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MEETING OF THE FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION WITH THE PROJECT DIRECTOR  
AND THE RELOCATION PROGRAM OFFICER

Project Director's Office  
October 4, 1944  
Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS: Mr. Hikoroku Honnami                      Mrs. S. Fujita  
          Mrs. Doris Nakayama                     Rev. Carl W. Nugent  
          Mr. Koji Murata                         Mr. Tamaki Matsuno  
          Mr. Geo. Kumakichi Sawai               Mr. Sasato Yamate  
          Mrs. Kuni Yatabe                        Mr. Gihei Takeuchi  
          Miss Eiko Honda                         Mr. Kuraichi Suwada  
          Mr. Masuji Fujii                        Mr. Isao Yano  
          Miss Mitsuye Endo

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Mr. Yano, and Mr. Suwada representing the Community Council; Mr. Akahoshi representing the Block Managers; Mr. Yamate representing the Co-op; Mr. Honnami, Interfaith Ministerial Association; Rev. Nugent, Topaz Protestant Church.

Miss Dickinson reported that the representatives of the Ladies Auxilliary Protestant Church and U.S.O. were not able to attend on account of a funeral but had sent their regrets through Mrs. S. Fujita.

Mr. Akahoshi reported that he was sent to report to the Block Managers on this meeting. Mr. Yamate said that he was observing and would report back to the Board of Directors of the Cooperative.

Mr. Honnami reported that through the Interfaith Council many individuals might be contacted; and in his discussion with the members of the Interfaith Council, it had been felt that his group were in a position to give a great deal of information. But it had been the feeling of his group that this organization should be under the Community Council. Miss Dickinson reported that it had been the wish of the Council that this group be called together by the Project Director and they had promised fullest cooperation through the Council Committee on Relocation, who will work with this group.

Again the function of this committee was explained as being a representative group brought together to discuss the future plans of the evacuees, both in relation to relocation plans and possible return to the West Coast, of anything else which effected their own future. The name "Future-Planning Commission" so far has seemed to be in favor with this group.

Mr. Hoffman reported in some detail on the talk given by Mr. Myer at the Denver Conference. This report pointed out that within a year 32,000 evacuees had been relocated. This being 1/3 of the center population. There is still a great deal of planning to be done.



There is no definite date announced by the War Department for the opening of the West Coast. Until such time as there is an announcement, individuals may apply directly through the Western Defense Command for permanent re-entrance to California. However, the restrictions have recently been more stringent.

Mr. Hoffman reported that when the exclusion order is lifted, people who have leave clearance will be free to go any where and whenever they please provided they do not need financial assistance. Their movement, however, will be subject to an orderly arrangement of transportation. Those who need financial assistance will receive the same travel and assistance grant as now and the return will be handled just as any relocation to any other part of the country. Plans will be made to take care of other special problems through other Government agencies.

It was decided that this group should meet weekly until further notice, and the next meeting will be Wednesday, October 11th, at 10:30 A.M. in the Project Director's Office. It is urged that each group send an authorized representative to this meeting.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



*Miss Dickinson*

FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION

Project Director's Office  
October 11, 1944  
Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

MEMBERS:    Mr. Hikoroku Honnami                      Mr. Masuji Fujii  
              Mrs. Doris Nakayama                    Mr. Tamaki Matsuno  
              Mr. Koji Murata                           Mr. Sasato Yamate  
              Mr. Geo. Kumakichi Sawai                Mr. Gihei Takeuchi  
              Mrs. Kuni Yatabe                           Mr. Kuraichi Suwada  
              Miss Eiko Honda                            Mr. Isao Yano  
              Mrs. S. Fujita                             Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi  
              Rev. Carl Nugent                           Miss Mitsuye Endo

PRESENT:    Mr. Takeuchi, Mr. Suwada, Mr. Yano, Community Council  
                 representatives; Mr. Akahoshi, Block Managers; Miss  
                 Endo, Business and Professional Girls; Rev. Nugent,  
                 Topaz Protestant Church; Mr. Sandow, Reports Officer  
                 from the Middle Atlantic Area; and Dr. Cobb and Dr.  
                 Yuasa, visitors to Topaz on Preaching Mission.

