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Block 22-7-E  
Sept. 4, 1942

Supervisor of Comm. Services  
Mr. Townsend  
Dear Mr. Townsend,

I am sorry but have to report the bad news which happened last night.

Mr. Tomita, who lives in Block 22-3-B called a mass meeting last night in the laundry house for Isseis only for his own benefit.

As I was busy working I was not able to hear what was being said but was told by many persons that Mr. Tomita asked parties present to either elect himself or Mr. Fukuhara, who also lives in the same Block for Block Managers job. He also mentioned that orders were received from headquarters through Mr. Tosoya. I have never heard of the above named Mr. Tosoya so do not know who he is.

Even when we were in Camp Harmony the above mentioned Mr. Tomita was always complaining and used to hold some sort of meeting for his own benefit.

As temporary Block Manager, I wish to ask you if such meetings are permissible without the consent of Headquarters?

I am doing the best I can to be of service and accomodating the people in this Block and others. Please let me hear from you in this matter.

Yours truly,

/s/ Teiji Ted Saito  
Block Manager

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September 12, 1942

To Mr. Townsend  
From Block 14, Hideo Mori

On September 8, at 2:40 p.m. between Block 14 and 16 on south side of the blocks the constructors used the dynamite to blast the rocks. It happens that blast of dynamite shook the neighborhood so hard that in Block 14-5-D one whole window was broken to pieces. There is a baby one month old and wish to have repair the window at once. I have reported this case to Mr. Hara to have emergency repair be made. Mr. Hara told me to go to Mr. Bacca at once so around 4:00 p.m. I went to Mr. Bacca's office but he was not there. I have reported this case to Mr. Sheehan and Mr. Zarubica and I went to Block 14-5-D apartment to see the damage.

Mr. Zarubica and Mr. Sheehan assured me that this matter will be taken to constructor's foreman, but to this date nobody came to repair or brought window to this apartment. Since they have a month old baby and also 2 year old girl that they have been complaining every day. Will you help me in settling this matter as quickly as you possibly can? The weather is getting chilly these days and I feel very sorry for this family but I cannot do anything.

Yours truly,

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/s/ Hideo Mori



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Bl. Manager

Sept. 18, 1942  
Block 22

Mr. G. L. Townsend  
Chief Community Services  
Dear Mr. Townsend,

The people in our block have been constantly pestering me the last couple of days regarding the cold mornings without heat. They tell me that not only are the babies cold but also this block has the most patients going to the hospital for various cases and many ill at home.

Mr. Townsend, will you please see if there is any possible chance of getting stove pipes in right away.

I am also notified that there are some people who put in the pipes themselves and already enjoying the heat while others are shivering. I have tried very hard to explain the situation but they won't listen to me. They tell me it is my duty to see that this is taken care of.

If the pipe setting is impossible will you please see that we have heat in the laundry room so all can get warm around it.

Thanking you for giving this your prompt attention, I am

Yours truly,

/s/ Block Manager #22  
Ted Saito

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

September 25, 1942

To: All Block Managers

You are requested to hold a meeting of all residents of your block who are 18 years of age or over on Tuesday evening, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two representatives to a Congress which will meet at a later date to select among themselves seven persons who will be recommended for membership on the Organization Commission to formulate a plan for Community Government.

You are to call the meeting to order and elect a temporary chairman who will preside at the meeting. You will familiarize yourself with Administrative Instruction No. 34, two copies of which are attached and be ready to answer questions that arise at the meeting. Both copies of this Administrative Instruction are to be kept in your Block Manager's office.

Kindly post the attached notice, writing in Japanese the same notice at the bottom of the sheet.

On Wednesday morning, September 30, you will kindly send to this office the enclosed sheet notifying me of the selection of the persons who have been elected from your block.

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services



NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS

OF THIS BLOCK

The Block Manager has been asked to call a meeting of all residents of this block who are 18 years of age and over on Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, at 7:00 o'clock. Will you please be present to vote on two representatives from your block for representation in a congress that will select among the representatives chosen, seven of its members who will serve as an Organization Commission to prepare a plan of Community Evacuee Government in accordance with the provisions of Administrative Instruction No. 34 issued August 24, 1942, by Dillon S. Myer of the War Relocation Authority, offices at Washington, D. C. Copies of this Administrative Instruction are on file at the Block Manager's office and may be read and studied there. Copies are not to be taken from Block Manager's office.

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

To: Mr. Townsend

Residents of Block \_\_\_\_\_ have selected 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ and 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

as its representatives for the congress to select an Organization Commission.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a little background of these representatives.



## MINIDOKA RELOCATION PROJECT

Hunt Branch  
Twin Falls, Idaho

BLOCK MANAGERS

As of Oct. 5, 1942

Head Block Manager: Hara, S., 16711-A Temp. Office--22-15

<u>Block No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Fam. No.</u>
2-11-A (1	Hatate, H. R.	1-4-B	11914-A
(2	Sato, Yasuji	2-8-C	17676-A
(3	Okada, Frank	3-8-A	11034-A
(4	Shiohara, Motosaku	4-5-D	11501-A
(5	Terazawa, W. S.	5-6-F	29625-A
(6	Obazawa, Y.	6-12-F	17571-A
6-9-A (7	Kosugi, T.	7-4-C	
(8	Hosokawa, S.	8-1-A	16649-A
(10	Nomura, James S.	10-8-D	43095-A
10-12-F (12	Yamasaki, Kumazo	12-1-D	29644-A
(13	Ozawa, Frank	13-7-B	11181-A
(14	Mori, Hideo	14-4-B	43189-A
16-1-A (15	Matsuda, Yoichi	15-5-F	17625-A
(16	Harada, Masaru	16-9-C	11853-A
(17	Yamagiwa, C.	17-6-F	17517-A
19-11-F (19	Nagamine, Frank	19-8-B	11802-A
(21	Mihara, Minoru	21-6-D	11248-A
(22	Fukuhara, S.	22-3-B	50009-A
24-1-A (23	Yorita, Pete	23-10-A	43041-A
(24	Kawaguchi, K.	24-1-F	33052-A
(26	Tosaya, Masutaro	26-7-E	11351-A
28-1-A (28	Ikeda, John S.	28-4-B	11216-A
(29	Funatake, Y.	29-12-A	16051-A
(30	Tanida, Hidekichi	30-10-D	16193-A
32-1-A (31	Yamane, Rio	31-10-F	16247-A
(32	Matsui, Y.	32-6-D	15313-A
(34	Muramatsu, M.	34-4-D	16050-A
(35	Hara, Ginosuke	35-5-E	15005-A
38-1-A (36	Nakatani, Kenny	36-3-E	11405-A
(37	Tomita, H. E.	37-5-D	15725-A
(38	Tajima, George	38-3-D	11911-A
(39	Kida, Keijiro	39-3-D	16066-A
(40	Ishikawa, S.	40-1-E	10850-A
42-1-A (41	Yamashita, Rex	41-2-E	11308-A
(42	Nakamura, Tura	42-3-D	10820-A
(44	Doi, Y.	44-1-F	



S. Yamada 7-2-A Formerly Block Manager of Block Manager of 7  
Has volunteered to the Army

Kumazo Yamasaki 16-9-C, Formerly Block Manager of Block 12 has also  
volunteered his services to the army.



