Office should be kept open until 9 p.m. and the election board tally the votes and make a summary setting forth the number of qualified voters, number that voted, number of disqualified votes. The sealed envelope of ballots should be ready to be picked up Sunday morning.
4. Block meetings. Chairman announced that any blocks having meetings and desiring his attendance, if he notified of the date he will be glad to attend.
5. Rubbish. It was requested that the blocks segregate cans and rubbish.
6. Milk station. Milk and baby-food can be gotten at Mess 41 or hospital.
7. Federal storage. Shipment has come in and are being delivered now. Those evacuees affected should make a requisition for what is needed at present in their apartments.



8. Laundry plugs. A supply will be delivered to Block Managers who will be responsible for them. 100% will be supplied.
9. Requisition for block managers' offices. Block Managers are asked to go back and make a list of supplies of absolute necessity.
10. Linoleum. Chairman suggested that Block Managers make an inspection of the barracks that need immediate floor attention and make a list of them.
11. Building damaged and windows missing. Please submit a list of these also.
12. Leveling of grounds. This should be taken care of within the block. As to the big ditches, they should be left until later when the tractors can do the job.
13. Ironing room. Chairman has found out that definitely no ironing pads will be furnished. In this case, probably the fuse in barracks will be enlarged to take care of ironing in the apartments. Chairman will work on use of the ironing room for recreation within that block.
14. Rubber gloves, boots. These articles for janitors and janitresses is being worked on. It was stated that rubber goods are hard to get.
15. Clothing issue for janitors and janitresses are necessary for sanitation purposes. Chairman will make recommendation.

#### Additional Business

1. In regard to holes having been placed in rooms for purposes of oil heaters, Mr. Sakata talked to Mr. Brown and showed him the inconvenient placement of these holes especially in B and C rooms. Therefore he was informed that placement of holes in B and C rooms will be temporarily held up.
2. Inventory. Block Managers are asked to take it on sheets provided by the Property Dept. Cots and mattresses need not be taken into consideration at this time. Inventory should be taken once a month.
3. It was asked if there were any cleaners in this camp. This matters will be up to the community council.
4. Request was made for lysol instead of clorox.
5. It was suggested and requested that candles or lamps be furnished in case of black-outs. Chairman states that there will be 6 lamps for each block--tentative not definite.
6. People who want to get things out of government storage



will have to wait.

7. Water pipe facilities, it was brought out, was inadequate to A apartment residents. Chairman stated that this matter was taken up when they were first installed but the fact is no pipes are available. This matter is being worked on. Residents are advised not to touch any gas pipes. Regulations will probably come out.

8. One block complained of no lock on boiler room which is dangerous to the children, in that they may play in it.

9. Water hose for residents was requested.

10. How about a party for block managers was suggested by Mr. Uyesaka? It is recommended if they would go ahead and make plans for it.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



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MINUTES  
OF  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: November 12, 1942  
Time: 9:10 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Messrs., Takeda, Kobata, Kinoshita, Kamiyama

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake. He introduced Dr. Furuta who is in charge of sanitation of the camp.

Dr. Furuta brought up a few points in regard to block sanitation. The main problem is in the checking up of latrines weekly by boys who find some blocks excellent and some very filthy. Reason why this check up is done and why he is here is not to create more work for janitors but hospital records in the past several months show quite a number of communicable diseases such as infantile paralysis, several cases of typhoid fever and too many cases of valley fever. All these diseases can be passed from person to person and from flies in the camp. Since there are no screens in barracks and latrines, it means that we have to do our best to try to keep down possibilities of spreading these communicable diseases. Spreading results from filthy and unclean toilets where flies bring out and take to kitchens. Dr. Sleath, Mr. Henderson and he had a little conference in that the minimum standard of the latrines should be that janitors should wash toilet bowls and urinals at least 3 times a day. It is up to the janitors to work out some schedule with the least interference. He should clean by scrubbing and always with a disinfectant. Sweeping floors and cleaning wash stands can be done once a day but the most important are the bowls and urinals.

Dr. Furuta has issued to Mr. Henderson a list of necessary equipment for the janitors to do their work properly which are: For the single latrine--1. Broom; 2. Push Broom; 3. Bowl brush; 4. Hand brush for scrubbing walls; 5. 1 mop, bucket and wringer; 6. Rubber suction pump; 7. Cleaning rags; 8. Cleansers and disinfectants which are powdered soap, chlorinated lime, and scouring powder. This memorandum was given to Mr. Henderson on September 17th and according to Block Managers, very few of the above have been received by them. Mr. Sera of the Property Dept. who was present stated that requisitions had been put in quite a while ago but still haven't been received. It was suggested that he go back to Procurement Division and press it on them and if he still can't get action, to let him know at Rm. 7 Hospital and he, Mr. Sera, and Mr. Miyake should all go together to see this thing through. There is a fear of an epidemic and it is very important that the necessary equipment and supplies be furnished. As to use of lysol instead of sani-clor, Dr. Furuta stated that for cleaning bowls, chlorinated lime or sani-clor is better. Way to get rid of flies is to get at its source. They have asked the garbage trucks to change their system, also location of the rubbish. He has suggested that a building be constructed for incinerators between the two

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camps to burn all rubbish. He is asking Block Managers to make an official request to Mr. Henderson for it. Question was asked by Mr. Ninokawa as to what he considered as emergency cases to get ambulance service. Dr. Furuta stated that he was not an M.D. and it wasn't in his line but he did think that there's a fault in the hospital set-up but they are working on it, also that telephones may be installed in Block Managers' offices to handle calls.

Regarding clothing issuance, statement has been received to "hold everything." Also there has been a misunderstanding as to welfare cases so Chairman asked Mr. Landward in charge of the Welfare Dept. to make some clarification. He explained why the statement was issued on clothing to "hold everything." A new system for handling clothing is being revised in which the Welfare Dept. is to have supervision. Housing Records Dept. is also now starting census for filling out family records. He said that everyone who is employed is entitled to regular clothing allowance and that there are certain classes that come under welfare either voluntary or involuntary. He cited cases and examples that come under that classification: One case where the husband was working as warden but had to quit to take care of the children after his wife became ill; families whose husbands are interned and wives' duties to stay at home; heads of families who are old age or disabled. Families penniless or broke, they assume are welfare cases and given them money for minimum needs. Mr. Kikuchi is the chief investigator and visits families to attempt to find out how much money they might have. His personal theory is that people should help themselves as much as they can without working a hardship on them for their self-respect and pride. Where there really is an urgent need, they try to give it to them that same day.

#### Questions and Discussion regarding Welfare

1. Mr. Kobata asked if their cases were all involuntary unemployed. Reply was no, they may be employed but need additional assistance.
2. Mr. Miyake asked of a case of a head of family of 4 able to work but will not, and wife and children do not work. Reply was husband is not entitled to receive clothing but dependents will receive as welfare cases as their needs arise, not regular allowance.
3. Mr. Hayashi inquired if there was any age limit of workers. Mr. Landward stated that it was more according to health and physical conditions so he does not wish to set an age limit. Mr. Kikuchi said that for welfare cases it is not necessary to have minimum age but as to clothing allotment, it should be set. Mr. Landward said that all clothing will have to be worked with Employment Office but he suggests that age limit of 65 and over can be set and then investigate each such cases. Mr. Kikuchi also suggested that it would be simpler to include some of them as dependents in a family unit rather than as welfare cases.



4. Mr. Kikuchi explained what constitutes a welfare case is those people that are in need. He asked the Block Managers to submit names of person which they consider as welfare cases but actual determination would be up to the Welfare Dept. Mr. Landward requested Block Managers to go over their block and make a list of real needy cases and turn over to Harry Miyake or Mr. Tamura or Miss Kimura at present in Housing Dept. The difficulty is in finding out if and how much money the family has. Opinion of Mr. Landward is that those who are in need will go to friends about it and those friends will go to Welfare Office or Block Managers will hear of such and report. In some immediate cases, they can be given some aid in advance on their clothing allowance at a minimum. Those are half and half welfare cases.
5. Mr. Kurokawa brought up the point that former Turlock residents were prejudiced in that all former Tulare residents got clothing while they did not. According to a letter received from Captain Fullerton of W.C.C.A., Mr. Landward stated that it was not a right given them but a privilege to get the clothing upon application.
6. Mr. Landward stated that the Welfare Dept. also tries to settle some family problems or personal maladjustments or mentally unbalanced. If there are cases that need such help, send them to Welfare.
7. Mr. Miyake asked in regard to weddings, that a wedding cake should be presented to the couple from the camp. Since bakeries request furnishing of sugar which is rationed, it should be gotten from the whole "pot" instead of individual kitchens. Mr. Landward said he'll take this up with Mr. Harding. Mr. Miyake also asked him to find out about the sugar rationing books, whether they can get some benefit from them.
8. Mr. Kikuchi asked Block Managers to report if they hear of cases where young boys instead of attending school get jobs by lying about their age.
9. Mr. Landward mentioned what his Dept. handles besides welfare-- matters regarding repatriation, evacuee property, insurance, student relocation, special transfer, individual outside employment, special round trip passes on busses, also welfare involved in partitions, linoleum and stoves.