Mr. Hoffman reported that Rev. Okuyama had called to say that the representatives of the Interfaith could not be present at the meeting because of another meeting. Miss Dickinson reported that a letter had been received from Mr. Yamate of the Cooperative saying that the Board of Directors had reconsidered their previous motion and accepted our invitation to the meetings promising to do their part on the committee.

Dr. Yuasa was asked to express his opinion of the relocation program. He said that he felt that there needs to be a clear-cut definition of those persons who expect to relocate and those who cannot for some reason. He felt the necessity of giving assurance and security to those persons who felt that it was impossible at this time to relocate. He also pointed out that the financial handicap was a very real one and that many questions had come to him as to the possibility of further subsidy or loan to help those who were without resources.

Mr. Hoffman outlined the present financial assistance saying that it seemed unlikely that there would be any change in the present financial grant. However, we all recognize that this problem will be more and more pressing as time goes on because the families now left in the center are those which are larger and more needy.

Mr. Sandow pointed out that an increased cash allowance might be an adverse effect on public sentiment and create more problems of acceptance.



Dr. Yuasa re-emphasized the fact that resettlement is an individual problem and said that in his talks with the residents, he only asks them to think through their problem and balance their assets and liabilities in regard to relocation. He asked several questions concerning the period of transition which will inevitably follow the opening of the West Coast and received from Mr. Hoffman replies concerning the individual adjustments and gradual transfer of responsibility to other Governmental agencies. Mr. Hoffman pointed out that this was the reason for the present Welfare discussions with center families to get first-hand information concerning their plans and problems. Through these, we may get some evaluation of what will be needed in terms of making final plans for the families now left in the center.

Dr. Yuasa re-emphasized the fact that he felt that as much information as possible should be given to the residents of the center in order to give a sense of assurance to those who have obviously insurmountable relocation problems at this time, that their problems would be handled individually and sympathetically. He also said that his main talking points with residents regarding relocation were: (1) the time element, i.e., now is the best time for securing employment and putting down roots in outside communities. (2) that the young Nisei who had gone out already need their parents or immediate families because they need a family life. He, however, felt that the talk about the opening of the West Coast might tend to deter relocation, and he wondered whether the sentiment of acceptance might be less favorable as the war goes on. It was the feeling of this group that there might be some decline in relocation at first when the West Coast alternative was presented, but it was not expected that this would be an universal reaction. It was also the feeling of this group that tolerance and acceptance might even increase as the war progresses.

The members of the Council Committee on Relocation brought up the matter of freight transfer from the terminal freight station to the home of the relocatee. There have been some real difficulties in this matter, and the Council Committee wish to recommend that the freight payment cover the transportation of goods from the center to the new home of the relocatee. Miss Dickinson pointed out that there were some other aspects to this in which we might be of more service to relocated families than we have to date by better planning. However, this recommendation will be transmitted to Washington.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



# MINUTES OF THE FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
October 18, 1944  
Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr. Hikoroku Honnami	Mr. Masuji Fujii
	Mrs. Doris Nakayama	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mr. Fred Koba	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Mr. Isao Yano
	Miss Eiko Honda	Mr. Kuraichi Suwada
	Rev. Shigeo Shimada	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Mrs. S. Fujita	Miss Mitsuye Endo

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Mr. Yano, Community Council representatives; Mr. Akahoshi, Block Managers; Rev. Shimada, Topaz Protestant Church; Mr. Henry Tanaka, Fellowship Circle; Mrs. Yatabe, P.T.A.; Mrs. Fujita, Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church; Mr. Senri Nao, American Red Cross; Mr. Yamate, Cooperative; Mr. Hoffman and Miss Dickinson.

