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LOG OF BLOCK #36

May 29, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Social

1. Block #36 held an one year anniversary party. In conjunction with the party ~~wit~~ had an exhibit.

May 25, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Election

1. Held election for city council representative.

May 19, 43

IV. Visitors

Social

1. Kamaaina Club regarding club members to Miss Nell Findley's farewell party.

V. Memorandums

Notices Received

- Farewell party for Miss Findley from Kamaaina Club--Dr. P. Sumida.

May 10, 43

V. Memorandums:

Notices Received

2. Regulations for Referendum on Charter for the Community of Poston and for Subsequent Election of Councilmen in the Event the Charter is approved.

May 5, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Business

1. Two school teachers came to inquire if we had any empty apartments on our block. Room desired for afternoon nursery class.

May 6, 1943

IV. Visitor

1. Judo Department wanted names of block residents over 70 years of age.

VIII. Notes

A. Ward

1. On Tuesday, May 4, 1943, mess hall #36 was awarded the "E" banner for efficiency. The award was made by Chief Steward Snelson, who visited our kitchen to present the banner to the kitchen crew.

April 23, 43

V Memorandum

Notice Received

- Schedule of Blk. conferences for infants & pre-nursing children.



LOG BLOCK #36

April 20, 43

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

Memo to Block Managers from the Block Managers Supervisor that lawn mowers and dusters came in.

B. Notices

2. Memo to Block Managers from the Labor Relation Board that chicken dinner on Easter--if enough workers found for the poultry farm work.

3. To the Block Managers. Subject: Galen P. Fisher, Representative of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play--will speak at the Block 4 state, Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

April 10, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Social

1. Held a block party celebrating the opening of the new mess hall. The party was complete with entertainment and refreshments.

April 3, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Social

1. Mess Hall #36 held a appreciation party in honor of all who helped us during and after the burning of our mess hall.

April 2, 43

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

Memo to Block Managers from the American Red Cross-Poston Unit, that First Aid Class registration.

March 16, 43

II. Block Activities

Party

1. For a volunteer-Joe Takahashi, held at Mess #32.

V. Memorandums

From Dental Clinic regarding the examination of the block residents teeth.

March 23

V. Memorandums

A. Notices received

Memo to: All block managers from the Community Activities Toy & model Department regarding the Kite Flying Contest.



LOG OF BLOCK #36

March 2, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Registration

1. Registration of female citizens and aliens.

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. From Miss Vickers, that new class of Nurse Aides.
2. John G. Evans, speaker from the WAAC organization to explain the purpose of their organization to those interested.

February 19, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

Memo To: All block managers from John G. Evans, that registration of the residents.

VIII. Notes

A. Survey

1. On internee's family of #36, for the Executive Board.

February 17, 43

IV. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. Selective Service Registration Appointment slips.
2. 10 copies of Colorado River Relocation Center Address (selective service)
3. Ser 10 copies in Japanese of the Colorado River Relocation Center address (selective service).

February 15, 43

II. Block Activities

Business Calls

To the Red Cross to have our medical cabinet filled.

III. Block Activities:

Block Changes

1. Our mess hall burned down. Fire stated about 7:30 P.M. Details on another sheet.

January 25, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notice Received

From the Dept. of Adult Education concerning a lecture on vitamins, "This Week's "Selected Topics in Science."

January 22, 43

II. Block Activities



LOG OF BLOCK #36

January 7, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. From the Adult Education Dept. concerning the Class in College English starting Thursday Jan 7, in Rec. Hall #43-A.

I. Staff

A. Surveys

January 8, 43

1. In regarding the distribution of extra Christmas gifts to needy families, old folks and expectant mothers.

II Block Activities

A. Work Report

1. Mochi Tsuki: All of the residents were invited to watch the process of "mochi tsuki" by the back yard of the dining hall as it was carried out in the yearly traditional custom. Most of the old men and young fellows took part in this special occasion.

B. Block Changes

1. Blessed Event

- A. A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. Noritake on December 29, 1942.

II Block Activities

A. Work Report

1. Final preparations for the Block Christmas party.
2. Assortment of Christmas gifts for the block children.

B. Social Activities

1. Block Christmas Party tonight at 7:30 p.m.

December 21, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Work Report

1. The young boys of our block spent the afternoon fixing the court.

B. Social Activities

1. Christmas Block Choir: All of the young people in our block held a choir practice in the dining hall for the Christmas block party.

I. Staff

1. Surveys

1. In regard to school students. Compiled the list of the name of all students, their ages, and their parents' names.

November 4, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. From the Housing Dept., notifying this department of all these employment and other temporary leaves of absences and the departure of visitors.



LOG OF BLOCK #36

November 4, 1943

III. Emergencies

A. Medical Dept.

1. Survey of all residents between the ages of from 6 months to 60 years for small pox injections.

V. Memorandums

A. Notices received

1. Notify this department of all those people who return from the outside employment and other temporary leaves of absences and the departure of visitors.

November 3, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notices received

1. Mr. W. Wade Head, Project Director, change of working hours for all employees.

October 31, 43

II. Block Activities

B. Social Activities

1. Block Party

We had a Hallowe'en party in our dining hall.

October 30, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Block Changes

1. Funeral Service

It was held for Mr. Torao Kanazawa, eldest son of Mrs. Yaso Kanazawa. It was held at 2 o'clock p.m. in the Rec. Hall.

October 23, 43

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. American Red Cross, starting First Aid Courses, on Monday, October 10, 43 at 7:30 in Rec. Hall #30.

October 12, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Social Activities

1. Block party for departing member. One of the boys is going to Missouri to continue his college education and being that he was a steward for our block, the kitchen crew thought that a farewell party would be appropriate as their token of appreciation for his services.



Block Logs of #36

October 8, 1943

II. Block Activities

A. Work Report

1. Block Library: Through the donation of one of the resident's American friend, we were able to start a regular library.

September 29, 43

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Informing us that there will be a meeting tonight at Rec. Hall #11 at 8 o'clock for all boys over 12 interested in joining the Boy Scouts club.

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

- From Mr. Albert Kaniye that the list of the number and types of prizes needed for the Fair Concession is to be handed in by Wednesday.

September 18, 43

I. Staff

8. In regarding the school registration. List the names of all students who are to enter the seventh or eight grades. and also the grammar school registration.

Sept. 14, 1943

V. Memorandums

A. Notices received

- Miss Cushman, wanted all students planning to attend High School to register on Sept. 17, beginning at 3:45 at Rec. Hall #13.

Sept. 19, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notice Received

1. From the Medical Clinic concerning Inoculation. Those who did not get their third typhoid shots are to go to Block #13, Sept. 10, from 9 to 10 o'clock a.m.

Sept. 7, 1943

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. From the Adult Ed. Dept concerning the Consumer's Ed. Coop. Seminary Meeting tonight at Block #35 at 7:30, the speaker, Mrs. Ellen Linson.

Sept. 4, 43

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. From Ralph Gelvin, the Associate Director that all dept. heads have been requested to submit a monthly report on employment to the payroll division.



THE BLOCK LOG OF #36

Sept. 1, 43

II. Block Activities

A. Meetings

1. Meeting for the Consumers' Cooperation at 8:30 at Block #36  
The main speaker, Mr. Lionel Perkins, Sec. of the Rochdale Institute, New York.

Aug. 27, 43

I. Staff

A. Business Calls

1. To the Ad. Bldg. Housing Dept. the transfer of relatives from the Assembly Centers to Poston, Ariz. They have been sent out to the Assembly Centers but no answers have been received yet.



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NAME

Block Manager's Log # 37

Sept. 6, 1942 to May 31, 1943

S.V.



Monday, May 31, 1943

Block 37

Weather: Clear

DAILY LOG REPORT

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Turned in the requisition and the weekly summary of the Daily Strength Report.

II. Block Activities:

A. Work Report

1. The Staff distributed powdered soap to the residents.

III. Visitors:

A. Business Calls

1. From Block 43 inviting our resident to a Japanese talent show on Wednesday night.

IV. Notes:

The provincial attitude taken by Arizona residents towards Japanese is not conducive towards a satisfactory solution of the relocation program. However the Japanese people should not be hypercritical of the attitude of some Caucasians. Likewise, the Caucasians need to take a broad-minded attitude that Japanese are people. Suppose a few individual should act in an unsatisfactory manner. The whole group should not be condemned.

Friday, May 28, 1943

Block 37

Weather: Clear

DAILY LOG REPORT

I. Staff:

A. Business Call

1. Clerk to the Family Welfare Dept. Turned in a Certificate of disability for Fred Uyeshima.

II. Visitors:

A. Business

1. Kyo Yasukochi from the Public Health Dept. to make a survey of milk needs.
  - 57 children from 1 - 14 years of age
  - 5 children under 1
  - 5 pregnant women
  - 6 nursing mothers

VIII. With our drastically reduced food budget, it becomes imperative that we produce a sizable portion of our own food needs. Needless to say, much of the land of Camp I is inferior to that of Camp III. With that in mind, I believe it would be feasible to coordinate the farm program of the three units in order that the best suitable lands may be utilized to grow the best crops for the mutual benefit of all.