Chairman stated in regard to minutes of meetings, that he hopes Block Managers study the outline form and that it serves its purpose.

#### Business Matters

1. Clothing issuance. He has received a memorandum that new instructions have been received and that Block Managers should withhold the work they are doing and hand in to Clothing Office all they have completed. Or if applications are near completion to complete them before handing in.



2. Census. Send people that have not been interviewed to Employment Office as it is necessary before clothing can be issued.
3. American Legion of this community has asked for names and addresses of boys serving in the army now and names and addresses of parents living here. Chairman asked Block Managers to go back and announce at their block meetings requesting such information.
4. Ironing room. Chairman has asked Mr. Brown and Mr. Cozzens if it can be used for recreational purposes. It was flatly refused. Mr. Cozzens says that it will be provided for ironing. It was brought out that it is dangerous to put pennies into fuse boxes. If ironing room is not complete, they are working hard to do so.
5. Illness of employees. Chairman noted in schedule of timekeepers that if any person assigned to work contacts illness and cannot work, he must first get a doctor's order that he is ill and balance of that month, he will be paid regardless of whether he works or not. If it is determined that he will be sick for the following month he will be terminated on condition that he will get the job back as soon as he gets well.
6. Block Census. The Housing Dept. policy has changed in that from now on, Block Managers should get census information according to where residents actually live. These census reports should be turned in every Monday and it is important that they get it by checking the barracks, not by last week's report or guess work.
7. Election of Blocks 36 and 44 for council can be held either Friday or Saturday but it is important that they be held.
8. A memorandum was received from Farm Management regarding seed plants of shiro-uri being taken away from the fields. These things regarding stealing should be brought up before block meetings and discouraged. It's going too far when school furniture and hospital furniture are taken. Regarding vegetable plants, if anyone wants them, they will be given them by asking without having to take without asking.
9. Chairman informed Block Managers that the man in charge of making holes for heaters is Mr. Burr.
10. Memorandum regarding recruitment of nisei and kibe for enrollment in language school was received. Those interested should turn in their names to Mr. Landward's office.
11. A memorandum was received from Mr. Henderson regarding need for typewriters. Anyone having any to rent or sell should let the office know.
12. In regard to passes by bus to Camp 1, you should get it at Mr. Henderson's office.



Questions from floor

1. Mr. Iwamoto asked what happened in closure of gas heaters. The reason is some safety valves are missing and there is danger in not having them. Chairman will check up on how soon they will get them. If it will be for an indefinite period, he will propose to have hot water only during certain hours.
2. One Block Manager asked that they be given at least one hour's notice before water is turned off for a long period of time as it causes inconvenience of work in kitchens, etc.
3. Block 32 Manager requested lights at end of street, also screens for each window of barracks.
4. 60 Block Manager would like lights on main street as there are up to 59 Block. Reason for none is probably not enough material.
5. 36 Block Manager requested faucets or such for water cans as school children are always using them.
6. 32 Block Manager asked for block gardeners as there is lot of work for them.
7. 40 Block Manager wants water sprinkled on adjoining vacant lot as it becomes very dusty with school children playing all day there.
8. 28 Block Manager stated that the lumber dumping pile needed to be cleaned since there aren't much lumber there now except for scraps of paper, etc. and it doesn't look so good in that condition.
9. Block Managers are requested to ask residents not to throw rubbish in outside open fields.
10. Mr. Kurokawa asked in regard to mess troubles that Block Managers be not named.
11. 33 Block Manager asked that floor racks be provided in shower rooms. Chairman informed him that at beginning they were furnished but considered unsanitary. He suggested that people wear "getas" into showers.
12. 66 Block Manager stated that there is urgent need for partitions in women's latrines. This will be looked into.
13. Mr. Ishimaru wanted an explanation as to school children being provided with lunches--those of certain blocks but not his. It was brought out that through efforts of Mr. Ninokawa they were able to provide lunches for children under 10 years. For blocks that hadn't received this privilege, it was suggested that they



take it directly up with Mr. Harding. Block Managers concerned, namely 55, 56, 57, 58, 64, 65, 66 were requested to find out how many children under 10 years there were in their blocks and Chairman will take this matter up.

14. One Block Manager asked that there be uniform ruling as to lumber being moved away from side of house as announced in newspaper. It is believed that it was probably a misprint.

15. A request was made for lumber for Santa Anita evacuees.

16. Mr. Kurokawa wants it straightened out about private industry. Chairman stated he will check up before saying anything.

17. Padlocks for each Block for use at Block Manager's Office, 3 boiler rooms, 2 ironing rooms were distributed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



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MINUTES  
of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: November 18, 1942  
Time: 9:10 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Messrs. Kasamatsu, Ninokawa, Chogyoji, Wada  
Absent: Mr. S. Kamiyama

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake. The following matters were immediately taken up and discussed:

1. Chairman again asked that Block Managers turn in names and addresses of soldiers as requested by the American Legion and also the names and addresses of parents, relatives, or friends.
2. There has been a complaint from the Housing Dept. where housing changes have been made by Block Managers. It was stated that Block Managers have no authority to do so even within the block without notice from the Housing Dept. Chairman requested Block Managers to report to Housing Dept. any cases who move into their blocks without authorized slips. He also stated that those not wanted within the block for some reason should be reported to the Welfare Dept. but Block Managers should take into consideration various angles and use their discretion in making such requests.
3. In regard to cans and rubbish, Chairman asked Block Managers to ask residents within their blocks for their cooperation in segregating cans from rubbish as the presence of cans in rubbish causes considerable trouble to garbage men.
4. Block Managers were asked their opinion in permitting the Plumbing Dept. to have keys for boiler rooms as they are afraid of the danger in permitting janitors to have keys in that they may handle the boilers. It was the opinion of most Block Managers that the plumbers need not have keys; whenever they want them, they can get them from the Block Managers' offices. Janitors and janitresses should be instructed not to touch the boilers.  
As to the question why can't the plumber get a master key, it was brought out that there would be trouble in placing responsibility in case anything went wrong.  
In regard to safety valves, Chairman believes a few have come in and that eventually all will be supplied.
5. As to the matter about partitions in women's toilets, at the time a memo was sent to Block Managers, the plan was that W.R.A. was to furnish the material and the blocks to furnish labor. The following day, information was received that the army was to furnish material and W. R. A. labor. Chairman believes material



will be here within 10 days.

Also regarding drains in women's toilets, they were omitted from the contract. That fact was discovered so the Army has ordered the material and will put them in.

6. Chairman announced that Mr. Oye, one of first licensed pilots, is here in this Center and is organizing a model airplane club. Any children interested are welcome to join; announcement will be in newspaper. He lives in the 44 block and probably will be in the educational and recreation divisions.

7. Chairman stated that up to now, all proposals from Block Managers have been taken up by Chairman and Assistant but since the community council has been organized, matters pertaining to their functions should be given them. Block meetings should be held as usual and matters brought up in Block Managers' meeting, certain ones to be turned over to council.

8. Noon hour lunch for children under 10. Mr. Cozzens has not "ok'd" it but his secretary Mrs. Lark says it will be taken care of. It perhaps will be within a day or two.

9. Electrical trouble in apartments. A memorandum has been received from the Electrical Dept. in that certain materials have come in and that they will take care of broken lamp holders and other troubles. Block Managers are asked to report them to the Dept. at Warehouse 78-1.

It was brought out that too many fuses have burned out so Block Managers should check up and also ask residents not to use pennies in fuse boxes. Mr. Sakata said he noticed wiring fault in the lamps in his block apartments which contractors did. Anyway, it was suggested that in case of any electrical troubles, Block Managers should demand service of the Electrical Dept.

10. Property Dept. has sent in a memorandum that tools such as carpentering and gardening must be kept at the Block Manager's office when not in use and he must account for each item. Lawn mowers will be issued one per block and should be returned to the office immediately after use. When making inventory once a month, all items in his custody even if in use in other apartments should be included. Beds that are no longer needed by persons who receive their personal beds are not to be re-issued but delivered to Block Manager's office where they will be picked up by Property Dept. Chairman stated that steel beds will be accumulated and distributed fairly to residents. Each block is requested to take inventory of steel cots, cots, blankets and mattresses by Monday, November 23rd.