MEMORANDUM  
March 13, 1943

TO: All Block Managers and All Coal Bunker Pit Foremen

FROM: George L. Townsend, Chief, Community Services

Below is given instructions for digging of the coal bunker pits.

1. Tools will be delivered to the kitchen entrance of each dining hall between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Monday morning March 15. Each foreman should be at the kitchen to receive the tools which will be checked out to him and he will be responsible for their safe return. The tools should be stored in some safe location within the block overnight or when not in use.
2. A truck will go to each block on Thursday morning, March 18, between 9 and 11 o'clock and pick up all tools unless we have rain on Mon., Tues., or Wed. which would prevent the digging of pits. In such case you will be notified of the later date the tools will be picked up.
3. Before starting to dig the pit, make sure that the stakes have been properly located. A checker has been assigned by the Public Works Division to visit each location and assist you in determining if the stakes are correctly placed. In most cases the stakes will be 15 feet out from the building.
4. Rake and remove all coal on the ground where pit is to be built and also for distance of at least 8 feet from the stake line.
5. Dirt is to be piled only on three sides of the pit. The open side of the pit should be toward the road leading in from the main road to the kitchen or to the laundry building. Try and keep the dirt which has been thrown out at the same height on all three sides. That will mean the dirt must be evenly distributed. The dirt also should be kept close to the wall.
6. The pit should be dug approximately 12 inches deep where the ground is on the level. If the ground is sloping, the pit should average 12 inches which means that the upper end would be deeper than at the lower end. The size of the pit is approximately 25' x 25' and the diagonal stakes should be 35' 4" apart.
7. If there are any questions about digging the pit or if you are not sure about the instructions you should communicate with Mr. Hatt of Public Works Division before beginning operations.
8. Gravel will be hauled into the pits at a later date by the Public Works Division.

The cooperation of you and all those who are volunteering for this service will be greatly appreciated by the residents and everyone as it will mean for orderliness and beauty when we once get the pits established and the coal placed in them. It is the plan to eliminate the small coal piles scattered throughout the block and concentrate all coal in the bunkers. That will be part of the clean-up campaign to follow later.



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

April 19, 1943

TO: ALL BLOCK MANAGERS

The question of the style of serving in the dining halls has come up from time to time. Will you kindly submit to the residents of your block at a specially called meeting this problem and submit the proposal or decision of the block residents to Mr. Wilder, Project Steward. The following are some of the plans that have been suggested. You may have others.

1. That tables be assigned a family or two families to a table as the case may be with each member of the family lining up and picking up their plate from the counter as has been their practice.
2. Families when they come into the dining room would go to their assigned table and one member of the family would go up to the serving counter and carry back to the table the plates for all other members.
3. Members of families when going into the dining hall could go to their regularly assigned tables and waitresses would serve them. It is not likely that the necessary number of waitresses could be placed on the pay-roll for this service and residents might have to volunteer for such services on a rotating assignment basis. On the other hand, there may be some dining halls in which we could place high school girls as waitresses on a work experience part-time basis. This could not likely be done for all dining rooms, however.

Adoption of one of the above alternative plans or other plan might mean a saving in food. Since many children do not require as much food as adults, the waitress or member of the family going after the food could request the size of portions of each food that would go on a given plate.

As you will observe from the above, the proposed alternative plans will present some problems, but, on the other hand, will help to solve many others. For example, many parents are much concerned about the breaking up of family life occasioned by the type of congregate feeding we have had and that such things as table manners can only be taught when the parents have close supervision over the children. Oftentimes, the meal hour is the only time when all members of the family can be together. There is also the criticism that there has been a tendency to rush through the meals and hurry everyone along whereas it might be more desirable for people to take more time while eating. There are many pros and cons to this whole question but we believe that the residents should talk them over in detail and send the recommendations to the Project Steward. It is not necessary that all blocks have the same plan. Since it might be necessary to make some adjustments in the plans of the Project Steward if a new plan of serving is put into effect it is necessary that he has the recommendations of each dining hall.

E. B. Ingham



April 22, 1943

SUMMARY OF MR. MYER'S ADDRESS TO BLOCK MANAGERS

The chairman, Mr. Evans, said that it was a pleasure to be able to speak to the Block Managers of Poston 1, 2, 3, in one group, and he said he wished it were possible for all of them to get together more often to discuss problems which are common to all three units and thus achieve a unity which he believed was essential to the welfare of the entire community.

He introduced Mr. Philip Glick, the Solicitor of the War Relocation Authority, and Mr. Robert Cousins of the San Francisco office of the WRA.

Mr. Evans stated that the Block Managers of Poston are charged with the responsibility of seeing to the welfare of the people of the blocks both physically and spiritually and said that he felt that they could render a real service to them in the relocation program. He then introduced Mr. Dillon Myer, the Director of the WRA, who spoke on relocation.

Mr. Myer said that he was delighted to have the opportunity to meet with the Block Managers of Poston and told them that it was fourth meeting for the day after which he was leaving for Phoenix. He praised the Block Managers whom he felt were doing a real, important administrative job and about whom he had heard particularly good comments. It is a responsible position and has great opportunities for good in the community..

He took a few minutes to speak in relation to the relocation program in which they are tremendously interested and which they hope the evacuees are interested. There are a great many arguments against relocating. People will say now that we are relocated in the centers, why should we go out from here? Why shouldn't we stay here until the war is over? Mr. Myer expressed a belief that one of the major reasons for the evacuation was because the people were living in consolidated areas and were not intermingled with others. He also felt that it would be much easier to become really established on the outside now than it will be after the war because of the demand for manpower. The opportunity for adjustment will be very hard when many are coming back from the war. Other reasons just as important are that this is just a temporary place and it is not a natural type of community. It is not the form of community in which we would like to have people live generally. From the standpoint of your children relocation is a very important matter. They are not growing up in normal homes, but living in one room apartments, eating in mess halls, and even light bulbs are put in for you. They



do not have the same opportunities as youngsters in normal communities. It will take time in a community on the outside to establish yourselves, but in two or three years it might make a tremendous difference and you should be part of the American community living under those conditions. It is a condition that we must face because of the situation there.

During the past six months since Mr. Myer visited Poston before a lot of progress has been made and 51 field offices have been set up in Salt Lake city, Denver, Chicago, Cleveland, and other cities. The local offices in those areas are there to assist in doing a number of things. They make face to face contacts in the communities and explain to the people the problems of evacuation, find opportunities for relocation working with other federal agencies and committees interested in this problem, and help people with problems after they have relocated if they do have problems. The members of the relocation offices are new and just now getting their training but the offices are beginning to function reasonably well. In Manzanar the day before yesterday more people left than in all the months put together before. It is quite encouraging although it is not a large number.

Mr. Myer said that the Block Managers in their position can assist in this relocation program. It is particularly hard for the older people to make this move; they feel it is a big country and they do not speak English. Anything worthwhile doing is not an easy thing to do. He thought that from the standpoint of the evacuees this program was essential for another reason; people should live in the several states throughout the United States so people would come to know them. People are usually afraid of the unknown regardless of where it is found. He stressed the point that too many should not gather in one community as they did previous to evacuation. They are going to do the best they can to assist everyone.

He repeated that they appreciated the good reports on the work of the Block Managers and it delighted them to know that there were folks among the evacuees to take responsibilities and carry on the work.

There was a short question and answer period.