There was some discussion of the organization of this group. Mrs. Fujita reported that the members of the Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church had felt that since the clergy were represented they did not need to send representatives to this group. Mr. Hoffman and Miss Dickinson urged that Ladies Auxiliary reconsider this decision and send their representative because we need their point of view and feel that women should be represented on the commission. A letter from Rev. Z. Okayama, President of the Interfaith Ministerial Association was read. Rev. Okayama felt that there was no need for a representative of the Interfaith Ministerial Association since there is representation from each Faith organization. However, Rev. Shimada was asked to convey to Rev. Okayama our request that the Interfaith still continue sending a representative even though this may seem to duplicate. We feel that it is important that the Interfaith be represented as an organization, as well as each denomination. Mr. Koba has agreed to send a representative from the Red Cross to each meeting. Mrs. Yatabe reported that elections were being held in the P.T.A. and after that the matter would be taken up.

There was some discussion of the name of the organization, and the name "Future-Planning Commission" seemed to be acceptable to all. It was also agreed that meetings be held at the same time on Wednesday of each week.

There was a discussion of how best to get information quickly to the center residents. A bulletin was suggested but it seemed to be preferable to the group to run a column in the Topaz Times, Saturday issue. It was pointed out that this would give better circulation to any items of interest to the residents.



This bulletin will be prepared and voted upon at the Wednesday meeting for publication in the Saturday Topaz Times. It was further suggested that in case there is information which needs to be presented in more detail, there might be a special bulletin published through this commission. It was also suggested that a member of the Topaz Times resident staff be invited to sit on this commission.

Miss Dickinson presented some high points in the recent Handbook Release No. 150 and the most interest was expressed in the trial indefinite portion of this release. It was felt that trial indefinite was unpopular because of the delayed grants. People need ready cash and transportation for relocation. It was felt better to relax the restrictions on reinductions.

The question was asked whether or not a person who has relocated to another part of the country will be as free to return to the West Coast without restrictions as soon as the West Coast is opened to evacuees as he would be to return from a relocation center. It was pointed out that a person on indefinite leave in any part of the country will be perfectly free to return to the coast as soon as the evacuation order is lifted. It was also pointed out that relocated persons may in the natural circumstances of things have the advantage of an earlier and easier return to the coast than those in a center. When the West Coast is opened all who have leave clearance have a right to go as soon as transportation and property clearance can be arranged. However, those who need leave assistance grants and government transportation must take their turn and there are other problems which will need to be worked out in many cases. It was also suggested that persons who have relocated and are working on normal or defense jobs outside of relocation centers may be in a better position to obtain employment in California.

Suggestions for programs for future meetings were as follows: (1) Assistance under the Social Security Act. (2) Streamlining of leave process. (3) Evacuee property problems including crating and packing material.

Miss Dickinson requested that a member of the resident staff of the Relocation Division be asked to serve as a member of this commission. It was agreed that this would be desirable.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
October 25, 1944  
Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	<del>Mr. Hikoroku Honnami</del>	Mr. Frank Iino
	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mrs. H. Kanzaki	Mr. Isao Yano
	Rev. S. Shimada	Mr. K. Suwada
	Mr. S. Yamate	Mr. G. Takeuchi
	Mr. Henry Tanaka	Mr. Masuji Fujii
	<del>Mr. Fred Koba</del>	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe
	Mrs. S. Fujita	Miss Eiko Honda
	Miss Mitsuye Endo	

PRESENT: Mr. Yano, Community Council; Mr. Hashiguchi, Topaz Protestant Church; Miss Mary Ota, Cooperative; Mrs. S. Arimoto and Mrs. Kanzaki, representatives of the U.S.O.; Mr. Tawara, American Red Cross; Mr. Henry Tanaka, Fellowship Circle; and Mr. Frank Iino, Relocation Staff, and Mrs. S. Fujita, Topaz Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church.

It was explained that the elections of the P.T.A. are not yet complete and Mrs. Yatabe, who attended last week as representative of the P.T.A., is relocating. The Topaz Times has been asked to send a representative to this meeting; but since Wednesday morning is a difficult time for them to get away, they have not yet worked ~~through~~ a plan of representation.