Mr. Ninokawa asked if one can collect damage on Federal stored property that is received damaged. Chairman will refer this to the community council. It was suggested that a record be kept of when the property was received and where it



was damaged. Some damages may be the fault of the owner for not crating them properly especially in the case of refrigerator and washing machine.

Mr. Hayashi asked who is in charge of excess furniture, where to store, etc. in reference to the Federal stored property received. Mich Yamamoto of Housing Dept. is in charge so he should go see him.

Chairman stated that Mr. Henderson was to come to the meeting this morning but was probably busy.

Questions from the Floor.

1. Mr. Kinoshita asked where to go to find out about missing parts of stored property.. He should go see Mr. Yamamoto. It may have been that tags came off or was misplaced or such.
2. Mr. Takemori asked about people having merchandise that they would like to sell. They should go see Mr. Shelly.
3. Mr. Satomi raised a question regarding definition of involuntary unemployed persons as in Heart Mountain, Wyoming paper. It was stated that it was the same as is explained here.
4. Mr. Takeda, in reference to barber shops which are badly needed, asked if it would be possible for each block to go ahead and have its own at a certain place. This matter is up to Mr. Shelly and it was suggested that a portion of laundry room be used.
5. Mr. Nakamura brought out a complaint about hospital inefficiency. He stated that a patient by name of Mr. Nagano was taken to the hospital by ambulance yesterday morning but upon arrival was told to come back tomorrow because they were too busy. He walked home but that night his condition was such that a doctor was called. It was found that he had to have an immediate appendicitus operation. Chairman will take this matter up.
6. Mr. Takeda also made a complaint about doctors and their attitude towards their work. He suggested that American doctors be brought in here. Chairman said as was mentioned by Dr. Furuta that there was a fault in the hospital set-up. Also that many doctors are in the army; many Japanese doctors are interned and if doctors are really needed he thinks they should be released.
7. Mr. Sakata asked about the stove situation. Reply was it's coming, probably very shortly.
8. Mr. Kinoshita asked about private enterprise as published in newspaper prior to Block Managers having knowledge. Chairman explained the implied interpretation by people of Mr.



Cozzens' statements and facts brought before Mr. Cozzens. Chairman said that it is definite that private industry will come in but the problem is how income will be distributed.

9. It was brought out that clothes line location should be uniform even if temporary as Mr. Otani notes some trouble in his block regarding it. This matter will be brought before the community council.

10. Mr. Kurokawa requested that some kind of identification tags be put on babies because of many instances where they stray away from home. It was suggested that mess hall tickets with names and addresses on back of them be used. This matter should also be for community council.

11. Mr. Chogyoji said that many mess supervisors have expressed the desire to have a joint meeting of all mess supervisors. It is a good idea but someone from the Mess Division should also attend. This will be taken up. Discussion with regard to mess faults and personnel was also had.

12. Announcement was made that there will be a joint meeting of the Block Managers and Community Council tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. sharp at Mess 52. Canal camp representatives will also attend.

13. Mr. Takeda asked that since ironing rooms are not complete yet, if it would be possible for people to get lumber to make an ironing board temporarily or take boards out of ironing room and use themselves. Chairman did not give opinion on latter suggestion. Mr. Sera of Property Dept. stated that long fuses for the rooms were here but pads were not. Chairman said he will take this matter up with Mr. Brown to see if 13 more fuses per block can be supplied so that the rooms can be used. Something can be done about the padding. So until he finds out, he asked Block Managers not to do anything.

14. Mr. Kasamatsu asked that lights be supplied on south side of latrines. This matter is for community council.

15. A request was made for additional rubbish containers.

16. Supply of candles or lamps for blocks was asked.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.



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MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING  
of  
BLOCK MANAGERS AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
Butte and Canal Camps

Date: Nov. 19, 1942  
Time: 7:40 p.m.  
Place: 52 Mess

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Erie Kawai. He greeted the Block Managers and Council from Canal Community and extended them heartiest hospitality of Butte Community. He stated that he hoped the discussion tonight can come to some agreement and to familiarize the group with what is to be said he called on the Assistant Project Director to introduce the distinguished group of people here.

Mr. Korn, before introducing some of men from San Francisco and other places, introduced Dr. Furuta, Chairman of the Canal Community Council, next Mr. Reynolds in charge of industries, Mr. Morgan, United States Engineer from Los Angeles, Mr. Stall, representative of the contracting company, and Mr. Harvey Coverly, Assistant Regional Director from San Francisco.

Mr. Coverly said it was a great pleasure for him to be here this evening. He stated that he was Project Director of Manzanar for the past few months and is well acquainted with problems and responsibility of the community council and Block Managers in the development of their community. He presented Mr. Everett Standcliff, head of Industrial Division of Regional Office, who has a concrete plan to discuss.

Mr. Standcliff stated he was particularly glad to be here as he can speak of something concrete. He has "a concrete proposal to offer you and you have the privilege of deciding what to do with it." He obtained through the U. S. Engineers contract to operate the camouflage net project. Policy of W.R.A. is that when a private industry enters a relocation area, it must pay prevailing wages either directly to workers or it may be paid part to workers and part to community trust fund, providing that is decision of the community. Prevailing wages is to be 60¢ an hour. This 60¢ an hour is based upon the production of a thousand square feet garnishing of net in an 8-hour period. Way this figure was arrived at was through suggestions of engineer and also their feeling that it was reasonable. That is 48¢ for every square feet. The decision to be submitted to the people for their consideration is how this money is to be distributed. He suggested 3 separate plans, one is more of a combination of others.

Where prevailing wages is paid in each of the plans, subsistence charge will be paid to the W. R. A. for actual cost of subsistence of worker and dependents. It is contemplated that the net factory would employ approximately 960 workers. The figures he will give are estimates per month of what would happen under the three different plans that are proposed. These plans

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are based on month of November with 184 working hours (44 hr. week) and taking average of Manzanar, Gila and Parker Projects and the figures on 960 net workers and 6500 workers in all activities of this camp. Only citizens can work on project.

Plan #1. All money goes directly to worker in net factory, sub-sistence deducted; dependents estimated  $\frac{1}{2}$  for each worker. Subsistence charge of \$20.00 per month for worker and basis of \$16.00 per month for dependents or in this case \$8.00. For the actual worker garnishing 1000 sq. ft. per day for a month, he would receive \$82.40; 1500 sq. ft. \$126.00.

Plan #2. Deductions of charge for subsistence is made and wages of W. R. A. are paid. Net worker would receive \$16.00 and everybody among the 6500 would receive \$9.00 more per month if he garnishes average of 1000 sq. ft. per day for a month. If he garnishes an average of 1500 sq. ft., then \$14.98 would be divided to the 6500.

Plan #3. Provides a bonus to individual worker on net project and still a distribution to all workers in community. Provides same deductions for subsistence. For the worker who average 1000 sq. ft. per day for the month, he would receive personally \$10.00 in addition to the \$16.00. On that basis he would get \$16.00 plus \$10.00 plus \$7.64 which would also be divided to all other workers. Total he would get is \$33.64 based upon 1000 sq. ft. It was suggested that if he does more than 1000 sq. ft. and so that he is given incentive to produce more, that a bonus in addition to the \$10.00 be added; that is  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a cent all over 1000 sq. ft. If all workers garnished 1500 sq. ft., they would receive \$11.50 and all workers in community would receive \$13.63. The worker would then receive \$16.00 plus \$10.00 plus \$11.50 plus \$13.63, total \$51.13.

If the basis of paying a bonus of \$10.00 and the balance into a trust fund were used, then approximately \$50,000 a month would be distributed all over the community. If 1500 sq. ft. were garnished, \$96,000 would be distributed. The engineers are very anxious that some plan be made.

Mr. Korn explained that this meeting was held mainly to explain the three plans and as Mr. Standcliff had mentioned, they do not expect a decision to be made here tonight. One point should be cleared up before the Block Managers and Council discuss this entire matter with the people in the block and that is that the final decision should be made as to what plan should be adopted by all workers.

Chairman Erie Kawai stated that he will again repeat that "we don't expect a decision to be reached tonight." All these things presented are last minute changes and last minute dopes of enterprise within this community.

The meeting was then thrown open for questions. Some of questions ~~and~~ discussed and clarified were:



1. Regarding compensation based on 60¢ per hour, in order to arrive at it, it had to be based on a certain production. 60¢, which is \$4.80 a day, is based upon 1000 sq. ft. and payment will be made on piece work basis.

2. First contract is based on a short period (2 months) If you wish to continue, you may do so. Determination of extension is up to U. S. Engineers. W. R. A. makes no commitments and no guarantee as to workers, as the plan of W. R. A. is to help evacuees get relocated outside of this community and at present do not plan to bring additional industries into the community. Any renewal of contract is with understanding that W. R. A. and evacuees would cooperate. W. R. A. does not get a single cent from the contract.