Question: If we leave on an indefinite leave and establish ourselves during the war, can we go back to California at the expense of the government if we want to go back?

Answer: Mr. Myer said that he could make no commitment at this stage of the game. He hopes that they won't want to go back.



If people need help to make adjustments after the war, we hope we will have the funds to help those who need it.

Is there a possibility of us returning to California, especially the property owners?

I don't know. That is something for which the WRA is not responsible and I can't answer questions relating to them.

What would be your guess of our chance of going back at all? My guess is that there is a very good chance, but I can't speak for the California legislature. As far as WRA is concerned we are going to do everything in our power to let you go back, but this type of government is run by what the people want.

Will persons who answered no on the loyalty question be permitted to relocate?

They will have an opportunity to have their cases reviewed and checked. At the present the Project Director is not given the authority to do this.

You say that it depends upon our actions in the Project and the impressions made by the people who go outside what will happen when the war is over. How did General DeWitt come to his conclusion?

I wouldn't know. That's one thing we like about this country--the freedom of speech and press even though we don't like the things that are said. There was a statement saying that he was misquoted.

What is the present status of the Eastern Defense Command in regard to people going in?

Last summer we had a general agreement that people wanting to go in would be checked with the War Department. Since the announcement of the combat team, interested people are cleared through the Joint Board.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
MINIDOKA PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

M E M O R A N D U M

April 27, 1943

TO: ALL BLOCK MANAGERS

I am sending a truck around the next day or so to pick up some of the longer pieces of lumber which has been used for walks in blocks. This is necessary for the crew which is building back-stops and other play ground equipment. As soon as equipment now used on the farm irrigation is available, gravel walks will be installed. We do not expect to take all lumber used for walks but only those longer pieces which are necessary for play ground equipment.

George L. Townsend  
Chief, Community Services



July 10, 1943

To:

In line with the general reduction of the Project payroll ordered by the National Director, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, it is necessary to reduce the block managers to half their former number.

This will mean that effective July 15, there will be one block manager for a set of two blocks. In order that this reduction be put on an impersonal basis, the even numbered inside block managers were retained wherever the block number arrangement made this possible. As Project Director, I wish to express the Administration's gratitude for the faithful and untiring efforts you have shown in carrying out your duties.

From July 15, the block managers listed below will be in charge of the following blocks:

<u>BLOCK</u>	<u>BLOCK MANAGER</u>
1 & 2	Yasuji Sato 2-11-B
3 & 4	Motosaku Shiohara 4-5-D
5 & 6	Yoshitane Obazawa 6-12-F
7 & 8	Setsugo Hosokawa 8-1-A
10 & 12	Chisato Sakumoto 12-8-E
13 & 14	Hideo Mori 14-4-B
15 & 16	Masaru Harada 16-1-B
17 & 19	Sadatoshi Hirai 19-6-A
21 & 24	Kisuke Kawaguchi 24-11-F
26 & 28	Masutaro Tosaya 26-7-E
29 & 30	Hidekichi Tanida 30-10-D
31 & 32	Yorisada Matsui 32-6-D
34 & 35	Matsutaro Miramatsu 34-4-D
36 & 37	Kenichi Nakatani 36-3-E
38 & 39	Keijiro Kida 39-3-D
40 & 41	Shichiro Ishikawa 40-1-E
42 & 44	Tura Nakamura 42-3-D

The head block manager's office is being discontinued and the services that this office rendered in the past will be carried out in the future by the office of the assistant director in charge of Community Management. The block managers will report to this official. The seventeen block managers will elect as chairman one of their members who will conduct the block manager meetings.

Sincerely,

H. L. Stafford  
Project Director



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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Memorandum

September 3, 1943

To:

You will recall that you were selected several weeks ago as a Block Delegate to assist in formulating a plan for community government.

The Organization Commission was asked to prepare a draft of a charter to be submitted to you for examination and approval before submitting it to the residents. The Organization Commission has prepared the attached preliminary draft of a charter for your study.

Shortly after you were selected, we learned of the segregation program. Inasmuch as we will be receiving some 1,500 new residents as a result of the segregation program, it is only fair to wait until these people arrive so that they can also have a voice in the establishment of a community government. We believe that a charter should be submitted to the residents for adoption as soon as possible after the segregation program has been completed.

H. L. Stafford  
Project Director



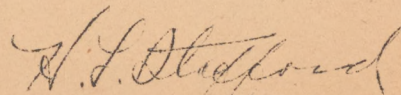
WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Minidoka Relocation Center  
Hunt, Idaho

November 5, 1943

TO: Block Delegates  
FROM: H. L. Stafford, Project Director  
SUBJECT: Community Government Charter

My memorandum of September 3 submitted for your study a preliminary draft of a Community Government Charter prepared by the Community Government Organization Commission.

The new residents transferred to this center as a result of the segregation program have, I believe, had ample time to become settled in their new homes and I think it desirable that we proceed at once to submit a proposed Charter of Community Government to the residents for ratification. I should like therefore to meet with the Block Delegates in my office on November 10, 1943 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of discussing the proposed Charter in light of your study of the preliminary draft submitted with my memorandum of September 3. Transportation will be furnished from your homes to the meeting and return.



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H. L. Stafford  
Project Director



December 2, 1943

TO: Block Delegates and the Community  
Charter Organization Commission

FROM: Harry L. Stafford, Project Director

The Community Charter as revised as a result of our recent discussions has been approved by the Washington office of the WRA. I should like to urge submission of the Charter to the residents of the Center for ratification at the earliest possible time. I suggest, therefore, that the Block Delegates and members of the Organization Commission meet at the Recreation Hall in the Administration area at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, December 6, for the purpose of discussing appropriate steps to be taken for the holding of a ratification election.

Harry L. Stafford  
Project Director



## MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER

### MINUTES OF SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM MEETINGS, 1942

A special meeting of Block Managers with Mr. Ross of the Community Services Division was held at Recreation Hall 34, from 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25th.

In order to instill the deep meaning of Christmas and also not to disappoint the expectations of the children, a Project-wide Christmas program is to be held on that day. A Christmas Program Committee made up of representatives of different organizations in this Center has been formed and Mr. Ross gave a brief resume of what that committee has been doing and planning. This Committee has about 50 delegates from such organizations as the Girls and Boys Scouts, Y.W. and Y.M.C.A., J.A.C.L., Buddhist, Catholic and Protestant Churches, and other administrative offices. Mr. Hara, our Head, has been chosen as one of the committee members, representing the Block Managers.

Presents for all the children--one yrs. to eighteen years, inclusive are to be provided by outside churches and clubs. For the Minidoka Relocation Center the Northern Baptist and Episcopal League have undertaken to supply the gifts which has a set minimum of 25¢ and 50¢ maximum so that no one person will get something better than the other. These two groups will also send the wrapping paper and ribbons and a special committee, chosen for that purpose, will wrap each gift here. In reference to the ages of children receiving present, if a person is going to high school, he will get one but if he is only 17 yrs. and already out of school, then he will not be eligible for a gift.