Thursday, May 27, 1943  
Weather : Clear

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

- I. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received
    1. From Housing Dept. on Vacancies and change of address: With the departure of family groups, vacancies are expected to occur. If there are no applications or acceptable use for these apartments, the Housing Department requests that the existing vacancies be reported; but when a satisfactory use for the reported so that the Housing Offices record will correspond with the actual block housing.
- II. Remarks:
  - A. Questions
    1. How about some more locks?
- VII. Miscellaneous:
  - A. Satoru Iwakoshi, Hiroshi Tanaka, and Jiro Namatame, donated some faucets and fittings to be used for the block fish pond.

May 26, 1943 Wednesday  
Weather: Windy

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

- I. Block Activities:
  - A. Work Report
    1. Staff distributed the Canteen Soap Ration Coupons yesterday and today.  
The powder soap ration ticket was issued approximately one to a family or one to four persons.
  - B. The Block Council Meeting was held this afternoon.
    1. Decided to ask all workers to contribute to the block any dividends forthcoming from the February and March Camouflage dividends. Drew up the following pledge:  
We, the undersigned residents of Block 37 wish to make certain improvements for the benefit of the block. For example, coolers are needed for the messhall.  
Therefore, we pledge to donate to the block whatever February and March Camouflage dividends that may be forthcoming.  
In the event that the above sum is not sufficient to cover the costs of buying 2 coolers, we will help defray the cost.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, May 25, 1943  
Weather: Hot

- I. Block Activities:
  - A. Block Changes
    - 1. Harry Akira Kawamoto left today on indefinite leave to Bamberger Depot, Clearfield, Utah.
- II. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received
    - 1. To the people of Poston from Mr. Head:  
I am leaving the project for two weeks in the interest of the people of Poston, and until my return, Mr. Ralph Gelvin will be Acting Project Director. I am sure I can depend upon everyone to cooperate to the fullest extent with Mr. Gelvin during my absence.
- III. Notes:
  - Result of the election for permanent Councilman:

Moritaka Tsuneyoshi	37
James Yahiro	24
Paul Nagamatsu	14
Nakanosuke Nakashima	<u>4</u>

Total.....79 Botes out of possible 160  
Mr. Oka assisted on the Election Board

Monday, May 24, 1943  
Weather: Hot

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

- I. Staff:
  - A. Business Calls:
    - 1. Asked for a doctor for Kathleen Iwanaga---Asthma.
    - 2. Clerk reported to the Maintenance Dept. about plumbing troubles in both latrins.
    - 3. Turned in the requisition and the weekly summary of the Daily Strength Report.
- II. Remarks:
  - A. Complaints
    - 1. What about the lawn mower situation?
    - 2. Mr. Hatanaka did not have his vase returned from the Camp III exhibit.
    - 3. Pumbing troubles!
- III. Notes:
  - The sewage situation is in a H\_\_\_\_\_ of a fix, and an immediate relief is necessary.



Friday, May 21, 1943  
Weather: Clear

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Council Meeting

1. The Block Council decided to pick out the candidates for councilman by popular vote. In other words, every eligible voter is entitled to nominate any one candidate. The four top persons will be the candidates for the coming election.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Community Enterprise will start issuing soap rationing tickets beginning May 24, 1943. When calling for same at the Community Enterprise Office, the following information will be needed:
  - a. Total number of residents in the Block.

245 - 13 --- 252

- b. Number of families in the block. 87
2. From S. Nomura regarding Block list of persons eligible to trust fund.

We have received a few of the block reports of persons eligible to share in the Camouflage Trust Fund. However, due to some confusion, many of the information we have requested in the reports have not been supplied. For your information we again request the following information:

1. I indicate public school teachers (Including nursery teachers)
2. " hospital workers
3. " Community Enterprise employees
4. " Parttime workers

These employment status are for the months of February and March.

3. How to Avoid Mosquitoes.
  - a. Get rid of all unnecessary standing pools of water by drainage.
  - b. Stock your fish ponds with minnows.
  - c. Kill mosquito larvae in water that cannot be removed by covering it with a thin film of fueloil.
  - d. Run your cooler with a minimum of water to prevent pools. (Your cooler will cool more if allowed to run with just a dribble from the outlet pipe.)
  - e. Mosquitoes are sleeping under your barracks now. Don't give them a chance to lay their eggs by allowing a pool of water to form there.

The Mosquito Squads from the Hospital are working every day in controlling the outside source of mosquito. Help them by ridding the blocks of mosquito breeding places. Mosquitoes are dangerous and a nuisance.

VIII. Notes:

It was an awful let down when the people found out that such small piece of screen was being issued for the doors.

Would it be possible to ask for more screens—say about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  rolls per block?



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, May 20, 1943  
Weather : Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Talked to Mr. Barber about leveling the fire-break adjacent to Block 37 and 44 for a recreation area. Result: "Shortage of tractor workers. Any how the High School area may be fixed first." He will not consider letting volunteer drivers work after hours.
2. Manager went to the Family Welfare Dept. to check whether Mr. Kikuzo Saito will receive Public Assistance Worker, Unit I.....I am writing to you in regard to Mr. Kikuzo Saito, 57-13-C. This morning while I was out, I understand, you were in the office inquiring about Mr. Saito not receiving an appointment slip for an interview for May.

Mr. Saito will receive his public assistance grant for the month of May as his name has been placed on a voucher that was submitted to the fiscal office on May 15. We submit 2 vouchers during the month; 1 on the middle of the month and the other at the end of the month.

You will be assured that Mr. Saito will receive his May public assistance check at the end of the month.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Poston Community Council/. . .As you already know that there will be an election for the new Councilman on Tuesday, May 25, 1943.  
It is necessary to have their names in to the Council office by Saturday, May 22, 1943.
2. Statement of 1943 Red Cross War Fund Campaign for Block 37. March Campaign Block Contributions:  
Mr. Inosuke Hiraoka 13- A \$1. 00  
Mr. Terutsuchi Nakamura 8 -B \$1.00

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Total of 1943 Campaign for the Block \$72.65

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Number of Contributors of \$1 or more.....	55
" " " " less than.....	22
Total.....	77

3. From Public Health Department. Subject on Immunizations offered in the clinic. Please make the following schedule:  
DIPHTHERIA and TYPHOID inoculations are offered at the Camp I clinic on the following schedule:  
DIPHTHERIA: Thursday and Friday mornings.  
TYPHOID: Wednesday and Friday Afternoons and every morning except Tuesday.  
SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS ARE not given at present.  
The date will be announced later.

III. Miscellaneous:

- A. Received 7 Shoe repair tickets for May 22 to May 29.
- B. Received shoe stamps Serial No. 77608 for Irene Shiotai, and Ruby, Yumiko Tsuneyoshi, Haruyo Tsuneyoshi.
- C. Began circulating a petition asking Mr. Head to remain on the project.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, May 19, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Call

1. Manager turned in to the Community Council Office the payroll list for February and March for the purpose of determining those eligible for the camouflage dividend.
2. Manager went to the hospital to ask for ambulance service for Tamaki Nakashima, who has a high fever.
3. Turned in the shoe stamp applications.
4. Reported to the Maintenance Dept. that one of the toilet bowl in the Men's latrine is out of order. Result: was repaired.

B. Survey

1. Completed a survey of residents over 65 years of age for the Buddhist Church.

C. Meeting

1. The Manager attended the meeting of the Block Manager Executive Committee at 9:00 A.M. at the Conference Room.

II. Block Activities:

- A. The MESSHALL LINOLEUM laying was completed today.
- B. The quad had the checks cashed this morning from 9:00 -- 11:00 A.M. at Block 38

III. Memorandums:

A. Notices Received.

1. A copy of the Fire ordinance from the Bureau of Fire Prevention and Public Safety.
2. Questions and answers relative to personal insurance - from the Community Enterprises.

IV. Notes:

Soon we shall have a new supervisor. It is my wish that the successor retain the present system of distributing things equally among the blocks, or on certain items as soap, distribute according to population.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, May 18, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Survey

1. For the Co-op Delegate -- all residents 16 years of age and over.
2. List of eligible voters 18 years of age and over for the election today.
3. For the Community Council -- list of those who worked at least 15 days in February and also for March.

B. Business Call

1. The Clerk went to the Timekeeper Dept. To check on the time for Henry Koseka Yamamoto.

II. Memorandums:

1. Petition form to ask Mr. Head to remain in Poston.

III. Miscellaneous:

- A. Election results on accepting or rejecting the new Poston Constitution. For: 38 No: 1

IV. Staff:

C. Block Managers' Meeting was held at 9:00 A.M. in the Conference Room.

1. Judge Nomura reported that Plan I carried in regards to Trust Fund distribution. Bring in a survey of those that worked at least 15 days in February and also at least 15 days in March. These workers will receive the dividends.

If the worker has left the project, someone else in the family may receive the money. If the worker who has left, has no relatives, his share will go to the block.

2. Mr. Fien spoke on fire prevention:

Clean up everything in the way of fire hazards between the blocks. All arrowed shade tops must be removed and replaced with  $1\frac{1}{2}$ " limbs.