3. Why a difference in this and cotton picking project? As far as private industry is concerned, there is no relation between the two. Mr. Korn stated that during time of cotton picking, it was an emergency and subsistence charge had not been established. It was necessary at that time to make a decision here and in order to speed up the project, decision was made to deduct only for cost of meals.

Mr. Henderson stated that the window cleaning work at the hospital was for a day and a half and considered another emergency so Mr. Cozzens said that since subsistence rate had not been established, they will deduct only for meals.

"This is the first major industry to be placed in any relocation center and this is the first place we have come," stated Mr. Standeliff. He also thought that 60¢ an hour is better than 50¢ and that it is a reasonable amount and reasonable deduction for subsistence.

4. What size are the nets? 36 x 44.

5. As to subsistence for dependents, who would be classified as dependents? Naturally a wife if she is not working and minor children. Niseis only are eligible for jobs, therefore the small figure for dependents was used.

6. How many are employed in this center now? Mr. Henderson said around 5500. For the farm, they are contemplating on putting in dairy, poultry, etc. so there would be more to be employed there but that can be taken care of.

7. Has there been a survey made of the unemployed? Mr. Henderson stated that there were in excess of 500 that want some kind of work; they have stated a preference but would take other work. There are about 200 or 300 workers in cotton fields who have not re-registered for work. Also there are a great many who have never registered for work and so there are a lot of resources there.

8. Where does money go that is collected for subsistence? It goes to the W.R.A. to pay for board and room medical expense, etc.

9. On basis of 60¢ an hour, suppose a man does not work 1,000 sq.



ft., how much would he be paid? It would be less than 60¢ an hour. Mr. Standcliff also stated that the best workers were women and girls.

10. With which company is this contract to be made? Southern California Glass Co., Mr. Stall representative. It's a very strong company; money will be paid at least every two weeks. At any rate, payments will be made regularly like any other industry.

11. Are there any allowance for non-productive workers? It will have to be worked out but they will try to give them same as productive workers.

12. Would dependents have clothing allowance? Mr. Standcliff thinks all clothing allowance should be paid out of community fund. Mr. Korn stated that it was not incorporated in rulings but he hopes to get an answer from proper authorities as to what part clothing issuance would play in this problem of private industry.

Mr. Korn thinks these questions are important but on the other hand he said "they are anxious mainly to find out what is your decision in regard to the three plans. I wish to state that an emergency exists now; army is in dire need of camouflage nets in military activities. Everyone is anxious to get these net factories into operation as soon as possible. There are some details that could be ironed out after you have made your decision as to which plan or a modification. Within a very short time, within the next week or sooner we hope that we can get a decision from the workers within the Project."

13. What is going to happen to the money from the farm enterprise? Mr. Korn stated the question of the revolving fund is of concern. It is based on the principles that the fund would be established for the community from profits above operating expenses. He thinks it would be a long time before this point is reached and he feels that the answer to the people within the block is that they should not start talking about profits at this time.

14. How long would it take before this clothing allowance would be made out? Within a day or two.

15.. Is it your intention to start this net factory regardless of the response of the people? No, if only a few come, he would say to take it out, not to open it.

16. Is subsistence based on monthly or daily basis? It will be pro-rated in case a person doesn't work the whole month.

17. Will there be disability compensation paid? Private industry insurance law requires that they carry compensation insurance. They have to decide whether or not Social Security or Old Age Pension taxes will be applied. That decision will be reached by



engineers.

Mr. Stall stated that they were primarily interested in getting nets made. Mr. Korn said that there is need by army for camouflage nets and he wishes that that be kept in mind. Operation of private industry will not interfere with operation of project. Settle which of the three plans you would like to choose.

Mr. Kawai stated the problem was distribution of wages. This work is going to be started if there are enough workers. Let the people decide. He hopes that by next Thursday, he can have decision of Block Managers and Council.

Mr. Miyake asked Block Managers to bring it up in their respective block meetings and bring answer back by Saturday. He suggested that in determining the reply, such reply shall specify if favorable and adequate explanation if unfavorable.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



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of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: November 25, 1942  
Time: 9:05 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Messrs. F. Ito, T. Kinoshita

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.  
The following matters were taken up:

1. Census. Housing Dept. wants to thank all Block Managers for their cooperation in turning in Census reports. Chairman also announced that more evacuees were coming in to this camp from Montana.
2. Stored property damaged. Foodstuff were not supposed to have been stored but regarding damaged furniture, Fed. government will be responsible. Chairman has asked Truck Division to make such notation of damage on outside of bill of lading slip. As to broken dishes, keep a list of such in Block Manager's office.
3. Announcement was made requesting Block Managers to round up empty Sani-clor bottles and keep in their office for refilling by Property Dept.
4. A memorandum has been received from Mr. Henderson regarding turning in weekly time report of Block Managers, Clerks, and Janitors to timekeepers and also a request that Block Managers get a list of names, addresses, title and salary of employees in their block. Chairman will take the latter up so he asked them not to do anything until they hear from him. Block Census is to be turned in to Housing Dept. on Mondays; at the same time he asked that time reports be brought in. Also that they report any unauthorized changes in the block.
5. Mr. Oji announced that Employment Office desired information about all residents of each block. It was opinion of Chairman that the Employment Office could get this information itself instead of asking Block Managers.
6. Mr. Oji also brought out the fact that dead mail is accumulating at the Post Office. Block Managers should inform residents to make out change of address cards, also at their convenience Block Managers should stop at the Post Office and check over the pile.
7. Utensils confiscated at Tulare. Turn in names, addresses and fair description and quantity as soon as possible. The date for opening the box of these utensils will be announced in the Gila News. Chairman stated that they want to be fair in returning them but there will be some unfairness due to many having been stolen. He asked that Block Managers explain this situation to the residents concerned.

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8. Excess freight. Block Managers are asked to submit a list of residents having excess freight they wished stored to Housing Dept. as soon as possible and arrangements will be made to pick them up.
9. Memorandum regarding bonfires from Mr. Williamson were distributed to Block Managers. Chairman stated that bonfires are not permitted because of danger in spreading to barracks.
10. Camouflage net project

Chairman asked each Block Manager what was the conclusion reached by its block. It was disclosed that most blocks had not held their meetings, but Block Managers did express their own and block opinion on the matter. They brought up questions regarding subsistence charge for dependents and clothing allowances and also need for adjustment in community jobs. The general opinion also was that 60¢ per hour is not prevailing outside wages for unskilled labor.

Chairman stated that as far as Block Managers are concerned, they should get their blocks' opinion and then make a recommendation to the council. One suggestion was that the community council should investigate the matter and make a recommendation to the people and let them decide on it. Conclusion of the discussion was that the matter of dependency and clothing allowance should be found out as soon as possible and then the Block Managers can send in their recommendation.

#### Questions from the Floor

1. Are stoves on their way? Yes, they are. Mr. Kobata suggested that they be distributed first to families with babies.
2. Mr. Nakamura has residents in his block who want more blankets. According to Property Dept., there are only 3,000 on hand, not enough to go around to everybody. Mr. Kurokawa stated that he has been sending those people to Welfare Dept. where they are taken care of.
3. Mr. Nakamura brought up a request made by kitchen workers for clothing. Also a complaint by his block residents about the dances held at Mess 41. They want the time limited or location changed. This is a matter for the Community Council.
4. Mr. Ishimaru suggested that a Lost and Found Section be provided in the newspaper.
5. Mr. Isobe brought out a complaint about the too wide spacing between floors and that if materials were given them, they would lay their own linoleum. This matter of linoleum is to be taken care of. Another flooring is to be put on prior to linoleum and Chairman is recommending that more men be added to crew to hurry things on. Mr. Sakata asked whether attachments have to be removed from floor at time linoleum is to be laid. It would cause lots of trouble for most residents. Chairman doesn't know what arrangements will be made since glue has to be spread before the flooring is laid.
6. Mr. Hayashi asked if it would be necessary to hold another election for councilman since his block councilman has resigned. This also affects Blocks 65, 55, and 52. Chairman will find out.