The following committees have been chosen to care for every detail:

- Finance Committee
- Purchasing Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Wrapping and Distributing Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Musical and Dramatic Committee
- Christmas Correspondence Committee (send thank you notes, etc)

As a single gigantic Christmas party would be almost impossible, it was planned to hold one in each block dining hall which will be supplied with a tree, Santa Claus, decorations and favors. Since the gifts are to be provided for, a donation of about \$35.00 to a block must be asked to buy the candies, nuts, and decorations for the hall and tree. The amount collected will be put into a pool and the purchase of the above made through the Co-op at wholesale prices. This fund drive will be held on Dec.



decided that the wisest thing would be to hold a meeting of the residents in each block and ask their ideas and opinions of this plan. It was not compulsory that the donation be given. At the same time the block meeting is held, a committee of about five to eight persons could be chosen to handle (1) decoration of hall and tree, (2) obtain presents from central place and put them under the tree, (3) skit, drama or music committee, (4) Committee to handle and be responsible for any slip-ups that may be made, and (5) help the steward with the distribution of candy and nuts. If any assistance is needed in the entertainment or musical field, either Mr. George Okada or Mrs. May Hara may be contacted for any help. Aside from them, the following Committee members may be called on for advice:

Finance Committee

Y.W.C.A.

Boys Scouts

Girls Scouts

Buddhist Church

Catholic Church

Federated Christian Church

Entertainment

Music

J.A.C.L.

Education Dept.

Hospital

Community Enterprise

Community Services

Rev. Francis Hayashi

Mrs. Nobuko Suzuki

George Kakehashi

Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi

Rev. H. E. Terao

Rev. Terakawa

Mr. Francis Chiujo

Rev. Francis Hayashi

Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama

George Okada

Mrs. May Hara

James Sakamoto

Milton Maeda

Mr. R. A. Pomeroy

Mrs. M. Evans

Mr. Beltt

Mr. Essene

Mr. Ross

For those blocks where mess halls are not open, Mr. Krumenacker hopes to be able to open them before Christmas but in the event that that can not be done, some other means will be taken to care for the children of those blocks.

Since the Fund Drive is beginning on the 3rd, it was thought that Monday, Nov. 30th, would be the best time to hold the various block residents meeting to discuss this program and the matter of the donation. The money collected during the drive is to be brought to the Head Block Manager's office in 23-2-A, from where it will be handed over to Rev. Hayashi, Finance Chairman.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. after which host, Mr. Muramatsu served refreshments in the dining halls.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary



## CHRISTMAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes: No. 2  
Date: November 23, 1942  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Place: Community Services Office Bldg.  
Present: Rev. T. Fukuyama Mr. Fred Ross  
Rev. F. Hayashi Mr. John Essene  
Rev. T. Terakawa Mr. Francis Chiujo  
Mr. Geo. Okada Mrs. Nobuko Suzuki  
Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi

Mrs. Nobuko Suzuki was appointed temporary chairman for the executive committee meetings to be held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting was approved as read.

Finances Rev. Francis Hayashi was appointed to handle finances of this party. It was decided that a community-wide Christmas Party Fund Drive with a maximum quota of approximately \$1000.00 be raised with a quota of \$35.00 set per block. Boxes could be placed in each dining hall with posters explaining its purpose, and the people could contribute their money in these boxes. Extra funds could be spent for the patients in the hospital. The date of this drive was set to start on Thursday, December 3rd through the 5th, for 3 days.

Publicity Mr. Ross was to speak to Dick Takeuchi, editor of the "Irrigator", to handle publicity in the papers, and in general. The Art Department would handle posters, and pastors make announcements in their church services, and it was suggested block managers call block resident's meeting in their respective dining halls. The idea to get to the people and the cooks is that it is their Christmas and their party. Mr. Ross was to meet with the block managers and explain the setup of the community-wide Christmas and get their cooperation.

Trees and Decorations Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi and Mrs. Morishita, Handicrafts Supervisor, were to see Mr. Mann concerning Christmas trees. The hospital would need at least 15 trees for each of their wards, small ones would be needed for each of the school classrooms, and one each for the dining halls. The decorations could be made by the school children. It was suggested that one box of decorations be distributed to each dining hall from the school. Such decorations as chains, cut-out colored paper dolls and decorations to be pasted on window-panes.

Gifts As the gifts come from outside, they will be taken to Recreation Hall 21, Community Activities Office and the



actual gift wrapping would be done by the young people of the religious demoninations in Dining Hall 21.

Public Relations & Correspondences All correspondence and acknowledgments of gifts are to be left to the Japanese American Citizens League.

Refreshments, Dinner, Clean-up Mr. Essene suggested that a list of candies, nuts and decoration materials be prepared and sent to Mr. Saito of his office so that prices may be obtained, and orders sent in immediately. It was decided that small paper bags or napkins be used to distribute candies to the children. A representative from the Steward's Office was to come to the next executive committee meeting, and a dinner committee picked at that time. It was also decided that a member of the executive committee be present at all committee meetings.

Program The musical and dramatic programs would be left to the Recreation Dept. who through their coordinators would be responsible for the programs in each block.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. The next meeting to be held on December 2, 2:00 p.m. at the same place.



### Christmas Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes: No. 3  
Date: December 2, 1942  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Place: Community Services Administration Bldg.

Present: Mrs. N. Suzuki, Chairman  
Mr. Fred Ross  
Mr. L. Krumenacker  
Mrs. C. Sandoz  
Mrs. L. Kashiwagi  
Mr. S. Hara  
Mr. G. Ishihara  
Rev. F. Hayashi  
Rev. T. Fukuyama  
Rev. T. Terakawa  
Mr. F. Chiujo  
Mr. Milton Maeda  
Mr. Jackson Sonoda  
Miss Mariko Ozaki  
(for Miss Bennett)

Christmas for Needy Families Mr. Sandoz asked if it would be very necessary that special arrangements be made for some families at Christmas as all children for the most part will be taken care of through the community-wide Christmas Party with candies and gifts, and most families will be receiving clothing through Clothing issues. However, money can be given to those in need. It was suggested that extra funds from the Christmas Fund Drive be turned to Social Service. Mr. Krumenacker suggested that from next year cotton and woolen materials could be purchased with funds and girls could knit, crochet and sew for needy families. Mr. Sandoz said a group in Seattle was making clogs, and preparations were being made to be sent here, but actual plans were unknown. He also stated that if lists or applications could be turned in to his office, for bachelors who are not working, and families in need, help could be given them before Christmas.

Dinner Mr. Krumenacker assured that Dining Halls 4, 6, and 30 will be ready for Christmas if Mr. Best is successful in procuring kitchen equipment. Fig bars, novelty cookies to be baked by individual dining hall cooks, and turkey, chicken or ham would be on the Christmas dinner menu.

Trees and Decorations Mr. Ross stated that requisition for the trees have already been sent to Mr. Mann who will notify us if they cannot be purchased, in which case boys would be sent out to cut in the woods.

Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi in charge of decorations reported that her committee ordered the following: Green, red and white crepe paper, 60 lbs. icicles, 5 doz. Scotch-tape, 1 ream each red, green and yellow construction paper, 150 sheets white cardboard, 4 doz. Christmas twine and 9 doz. carpet tacks. 100 lbs. pop-corn will be ordered which brings the total of approximately \$135.00 to be spent on decorations. Mr. Krumenacker said he had about 1/2 bale of cheese-cloth which might be used by this committee as curtains, wrapping Christmas tree stands, etc. Mrs. Kashiwagi suggested potatoes and beet sacks also be utilized for



this purpose.