There shall be no smoking at parties where more than 50 people assemble. Persons sponsoring the parties will be held responsible.

Using pennies in the fuse box will create a fire hazard.

3. Rev. Mitani on Co-op: Get membership fee of \$1.00 or at least 25¢ down.
4. Roy Furuya:

May requisition for wheelbarrows.

Volunteers needed for the school project.

Collect rags for hospital painters.

Manager's Staff, block council, and residents asked to sign petition to ask Mr. Head to remain.

Committee meeting at 9:00 A.M. tomorrow.

Volunteers needed to erect shade by the swimming pool.



Monday, May 17, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Turned in the weekly summary of Daily Strength Report, and the weekly requisition.
2. Manager reported to the Labor Relation Board that we have our quota of at least 5 hospital workers.

II. Visitors:

A. Business

1. The Issei Assistant Block Manager Supervisor asked for the cooperation in sending at least two volunteers to construct a shade beside the swimming pool. The work is to be done on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notice Recieved

1. From American Red Cross -- The swimming lessons and Junior and Senior Life Saving Courses will be begun by certified Red Cross Life Guards. Those interested in any of the above, report to the Red Cross Office, Block 30 Rec. Hall at 8:30 tonight.
2. From Roy Furuya -- First Aid Kits made and submitted from the blocks to the Red Cross Office have been filled with emergency supplies.

The green cases, 4" X 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " X 20, have been provided by the Project Administration. All other first aid supplies, by the Red Cross.

The local Hospital recently distributed First Aid supplies to all blocks. These too must be kept in the First Aid Kits.

Refills: The WRA has made no provisions for refills and the Red Cross budget is limited. Please use these supplies with utmost care and avoid all waste!

3. Received appointments for Public Assistance interview for Igi Maeda, Inosuke Hiraoka, and Hiyojiro Shimakawa.
4. Outside Employment List, also Local Employment List.

VI Notes:

In order to have an efficient screen dorr, vetilation is necessary on the lower half also.

Therefore, may we have some more screens.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, May 15, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From the Red Cross -- First Aid Round-Up Rally next Tuesday, May 18, at 7:30 P.M. at the Red Cross Office.
2. Beginning May 17th, the Red Cross Life Guards will be scheduled to be stationed at the pools 15 - 21 - 45. A LARGE RED CROSS FLAG WILL BE HOISTED WHEN THE RED CROSS LIFE GUARDS ARE ON DUTY.

B. Messhall announcements

1. 25 volunteer linoleum crew needed for Tuesday morning. Breakfast will be served at 6:00 A.M.
2. Shall we accept or reject the New Boston Constitution? Vote Tuesday, for 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

II. Notes:

The practice of "borrowing certain materials from the the project is a deplorable one, and therefore not one to be condoned.

However, the situation can be viewed in this way. Most legitimate and reasonable requests for materials are turned down. Hence "Borrowing becomes the only alternative. That means the Administration is at fault as much as the evacuees.

If some of the red tape can be cut out, and if thoughts can be given to supply such needs as lumber, I'm sure that better cooperation will result.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, May 14, 1943  
Weather: Dusty

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Outside Employment List
2. From Charles Sawabe, Business Manager (Education Dept.)  
Complaints have come into my office that classroom tables have been removed out of various classrooms. Therefore, I am requesting each block manager to see to it that no tables be moved without first getting permission from the High School Office.
3. From Y. Mohri, Chairman of the P.T.A. There will be an important meeting of Parent representatives of the PTA on Tuesday night, May 18, 8:00 P.M. at Block 21. Please send two parent representatives.
4. From Mr. Nakachi of the Labor Relation Board---  
In checking over the hospital personnel file we find that you have only four from your block. We are asking each block to send at least five persons.  
Please exert your efforts in sending one more to the hospital as nurse's aid.  
Have the applicant contact the Employment Office or Mr. Tanaka, Manager, at the Hospital. (As a matter of fact, our block has 6 workers.)
5. Ikuo Uyeshima is leaving for Lewiston, Utah.

II. Miscellaneous:

- A. Checked out hotplate to Mr. Kishimoto whose daughter is ill.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, May 13, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Staff: None
- II. Block Activities:
  - A. Meeting
    1. At a General Meeting, about 125 people voted unanimously in favor of adopting plan 1 for the distribution of camouflage dividend fund.
- III. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received
    1. Poster -- "Let's Sing" Sponsored by the Christian Church at block 44 at 8:00 P.M. on Friday May 14.
    2. Administrative Instruction No. 25:

Procedure in establishing control over the movement of vehicles operating on this Project.

All vehicles, not owned or leased by the Government, shall be prohibited from operating within the confines of Poston without first being approved by the Dispatcher's office at Camp No. 1. In general, equipment brought to this project shall be impounded in Motor Pools and the keys therefor shall be turned over to the custody of the dispatcher. Equipment shall be receipted for on Form WRA 223. Where equipment arrives loaded with property, arrangements can be made to permit unloading before placing vehicle in Motor Pool. Evacuees are urged to refrain from bringing in vehicles until shortly before leaving the Project, as equipment impounded under this order shall not be released until the date the owner leaves the Project or until released at the discretion of the Dispatcher.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, May 12, 1943  
Weather: Cloudy

- I. Block Activities:
  1. Satoru Iwakoshi and Hiroshi Tanaka left this morning for Fort Morgan, Colorado.
  2. Quad Meeting at the 37 Mess Hall.
    - A. Mr. Nagai spoke on the function of the Executive Board.
    - B. Mr. Tanaka and George Kureta spoke on the need for hospital workers.
- II. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received.
    1. From Labor Relation Board -- Pursuant to our verbal request for volunteer painters for the base hospital at the Block Managers meeting on Tuesday morning, we send this memor to request you to send one volunteer. If a volunteer is unable to come regularly, we suggest that you form a shift or a pool and send one everyday.

The paint crew are out of rags, therefore will you canvas your block or ask the kitchen for them.

The rags will be picked up at your office within next few days.
- III. Notes:

Educate the people that certain responsibility lies with every person for the sake of the community.

Improvements made here are not only for the sake of the Indian Service, but for ourselves too.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, May 11, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Messhall Announcement

1. General meeting tomorrow night to discuss the question of trust funds distribution. Also Quad Meeting tomorrow night to make a plea for more Hospital workers.

B. Notice Received

1. Charter of the Community of Poston
2. Regulations for referendum on charter for the community of Poston and for subsequent election of councilmen in the event the charter is approved.
3. English and Japanese memo in regards to gambling, misuse of trucks, etc. From Mr. Head.

From George S. Fujii -- As you know, it would be much more preferable to prevent the continuance of these evils rather than enforcing stringent penalties after the violations have occurred.

May I ask your cooperation by announcing this at the Mess Hall and posting it on the Bulletin Board.

4. Unit Administrator and Executive Board --

Subject: Releasing the Freezing on Housing.

The freezing order of housing, in effect since April 17, is released effective May 8. In order to avoid confusion, any movement from now on must have the approval of the Housing Department before it is permitted.

II. Remarks:

A. Suggestions:

1. Have an auxiliary fire force in the Block.

III. Notes:

An educational program is needed to stress the need of draining or treating stagnant pools.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, May 10, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Employment Division Bulletin No. 5
2. From Timekeeping Section  
Effective May 1, 1943, paragraph No. VIII of revised instructions. The recording of time will proceed as outlined below:---

II. Miscellaneous:

- A. Received 9 Shoe tickets.
- B. Jiro Nematame returned a bed and 2 blankets: Hiroshi Tanaka returned a bed and one mattress cover.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, May 7, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Latrine rating for April. Block 37: 81.50%
2. From Labor Relation Board -- Subsistence warehouse is loaded with food stuff that has to be re-handled immediately. We have been requested to appeal to you to send one helper from your block for one day, Monday May 10, 1943, 9:00 A.M. we are making this appeal to all the blocks. Won't you help. Please report to Steward's office at the Warehouse #1.
3. From Art Dept. (In Japanese)  
One year Poston Anniversary Art Exhibit at Messhall 32 on Sunday May 16.  
Everyone is invited to display works of knitting, crocheting, wood-carving, or any other types of handicraft. Bring the article to Messhall 32 by Saturday.

B. Messhall Announcement

1. Dr. Kawaishi is speaking to the women of this quad tonight at 43, 8:00 P.M.

II. Notes:

How about a plan of doing away with Public Assistance?  
Instead, have an universal Clothing Allowance for all.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday May 6, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Asked for a home call for Irene Shiotani who has had a high fever for 3 days. Result: the ambulance will come after her.

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Ganges

1. Jiro Nematame and George Kanno left last night for Fort Morgan, Colorado.
2. Charles and Don Miyada are leaving this morning for Preston, Idaho.
3. Clara and Frances Sademune, who have been visiting for an extended stay, are leaving tomorrow for Oakland, California.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notices received

1. From the Executive Board on the Re-hearing for Internees----The Temporary Community Council and the Executive Board are requested by Mr. Head to submit the names of those internees whose families wish to have a re-hearing. The Executive Board together with the chairman of the three Unit Councils will have a special meeting with Mr. Head tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at which time we want to submit this list. Please inform us with these names by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.