Miss Dickinson presented suggested material for the first column of the Topaz Times. The commission felt that this column should tell more about the Future-Planning Commission and should contain a different type of material. Mr. Yano, Mr. Tanaka, and Mrs. Fujita agreed to work with Miss Dickinson in preparing this material. It was thought best to have the column not so much a material of current relocation news but suggestions that all residents give earnest thought to their plans for the future.

Mr. Iino presented some material on Seabrook Farms reporting that there were now between five and six hundred evacuee persons working at Seabrook and about 85 complete family groups. The wages are fairly good when the cost of living is considered. Mr. Iino pointed out that there is good work for women and older men. Residents may go out to Seabrook on trial indefinite leave with their travel expenses paid by the Seabrook Farms. It is so arranged that this travel advance is completely "forgiven" before the end of the trial period, if the workers stay on the job that long. However, if they leave they must pay their own expenses back to the center. This seems to be a fairly good opportunity for both Issei and young Nisei couples. It has a good post-war employment possibility.



Miss Dickinson explained that the Relocation Division has not particularly promoted the Seabrook Farm proposition but has given center residents every possible opportunity to hear about it and judge for themselves.

Mr. Yano suggested the institution of a "QUESTION BOX" for the exchange of information and answering the questions regarding all kinds of problems which effect the future planning of center residents. He felt that this commission might take upon themselves the responsibility of receiving these questions and finding out the correct answers through referral to the appropriate sources of information. The channels suggested for this question box would be the block managers. A center resident wanting an answer to a specific question could write his question; give it to his block manager, who, in turn, would give it to the representative of the block managers who serves on the Future-Planning Commission. Everyone felt that this would be a good idea.

It was agreed that for the next meeting, Mr. Morris, Evacuee Property Officer, be asked to be present to clarify any questions concerning evacuee property, freight, packing, etc.

Mr. Tanaka, who is relocating to Cleveland with his family before the next meeting, expressed his feeling that all people should start right now thinking through their plans for the future and making whatever contacts they can to work out these plans.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 1, at 10:30 A.M. in the Project Director's Office.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
November 1, 1944  
Wednesday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Mr. Masuji Fujii
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Miss Eiko Honda	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Mrs. S. Fujita	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi
	Rev. S. Shimada	Mr. Isao Yano
	Miss Mitsuye Endo	Mr. Kuraichi Suwada

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Community Council; Mrs. Arimoto, U.S.O.;  
Mr. H. Saito, Block Managers; Mrs. Yatabe, P.T.A.;  
Mr. Morris, Evacuee Property Officer; and Mr. Hoffman  
and Miss Dickinson.

It was reported that the Interfaith Ministerial Ass'n. had withdrawn from the Future-Planning Commission since it was their opinion that representation from different denominations was sufficient. The American Red Cross through Mr. Fred Koba has also withdrawn since they feel that their organization is not in a position to deal with policies. The elections of the P.T.A. are not yet complete and Mrs. Yatabe will represent this group until they are.

Mr. Morris led an interesting discussion on the problems of baggage and freight and property matters on the West Coast. He explained the reason why in some cases there is delivery of freight from the station to the new address of the relocating residents. This is because some railroads have this facility; others do not and it is difficult to guarantee routing at this end of the line. He urged that all persons planning relocation should get in touch with him early enough to make the best plan for handling their luggage. Each case is different and calls for a different method of handling. It was agreed that this topic should be discussed in the weekly column of the Topaz Times.

There was considerable discussion of the difficulty of organizing this Commission and the reason why organizations in the center have difficulty in securing officers and adequate representation. The discussion of the future plans of residents is a highly individual matter and it seems to be difficult for organizations to broach these discussions in their own ranks. The same difficulty is facing the P.T.A. in securing new officers for this year.