At Mrs. Kashiwagi's suggestions, it was decided that a Christmas Tree Contest be sponsored on the 23rd and 24th in each dining hall. The contest to be based on originality and ingenuity, and then attractiveness, the tree to receive 60 points, 20 points for setting up and 20 points depending on who did it. Mr. Ross suggested that the 1st prize be a painting by one of our artists. Mrs. Kashiwagi was to contact Mr. Keith Oka in the Art Department.

Refreshments Rev. Hayashi reported that upon consultation with Mr. Sato and Mr. Saito, co-op buyers, they could not guarantee us the 2000 lbs. candies required, but shortage could be supplemented by cookies such as animal crackers, nuts and fruits. Mrs. Kashiwagi reported that \$800.00 was being allotted for refreshments and with nuts at \$32.00 per 100 lbs., \$400.00 could be used for candies and mixed. No definite conclusion was reached as to just how much candy could be purchased. Paper bags at \$5.00 per thousand would be used to distribute candies in.

Gifts A central gift Committee is to be set up with Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama as chairman assisted by Rev. Hayashi and Mr. Francis Chiujo. It was decided that each block have 2 gift representatives to share in the actual gift distribution of their block. A committee of six representing the Protestant, Catholic and Buddhist denominations will work with the block managers who will be in charge of the Recreation Halls 19 and 21 where gifts are to be sent direct from the Post Office.

Mr. Milton Maeda reported on the JACL conference which he attended in Salt Lake. He understood that candies and nuts will be included with the gifts. The Boise Valley JACL are also sending gifts to this relocation center and these will be wrapped and labeled ready for distribution when received.

Finance It was suggested by Rev. Hayashi and decided that a thorough financial report of the Christmas Fund Drive be published in the "Irrigator" showing how much was contributed by each block and a record of what was purchased.

A uniform set of instructions was sent to each block manager with explanations on the Christmas committee, the Christmas Tree Contest and the purpose of the Fund Drive.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M. the next meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 8th at 2:00 P.M. in the Community Services Administration Bldg.



WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Hunt, Idaho

Dec. 2, 1942

To: ALL BLOCK MANAGERS

SUBJECT: Information for Community-wide Christmas Party

1. Each block should have a Christmas Committee to take care of all arrangements concerning the Christmas Party. This committee should consist of:

Decorations	Gifts (2 representatives)
Program	Banquet (table arrangements, etc.)

Recreational leaders will get in touch with each block manager to be of any assistance.
2. Each block raise if possible, \$35.00 voluntary contribution from the residents. It is not compulsory that the donation be given. Any money taken in addition to the \$35.00 will be gratefully accepted by the Christmas Committee, however, should the block feel that they wish to use it for other purposes, they may, of course, do so.
3. There will be a Christmas Tree Contest on December 23rd and 24th. Materials for decorations will be furnished and delivered to the block managers, as soon as the material arrives.
4. Gifts: The Block Manager should have available, list of all children under 18 years of age, including babies. Further information will be issued after our next meeting.



## Christmas Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes: No. 4  
Date: December 8, 1942  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Place: Community Services Administration Bldg.

Present:	Mr. Fred Ross, chairman	Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi
	Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama	Miss Jeanne Mori
	Rev. F. Hayashi	Miss Natsuko Yamaguchi
	Rev. T. Terakawa	Mr. Obazawa
	Mr. George Ishihara	Mr. Shiohara
	Mr. Keiji Saito	Mr. Sawada
	Mr. S. Hara	

Blocks, 4, 6, 30 Mr. Shiohara, Mr. Obazawa and Mr. Sawada, Block managers of the 3 above mentioned blocks where dining halls are not yet opened were present to discuss plans for Christmas dinner for residents of their respective blocks. Mr. Sawada of block 30 was assured that the dining hall in his block would be ready for use within the next week. The two other representatives stated that residents of their blocks would like to all eat together for the occasion if this was possible. Mr. Obazawa suggested that residents of block 6 could all eat in dining hall 7 before residents of that block eat their dinner, then clear out to their own dining hall 6 for their own block Christmas program. Residents of block 4 could all eat at dining hall 2 and hold their program in Recreation Hall 4, and residents could bring their own chairs. Arrangements were to be made to transfer chairs in Recreation Hall 8 to dining hall 6. This of course would mean double work for cooks and waitresses in dining halls 2 and 7, but the matter was to be taken up with Mr. Krumenacker who in turn will contact the cooks in these dining halls.

Refreshments Mr. Keiji Saito of Community Enterprise reported that word has not yet been received regarding shipment of the Christmas candies. He had written letters to 4 different places and expects to hear from them within the next few days. If all orders were filled, he would be able to spare 1000 lbs. at 20 to 30¢ per lb. Mrs. Kashiwagi was to see Mr. Saito at his office in block 23 and if definite word was not received by Tuesday, an emergency meeting would be called and arrangements for substitute be made. Mrs. Kashiwagi is to contact Tom Okazaki who said he could purchase Christmas mixed candies from a concern in Portland, Oregon. Mr. Saito reported that 500 lbs. mixed nuts had already been purchased and 100 lbs. popcorn for decorating at \$9.35. It was suggested that if candies could not be purchased, raisins, nuts and fruits could be substituted.

Fund Raising Drive Rev. Hayashi reported that the Drive was a great success with \$1044.55 raised. This did not include



4 other blocks which had not yet turned in their reports. In addition, checks had already been received by Rev. Hayashi amounting to \$30.00.

Decorations Mrs. Kashiwagi asked if it were possible, for them to be allowed to spend more money on decoration. Mr. Saito reported that shipment for crepe paper, construction paper, carpet tacks, paste and other material ordered would be in so on. The question of Santa Claus costumes was brought up. It was decided that the decorating committee in each block be responsible for Santa Claus costumes in each dining hall. It was suggested that all the costumes be cut in one size by members of handi-draft and distributed to each block where it could be sewn. Mrs. Kashiwagi reported that spun rayon flannel could be purchased at 49¢ per yard and 3 yards be allowed for each suit, and white flannel for trimming at 22¢ per yard. White cheesecloth could be obtained from Mr. Krumenacker and be used for decorating in the dining halls. It was decided that less money be spent on Santa Claus suit and lights be purchased for Christmas Trees. 37 sets of Christmas lights could be purchased at the Idaho Power & Light in Twin Falls, but no definite conclusion was reached on this matter. Each block was to furnish their own extensions. Rules of the Christmas Tree Contest were made up by Mrs. Kashiwagi and these will be distributed to each dining hall and coordinators.

Hospital It was reported that decorations for the trees in the hospital will be taken care of by the YWCA Girl Reserves. Miss Yamaguchi representing the hospital asked that they be allowed to enter the Tree Contest too, as it was thought the Nurses' Aid would enjoy decorating the trees. The hospital will have their own program and it was suggested that the entertainment committee be called upon to help entertain the patients on Christmas Eve. The choir and school children will sing carols at the hospital during the Christmas week.

Trees Word was received that trees could not be purchased through the Forestry Service which the committee had been depending on for their trees. Mr. Floyd Schmoe's letter regarding Christmas trees for the project provided transportation expenses would be taken care on this side was brought up. It was decided that Mr. Ross would find out if this could be possible, and the matter would be taken up with Mr. Schmoe upon his arrival on the project this week. Jeanne Mori said she had received a letter from Dr. Knudsen of the University Baptist Church in Seattle regarding trees some time ago, but had declined the offer thinking the problem had already been solved. She was to write him immediately and see if the trees could still be obtained.