VI. Notes.....Of course the people out on Group Leave plan to return to Poston. Now, if some member of the family remain here, why can't the cots and mattresses, etc. be-



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left in care of the remaining members of the family?

The present system should be only for those going out on Indefinite Leave or for those people without a family here/

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, May 5, 1943

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Satoru Iwakoshi returned from Glendale, Arizona.

II. Visitors:

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A. Business

1. Geo. Kurata of the Community Council to request each block to send at least one worker to the Hospital

III. A. Notices Received

1. From the Labor Relation Board: Subsistence warehouse is loaded with foodstuff that has to be re-handled immediately.

We have been requested to appeal to you to send one helper from your block for one day, Friday May 7th, 9:00 a.m. We are making this appeal to all the blocks. Won't you help. Please report to Steward's office at the Warehouse #1.

2. The ART and NEEDLECRAFT class of Poston, Unit I upon numerous requests will present another exhibition of designs and hand embroideries.

Date: Sunday afternoon, May 9th at Rec. Hall #46 from 2 - 9 o'clock inclusive.

FLORENCE ISERI  
Instructor

IV. Notes:

About the most expensive type of education is a medical education. Therefore, is it any wonder that many young doctors are in debt? Another think, the expenses involved in opening a practice is quite a sum also.

Now, is it any wonder that many young doctors are desiring to go outside to earn a decent living?

How can these extremely essential people be persuaded to stay here?

The W.R.A. pays prevailing wages to Caucasian doctors and nurses. Now, just because a person on a hospital staff is born with a yellow skin, why must he receive \$16.00 to 19.00\$ a month?

What's wrong with paying prevailing wages?



Block 37  
DAILY Log REPORT

Tuesday May 4, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Staff:

A. Survey

1. Completed the diagram survey of the existing housing condition.

Total residents	238
Persons visiting for an extended stay	2
Out on seasonal work	4
Out on indefinite leave	3

B. Business Calls

1. Manager interviewed Miss Findly. The Clothing Allowance is to be issued only to those that are working and their dependents. Public Assistances for others, if they deserved it.
2. Manager went to the Clothing Allowance Department in regards to the December Allowance of Mitsuo Kawaguchi. Turned in the Memo: This is to certify that Mitsuo Kawaguchi was in attendance in Poston I high School during the month of December 1942.

A. L. Harris  
Principal

C. Meeting

1. The Block Managers' Meeting was held at 9:00 A.M. in the conference room.
  - a. All persons having dogs, please notify the Public Health Dept. Obtain tags -- no fee. There have been complaints about too many stray dogs.
  - b. Make a survey of the light poles in the block that are badly warped or spit. Some of the present poles are dangerous in times of wind storm.
  - c. Suggestions: If the project will buy key blanks, duplicate keys can be made at block 19. Ask for 500 blanks.
  - d. suggestions: Ask for baby cribs.
  - e. Crating materials for those leaving for the outside. See Mr. Hunter about it, back of Express Office.
  - f. Request for 15 volunteers from Camp I, 10 from Camp II, and 10 from Camp III. Want to paint the corridors in the Hospital. Volunteers should contact Mr. Anderson.
  - g. Introduced new Issei Assistants Supervisor -- George Kamimura.
  - h. Not necessary to pick up blankets, etc. of those on short term leaves.

Working on a plan where by if part of the family is left behind, it will not be necessary to turn in such articles.
  - i. Housing: Turn in memo of new residents when they come in. or one thing, point rationing of food is now in effect.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notice received:

1. From Supervisor of Block Managers -- We assume that the inventory which has been turned in to our office is correct and if any of same are to be transferred you are to notify our office immediately.

In case of transfer or breakage, the broken tool or other property shall be returned, and credit given you for



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Tuesday, May 4, 1943

same. For your own protection, we ask cooperation from all Block Managers to follow above procedure.

III. Notes:

How are the kitchen cooler frames coming?

One day earlier means one day more comfort to the kitchen crew.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, May 3, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Staff

A. Business Calls

1. The Clerk turned in the report to the Public Health Dept. requesting them to get rid of ants for us.
2. The Clerk went to the Maintenance Dept. to report that one of the bowl is out of order in the Men's Latrine.

B. Survey

1. Survey of Block residents for the Public Health X-Ray Dept.

II. Visitors:

A. Business

1. From the Public Health Dept.  
Since 11,000 X-Ray films had been donated to the Hospital, a plan is being formulated to check every residents of Poston I. (by blocks.)

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, May 1, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Work Report

1. The whole Block participated in raising the Kitchen foundation this morning.

II. Visitors:

- A. George Kurata representing the Hospital and the City Council  
-- It is urgent that each block send at least one man to work in the Hospital. Must help the doctors out.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Rationing of Shoe Repair -- Our attention has been called to the fact that shoe repairing had been unsatisfactory in that all residents within Camp I has not been given an equal opportunity to have their shoes repaired. Therefore in order to alleviate this condition, the Poston Community Enterprises deems it necessary to ration shoe repairs so that all residents will be given an equal opportunity to have their shoes repaired.

This step is necessary due to man power shortage within our shoe repair shop that only a limited amount of shoes can be repaired daily.

Our plan is as follows:

A limited amount of ration tickets will be forwarded to each Block Manager with the date stamped on the said tickets. These ration tickets will be honored on said dates and only on that date. WITHOUT THE RATION CARDS NO SHOES WILL BE ACCEPTED. The Block Managers will be asked to co-operate by distributing these cards at their discretion to whomever they consider most urgently in need of shoe repairs.



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Saturday, May 1, 1943

IV. Notes:

We have decided to issue a shoe repair ticket to each barrack at a time. For instance, 1 ticket to Barrack 13 today; one ticket to Barrack 12 on Monday, etc.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, April 30, 1943

Weather: Clear, Hot

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Recieved

1. From Dr. Harris -- A musical program sponsored by the Poston School will be featured on Block 4 stage starting 8:00 P.M., Friday, April 30. The Poston school Exhibits will be held on Saturday, May 1, from 2 to 9:00 P.M. at block 32 Mess Hall Wing, 32 Rec. Hall, Block 17 Rec. Hall, Block 18 Rec. Hall, Block 32, and fire station.

The Bazaar, sponsored by the Junior Red Cross, will be held at Block 32 Rec. Hall and at the Fire Station.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

- B. Inosuke Fujita (Eyu Fujita) received his February and March Cash Advance.

II. Notes:

Our Block pond is practically completed, thanks to all those who assisted.

Specail acknowledgement is due Mr. Frank Kadowaki who assisted in the designing and in advising on various details.

Acknowledgement is due Min Inokuchi and his surveying crew who kindly staked the grade marks for us.

The Block Gardeners, Mr. Sakamoto and Mr. Kishimoto gave much assistance.

Finally, to about forty young men, thanks a million. They assisted in hauling gravel, hauling rocks, cutting and hauling logs, obtaining cactus, in digging the ponds, and in various other works.

Again, thanks a lot.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, April 29, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Call

1. The Manager took Kikuzo Saito to the Family Welfare's Public Assistance Dept. Result: Since Mr. Saito now has his Certificate of Disability, he is eligible for aid for January only. Mrs. Maeda has been receiving aid since February. Mr. Hiraoka has been working off and on. He will receive for April, since the payment is not retrocative to January the month he was not working. Mr. Shimskawa will receive aid.

II. Block Activities:

A. Meeting

1. The Block Council met at 8:00 P.M. in the Manager's Office. It was decided that at least 2 men should volunteer from each barrack for the kitchen raising on Saturday.

B. Social



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Thursday, April 29, 1943  
Weather: Clear

**I. B. Social**

1. The young people of the Block held a dance social in honor of those leaving for the outside in the near future.

**C. Work Report**

1. Block pond nearing completion.

**III. Miscellaneous:**

- A. Home call for Hatsutaro Tanaka injured in line of duty as a night watchman.

**Block 37**  
**DAILY LOG REPORT**

Wednesday, April 28, 1943  
Weather Clear

**I. Staff:**

**A. Business Calls**

1. Manager went to see Mr. Okabe of the Clothing Dept. Inosuke Fujita's name was crossed off of March 1943 Clothing Allowance, because his name was entered as Eyu Fujita on his work, car. Corrected same. Since the February's list is already turned into the Fiscal Dept., The correction for February will be made at a later date.

**II. Block Activities:**

**A. Block Changes**

1. The following are those who left for the outside this year:

Takashi Oka.....March 17  
George Sakamoto.....March 30  
Goru Iwakoshi.....March 30  
George Iwakoshi.....April 2  
Giichi Omori.....April 2  
Aki Sakamoto.....April 15  
Kazu Sakamoto.....April 15

**III. Memorandums:**

**A. Notice Recieved**

1. This is to advise that Kikuzo Saito, Age 75 of 37-13 has been under medical care from April 21, 1943, and unable to do any work indefinitely.