7. Block 65 would like a truck to go after gravel for purposes of his block improvement. Chairman will try to make arrangements but gravels are not to be taken from mail pile since Mr. Brown has stated that they are to be used for construction work.
8. A request was made for wheelbarrows for each block since it was brought out that Camp #1 blocks have them.
9. Also a need for lawn mower oil and containers was brought up.
10. Mr. F. Ito heard that 2 sewing machines for each block is to be provided. Neither Property Dept. or Chairman has any information regarding it.
11. Mr. Ninokawa asked when shower room safety valves would come. It is not known.
12. Postal matters. Block Managers do not see any necessity in having to go to Post Office to receive newspaper from other Centers or friends. Also that change of address has been reported but still keep coming to old address. These are matters for the community council.
13. Mr. Noda wants permanent pass to go to Camp #1. On account of transportation trouble it is not possible to get one but if he will see Chairman, he will help him get transportation.
14. Mr. Miyata requested flashlights. They have been asked for before but Chairman will push it.
15. Mr. Sakata put in complaint about truck drivers driving too fast.
16. Mr. Ogura said he'd like to be notified before water is turned off for a long period of time. This has been requested before.
17. Mr. Kurokawa stated that in Camp 1, there are rubbish cans in front of each barrack and if such can't be furnished here. Chairman will have "G-men" work on it.
18. Lumber for residents from Santa Anita was requested. Chairman stated that there were none available from various projects so that is a big problem.
19. Need of bicycles was stressed, also telephones. Chairman will check on these again.
20. A suggestion was made that mochi be provided on New Year's Day.
21. A request for coolers should be made now was suggested.
22. It was asked when there will be a meeting of Mess Supervisors. Chairman replied soon, they will be notified of the date. Complaints about food, rationing and shortages were brought up. In regard to this matter, Mr. Kobata suggested that an inspector from each district (5) be employed.
23. In regard to door to door canvassing for sumo contributions, Block Managers were advised not to go around for them. It was also favored by Block Managers that all contributions solicitations should be stopped.
24. The fact that too many notices have been posted on mess hall doors without regard for important ones already pinned on was brought up. It was suggested that all notices should be brought first to Block Managers before attaching.
25. Clothing for Block Managers was requested.
26. Regarding mail service, it would be more advisable that mail be delivered by Block Managers or clerk as per memorandum sent to them.



27. Mr. F. Ito suggested that a party be given for Masato Iwamoto and Henry Kuwabara who are leaving tomorrow for Intelligence School. Chairman stated that time was short so it was agreed that all "chip" in 50¢ and give half of the collected amount to each as senbetsu.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



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MINUTES  
of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

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Date: December 2, 1942

Time: 9:05 a.m.

Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D

Tardy: Messrs. H. Miyata, H. Sakata, S. Kamiyama, R. Hayashi

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.

1. First matter taken up was that of clothing allowance. The Clothing Division are asking the cooperation of Block Managers in getting information about residents in their blocks, since they have been relieved of the work in compiling clothing requisitions and have more time. Mr. George Aratani from the Clothing Division explained some points:

1. Whole system changed, no longer necessary to make out GR-23;
2. If Block Managers want to know exactly what is being done, the Clothing Division at 42-1-A will try to explain to best of ability as it would take too long to do so at this meeting;
3. Basic family cards are used and information gotten from census reports, but since they are not all complete, he asked that the Block Managers make out latest census; that is, names, first and last, Family No., I.D. No., Address; name should be exact as registered at Employment Office. Blocks 55, 56, 64, 65, 66 and 29 should submit this information as soon as possible. Other blocks when needed, will be called for, which will be within a week.

Question was asked regarding allowance. It will be issued by actual cash.

How about those not working? Those are welfare cases.

Mr. Ishimaru asked about a woman who died on November 4th. Survivor will get her allowance up to that time.

Mr. Ninokawa asked about a person who left for army and working previous to departure. Mr. Aratani asked that such names be given to him as they are entitled to clothing.

It was suggested that Block Managers stop by at the office and get a sample of the family basic card so that they can explain to their residents the procedure of this clothing matter.

2. A memorandum was received from Mr. Henderson requesting name, address and denomination of clergymen in this community. Block Managers who have any within their blocks are asked to report this information as soon as possible.

3. Regarding confiscated utensils from Tulare, it has been decided that the box will be opened this coming Saturday. Those involved should be notified to come to this office at 1:00 p.m. and also told that some have been stolen but they will try to make a fair as possible distribution.

4. Freight. Those who are missing articles should go to Warehouse 67-8.



In regard to Federal storages, a notice has come from Regional Office although it has not been approved by Project Director. If a private storage place has more than 20 families involved, the W. R. A. will pick them up and ship in here. Others in private places should send them to Federal warehouse at their own expense and then they will be brought here. Chairman read a list of private places that have been accepted as storage places. If there are any places such as schools, halls, etc. that has storage involving more than 20 families, Chairman asked that such be reported to him as soon as possible as all arrangements have to be made by January 31. Those that have articles that are not wanted here should inform the W.R.A. and give custody to them for duration or until further notice.

Commercial property will not be sent here but will be stored in a permanent federal storage. Question was asked if government would purchase the evacuees' cars. Chairman will find out.

5. Complaint has been received from Dr. Sleath regarding unsanitary condition in men's urinals. It is very important that they be clean. Chairman has been pushing on having screens put on windows of the latrines. Also fact was brought out that the reason disinfectants are not being used is that they have not been provided. Regarding outside faucets, they should not be used for washing faces, brushing teeth, etc. Request for container for deodorants was made for more effective results.

6. Property Dept. has said there is a possibility of getting boots and gloves for janitors and janitresses. It was agreed that rather than getting all different sizes for them, standard sizes would do just as well. For boots, sizes 5, 6, and 7; for gloves 7, 8, and 8½.

7. Ironing room. Fuses are available but pads are not here. Mr. Henderson had stated that he had no objection to use room for recreation purpose until such time when it can be used as ironing. Boards must not be removed. It was suggested that blocks desiring the use of ironing rooms for ironing get the fuses and do so but majority stated that <sup>women</sup> ~~they~~ would rather iron in their own apartments in that it is more convenient and such use during day time would not be an overburden.

8. Mr. Brown has informed Chairman that some blocks have left their boiler room heaters on all night without safety valves. There is a great danger in this and he stated that tomorrow night gas checker would go around to the blocks at 9:30 and if found on will turn them off until such time that safety valves arrive. After much argument as to <sup>the</sup> time that they should be turned off, it was finally agreed that 10:00 p.m. sharp should be it.

#### Questions from floor

1. Mr. Takeda suggested and it was his opinion that Block Managers should be elected by block residents as is done in another Center. He thinks it would be better for the community if they had a say on



whom their leaders should be. There was much argument against such procedure. One fact brought out was that if Block Manager was not popular or looked up to, he would become aware of it and would resign. Also if the election were held and present Block Manager was not elected, then it would inconvenience him greatly to move in that most Block Managers have invested much in the improvement of their apartments.

2. Mr. Ogura asked whether laundry rooms uniformly should be closed or not on Sundays. It was suggested that this be left up to the individual block.

3. Mr. Ishimaru stated that he was asked by a kitchen worker ill with valley fever if someone would replace him. Chairman said, as he mentioned in one of previous meetings, that a worker who is ill would be compensated for the month in which he became ill but if illness continues he would be replaced with understanding that he would get his job back if he desired.

4. Mr. F. Ito asked about the recent rumor in that all would have to move out of here early next year and what was in it and if untrue, that such should be stopped. This denial will probably be in the newspaper but Chairman suggested that Block Managers upon hearing any such rumors try to find out the root of them and stop them.

5. Mr. Kawakami stated that in regard to block council chairmen meeting it is a good idea and such should be held about once a week and to act as sort of advisors to the community council.

6. Chairman announced that those blocks having to select their councilmen should do so next Tuesday if they have only one candidate. It is also important that they send a representative to the council meeting this afternoon. Block Managers should also encourage their councilmen who want to resign to continue as councilmen until the temporary council dissolves, which will probably be end of this month.

7. Mr. Kurokawa stated that his block residents wanted to know more in detail about the canteen. Chairman stated that a committee of the community council is investigating and will publish the facts soon.

8. Mr. Takeda has complaints about the Employment Office in that some people in his block have received notices to go there and upon doing so are told that the jobs have already been taken. Also about special rates of canteen merchandise being given to certain groups, they want such ruling hurried.

9. Mr. F. Ito asked when pay checks were coming. One Block Manager stated this morning.

10. Mr. Kobata brought up the fact that a house to house search had been made recently by wardens for merchandise stolen from Mess 45. This was done just in District 5. He did not think it fair



to make a discrimination in sectional searches as it hurts the morale of their residents. He would like more thought and consideration before such actions are taken. He and Block Managers concerned had gone to see Mr. Williamson of Internal Security about it.

11. Lumber matter was brought up again. Although a suggestion was made to ask those who have them piled up along their barracks to give them up, there would be a difficulty in making such a ruling.