The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M., and the next meeting was to be held on Tuesday, December 15th, unless an emergency meeting was called between now and then regarding the candy.



## Christmas Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes: No. 5  
Date: December 15, 1942  
Time: 2:45 P.M.  
Place: Community Services Administration Bldg.

Present:	Mrs. N. Suzuki, Chairman	Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi
	Mr. Fred Ross	Mrs. J. Light
	Rev. T. Fukuyama	Mr. S. Hara
	Rev. F. Hayashi	Mr. F. Chiujo
	Rev. T. Terakawa	Mr. G. Ishihara

Decorations Mrs. Kashiwagi reported that all decorations including popcorns and icicles have been delivered to the block managers, and also one box each to the hospital dining hall and to the wards. There was doubt as to whether the airmail order of Santa Claus suit materials, ornament and lights amounting to \$148.92 would reach the project in ample time. A telegram was immediately sent to Montgomery Ward in Portland, Oregon asking if the order would be in our hands by December 20th.

Christmas for Caucasians on Project Mrs. Light asked that families living on the project be given the opportunity of contributing towards the Christmas Fund Raising Drive inasmuch as some teachers and caucasians have donated down at block 23. It was decided that a box be left in their dining hall for donations, and this money would be turned in to the Christmas committee. As some teachers have made plans for decorating their dining hall, it was suggested that they have their own party on Christmas eve and they could all go to the various dining halls on the project on Christmas day and join in the program with residents of those blocks.

Finance Rev. Hayashi, Finance chairman, gave a complete report of the Christmas Fund Drive specifying amount raised by each block which totaled \$1204.15. Outside donations to date amounted to \$37.00, bringing the grand total of \$1241.15. This report was to be sent to the "Irrigator" for publication in their newspaper.

Christmas trees Previous plans for obtaining trees from Seattle were disregarded and 50 trees were ordered to Twin Falls. Transportation of these trees to the project was arranged and it was decided that the trucks deliver the large trees directly to the dining halls in each block, and the small trees to the hospital, school-rooms and recreation halls. Each block is to take care and make its own Christmas Tree stands. Mrs. Kashiwagi suggested that gifts be given to the judges of the Tree Contest.



Candy Mr. Ross reported that Mr. Saito received replies to his 4 letters saying they could not supply with the orders, and Tom Okazaki received a reply to one of three telegrams sent to Portland saying they too could not send us any. A letter from Joe Kanazawa, Eastern Representatives of the JACL was read in parts as follows: - ".....Please wire me immediately upon receipt of this letter the estimated amount of money you may need, and we will have it, or as much of it as can be allotted to you.....Mr. John H. Provinse, Chief of Community Services and Mr. Gerald Richardson, Chief of Community Enterprise can assist in making any last minute purchases, distributions or arrangements by teletype, wire or phone". It was decided that the committee turn to them for help in obtaining the necessary 2,000 lbs. of candy. A wire was sent immediately to Mr. Provinse in answer to his telegram asking for information on functioning of community-wide Christmas party, and his ability to cover the candy shortage. Mr. Saito was to go ahead and order the cookies.

Gift Wrapping As wrapping paper, seals and twine were coming in with very few of the gift packages, it was decided that Mr. Ross buy \$2.00 worth of wrapping paper and twine in Twin Falls. More could be purchased after a complete report from the Gifts Committee. Mr. Chiujo reported that over 1300 gifts have already come in.

Program The Christmas Contest Tules were distributed to the block managers and the coordinators of the various sections. Suggestions for Christmas program in the dining halls have been prepared by the Entertainment Supervisor, George Okada, and will be distributed to the Block Christmas Committees. Song sheets are to be available for community singing in each dining hall. It was decided that all further information or notices regarding the block Christmas party be worked to the block managers through Mr. Hara, Head Block manager.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M., the next meeting to be held on Saturday, December 19th at 10:00 A.M. in the Community Service Bldg.



MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT  
Hunt, Idaho

December 16, 1942

Suggestions to Block Christmas Committees

Have community singing with a capable leader while the tables are being cleared. Amateur block talents can be presented during the singing. Song sheets will be available for each block. After tables are cleared, Master of Ceremonies can present the program. Following are suggestions for the program:

Duets, quartette, solo numbers  
Instrumental numbers  
Tableaus and skits  
Children's talents (group singing, dancing plays, etc.)  
Japanese talents (vocal, instrumental, variety numbers)

Following are some games which can be played without moving the dining hall tables:

JanOke-po in many variations.

Simon Says Thumbs Up - Everyone stands with their arms up horizontally in front. Fists clenched with thumbs sticking up. The leader gives the orders "thumbs up" or "thumbs down" but they are not to obey unless the orders are preceded by "Simon says". People making mistakes sit down. The object of game to see who will stay up the longest.

Passing the Apple - Have harmonica, accordian, phonograph or alarm clock which can be stopped at any time. An apple (or object) can be passed from person to person until the music stops. The person holding the object must stand and perform some silly deed, such as flopping arms and shouting, "Cockle-doodle-doo", imitations of famous personalities, sing a solo, etc.

Santa Claus can present gifts anytime during the program. However towards the end would be more suitable as the children will be too noisy after receiving gifts. Have Santa talk to each of the young children.

Try to keep in the Christmas motif.

Each block must confine talents for program to members of their own block.

Above are just suggestions and you are again reminded that initiative and ingenuity in planning and presenting programs are



entirely up to the program committee of each block.

It is very encouraging to note the fine Christmas spirit and splendid organization of the block committees. In this connection, it is hoped that these committees will continue to function as activity groups after the Christmas program is over, in the organization of block activities and stimulation of block residents participating in such activities.



MINIDOKA WAR RELOCATION PROJECT

Hunt, Idaho

December 15, 1942

For the Information of Block Managers and Block Residents:

- (1) The money collected from each block during the Christmas Fund Drive is being used for the purchase of candies, nuts, decorations, Christmas Trees, lights, and Santa Claus suits. Each of these items will be distributed equally to all blocks.
- (2) One Christmas Tree will be delivered to each dining hall on the project. Each block Committee will be expected to make its Christmas Tree stand.
- (3) As soon as block managers have turned in the Age-Sex list of all children in their blocks to the Head Block Manager the gifts for the children of each block will be boxed in Recreation Hall 21 and delivered to each block manager. Wrapping paper and twine will also be delivered, and block Committees will be expected to wrap and label presents.
- (4) As soon as candies and nuts are obtained, they will be divided and distributed to all block managers.



## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes: No. 6  
Date: December 19, 1942  
Time: 10:25 A.M.  
Place: Community Service Adm. Bldg.

Present: Mrs. N. Suzuki, Chairman      Mrs. L. Kashiwagi  
          Mr. Fred Ross                Mr. Chiujo  
          Rev. T. Fukuyama            Mr. G. Ishihara  
          Rev. F. Hayashi            Mr. S. Hara

Candy Mr. Ross read the telegram received from Mr. Provinse, Chief, Community Service of WRA, Washington, D. C. which was in answer to our telegram asking for two thousand pounds candy which we were unable to obtain in this vicinity. Mr. Provinse said the JACL had \$150.00 available to help us but this not being sufficient for amount needed, to let him know fund available by Christmas committee. We immediately wired informing \$500.00 was available and asked estimated delivery date and information regarding payment, to which we received a reply stating arrangements had been made through WPB to purchase \$500.00 worth Christmas Candy through a Chicago concern, delivery before Christmas anticipated and bill accompanying shipment.