Dr. Murekami

2. Latrine Sanitation Report for March.

Block 37 was 81.2%. Total average = 84.64%

3. From Roy Furuya -- You are hereby notified that the following block mess hall foundations are to be raised as per schedub:

Block 38.....April 30, 1943

Block 37.....May 1, 1943

Block 43.....May 3, 1943

Each block manager is requested to maintain a skeleton crew to be on the job until the above mess halls are finished. When your mess hall is to be raised, a volunteer crew not less than 25 will be permitted to cover the job.



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4. Effective May 1st., indicate actual hours worked on top line of timesheet. Do not record any time in excess of eight hours. Record any time in excess of eight hours. Record time on same line as cost account concerned. When employee works under more than one cost account activity during a pay period, use a different line for each change of employment. Record the total number of hours worked in column headed "Total Time." Calculate the amount of pay due and record under the work "Total" at the bottom of the column headed "Distribution." It is not necessary to use the bottom line for extensions.

## IV. Miscellaneous:

- A. Mr. Iwanaga has returned from hospital, where he was confined for about a week with pneumonia.
- B. Ruby Imoto returned yesterday from the hospital, where she was confined about five days -- Appendectomy.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORTTuesday, April 27, 1943  
Weather: Clear and Hot

## I. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Recieved:

1. Please request the parents representing your Block to attend important meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M., Thursday, April 29, 1943 at Mess Hall #36. From Parent-Teacher Assn.
2. Received Constitution on Poston, both in English and Japanese.
3. Please see that Namatame, Tei jiro; Tanaka, Hiroshi; Kanno, George; has checked in all property belonging to the Government and have it ready in your office for transfer to warehouse. Future address of evacuee Rt. 1 Ft. Morgan Colorado.

From Supervisor of Block Manager.

- II. How about leveling the recreational areas in the firebreaks and plant some lawn?

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORTMonday, April 26, 1943  
Weather: Windy

## I. Staff:

## A. Busienss Calls

1. Turned in the weekly requisition and weekly summary of Daily Strenght Report.

## II. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Received

1. From Executive Board -- The Housing Department was instructed by the Unit Administrator and the Executive Board to make a diagram survey of the existing housing condition is survey of the housing condition and adjust confusing situations about housing. For this reason the Executive Board announces that the freezing order on Housing will be extended until the completion of the survey. Although this freezing will be continued for a few more days, the Housing Department and Executive Board will permit movement and changes on special cases upon approval.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, April 24, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. From Parent-Teachers Assn.  
Please request your teachers of your block to attend an important meeting to be held at 8:00 P.M. Monday, April 26, 1943 at Mess Hall #31.
2. From Timekeeping Department.  
All evacuee timesheets must be completed and in the office of the Timekeeping Department by 5:00 P.M. Monday, May 3rd. Any deviation from this order will result in a delay of one month in the payment of cash advance to persons involved.

II. Notes:

Something should be provided in order that people in the hospital can receive cash allowances and clothing allowances at the same the rest of the block receives the pay.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, April 23, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Work Report

1. Mr. Miura kindly made a mail box at the office.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Contruction Dept. -- we are sending you 4 lbs. of P box mails to cover the knob holes in the mess hall floor with time.  
Will you see to it, that the above job is done after the raising of the mess hall foundation is completed, so the linoleum crew will be able to start laying linoleum without taking time out to do the covering of the holes.
2. From Public Health Dept. -- Schedule of Block Conferences for infants and Pre-Nursury Childre: Block 37 will be on Thursday, June 1 at 9:00 A.M.

III. Remarks:

A. Question

1. Is there a night watchman job open in the kitchen?  
Answer: the stove cleaner has the responsibility of looking after the chimneys.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, April 22, 1943  
Weather: Hot

I. Staff:

A. Meeting

1. The Manager attended a special meeting of the Block Managers, held at 3:00 P.M. at Mess hall 32. Mr. Dillon Myers, chief of the W.R.A. spoke.
  - a. Youngsters do not lead a normal life in the relocation camps, therefore the W.R.A. spoke.



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- b. The functions of the W.R.A. Regional offices are to acquaint the local people with the Japanese, assist the evacuees in relocation, and thirdly to assist evacuees in their problems after relocating. Mr. Myers would like to have the Block Managers encourage the relocation program.
- c. Questions and Answers:  
 He hopes that the W.R.A. will be able to extend financial aid to those desiring to go to California in the post war period.  
 The W.R.A. will do everything possible to allow Japanese to go to California after the war; however the local sentiment has much to do with this problem.  
 The W.R.A. cannot control the freedom of speech, in reply to control of undesirable publicity such as that uttered by General De Witt.

## II. Block Activities:

## A. Social

- 1. Dance Party in honor of visiting soldiers  
Pfc. Susumu Tanaka and Pfc. Freddy Yasukochi.

## B. Work Report

- 1. The Staff is distributing the Merch Checks.

## III. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Received

- 1. Red Cross News
- 2. Outside employment list
- 3. Notice of Moving to Uyeda, Kiyomichi 37-7-a; forwarding address Rt. 2 Minstare, Nebraska, ---will leave April 30 on group leave.

## IV. Notes:

The consensus of opinion is that the meeting such as that held jointly by the Community Council, Block Council, Executive Board, Manpower Commission, and the Block Managers should be held occasionally to foster mutual understanding and cooperation.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, April 21, 1943

Weather: Clear

## I. Staff:

## A. Meeting

- 1. The Manager attended the meeting of the Quad Executive Committee.
  - a. Petition for coolers for the Block office--either blower or fan. Tom Sakai will find out sources for coolers, and also how many available.
  - b. Frank Abe and Shogo Saito to find out about masonites for office furnitures.
  - c. Order porcelain light receptacles.



## II. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Recieved

1. Outside Employment
2. Please announce in your mess halls that all interested adults are invited to hear Galen P. Fisher, Representative of the Committee on American Principles and Fair Play. He will speak at the Block 4 Stage, Thursday evening at 8:00. There will be Music by the Foston Symphony Orchestra.

## III. Remarks:

## A. Questions

1. When and how is the Trust <sup>2</sup> und going to be divided?

## IV. Notes:

observations from the 44 fire.

1. Hasten the repair of the kitchen stoves and chimneys.
2. Have training within the block, in case of emergencies, the women and children should go to the fire-breaks taking only the valuable belongings.

In case of fire, all residents should leave their personal hoses near the hydrants, to be readily available for use. Few of the young men should help in playing water on the nearby barracks.

The other men should be ready to move the personal belongings. These belongings should be placed together, barracks by barrack, to avoid mixups. The important thing is that the belongings should be removed if possible to the center of the firebreak, and not near the road between blocks. In this manner, the goods piled between the blocks can easily set the next block on fire.

3. The other blocks should cooperate by not using the showers, etc. during a fire.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, April 20, 1943  
Weather: Clear

## I. Staff:

## A. Business Call

1. The Manager went to the Hospital to ask for a home call for T. Iwanaga. Result: Mr. Iwanaga was taken to the Hospital for pneumonia.
2. Clerk went to the Family Welfare Dept. to ask for Public Assistance for Kikuzo Saito and for Inosuke Fujita for January only.

## B. Block Managers' meeting was held at Messhall 32 at 2:00 P.M. with Mr. Nelson presiding.

1. Shoe Certificates. Voted to use up the certificates issued up to now; new applicants will receive a special #17 blue stamp good for 30 days.



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2. Mr. Anderson on the problem of fixing kitchen stoves. Have the equipment and material, but no men. Mr. Anderson can furnish 2 foremen; get a truck for that special purpose, get lumbars, jacks, saws, nails, etc. Will try to finish one messhall a day; the plumbers can also care for one messhall a day. Have plenty of volunteers.  
 Procedure: Jack up the floor; reinforce under the floor with 4 beams; raise the stoves by placing bricks and asbestos underneath; instal metal or masonite hood; straighten the chimney. Try to keep water from under the floor as it makes it hard to work underneath, as well as being unsanitary.  
 Roy Furuya will make tentative schedule. The kitchen linoleum crew of 9 men will follow the stove crew. The block must furnish 5 - 6 volunteers.  
 Kitchen cooler: the framework will be furnished. The block merely assemble and instal the cooler.
3. Plan to launch a public opinion survey--not investigatory, but for research. Headed by Iwao Ishino and T. Yatsushiro, both of whom have had special 6 weeks training at University of Denver. Questionnaires to be framed by the interviewing staff of 12 composed of representatives of the council, Health Dept., Block Managers, Education Dept., Kitchen, etc. In all probability, results will be tabulated and published in the Chronicle.
4. Clothing allowance to be paid by check to speed things up.
5. Complaints: Poor service for special delivery mail.

## II. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Received.

1. Art Competition: The Friends Center at Cambridge, Mass., announces an Art Competition open to residents of all Relocation Centers, who are 18 years or over. All artists, professional or amateur, are cordially invited to send one picture (in any medium), which is an original work of art.

To facilitate shipping and save expense pictures are not to be framed or glassed, but simply matted or edged/  
 Pictures must be sent prepaid to:

Relocation Center Art Exhibit  
 Friends Center  
 5 Longfellow Park  
 Cambridge, Mass.