It was felt best to change the time of the meeting of the Future-Planning Commission to Thursday morning at the same time, 10:30 A.M., in order that a representative from the Topaz Times may be present at the meetings.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



The next meeting of the Future-Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, November 16, at 10:30 A.M. in the Project Director's Office. Miss Lucy Brown of the Welfare Section in Washington will discuss Social Security provisions. Miss Rose Reynolds of the Relocation Office in Boston, Massachusetts will be present to answer questions on relocation possibilities in New England.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
November 9, 1944  
Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi	Mrs. S. Fujita
	Mr. Isao Yano	Rev. S. Shimada
	Mr. Kuraichi Suwada	Mr. Masuji Fujii
	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Miss Eiko Honda	Miss Mitsuye Endo

PRESENT: Mr. Gihei Takeuchi and Mr. Isao Yano, Community Council; Mrs. Arimoto, U.S.O.; Mr. H. Saito, Block Managers; Mr. Yamate, Cooperative; Mrs. Kanzaki, Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church; Miss Honda, Topaz Times and Fellowship Circle; Miss Endo, Business & Professional Women; Mr. Thomas R. Bodine, Field Representative of the Student Relocation Council in Philadelphia; Mr. Hoffman and Miss Dickinson.

The matter of the proposed "Question Box" was discussed briefly. This suggestion was discussed in the meeting of the Block Managers, but no procedure have yet been set up. It was suggested that a memorandum be sent to Mr. Hirano, Chairman of the Block Managers outlining procedure for this informational service.

There was a discussion of the memorial services being held by the U.S.O. Mr. Hoffman emphasized the fact that we wish to be of every possible help in arranging and participating in these memorial services and asked that the U.S.O. or any other organization taking part in the planning of these services feel free to call upon the Community Council and the Project Director for anything which will be of help.

Mr. Thomas R. Bodine, Field Representative of the Student Relocation Council in Philadelphia, discussed with the group the work of the Student Relocation Council. He reported that the Council felt that the large part of its work is finished. Colleges have been opened up to Nisei students and good relationships have been built. There are 500 schools and colleges now enrolling students in every state except Arkansas. Nursing schools have also been opened to Nisei. Now, the Student Relocation Council is asking that the high schools in the projects gear themselves to do the relocation advising of students. At Topaz, Miss Eleanor Gerard will handle student relocation working from the high school after December 1.

Mr. Bodine stated that the Student Relocation Council would still be on the scene but their part will be more in the financial planning for student aid.



He outlined the steps which a student should take in planning to enter colleges. First, there should be a budget prepared with the help of the Student Relocation Advisor, Miss Gerard. This budget should cover the full cost of a first year in college, then there should be planning as to how to meet this budget. This planning should take into consideration the earnings of the student in a part-time job; contributions that can be made by the family, if able; the possibility of help from the Topaz Scholarship Fund. Finally, the Student Relocation Council will attempt to find funds to underwrite the remaining deficit in the budget. This will be in the form of an outright grant, not a loan.

Mr. Bodine emphasized the importance of encouraging boys to get started toward their college career immediately after graduation from high school. Even though they are expecting a call for army induction very soon, if they can be enrolled in the college for even a very short period, they will be eligible for post-war education at Government expense as outlined in the G.I. Bill of Rights. This is extremely important for the future of our young men.

In the case of girls, time is not such an urgent matter. A girl may have time and opportunity to earn money to help finance her college career before actually enrolling in college.

During the discussion of Mr. Bodine's talk, it was brought out that 3,000 Nisei had gone out from centers to colleges and universities since 1942. Most of these are still enrolled as students. There are more openings in all types of schools than there are Nisei to fill them.

It was asked if Nisei students had shown a feeling of responsibility and concern for the people still left in the centers? Mr. Bodine replied that there was much evidence of a real sense of responsibility expressed by the students. The students themselves last year raised a scholarship fund for the Student Relocation Council to help other students relocating from the centers.

Mr. Bodine pointed out the fact that the centers had raised substantial scholarship funds, such as represented by the Topaz Scholarship Fund, was one of the best arguments in obtaining funds from outside organizations to aid Nisei students. He also pointed out that even though most of the student aid money was raised by church organizations, there was a special fund of \$15,000 set aside to aid Buddhist students from centers.