The question of how the candies could be weighed for equal distribution to each block was raised. Mr. Krumenacker was to be contacted in regards to borrowing a scale for this purpose.

Gift and Wrapping It was reported that of the 6,000 gifts already here, not many were found appropriate for the older high school group of 15 to 18 years old; the gifts being mostly for younger children. It was therefore decided that \$100.00 be spent to purchase gifts for these boys and girls in Twin Falls. Since this would mean an excess of gifts for the younger children, 300 gifts would be given to the Sunday School children on Sunday morning. Mrs. M. Uno of the Federated Christian Church Office was to take care of the wrapping and distribution of these gifts. It was suggested that extra gifts or gifts arriving after Christmas be given to the Nursery Schools.

It was decided that all gifts be wrapped at Recreation Hall 21 by the Gifts Committee of each individual block as this would enable them to save on wrapping paper.

Mrs. Suzuki suggested that gifts be given to all children in the hospital regardless of whether the patient's name had been included in the regular Block Manager's list. This of course would mean duplication of gifts to these people, but



inasmuch as there are enough presents to make this possible, it would save a lot of trouble. A representative from the hospital was to be sent to Recreation Hall 21 with the list of patient's names to pick up their presents (approximately 150 to 200), and Mrs. Suzuki may be contacted at the hospital for distribution.

Decorations, Santa Claus Suits A reply was received from Montgomery Ward stating they could not guarantee delivery date to our order of 50 boxes ornaments and Santa Claus suit material, as their records were incomplete. It was decided that this order be canceled. Mr. Ross made a phone call to the Idaho Dept. Store in Twin Falls and was assured by them that 18 Santa Claus suits would be available and may be borrowed from them on Christmas morning. The Idaho Power and Light Company was also contacted as to the possibility of purchasing electric lights for the trees. They had available, 25 sets of lights which the Committee decided to purchase. Mr. Ishihara and Mrs. Kashiwagi were given permission to go to Twin Falls Saturday afternoon to purchase \$150.00 worth material for more decoration, commercial ornaments and the 11 sets of electric lights needed.

Mr. Ross reported that 9 bundles of evergreen boughs were being sent from the Fellowship of Reconciliation of Portland, Oregon.

Christmas Tree Contest Mr. Cole, Curriculum Officer of the Education Dept. was selected to take Mr. Ross's place as chairman of the Tree Contest. Mr. George Ishihara was appointed to accompany the judges around to the various dining halls; blocks 1 to 19 on December 23rd, and blocks 21 to 42 on the 24th. Mr. Cole and Mr. Ishihara were to set up a time schedule so that the Decoration Chairmans will be present when the judges arrive at their dining halls.

A revised list of the Christmas Tree Contest Rules is to be issued with an added list of materials for decorations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M., the next meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, December 22nd at 2:00 P.M. in the same place.



## CHRISTMAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes: No. 7  
Date: December 22, 1942  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Place: Community Service Adm. Bldg.

Present: Mrs. N. Suzuki, chairman      Rev. T. Terakawa  
Mr. George Ishihara      Miss Toyoko Kurokawa  
Rev. T. Fukuyama      (for Mr. Hara)  
Rev. F. Hayashi      Mrs. Lulu Kashiwagi  
Mr. K. Saito

Candy A report was made on the telephone call which was made to the Overland Candy Company in Chicago asking if the candy order had already gone out, as, if not, the candy would not be here in time for Christmas, and we would not need it. Mr. Shankman, whom the WPB asked the Committee to contact, was not in, and Mr. Ross left the message with the Shipping Head asking for a wire in regards to the shipment, but as yet, no wire has been received. It was therefore decided that the Committee go ahead and make plans to purchase whatever candy can be available through Mr. Saito of Community Enterprise. Mr. Saito reported that 1120 lbs. of Christmas candy would be purchased from them, this bring sufficient for approximately 4480 packages, and there were \$150.00 worth of nuts which could be mixed with the candy package. He brought samples of hard candy, animal crackers, lemon snaps and soda crackers which could be purchased and distributed to the children. Mrs. Suzuki was appointed to take charge of the candy distribution to all the blocks at the hospital, dividing into 37 units, including the hospital and the Caucasian dining hall. A scale would be available at the hospital to assure equal distribution of candy to all blocks. Mr. George Ishihara was to arrange transportation trucks and carton boxes for the distribution to each block dining hall. Each block would be responsible for distribution of the candy to the individual residents in the block. Cellophane bags will be distributed for this purpose. The block manager's office reported entire population of project last week as 8948 residents. It was decided at least 9250 be counted on including visitors who will be visiting the project during Christmas.

If word is received from Chicago that candy is already on the way, this plan must be dropped. It was decided just the animal crackers would be purchased for the children, if this were the case. Mr. George Ishihara will notify Mr. Saito immediately we receive a wire from Chicago.

Needy families A list of 11 families was submitted from Mr. Sandoz's Social Service Office. Mrs. M. Uno of the Federated Christian Church Office was appointed to take charge of distributing Christmas packages to these families. Such items as soap, towels, children's clothing, etc. could be included in the special



packages. Mrs. Uno is to be asked at the next Committee Meeting for a report of her service in this connection.

Tree Contest Mr. George Ishihara reported that the judges for the Tree Contest had decided they would rather make the rounds to the various dining halls on the evening of December 23rd rather than on two nights as had previously been planned, as some members would not be able to be present on Christmas eve. As residents of blocks 21 to 42 would be counting on the extra day, the Committee decided that other judges who can be present on Christmas eve be contacted, and the judging to be done in all dining halls on the evening of December 24th. The question of whether the Caucasian dining hall would be included in the Contest was raised, but inasmuch as the judges are all Caucasians, it was decided that they be eliminated. The judging will start from block 42 at 6:30 P.M., 5 minutes to be allowed for each dining hall, and ending at the hospital where coffee will be served them in the hospital dining hall. The judges will decide at that time, the winning dining hall, and it was suggested that the winner be notified on Christmas day at their program. Mr. George Ishihara suggested an Open House of all dining halls on Christmas eve from 7:00 to 11:00 when everybody could visit all the dining halls.

Mrs. Kashiwagi reported that due to the poor nature of the trees, ratings will be changed as follows: 40% to be given on tree instead of the original 60 points, 40 points on originality, ingenuity and attractiveness, and 20 points on participation. A revised list of decorations was to be sent to all block managers so each block will know as to how much will be expected.

Finance Rev. Hayashi reported that \$1204.15 was collected from the Fund Drive. \$3.66 was received from the Caucasian dining hall. \$500.00 will be spent for the candy, \$160.00 for nuts, and \$25.00 for the cellophane bags totaling \$685.00.

Due to duplicate order on Christmas tree ornament and lights, and Santa Claus suits, a wire was sent to Mr. Joe Kanzawa, Eastern representative of JACL, Washington, D.C., asking ability to furnish \$50.00 in case there is shortage of funds after Christmas. A reply was received stating \$100.00 would be available through Trust Home Missions.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 P.M., the next and last meeting to be held at 2:00 P.M. on December 29th at the same place.



## CHRISTMAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes: No. 8  
Date: December 29, 1942  
Time: 2:30 P.M.  
Place: Community Service Administration Bldg.