At the close of the exhibition (which will last two weeks) all pictures will be returned at the expense of the Friends Center. All Pictures must be in Cambridge by the Fifteenth of May, 1943.

2. From Labor Relation Board: Mr. Snelson wishes to provide a chicken dinner for our Mess!  
 April 25. In order to prepare were raised in Poston, they m  
 from each block.  
 We take the liberty in request  
 or more helpers on Thursday  
 the chicken farm located on

## III. Notes:

What has happened to the suggestion  
 in a while?



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, April 19, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Turned in the Survey of physically handicapped persons:

Inouye, Eihiro	Saito, Kikuzo
Inouye, Ume	Shiotani, Hana
Kamei, Tomegusu	Yasukochi, Kiso
Maeda, Kigi	Yasukochi, Tomo
Oka, Isojiro	

II. Visitors:

A. Business

1. From Block 44 to thank us for helping them during the fire disaster.  
Also loaned them 4 square shovels, 1 pick, and 2 pointed shovels.

B. Social

1. Soldiers on furlough are P.F.C. Susumu, Tanaka, and Pvt. Freddy Yasukochi.

Block 37

Saturday, April 17, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Executive Board -- In order to avoid confusion and adjust the Housing Problem caused by the WRA re-relocation program, the Housing Department and the Executive Board are endeavoring to draft some method and regulation to cope with the situation. The Executive Board upon the approval of the Unit Administrator announces a freezing the order on movement within Unit I effective April 17, 1943 with the following specifications:
  1. For the next ten days (until April 27, 1943) the movement within Unit I nor the enlargement of an apartment within Unit I nor the enlargement of an apartment will not be permitted. The transfers from Units 2 and 3 or from other Relocation Centers on Special cases will be permitted.
  2. This order does not cover recreational nor departmental quarters and those cases arranged prior to April 17.
  3. Until further notice application for movement within the unit or enlargement of apartment should be first submitted to the Block Manager and must be approved by the Housing Department before it is effective.

II. Miscellaneous:

- A. Katsuki Yasukochi has measles.

III. Notes:

Need more fire equipments and a larger trained force. Have them drill frequently to prevent confusion at the time of fires.

Give the firemen better pay in the way of inducements even if only a larger cut out of the trust fund.



Friday, April 16, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. For Inosuke Fujita, Kiichi Kosaka, and Kikuzo Saito. According to our records, you will not receive any clothing allowance after Nov. and Dec. because you have not been working. If you have been unemployed due to physical disability and have a certificate to that effect you are eligible to receive an allowance, there is, of course, no need for you to apply to our office. However, if you do wish to apply for this assistance, will you please come in or send someone in to this office. April 20 at 3:30 P.M.

(Signed) Mary Uyesaka

Family Welfare Dept.

Also for Hiraoka, Inosuke and Hyojiro Shimakawa  
April 22 at 3:30 P.M.

II. Miscellaneous:

A. Supplies Received

1. 7 boxes of "Zig Kut" puzzle.
2. According to the Supervisor Iwao Oaki, the 5 kerosine stoves in the Ag. Dept. is to be included in our survey. The 2 kerosine survey. The 2 kerosine stoves issued to the Goh Dept. will be transferred to Blk. 36. We therefore have a balance of 14 kerosine stoves.

III. Notes:

Thanks for the latest ruling that allows the residents to pick up parcel at the block office instead of going to the post office instead of going to the post office to carry home some heavy packages in a hot sun.

Wednesday, April 14, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Policy covering the use of domestic sewing machine.
2. Notice of moving: Harry Akira Kawamoto and family, leaving for Brule, Nebraska on April 30, on group leave.
3. From the Housing Dept. -- It has been brought to our attention that there are individuals and families transferring to Poston from other centers and internment camps.

May we request that they be instructed to register in the Housing Department within 24 hours of their arrival to facilitate the various departments directly concerned and affected by the new arrivals--subsistence, census, and distributing of necessary supplies etc.

4. From George S. Fujii of the City Council -- We are calling your attention to the absence of your representative from the recent meetings of the TCC. Absenteeism keeps your block uninformed of the recent TCC policies and causes many other inconveniences.

We, in Poston, are experimenting in democratic self government. Unless you people take active part and bear your share of the responsibilities and burdens, we will never be able to make self government a reality.



Block #37

Wednesday, April 14, 1943

Weather: Clear

Please co-operate by sending your delegate or a substitute to our next meeting which will be held in Recreation hall #5, Saturday, April 17 from 9:30 o'clock. Also the Issei Advisory Member.

II. Notes:

I do hope that Lt. General De Witt is not exemplary of the type of leaders found in the Army.

Of course, it is the business of the Army to install hatred; yet if any man is as biased, provincial, and petty as to utter such slanderous remarks about the resident Japanese, is not a person who can make clam decisions.

For what purpose he uttered those statement, I do not know; However it is about time that people of his like realize that there are plenty of loyal niseis, not withstanding the jingoistic attitude of men like him.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, April 13, 1943

Weather: Clear, hot

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. Notice of Moving for Kazu and Aki Sakamoto, who will leave April 15 on indefinite leave to Chicago, Illinois. Forwarding address: Edgewater Beach Hotel.
2. Request for a Survey of Physically Handicapped Persons.

Block 37

Monday, April 12, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Survey

1. Total No. of Residents-----241  
Total No. of Employed people-----114

No. of Issei Worker	F - 5
	M - 46
Total	51

No. of Nisei Worker	F - 20
	M - 43
Total	63

- Total No. of Unemployed People over 18 and under 60, who are able to work-----20

Issei	F - 10
	M - 5
Total	15

Nisei	F - 4
	M - 1
Total	5

II. Remarks:

A. Question

1. The Hiraga family who have not yet applied, would like to make application to rejoin their father at the Family Internment Camp to be made at Crystal City, Texas. Answer: The parties concerned are to see Miss Cheney on Friday morning.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, April 10, 1943  
Weather: Cloudy

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. From the Public Health Dept. On the plan for a monthly weighing in each block of children born after October 1, 1940.
2. Regarding the returning of government properties of those leaving for the outside.

II. Remarks:

A. Question

1. How should the sewing machine be used on Sundays?  
Result: We have formulated a plan whereby a person can check out a sewing machine for one day only; the machine is to be returned to the office upon finishing. A person may reserve a machine for future dates.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, April 9, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Staff

A. Survey

1. Block Census for the Housing Dept. Block Population 241 as of date, plus 2 visitors staying for about a month. Also 4 others are now out on seasonal leaves.
2. Block Census by age for the Subsistence Dept.
  - a. 14 years and under-----57
  - b. 15 years and over-----184

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Congratulations to the Shigeo Shiotani's -----  
a seven pound son born at 6:20 P.M.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Housing Dept. on Block Census by Age. In order to facilitate the food rationing, the Subsistence Department has requested your co-operation in obtaining the following information.

- a. The number of people residing within your block up to and including 14 years of age.
- b. Total number of people 15 years and over.

2. From Division of Horticulture on Bermuda Grass Seed. The grass that once has been considered and classified by the farmers, as well as by gardeners, as an obnoxious weed, especially in California became priceless.

The Bermuda grass seed has been frozen by the Gov. For numerous and extensive army airfields and camps. Our stock on hand is very limited and negligible, and the prospect of obtaining additional stock is very slim. Even Mr. Mathiesen's attempt to get priority rating, from public health standpoint, failed.

Bermuda Grass is a fast and wide spreading summer lawn grass. One pound of seed is more than sufficient to cover 500 square feet of ground and wide space is essential for its vigorous and fast growth. Therefore, dense sowing of the seed is just wastefulness.

IV. Remarks:

A. Suggestion.

1. J. Yahiro would like to have the block carpenter make some adjustments on the kitchen doors.



Thursday, April 8, 1943

Weather: Windy

- I. Staff:
  - A. Business Call
    - 1. Turned in the Application for Shoe Certificate for Tomigi Furuyama, Nakanosuke Nakashima, Tom Tanamachi, and Fred Yamato.
- II. Block Activities:
  - A. Social
    - 1. The young people held a farewell social for Giichi Omori, who is leaving for Maryland, and also for Pvt. Teddy Oka visiting here.
- III. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received
    - 1. Hiraoka, Inosuke leaving April 10 on Group leave to Glendale, Arizona.
- IV. Notes:

The Washington Post recently made an editorial suggestion: Since the loyal Japanese who are now in Relocation Camps are now known, the loyal ones should be given the privilege of returning to California to farm in their former locality.

Such a move will be one of the wisest decisions the government can make, When manpower is definitely limited, what group of people can contribute more to the war effort in the production of goods than the Japanese people who are going to be allowed to farm on their former places?

Wednesday, April 7, 1943

Weather: Raining

- I. Staff:
  - A. Meeting
    - 1. Manager attended the meeting of the Block Managers' Executive Committee at 11:00 A.M.
- II. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received

The Santa Fe Railway is desirous of employing at once 900 evacuee laboreres to work near Ottawa, Kansas. Age limits, 18 to 55 incl.