12. Mess Supervisors' meeting, when? Chairman stated that the Mess Administration realizes the supervisors' need for a meeting but have not set any date. It was suggested that supervisors themselves have a meeting. Block Managers stressed the importance of it. Chairman will find out the authority and power of Block Managers in the matter of mess operations.

13. Mr. Hayashi said his block residents would like a clarification as to "advances" for wages and clothing and what adjustment would be made for them. This is for the community council to check up.

14. Mr. Takeda asked in regard to mess tickets that a more efficient system be used. After some discussion it was suggested that this matter be brought up in block meetings.

15. A suggestion was made that issuance of payroll checks be set for certain day of each month as is done in other centers. This will be referred to Community Council.

16. Announcement was made by Mr. Oji that the J.A.C.L. would like the names, ages and addresses of all citizens over 18 years and he asked Block Managers to make a list of their residents by Friday and he will pick them up.

17. If was asked again if attachments would have to be removed before linoleum is laid. Mr. Oji will find out.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

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MINUTES  
of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: Dec. 9, 1942

Time: 9:05 a.m.

Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D

Tardy: Messrs. Chogyoji, Kasai, Ogura, Kasamatsu, Iriyama,  
Hayashi, Ninokawa

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.

1. Chairman announced that the JACL has planned to get Christmas presents for all children in this community 15 years and under. The JACL is now under the CAS system and has asked the cooperation of the Block Managers to make the children happy this Christmas.

Miss Grace Hagiya, in charge of Christmas presents, was introduced and she in turn presented Mr. Hikida, coordinator under the CAS.

Mr. Hikida explained briefly in Japanese the set-up of the CAS personnel and his work. He also spoke regarding the program for children at Christmas and where donations for presents were coming from. He asked Block Managers for their cooperation in holding the Christmas party and program. He suggested it after the Christmas Day turkey dinner but Block Managers favored and it was agreed that the party should be on the 24th, Christmas Eve.

Question was asked about the Christmas trees. They are trying to get one large one through the canteen.

It was a suggestion that Block Managers be "Santas".

2. Mr. Ogasara of the Gila News Courier, the service department which disseminates information to everyone, and for which all should appreciate, was introduced. He also spoke in Japanese relative to the present 2 pages of Japanese section and request by the isseies for additional pages. He stated that to mimeograph by hand one page, 3000 copies, it takes 1½ hours of steady work and therefore they are unable to publish more. He stressed the need for a better mimeographing machine for more output. It would cost about \$300.00 to get a reconditioned automatic machine from Chicago while a new one would cost \$470.00. He asked that Block Managers cooperate by getting donations from their block residents. It was agreed that each block should try to collect \$10.00. Chairman said that at the same time they should ask for additional few cents for the block Christmas tree to decorate in their mess hall.

Chairman will get an "okay" from the administration to increase the newspaper Japanese section. He also stated that all the Christmas presents would come to the Block Managers' offices together with material for wrapping, so he asked that they get a committee to wrap and put names on each present.

3. Heaters. Chairman has spoken to Mr. Cozzens about it and has found that they are working on it and trying their best to



help the people as they realize it is cold and there is a need for them. Wood stoves came here by mistake so they are to be installed in the block recreation halls where mornings and nights children and women could get warmed up. For blocks 73, 72, 31, 52, 58, 64 and 57 which recreation halls are being used for canteen, warehouses, school, newspaper and warden offices, and Fire Dept., Chairman will find out what can be done.

Mr. Kurokawa asked about gas stoves which many residents have and if there was any possibility of getting gas connections. Since it would not be fair for individual apartments to get them, Chairman suggested that they be put in Block Managers' Offices; he will try to see what can be done about getting the connection.

4. Blankets. There are on hand 3000 for both camps. Because so many extra blankets have been requested, it was decided that they will be distributed; about 2500 available after reserving 500 for additional evacuees. Block Managers were asked to go back to their blocks and find out how many are really needed by the residents.

5. On account of the cold mornings, it was agreed and decided that regular Block Managers' meetings should be held every Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

6. Lawn Mowers. Since there aren't enough to go around for all blocks in Camp 1 and Camp 2, it has been requested that they be shared. Following blocks are asked to return the lawn mowers issued them: Blocks 74, 72, 60, 63, 64, 65, 66, 52, 64, 47, 40, 32, 30, 28. Much argument resulted regarding the return of lawn mowers for issuance to Camp 1. It was brought out that numerous supplies and equipment have been distributed to Camp 1 and not to Camp 2 such as Fire Extinguisher on both ends of barracks and Sanettes for women's latrines; also that they have more hose (water) per block than are issued in blocks over here. It was the unanimous opinion of all that the Property Dept. should find out more clearly the distribution of supplies and equipment in Camp 1 before the lawn mowers will be released to them.

#### Questions from Floor

1. When will partitions in women's latrines be here? Coming.

2. Ventilators for shower rooms were requested as the hot steam is damaging the roofs.

3. Chairman stated in regard to boiler room heaters that 4 men will be on the job temporarily to go around cleaning them up. Arrangements have been made to have a regular man do this every other week so if any reliable plumbers are known, to recommend him. Until it is known definitely who he will be, all plumbing troubles should be reported to the warehouse.

4. Disinfectants were again requested.



5. Chairman stated that he had found out that reason for the payroll delay was due to many changes of personnel in government division and the channels through which payroll is handled and distributed. A more simplified, inexpensive and speedier plan of getting the necessary funds and writing checks here had been suggested but such cannot be done.

6. A request was made again for details of canteen operations. A statement is to be in today's newspaper.

7. Mess Supervisors' Meeting. Chairman suggested that they go ahead and hold the meeting and that he would be willing to get a permit for it. Block Managers decided they should set the date for them--this Friday at 1:00 p.m. at 42-3-D. Block Managers are to notify their Supervisors.

8. Mr. Ninokawa asked that something be done for spaces between floors for temporary relief from the cold weather.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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MINUTES  
of  
SPECIAL BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: Dec. 11, 1942  
Time: 9:05 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Messrs. Kasai, Sumi, Ogura, Takeda  
Absent: Mr. F. Ito

Meeting was called to order by Chairman.

1. Gila News-Courier Mimeographing machine. It was stated in the regular meeting on Wednesday that a reconditioned machine would be purchased from donations collected by Block Managers from their residents. Since that time it has been found that there was one machine in the administration office which will be turned over to the newspaper. The machine will need some repairing but it will no longer be necessary for Block Managers to collect the money. If that already has been done, Chairman suggested that the block people decide what to do with it.
2. Mochi. The original plan was for three blocks to get one usu (bowl-like container) but since it would not be enough, they have been able to give each mess one cement usu. Also each block will get approximately 6 sacks (600 lbs.) of mochi rice. It will be rationed to the mess hall according to block population, same as is done for other foodstuff. The rice is not here yet but has been sent. Enough lumber to make three steamers per block will also be furnished. As to making the mochi, it will be left up to the blocks. It was agreed nevertheless, by the Block Managers that the mochi should be distributed to residents uniformly in all blocks. It was decided that 1 set of 2 layers be given to each apartment, bottom layer to be 5 inches in size, balance to be served in the mess hall. Each block is to make its own mallet. Chairman will find out how many.
3. Heaters. They are expected here any day. The problem that comes up is in what order they are to be installed as they will not arrive in one shipment. There are 500 coming in the first shipment and 200 every day after that. Total of approximately 3000 ordered is to be divided to both camps, about 1000 to Camp 1 and the remainder here. There are enough contractors to install them at the rate of 500 a day. As to which block first, Mr. Brown had suggested that they be done according to sections (5 of them) of the camp. School children was suggested first. Chairman stated that they are to be taken care of very soon and will be given wood stoves with janitors keeping watch over them. Block Managers suggested many ways, as to bad floors, first in camp, babies and children, drawing, and it was finally agreed that the fairest would be to have a drawing of the 5 districts. Districts were drawn in this order: No. 1 - District 3 (Blocks 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54); No. 2 - District 2 (Blocks 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 72, 73, 74); No. 3 - District 1 (Blocks 55, 56, 57,



64, 65, 66; No. 4 - District 4 (Blocks 28, 29, 30, 39, 40; No. 5 - District 5 (Blocks 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 44). Stoves will be installed in these districts in the order of lay of the blocks.

4. Christmas party. Chairman reminded Block Managers of the party and program on Christmas Eve.

5. Need for meal hours adjustment was brought up.

6. Blankets. Mr. Kawakami asked that all blocks be given the same number of blankets since everyone wants blankets and it was difficult to make requisition. This suggestion was favored and it was decided that 50 blankets would be issued to each block and the Block Managers were to use their discretion in distributing to their residents.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.



*Project Attorney*

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of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

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Date: December 15, 1942  
Time: 1:05 p.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Mr. H. Sumi  
Absent: Mr. P. Kurokawa

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.