The question was asked about the possible waiver of out-of-state fees as an aid to students. Mr. Bodine pointed out that some states had an arrangement whereby this portion of the tuition fee might be adjusted satisfactorily. It was suggested by an evacuee member of the commission that if the Government could make a substantial financial contribution toward the total educational and living expenses of the Nisei students, it might be considered



by evacuees as a just return or indemnity to which they might justly be entitled. If it were not for evacuation these students might have been attending colleges nearer their former homes at less expense. Mr. Hoffman and Mr. Bodine agreed that there was merit in this suggestion.

It was felt that the Thursday morning time for this meeting was generally more convenient for most people. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, November 16, at 10:30 A.M. in the Project Director's Office.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
November 16, 1944  
Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi	Mrs. S. Fujita
	Mr. Isao Yano	Rev. S. Shimada
	Mr. Kuraichi Suwada	Mr. Masuji Fujii
	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Miss Eiko Honda	Miss Mitsuye Endo

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Mr. Suwada, and Mr. Yano, Community Council; Mr. Akahoshi, Block Managers; Mrs. Fujita, Ladies Auxiliary Topaz Protestant Church; Miss Endo, Business & Professional Women; Miss Honda, Topaz Times and Fellowship Circle; Mrs. Arimoto, U.S.O.; Miss Lucy Brown, Welfare Section, Washington Office; Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Sanford, Mr. Pratt, and Miss Dickinson.

There was some discussion of the column "Our Future" in the Topaz Times. It was felt that it would be well to repeat the item encouraging young men to enter college and not delay their plans because of army induction. It was suggested that this be done around December 1st in a bulletin which announces the appointment of Miss Eleanor Gerard as Student Relocation Advisor.

Miss Lucy Brown of the Washington Office gave an explanation of the Social Security Program explaining the differences between the Unemployment and Old Age and Survivors Insurance and the program of public assistance. In the Unemployment and Old Age and Survivors Insurance a wage account is built up through employment and wage deductions for all those occupations covered by social security in this program. It is this program for which the social security card and number are necessary. Farming and domestic services are not now covered by the Unemployment Insurance and Old Age and Survivors Insurance.

The Public Assistance Program is administered in each state by a state agency with a federal grant from the social security fund. Requirements vary in different states. For instance, in California to receive Old Age Assistance, one must be a citizen but to receive assistance under the program for the blind, one need not be a citizen.

General relief is the responsibility of states and counties but there is a special fund granted by Congress to take care of persons who have been affected by the war emergency regardless of their citizenship status, residence, etc. This fund is made up of an appropriation from Congress plus an equal amount transferred from WRA fund.



Miss Brown stressed the fact that the number of relocated evacuees needing such assistance to date has been very small. She outlined the situations which could be taken care of through this fund. If a man who has relocated becomes ill and unable to take care of his family he can get medical care and a grant to take care of his family on the same standard as residents of the community in which he is living. But the Welfare agency needs to be contacted immediately when the problem arises as they have certain contractual agreements with hospitals and institutions which need to be carried out in the solution of the problem.

People of Japanese ancestry who lived on the coast did not often have to seek relief so the evacuees are not so familiar with the social security setup as are other residents of the United States. We need to study these provisions and realize that emergencies can be taken care of through social security for evacuees as well as all other people.

Certain private welfare agencies in New York, Philadelphia, and other cities are helping young people plan to bring their parents out of the centers by showing them how to budget and cut costs. This plan for reuniting families has been well supported by the welfare agencies.

There was a discussion of institutional care. Miss Brown said that the special fund has been used to place people in institutions for the mentally ill or tubercular. At some later date there might be a transfer to the state of their residence, but at the present time they may receive continuing care in the state where they are relocated. In some states where a person has relocated and a need for institutional care arises, the family may already have attained residence in that state and be entitled to institutional care there.