Rate of pay is 50¢ per hour, and men may work up to 10 hours daily if the ~~cheese~~. Bunk cars equipped with steel bunks and straw tick mattresses; also lavatory car with showers provided.

The evacuee labor will receive the same rate of pay, will work under the same rules and regulation, and will enjoy the pribileges, as all empyoees of their same class, and as provided for in the labor agreements. Each man should furnish his own blankets and linen. Blankets may be furnished through the commissary if desired.

The board rate is \$1.25 per day, and the Hanlin Supply Company will endeavor to furnish Japanese cooks and boarding crews for these gangs. (See Employment Diivision bulletin of Merch 30)

This is a real opportunity! See our represetative at your field employment office NOW for further details. You must sign up quickly for the first shipment. We expect to make shipment Tuesday Morning, April 13, 1943.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, April 6, 1943  
Weather: Dust storm

- I. Block Activities;
  - A. Work report
    1. Frank Nakashima delivered the mail for us today while the staff attended the funeral for Takao Saito.
- II. Visitor:
  1. Sgt. Alfred Sadamune and wife from Fort Riley; here on furlough until Thursday, April 8.
  2. Pvt. Teddy Oka, here on furlough for about a week.
- III. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received.
    1. Notice of moving to Omori, Giichi Hito. Forwarding address Ashton, Maryland who will leave April 9, 1943 on indefinite leave. April 6, 1943 dated. Signed by S. Ito.
- IV. Miscellaneous:
  - A. George Yasukochi returned this morning from a short term leave to Lordsburg and Phoenix.
- V. Notes:

Doctors, as well as anyone else, must think of their future. Why not commission the volunteer doctors and have them stay at Poston with Army Officer's pay? Also allow them to have furloughs for researches.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, April 5, 1943  
Weather: Windy, Cloudy

- I. Staff:
  - A. Business Calls
    1. Made hall arrangements with May Uchida, in charge of Rec. Hall 44. The Wake Service will be at 9:00 P.M. tonight, as the hall has already been reserved for a wedding rehearsal at 8:00 P.M.
- II. Block Activities:
  - A. Meetings
    1. The Block Council met Sunday 2:00 P.M. in the Manager's Office to make arrangements for the funeral of baby Takao Saito.
- III. Memorandums:
  - A. Notice Received.
    1. From Harry Nogawa, Funeral Director -- The Mortuary Department requests the use of Rec. Hall 44 for Rosary Service, tonight, April 5, 1943 at 8:00 P.M. Also for Funeral Service at Rec. Hall 44, Tuesday, April 5, 1943
- IV. Miscellaneous:
  - A. The Manager and Don Miyada obtained arrowweed brushes for making funeral wreaths.
- V. Notes:

The residents of Poston can truly be grateful for the comparative lack of diseases considering our crowded environment and community living, however to make things better, we should really have a steam sterilizer in each block for dishes and utensils. After all, mild T.B. cases and other diseases may be present without the knowledge of the rest of the block.



Saturday, April 3, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Block Activities:
    - A. Block Changes
      1. Baby Takao Saito died this noon.
  - II. Memorandums:
    - A. Notice Received
      1. Received Leave Clearance Form No. 2310. all residents leaving project regardless of short or indefinite leave is made mandatory that all properties of the government issued from your block must be checked in and signed by the Block Manager.
        - a. If immediate families are remaining within the project, he will assume responsibility for all government property belonging to party leaving.
        - b. Please make sure that all properties belonging to the government are checked in before signing U.S. Property Clearance.
        - c. U.S. Property Clearance forms will be issued at leave Office to all applicants leaving the Project.
        - d. Unless these forms are signed by the Block Manager the party leaving the project will be held.
- U.S. Property Clearance form will be attached.
- III. Miscellaneous:
  - A. Mrs. Tanemachi and Tom returned from a short term leave to Lordsburg, New Mexico.
  - B. Checked out two additional beds, 2 mattress covers, and 4 blankets to Sadamune -- Relatives coming for a visit.

Friday, April 2, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Staff:
  - A. Business Calls
    1. The Clerk went to the Hospital to request a home call for Mrs. Kishimoto -- pleurisy. Result: She was admitted to the hospital.
    2. The Manager went to interview Mr. Smith of the Evacuee Property Dept.
      - a. The government now have central warehouses.
      - b. The W.R.A. will encourage people to put belongings into the government warehouse to prevent undue deterioration and losses through theft.
      - c. Contraband articles may be brought here under certain condition, with the approval of the U.S. Marshal. However the articles cannot be in the possession of the evacuees here. Upon leaving the project, citizens may be able to obtain their cameras.
    3. The Manager and also Paul Nagamatsu went to interview Ben Yabuno of the Housing Dept. and Dr. Powell of the Community Activities in regards to the wish of the block expressed at a General Meeting held recently, concerning the use of part of Barrack 14.  
Result: a. The use of Barrack 14 can be decided by the block. The Housing Dept. will back the block's desires.



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- b. Obtained a memorandum from Dr. Powell. The recently chosen committee of four will discuss the problem with Mr. Hagio.

- 4. Turned in the Application for Shoe Certificates.

## II. Block Activities:

## A. Block Changes

- 1. George Iwakoshi left today on seasonal leave for Lyman, Nebraska.

## III. Memorandums:

## A. Notice Received.

- 1. From Adult Education Dep't -- Subject: Form. "Are you planning to leave Poston?" This will be the topic of discussion by Mr. Giles Zimmerman, regional relocation counselor for the Chicago area, this Friday, April 2nd, 8 P.M. at Mess Hall Blk. 42. Please announce this at Mess Hall and urge all those interested to attend this meeting.
- 2. From Red Aid Class Registration --  
The Poston Unit of the American Red Cross is offering classes in First Aid for the general public. Since every individual will be vital in the event of an emergency, we are asking you to encourage as many people as possible to turn out for the worthwhile training. The knowledge of First Aid will be of utmost value to you as well as to safeguard the lives of every man, woman, and child in the community. The Red Cross will be supplying First Aid Supplies soon for your kits, and it is advisable to have some one if not all to be trained for its use.  
Kindly announce the above message in your messhall post accompanying material on bulletin board on the special registration sheet supplied to you. A red cross representative will pick them up with in a week or so.

## IV. Miscellaneous:

- A. S. Tamasu kindly obtained some willow trees to be planted around our pond.

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Thursday, April 1, 1943

Weather: Clear, Hot

## I. Staff:

## A. Social

- 1. A party was held in honor of Mr. Evans and family at Messhall 32 at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Evans is leaving Poston.

## II. Block Activities:

## A. Meeting

- 1. General Meeting was held Wednesday at 8:00 P.M. in the Mess Hall with Mr. Hayashi presiding
  - a. Voted to use the block funds to buy a hose for latrine use only.
  - b. Problem of Nurse aides shortage. Decided to have



Thursday, April 1, 1943

Weather: Clear, Hot

the block women recruit someone to work at the Hospital.

- c. Discussion on asking the Judo Dept. to spare one room for the use of the block young people.

Result: Formed a committee of four to discuss the matter with Mr. Hagio: Harley Oka, Shuji Kenno, Frank Abe, and Paul Nagamatsu.

B. Block Changes

1. Mrs. Clara and Frances Sadamune arrived today for about a month's visit.

III. Emergencies:

A. Medical

1. Takao Saito was taken to the Hospital last night with a high fever.

IV. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. Invitation: We request the honor of your presence at the appreciation Party to be given at the thirty six Dining Hall on the 3rd. day of April (Saturday) at seven thirty o'clock in the evening. Block 36

V. Remarks:

A. Complaints

1. The Inouye's of 10-A would like a larger room when such a room opens up.

V. Miscellaneous:

- A. Mrs. Kawaguchi kindly made a paper Easter lily for the office.

Wednesday, March 31, 1943

Weather: Clear, hot

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Reported plumbing trouble in the Men's latrine.  
Result: was repaired.
2. Turned in the Application for Shoe Certificates.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notices Received

1. To families which have applied to Enter the Family Internment Camp: Tanamachi, Sumiyoshi, Yasukochi, Nagaishi, and Kaneko.
2. From Mr. Takenaga of the Leave Office:  
George Shigeto Iwakoshi will leave April 2 for Lyman, Nebraska on seasonal leave.

III. Miscellaneous:

- A. The Noddles Dept. came after our Messhall table that was being used in the office for reading purposes.

IV. Notes:

The Problem of the shortage of nurse's aides is a critical one, for those hospital workers are really essential.

It behooves all of us to willingly tackle the dirty jobs if it means that job will serve for the welfare of all.



Tuesday, March 30, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. The Manager attended the Block Managers' Meeting held at Messhall 32, 2:00 P.M.

1. Mr. Zimmerman

- a. Reorganization of Leave and Employment Office to cut downtime to 3 weeks at the maximum for the complete cycle in obtaining outside employment. Put as much as possible on the unit office. Trend toward liberalization from Washinton.
- b. Exposure of the offer, starting April 1. Memo-graphed notice on the want aid styb to be placed simultaneously in each block, and other places. Distribute notices daily. Bulletin to be placed on board for one week.
- c. Notify leave Clearance Office as to response or lack of response and to type of jobs desired. Jobs still open at the end of the week will be posted again under a new number.
- d. Private offers must be validated at the Unit office.
- e. Notify office of misrepresentation of contracts, or exploitations. Have field representatives to check with -- contact them if you desire.
- f. Can return from any type of leave. (assurance of Millon Myers) Notify Project Director whenever one would like to return.