1. Stored personal property. Chairman announced that if there were a church, gakuen or hall that had stored property of 20 or more families, he would like to know the details-- names of persons, about how many packages, location of storing place. As time is limited, this information should be turned in immediately.

For those from Guadalupe and Santa Maria who have stored their property in friends' place or own home and have had trouble in getting their friends to send them here, Chairman has talked with the project attorney about it requesting that a government representative pick them up and accumulate them in one place for shipment here. He said he will take care of it so Chairman asked Block Managers to notify their residents regarding this and turn in names of owners (evacuees here), location, who is responsible out there, and about how many packages. Those from other locales should turn in this information as they may also be able to get this help.

2. State Unemployment relief. Project Attorney is trying to work on it so that one can collect State unemployment insurance. Those who worked up to March are entitled to it and should turn in their names, address, where worked and Social Security Number. There is a possibility of getting it, not definite.

3. Chairman announced that sick people and those just out of the hospital that need a special diet of vegetables, fruits, etc. will be able to get them at Mess 41. They should have a doctor's order.

4. Inventory. Property Dept. would like the inventory of block offices and 2 latrines at the beginning of every month. All blocks except 31, 49, 52, 60, 61 have not turned in the report and are requested to do so immediately.

5. Mochi. The matter of the usu has become a mix-up in that Mr. Itaya has now informed Chairman that they will not be able to do anything for them after first promising that everything will be taken care of. Since they are making only 17 usus, probably for Camp #1, it will be necessary for each block to make its own and to go after the material, cement, etc. For



the seiro (steamer), enough material for three sets 2½ ft. sq. for each block had been ordered. Upon arrival the material was found to be poor and also some had been stolen so it is doubtful if many can be made but one set for two mess halls is guaranteed. Block Managers were upset to learn of the fact about the usu so they decided to have a committee of four (Messrs. Nakamura, Sakata, Takeda, and Ishimaru) to go see Mr. Itaya for clarification and demands. It was stated that enough material for three mallets for each mess had been ordered and that three pick handles will be loaned to each mess.

6. Cooperative enterprise. This is a matter for the Community Council but the Block Managers have an important part in it. The committee on cooperatives would like to have two persons from each block who are interested in it. Their plan is to divide the camp into three zones and each zone will have a meeting of the block representatives, committee and Mr. Shelley and study this matter. Then a committee from each division will meet and make plans.

Zone 1 includes Blocks 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 69, 72, 73, 74.

Zone 2 includes Blocks 46, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 54, 55, 56, 65, 66.

Zone 3 includes Blocks 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 36, 39, 40, 44.

Either nisei or issei or block managers can be a representative. List of names and addresses should be brought to this office and will be turned over to the committee, who will set the date for the meeting and notify each. Recommendation of Block Managers in regard to cooperative enterprise is immediate need for barber shop in each block, shoe repair shops. As to investment, it was suggested that each family have a share.

#### Questions from the floor

1. Heaters, when coming? Unknown.

2. Mr. Kinoshita asked when the constitution would be ready. Chairman stated that it had been finished and ready for presentation but since the project attorney had arrived here, it was shown to him. He thought it too broad and is now revising it. Principles will not be changed, just the wordings, and probably will be more condensed. It is expected to be presented soon.

He also stated that the parents in his block have brought up the fact that high school students are gambling and also causing trouble to teachers. Chairman will take this matter up.

3. Mr. Satomi stated that there were many unfavorable comments about clothing being issued to certain workers, especially farmers, and now statement having come out to make charges for them. Chairman stated he thinks this is a matter for the Council.

4. Change in time schedule was not deemed advisable since it would not be for a long ~~time~~ period and would necessitate a change in one month's time causing too much confusion.



5. Mr. Takeda stated that there have been many Block Council Chairman meetings and he would like to know if they are official or not.
6. Mr. F. Ito asked again about the sewing machines. According to some, there are 300 in the warehouse and are to be used for sewing school after being repaired.
7. Mr. Ninokawa stated that since Camp 1 has 2 sanettes per block, one should be turned over to this camp. He also made a request for garbage cans. He brought out the fact that many residents in his block are raising chickens which causes unsanitary conditions. Chairman will ask the council to pass an ordinance for control of pets.
8. Mr. Takemori asked that school playgrounds be watered.
9. Mr. Sumi stated that a worker had been ill for a day and three days' deduction taken. It was suggested in such case that he should go up to the doctor and get an excuse.
10. Mr. Miyata requested that before it gets too late, something should be done about stopping the burning of sagebrushes, as they have to be kept to help keep out dust. Chairman will refer this to the council.
11. Mr. Miyamoto made a request that exchange of Christmas presents by individuals be stopped. Also requests were made that gifts of birth, mi-mai, etc. should also be done away with. This matter will be referred to the Community Council. Suggestion was made that the Block Council chairman announce this in meetings; also publish in newspaper.
12. Mr. Kasamatsu asked about a basketball court within the block. After some discussion, it was opinion of some that a regulation should be made to eliminate it, also that an appeal should be made to the Recreation Dept. for additional basketball courts in playgrounds. It was finally agreed that this matter will be left up to each block to decide.
13. Christmas tree and decoration. Each block is to provide decorations but as to trees, the CAS is trying to provide them and it may not be necessary for blocks to purchase them. In regard to the presents for children 15 years and under, CAS will take charge of wrapping and writing names on each package but it is requested that each block three to five persons prepared to help the Division when asked.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.



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MINUTES  
of  
REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: December 22, 1942  
Time: 9:30 a.m.  
Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D  
Tardy: Messrs. Sumi, Miyamoto, Satomi, Sugano, Hayashi,  
Miyata

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.

1. Stored property. Chairman asked that if any detailed clarification is needed on the subject, that Block Managers send their residents in to the Housing Dept. where forms have been prepared and provided. For general information, Chairman again stated the following:

Stored property of 20 or more families in one location will be picked up by the government at that place;

Where goods are stored in private or friends' places, government will pick them up from there to its warehouse, but at individual's expense. For former Guadalupe and Santa Maria residents, arrangements have been made so that the central receiving point will be in either town rather than in Santa Barbara as in original instructions. Until such place is known, goods should not be sent there.

Regarding unpacked goods, they will be taken care of by the government but at expense of the individual. A notation should be made to the effect that the articles are unpacked.

As to farm implements, they can be stored at the federal warehouse if a list is submitted.

2. Chairman announced that plumbing emergencies may be reported to Mr. Hamamoto at 46-11-B. The following blocks are reported as not having much hot water: 54 Men's shower room, 61 Men's shower, #65 Laundry, 36 Laundry. Assistant Mas Oji will see about this and Chairman stated that from now on there will be regular men to go around cleaning heaters so that there will always be hot water. A complaint about fuses being taken by men after cleaning heaters was brought up. Blocks 28, 29, 31, 32, 36, 39 and 66 had some missing. Chairman will see about this.

3. Cooperative enterprise. Those blocks that have not submitted the list of two interested men, preferably business men, are asked to do so immediately.

4. Chairman brought up the importance of either Block Manager or Assistant to be in block offices at all times except meal



hours, holidays, etc.

5. Postal service. Chairman explained the meaning of notices received from post office. Those with numbers on right hand corner are packages, those without numbers have notations--p for paper, mg. for magazine. It is a federal regulation that papers not coming directly from the publishers have to be inspected. Regarding unclaimed mail, Mr. Kurokawa informed that there weren't many now.
6. It was announced that the Clothing Division would like all welfare cases to be reported to them at the Administration Bldg. Room 20.
7. Instructions for use of disinfectants for attention of all janitors were distributed. Disinfectants are to be delivered today and tomorrow.
8. Christmas presents. These will be distributed on Wednesday with individuals' names already on packages. There may be several presents in one package. It was reported that Mr. Hikida had tried to get an additional \$10.00 for each block for Christmas but that had been impossible. Nevertheless, the JACL can furnish trees for each mess, hospital, etc.
9. Regarding misbehavior of high school students, Chairman saw Mr. Sawyer, and he and teachers realize the fact. They are making an effort to organize a Parent Teacher's Association to agree to some sort of discipline. The laws of Arizona does allow for meting out punishment for misbehavior. Importance of the organization and need for better conduct of students is realized by the Block Managers and they agreed to cooperate. They were asked to announce at their block meetings that parents should watch their children more carefully.
10. Regarding matters referred to community council last week:
  1. Control of pets - Sanitation Division to get a solution.
  2. Christmas presents exchange, gifts, etc. As per suggestion, it was published in newspaper to discourage such.
  3. In regard to burning of sagebrushes, they are to pass a resolution.
  4. As to payment of \$16 and \$19 as cash advances, its meaning and clarification, a committee has been formed to go to administration. A report is to be made.In regard to the Community Council, Chairman has been invited to attend their meetings and he finds that they are getting busy and working hard.
11. According to Sanitation Report, Chairman stated that shower rooms and wash stands in the latrines should be given better care. Block Managers should also inform residents that home cooking utensils should not be washed in the wash stands but at the laundry room.