The matter of reinductions on a health basis was discussed at some length. Miss Dickinson explained that the reason for delaying reinduction in some cases of health problems was that every possibility for the care of the sick person should be exhausted before return to the center. Even though the sick person naturally wishes to be with his family, it is often possible to make provision for more adequate medical care for him outside the center. However, after communication with field offices, persons are actually reinducted if they wish to be under these circumstances. In the case of prospective mothers who wish to return to their parents in the center to await the birth of their babies, this also is possible but every effort is made to try to make provision for them on the outside, if possible. Financially, wives of servicemen are in much better circumstances in the long run both for their confinement and their future to stay outside of the center. Sometimes it is possible to send their parents out to the expectant mother if that seems feasible.



A question was asked concerning the persons in the center who had since evacuation become unemployable and could not look forward to supporting themselves or their families if they return to the coast or relocated elsewhere. Miss Brown stated that the welfare section was making a special study of such cases in all the centers. She outlined the procedure that would probably be used to return them to the coast when the evacuation order is lifted. Through the special fund and the welfare agencies in the different counties and municipalities of a state, a transfer of responsibility from WRA to local welfare agencies would be worked out. This will be done gradually and on a case-by-case basis and every provision made to insure the security and comfort of the persons thus affected.

It was suggested that WRA should establish field research offices in the evacuation area to study the local community sentiment and give out information as to whether evacuees should return to their own former localities or relocate elsewhere. Mr. Hoffman replied that WRA relocation offices will be established on the West Coast as soon as the evacuation order is lifted.

Miss Dickinson announced that the Relocation and Leave Offices have moved to Block 2, Buildings 5 and 6 and are well set up for future business. She announced that there would be a house warming invitation to this committee at some time not too far in the future.

Leah K. Dickinson  
Relocation Program Officer



FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Miss Dickinson's Office  
November 30, 1944  
Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi	Rev. Z. Okayama
	Mr. Kuraichi Suwada	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Miss Eiko Honda
	Mrs. S. Fujita	Miss Toyo Mizobe
	Rev. S. Shimada	

PRESENT: Mrs. Fujita, Ladies Auxiliary Topaz Protestant Church; Mr. Akahoshi, Block Managers; Miss Rose Reynolds, Assistant Area Supervisor, New England Area; and Miss Dickinson.

Miss Dickinson called attention to the fact that two members of this commission are relocating this week-- Mr. Yano and Mr. Fujii; Mr. Yamate is out of town and Mrs. Arimoto and members of the Council Committee are busy with arrangements for the center-wide memorial service on Sunday.

Miss Reynolds visited with the group concerning opportunities in New England. She pointed out that there was no hostel in Boston but there were two good Japanese boarding houses which were used extensively by relocatees. She gave a good description of opportunities in Boston and the New England Area saying that the jobs were not spectacular but average in wage scale and aimed at good assimilation and steady post-war employment.

Leah K. Dickinson

Relocation Program Officer



## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
December 7, 1944  
Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Gihei Takeuchi Miss Toyoko Mizobe  
Mr. Kuraichi Suwada Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi  
Mrs. S. Arimoto Rev. S. Shimada  
Mrs. Kuni Yatabe Rev. Z. Okayama  
Mrs. S. Fujita Mr. Sasato Yamate  
Miss Eiko Honda

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Community Council; Mr. Saito, Block Managers; Mrs. Arimoto, U.S.C.; Mrs. Fujita, Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church; Miss Toyoko Mizobe, Business & Professional Girls; Miss Yuri Yamashita and Mrs. Yoshida, Relocation Office Staff; Mr. Hoffman and Miss Dickinson.

Miss Dickinson inquired if the commission favored inviting the resident project attorney Mr. Ikeda to meet with this commission. It was agreed that this would be a good move.