Present: Mrs. N. Suzuki, chairman      Mrs. L. Kashiwagi  
Mr. Fred Ross      Mrs. S. Uno  
Rev. T. Fukuyama      Mr. G. Ishihara  
Rev. Hayashi      Mr. S. Hara  
"Irrigator" reporter

Christmas for Needy families Mrs. Uno reported on special Christmas packages distributed to 11 needy families; families whose head are interned, large families, old couples and bachelors. Such items as babies' clothing, pajamas, slippers, soaps, towels, etc. were included in these packages. Such practical items left over will be sent to Social Service department for further disposition. It was suggested by them that old clothing could be used for mops and for handicraft material.

Gifts The question was brought up as to what could be done with the extra gifts which were coming in after Christmas. Mr. Ishihara suggested that such games as "Bingo" "Checkers", "Dominoes", etc. could be distributed to the various recreation halls to be used for Quiet Games. Used toys, games and dolls will be given to the Nursery Schools and still other gifts could be used as prizes for parties and picnics. Painting material and color books will be turned over to the schools, and books, both new and used, will be turned over to the library. Mrs. Kashiwagi asked if some remnants and embroidery sets could be given to the Girl Scouts. Mrs. Suzuki asked if embroidery, weaving and crocheting materials, puzzles, etc. could be given to the hospital for the patients. It was decided that all gifts be divided for the Recreation Department, Club activities, Social Welfare Dept., Education, Church, Nursery, Hospital and Handicrafts. The organizations will be contacted as to what will be needed from that pile for their respective organizations.

Mrs. Uno asked if the Committee could pay Mr. Ishihara for gasoline and use of his car during Christmas gift distribution and other service, but it was finally decided that a package be given to his children from the left-over gifts.

Mrs. Uno is to prepare a circulatory letter which will be mimeographed and sent to all donors of gifts describing the project Christmas program and party.

It was decided that \$10.00 be given for use in the caucasian recreation hall in appreciation to the judges for the Christmas Contest.



Tree Contest It was decided by the judges, and agreed by the committee that special awards be given to 3 dining halls besides the 2 winning halls. Mr. Ishihara released the winners as follows: First prize- Dining Halls 26 and 17; Special Awards-Dining Halls 26, 15, and 32; Honorable Mention-Dining Halls 3, 21, 13, 24, 21, and 39. Mr. Townsend announced the award to the two winning dining halls at their Christmas dinner. Dining Halls 4 and 10 were closed at the time the judges arrived and therefore were not included in the judging Contest. It was decided the Art Department provide small murals or pictures to the 3 special awards. Each winning dining hall may put in their request as to what kind of a picture they would like painted in their dining hall. Mr. Ross is to notify the Art Department to this effect. Judges for the Contest were: Miss K. Riikola, Mrs. Dorothy Light, Miss Ruth Major, Mr. Charles Roroback and Mr. Arthur Ficke,

Finance Rev. Hayashi was not able to give the complete financial report as Mr. Saito of Community Enterprise was ill, and as the candy which had been ordered to Chicago had not arrived. However, he reported that the total sum raised on the project was \$1209.06, outside donations received amounted to \$257.42 making total income \$1466.48. Total expenditures thus far amounted to \$1224.72 which leaves a balance of \$241.76 out of which will be paid approximately \$23.00 for candy bags and the additional candy which will come from Chicago.

A complete financial report listing donors of money outside will be mimeographed and given to each block for the residents. This report will also appear in the "Irrigator" both in the English and Japanese sections.

Permission was asked from the Committee for \$6.00 to be used in acknowledging receipt of packages received by individuals and the Federated Christian Church, for the project.

Candy Mrs. Suzuki and her help at the hospital will be responsible for the distribution of candy which will come from Chicago. It was decided that any money left over in the treasury will be used for purchasing candy either in Twin Falls or at the canteen. This candy will be mixed in with the regular candy from Chicago and distributed to the residents of the block.

The final meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.



MINIDOKA RELOCATION CENTER  
Hunt, Idaho

Memorandum

Dec. 22, 1942

TO: ALL BLOCK MANAGERS  
FROM: S. Hara, Head, Block Mgr.  
SUBJECT: Christmas preparations---miscellaneous.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

All Christmas tree lights must be returned to the block managers by the Christmas Committee in each block and so please relay this message to them and bring the lights with you to our Monday meeting for sure.

CONTEST POINTS

The points to be given for the tree and hall contest has been changed due to the nature of the poor trees. Thus it will be distributed in the following manner: Trees, 40 points; Originality and ingenuity, 40 points; Participation, 20 points. The Hall and Table decorations will be included in the originality and ingenuity.

JUDGING

You will be advised of the schedule of the judges tour so that the mess halls can make necessary preparations. Judges will start from 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 24th and complete the entire project in one evening.

OPEN HOUSE

Open house for the entire community could be held on that same night and it is suggested that each dining hall be open for other block residents. This could be between the hours of 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

ADDITIONAL GIFTS

Additional gifts will be given to all blocks. The carton boxes in which these gifts are delivered MUST be returned to the canteen so please handle carefully and return them to Rec. 21. Also left over paper and ribbons must be returned to the Rec. Hall 21. If your block does not have enough, please have your committee pick them up at the above place.



# REVISED LIST OF DECORATION

18 crepe paper  
1 lb. & 4 pkg. icicles  
1 Scotch tape  
1 twine  
2 sets construction paper (110 sheets)  
4 white cardboard  
2 sheets silver  
2 sheets gold  
2 lbs. popcorn  
3 10 yd. blot cheese cloth  
2 sets of lights  
2 1/2 doz. ornaments.  
1 Santa Claus suit  
Extra tree boughs  
Handful of holly

The judges will cover all dining hall on Thursday night  
from 6:30 P.M

Everybody has been disappointed with the trees but we  
wish to announce they are the best Montanantrees available.  
The Washington trees could not be had.

Mrs. L. Kashiwagi  
Chairman, decorations



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
BLOCK MANAGERS AND BLOCK COMMISSIONERS

*Perkins*

Now that the Minidoka Project has established community government, it would seem expedient to indicate the differences between the functions of Block Managers, or Coordinators, and Block Commissioners.

Since the beginning of the project, in the fall of 1942, Block Managers have been looked upon as leaders in their blocks, and people have gone to them for advice, as well as for aid in material difficulties. Now that the residents have elected a Council and a body of Commissioners, the Block Managers will be expected to devote their entire attention to the problems of block operation and maintenance. As employees of the administration, they will be expected to report such things as broken windows, need for repairs in laundry or wash-rooms, the lack of coal in the block, or the requirements of the residents in some other fashion. They will be expected to post and make announcements in the name of the Administration. They are essentially representatives of the Administration and are to be concerned only with routine administration and direction.

On the other hand, Block Commissioners are essentially the representatives of the people. They were elected as such by the residents. They will be concerned with social and political aspects of project affairs rather than the material.



Questions of human relationships and problems connected with the political life of the project will be their province.

It is also important for the residents of the community to appreciate the fact that the Block Commissioners are the duly elected representatives of the people, and as such, are the leaders in each block. It will be their prerogative to call all block meetings, to assemble the people for any and all purposes, and to carry the wishes of the people in each particular block to the attention of the Community Council, and to convey information from the Council to the people.