Question of when bottom border of the plasterboard in the



latrines would be put in, Chairman stated it will probably be at same time partitions are put in.

12. It was announced that the Clothing Division had been working hard to get allowance of clothing issued before Christmas but since they were unable, they state that it will be issued before New Year's.

Questions from the floor

1. Stoves? They have arrived.
2. Usu and material for one set of seiro ~~material~~ are to be delivered to each block today.
3. Regarding the fences in this camp, it is an army order and administration cannot do anything about it but it is belief that they will be taken down. Community Council is working on it.
4. Request that clothing allowance be issued at Block Manager's offices on account of the recent heavy line of waiting at the Clothing Division office, it was brought out that this would be impossible. According to information, from now on they are to be issued in alphabetic order and in a more systematic way.
5. Mr. Hayashi stated that there is a need for manure at least 1500 pounds.
6. Mr. Takemori asked about records and books confiscated at Turlock which residents want back. It was the agreement at that time that all records except bad ones would be returned. Chairman will find out about it.
7. Mr. Satomi made a request for an implement such as shears to cut edge of lawns since a lawn mower would not serve the purpose effectively.
8. Mr. Kinoshita requested either bicycles or telephones at least for Block Managers' Offices. Chairman will again make a request.
9. Mr. Hayashi stated that in regard to milk for patients, he had gone several times to see Dr. Sleath but was unable to see him. He would like the milk for such persons distributed at their own mess or at least to some closer mess hall than 41. Chairman stated that the milk is issued through doctor's order and difficult to have each mess take care of it and also there has been trouble in milk not coming according to contract. He said that a committee, consisting of the Mess Supervisor, Mess Division, hospital and community council, are to meet and work this matter out. He expects a solution to it soon.

On the subject of Block Managers going direct to the administration regarding problems of the community, the question



of whether or not it would be necessary to have a Central Block Manager. Chairman stated his opinion that Block Managers could appoint a committee to take matters up with the administration and thus eliminate the Central Block Manager or matters could be brought up at the weekly block managers' meeting and other times for him to take up. The latter procedure was favored. It was thus understood that from now on, problems of the community should be brought to the Central Block Manager and if the matter was of important and urgent nature which he could not immediately handle, it is asked that Block Managers first inform him and then go direct to the administration.

7. Mr. Kinoshita asked whether those residents who had their silverware, stolen in assembly center could put in a claim to the government as it resulted from their carelessness. Chairman will try to see if something could be done about it; he asked that Block Managers inform their residents to hand in a list of articles that were taken away from them and not returned-silverware, records, etc., except contraband.

8. It was asked of the Chairman to again request partition material for women's latrines.

9. Mr. Sakata inquired as to where are the boundary lines between barracks. There was an argument among his block residents involving this question as a result of placement of clothes lines. Chairman stated that the matter of the location of clothes line has been referred to the community council for a regulation and until such is clarified, one cannot say where boundaries are. Suggestions were made that the clothes lines be placed on the side opposite the entrance of the rooms (rear-west side of next barrack) or between ironing and laundry rooms.

10. Block 34 Clerk brought up a complaint that residents from other blocks have come to the lot opposite their section and were burning sagebrushes and that it seems that Block Managers haven't announced to their residents discouraging them of such practice.

11. One of the Block Managers stated that instead of placing barbed wire on fences, why can't screens be put on windows of barracks.

12. A request was made for lights on outside of the mess halls. This will be referred to the community council.

13. Lamps were requested again.

14. It was stated that many blocks have wheelbarrows. Upon inquiry it was noted that 14 blocks did not have them. Property Dept. will put in a requisition for them, <sup>those</sup> with rubber wheels if possible.

15. Mr. Sumi brought up the fact that there were many T.B. cases



among the block people and it was the request of some residents that they should be isolated. Mr. Oji stated that there were both active and inactive cases and as to the active, the Medical Dept. has a record and sends to Housing Dept. for their information.

16. Chairman asked that information about state unemployment relief be submitted by next week's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.



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MINUTES  
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REGULAR BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: Dec. 29, 1942

Time: 1:07 p.m.

Place: Central Block Office, 42-3-D

Tardy: Messrs. Kawakami, Isobe, Miyata

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Harry Miyake.

1. Mr. George Aratani from the Clothing Allowance Division explained briefly about the revolving fund and reason for delay in the clothing allowance payments. The Division has worked hard to try to have payments for month of September made by end of this year but on account of previous issuance not having been collected promptly by the people, sufficient funds were not available. Nevertheless, he stated that part of the September allowance would be paid on the 31st. He asked Block Managers to notify their residents to be sure to go to the Clothing allowance cashier's office at 42-3-A on the date specified on their notices. For persons who are sick, or in the hospital or others unable to go to collect their money, the Clothing Division will send a car to their homes or hospital to give them the money if so informed. Workers are allowed to take time off from their work to get their allowances.

2. Mr. George and Mr. Phillips of the Education Dept. were introduced. They are interested in starting adult classes in difference phases of agriculture, such as dairy, poultry, chicken raising, swine, beef cattle, vegetables, and farm managers. Mr. George stated that Mr. Lee Baron will be contact man in this Center with the outside when there are opportunities in these fields. They plan to start classes in any one of them as soon as there are 15 persons interested in joining. Classes will be held in the evenings, time and number of meetings will depend on the persons. A dairying class could be started immediately as cows are being sent here soon.

Mr. Phillips added that these classes are for adults, 17 years and older. Dairying is an important industry and there are need for specialists. He stated that there are 30 cows coming here from Colorado and that those interested could register for class at the office at the administration.

Question was asked as to how long it would take to become a dairyman. The answer was that it would depend on the individual, how much he previously knew about cows. But for the fellow who didn't know anything, ~~it~~ would take about 10 nights of instructions.

Mr. Leiderman at 43-2-D is head of the department but Mr. George and Mr. Phillips are in charge of agriculture.

3. Mr. Hikida, coordinator under the CAS, spoke next in Japanese in reference to its activities. First of all, he



stated the CAS appreciates all that Block Managers did for their block parties Christmas Eve. He felt that such a party would build up morale of the residents and that perhaps one in two or three months would be good. In that case, Mess Operations could be asked to donate apples, cookies, etc. He will try to work on it.

Mr. Hikida had received suggestion of the people that mochi be sent to internees. Many facts have to be considered in doing this, in that they may serve mochi in internee camps or that it is probably too late to send now, etc. There is to be a meeting of block representatives December 31st at 2:00 p.m. at the 63 Recreation Hall (Buddhist Church) to make plans on what to send and how. Therefore, he asked Block Managers to go back and ask one member to be a representative to this meeting.

In regard to CAS funds, there isn't much and they have had trouble in collecting donations at shows. After some discussion as to how funds could be raised, it was decided that the matter should be dropped for awhile. In the meantime, he will study the matter more thoroughly, but he asked Block Managers to tell their block people to contribute something when they do go to shows.

#### Business

1. The Property Dept. is to supply a padlock for each apartment. It is asked that Block Managers find out how many are needed and inform the Dept. A reminder was made that inventory of supplies in block office and two latrines should be turned in on the 1st of every month.
2. Chairman announced that it may be possible for supervision of work of janitors to be turned over to the Sanitation Dept. Nevertheless Block Managers are asked to take care of supplies (janitor) and time reports, the latter until further notice.
3. It was announced that oil for stoves are here but no pumps yet so it will be necessary for people to take their own containers and get oil from the tank near the Motor Pool.
4. A latest statement of community enterprise was distributed to each Block Manager and Chairman suggested that it be read to the block people at block meeting.
5. Question was asked whether replacements can be made of brooms and buckets. At present, Mr. Sera stated he did not think such would be possible.
6. The subject of lawn mowers was brought up but no conclusion reached. It was stated that blocks in Camp 1 have the same number of water hoses as those here.
7. Request for ventilators in shower rooms was made again.
8. Chairman announced that two bulletin boards for each block,



size 3 x 4, were ready. He will see about having them delivered.

9. In regard to mochi received from Gila Young People's Association, a letter of appreciation will be written in behalf of the Block Managers by Central Block Manager.

10. Camouflage net project. Chairman asked Block Managers to encourage young people to work on it. Later on, when the project has full capacity of workers, it may be possible for each worker in the community to get \$8.00 more. Net workers will be able to retain all earnings over 1000 sq. ft. garnished.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.