A letter from the Milwaukee Nisei Council signed by Sam Minami, Acting Chairman, was read and discussed. This letter was addressed to the Community Council and was referred to the Future-Planning Commission from the Council. It contained a request for an expression of opinion concerning the advisability of a hostel for new resettlers in Milwaukee. The gist of the discussion on this matter indicated that this commission feel that anything which will aid in the promotion of family relocation would be a valuable help and that if such a hostel was established in Milwaukee, it would encourage families to move in that direction. It appears that families who had relocated in Milwaukee have found very good opportunities and good reception there but the housing situation has been a deterrent. It was agreed that this opinion should be transmitted to the Milwaukee Nisei Council.

In a discussion of this hostel plan, it was pointed out that in the opinion of the committee, there is still need for a hostel in Chicago district. Single persons can find temporary accommodations more easily than families, and the difficulty of securing adequate housing for families is retarding the reunion of families in the Chicago district.

Mr. Hoffman reviewed a conversation he had held with Dr. Yatabe. Dr. Yatabe gave a second-hand report of the recent findings of Mr. Kay Hamatani who has returned from a



business trip to the coast. According to Dr. Yatabe, Mr. Hamatani was pleased with the good personal reception he received and said that in general there seemed to be no question in people's mind that the evacuees were coming back to the coast. However, he reported that it was not going to be an easy matter. He had talked with his bankers and felt that regardless of their personal reaction there might be some question of their continuing his credit to the extent to which it used to be. He felt that there might be considerable resistance in marketing facilities. He felt that the people need the assistance of a governmental protective agency to prevent discrimination and economic blocks.

Mrs. Arimoto reported that some of the mothers connected with the U.S.O. are anxious to have a better sign and honor roll for the nisei soldiers of the center. Mr. Hoffman agreed that this was desirable and said that he felt that this move must be made by the residents themselves and that the administration would do everything possible to comply with their request. At present, it is not clear just what are the plans of the residents in this matter. As soon as they are indicated, we might move ahead.

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## FUTURE-PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

Project Director's Office  
December 14, 1944  
Thursday, 10:30 A.M.

REPRESENTATIVES:	Mr. Gihei Takeuchi	Miss Toyoko Mizobe
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	Mrs. S. Arimoto	Rev. Z. Okayama
	Mrs. S. Fujita	Mr. Nobuto Akahoshi
	Mrs. Kuni Yatabe	Mr. Sasato Yamate
	Miss Eiko Honda	

PRESENT: Mr. Takeuchi, Community Council; Mr. Akahoshi, Block Managers; Mrs. Fujita, Ladies Auxiliary Protestant Church; Miss Mizobe, Business & Professional Girls; Mr. Hoffman and Miss Dickinson.

A letter was read from Mr. Isao Yano who has relocated to Washington, D. C. and sends his news back to this commission.

There was a discussion on the matter of young people relocating to Salt Lake City because their parents wanted them that near and would give their permission for their relocation only if they would return to Salt Lake City. The reason for this is understandable because the parents feel that Salt Lake City is nearer Topaz and they can visit back and forth more often; however, as pointed out, a young person in Salt Lake City is as much without supervision as a young person in Chicago with much less opportunity in Salt Lake City for either good employment or wholesome recreation. The young people on the whole do not wish to go to Salt Lake City because they feel that there are more opportunities in the east. It was asked how best we could present this picture to the parents, and the suggestion was made that probably the best avenue would be through church groups.

This discussion brought up the entire question of frozen areas. The opinion was expressed by a committee member that WRA was too timid in holding to these closed areas, such as Denver and Salt Lake City; and he felt that if these restrictions were lifted, persons would move from those areas to the east more easily. The WRA's timidity causes an additional barrier to relocation. Mr. Hoffman replied that these restrictions seem necessary to the field offices in terms of public relations, and there is little that the centers can do about this.



If and when the evacuation order is lifted, it would probably be accompanied by an individual exclusion of all those of Japanese ancestry who are felt to be disloyal. This matter was discussed in terms of the only case of individual exclusion that we have in this center.

It was also suggested that probably when the evacuation order is lifted the army will not be responsible for the movement back to the west coast as they were in the evacuation. All adjustments growing out of return to the coast will be the problem of the state and federal government.

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