2. Proposed Consumer Mail Order Service -- Profit to go to Community Activities.

- a. \$3000 daily is spent on mail orders.
- b. The Mail order service will receive 10% gross, and assume the purchase of catalogues and miscellaneous expense.
- c. The customer need not pay Money order fee nor the 3¢ postage. The merchandises will be received a day earlier than now and also be delivered.
- d. The Mail order house will send notifications each week of none available goods.
- e. Operation: Place order with receiving clerk; then pay the cashier. Make 4 copies of order. Upon arrival, the inspectors will look over the goods; then deliveries can be made. Would like block Managers to help take orders. The office will be in the rear room of the Express Dept.

3. No-expendible inventory this week. Mr. Evans is held responsible for every article issued through the Block Managers' Offices.

II. Block Activities:

1. George Sakamoto and Satoru Iwakoshi left today for strawberry harvest in Glendale, Arizona.
2. Mr. Miyada returned from the hospital.



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Tuesday, March 30, 1943

III. Miscellaneous:

A. Dental Examination.

1. Dr. Yamada and aide from the Public Health Dept. made a dental examination of the block residents, aside from school children, today from 10 A.M. 2:00 P.M.

Block 37

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Monday, March 29, 1943

Weather: Clear

E. Staff:

A. Business Call

1. The Clerk went to the Toy Dept. and entered the names of Wato Iwakoshi, Yukio Tanaka, Mas Honda, Joe Tani, and Edwin Yasukochi for the Kite Contest to be held next Saturday April 3rd.

II. Block Activities:

A. Meeting

1. The Block Council met at 8:00 P.M. in the Messhall with George Yasukochi presiding.
  - a. Discussed the housing problem of the Sadamune's whose wife and daughter is coming Thursday for about a month's visit.
  - b. Voted to discuss at a general meeting the problem of asking for one room in Barrack 14.
  - c. Voted to have the Manager be the treasurer for the block fund.

III. Visitor:

- A. Evti Tanaka left today following a week's visit with his family at 5-0.

IV. Memorandum:

A. Notice Received.

1. Flower Making at Messhall 27 has been changed to Wednesday morning 9:30, due to a funeral being held on the usual scheduled date.
2. Poster -- Hana Matsuri festival April 4, 1943 Morning devotional service. Afternoon tournaments, Basketball--Races--Ping Pong--Marble. Blk. 4 stage Festivity Mar. 31-April 10.

V. Miscellaneous:

- A. Mrs. Tanemachi, Tom Tanemachi, and George Yasukochi left this morning on a short term leave to Lordsburg.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, March 27, 1943

Weather: Clear and Hot.

I. Miscellaneous:

A. Certificate of Disability

1. Kamei, Tomegusa age 69 from May 18, 1943 to date and indefinitely.
2. Inouye, Eijiro has a permit of Disability from San Diego Medical and Surgical Clinic. Suite 400, Granger Bldg., 5th Ave. and Broadway in San Diego, for Arterie - Sclerosis and Angina Pectoris. Has been under Dr. Robert M. Robert's care since August 1940.



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Saturday, March 27, 1943

Weather: Clear and Hot.

3. Mr. I Oka has bad eyes and we will send in a
4. We asked Haruko Sato to get a Doctor's permit, but she still doesn't have one.
5. Kiso Yasukoshi will get a permit on Monday since the Doctor was busy.

II. Notes:

Can an effort be made to ask the Western Defense command to have cameras released in Poston, since we are now in the free zone.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, March 26, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. From Contruction Dept. -- 126 rolls of #30 felt delivered to you, should be stored away in your block until the remaining materials for the linoleum laying is delivered.

The above amount of felt is enough to give 9 rolls to each of the 14 barracks in your block.

Additional felt will not be given at any time, so it is your duty to see that the felt is not used for any other purpose.

2. From Timekeeping Dept. -- When an employee terminates, the employer (Appointed Personnel) must sign the Time Sheet Certifying to the number of days worked. The employee must also sign in space provided. The Time Sheet must then be immediately sent to the timekeeping office.

II. Notes:

Farm hand jobs, cooks, domestic helps, railroad section hands are some of the types of jobs offered to Japanese evacuees.

I hope the time will come soon when something better will come up.

Fortunately, there seems to be gradual trend towards offering something besides menial task jobs.

Block 37  
BLOCK LOG

Wednesday, March 24, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Community Activities -- Toy and model Department:

All boys and girls 17 and under who are interested in kite flying contest, Saturday or Sunday, weather permitting, please meet at the Firemen's Ball Park. There will be prizes for the winning contestants.

All who are interested apply with your own block manager. Have the names sent to Mr. Kurishima #38 Toy and Model Department and receive the kite sticks there.

Watch for further information in the Chronicle.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, March 23, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Staff: None
- II. Business Calls:
  - A. The members of the Women's Club are hanging up curtains for the Messhall windows. The curtains were donated by Mrs. Miyada.
- II. Notes:

The shoe certificates are coming in at a much more speedy rate, and we are duly grateful.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, March 22, 1943  
Weather: Windy

- I. Staff:
  - A. Business Calls
    - 1. The Assistant went to the Hospital to ask a home call for Mrs. Tomo Yasukochi for high blood pressure.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, March 20, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Block Activities:
  - A. Work Report
    - 1. The boys of the block are really helping hard with our pond construction. Those who helped cut and load cottonwood were Jim Omori, Hiroshi Tanaka, Hide Oka, Mac Nishida, Mr Kanno, Frank Abe, Mits Kawaguchi, and a visitor George Abe.
- II. Visitors:
  - A. Business
    - 1. Min Inokuchi and his surveying crew kindly assisted with some needed surveying for our pond.
- III. Notes:

TRASH DISPOSAL --

During the winter months, trash disposal does not become a problem at all; however, from now on, with hot weather and windstorms coming up, trash can no longer be burned within the block.

another thing, we experienced difficulties several times last year with a leak of a trash hauling crew.

Therefore, I would like to suggest that an incinerator be provided for every two blocks -- that's the safest, cheapest, and easiest method of disposal.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, March 19, 1943  
Weather: Clear

- I. Block Activities:
  - A. Meeting
    - 1. Block Council Meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. in the Manager's Office.
      - a. Have a adobe house for shade? Discuss at general meeting.
      - b. Suggestion that this messhall try that family style of serving if it is not too hard on the kitchen staff.
- II. Notes:

The Public Health Dept. program to weigh and check babies sounds very good -- it will be a service that everyone is going to appreciate.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, March 18, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Visitors:

A. Business

1. Miss Rude of the Public Health Dept. Explained a program of weighting and checking each month children, especially under 24 months. This checking will take place at the Block Manager's Office.

II. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. To Block Manager or Club Leader from Community Activities Division. In order to coordinate all organization and to facilitate all future programs, the Community Activities Department would like to have the list of all organizations in our fib. We are requesting the block, type of organization, and those who make up the club.

The Model Airplane Club is now being formed. If there is any in your block who is interested have him report to Recreation Hall #11.

Block 37

Tuesday, March 16, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I Staff:

- A. The Block Manager's Meeting was held at Messhall 32 at 2:00 P.M.

1. Question.

- a. Can fire insurance be obtained for residents who pay for the insurance?
- b. Do moccasins need a shoe ration ticket? Different sales clerk have different ideas.
- c. Can hose ends be obtained?
- d. Any parts for the Messhall coolers that were recently distributed? Answer: No pipes nor other fittings are available.

II. Visitor:

A. Business

1. Mr. Kadowaki, Assisted for a short while with our pond construction. He suggested that we find an Issei expert to help lay the rocks.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received.

1. Tabulated below is the schedule that will be followed in effecting the payment of Clothing Allowance for the month of October, 1942. Payments will be made by block allowing only 45 minutes per block. It is necessary therefore, that Block Managers insist on promptness as the recipients must appear during the time allotted or wait until the following month is paid. There will be no supplementary payments.

IV. Notes:

The method of pay whereby each block is paid separately and in alphabetical order, looks better than any method up to now



Block 37

Monday, March 15, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Visitor:

A. Business

1. 3 Representatives came from the Sumo Headquarters and asked for a standing committee of 3 or more men from each block.

B. Social

1. George Abe from the Minnidoka Relocation Center at Hunt, Idaho, is visiting for a few days.

II. Notes:

Something must be done to remove the bottleneck in regards to issuing shoe ration certificates. The present method of shooting all the applications to the volunteer O.P.A. Board at Parker, is not fair to them; neither is it fair to the Poston residents desperately in need of shoes, yet these people must wait too long a time.

Block 37

Thursday, March 11, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. From Mr. Head: All workers must give a week's notice before changing jobs.

II. Notes:

The obnoxious, uncivil attitude of many Canteen salesmen is very unbusinesslike, likewise disgusting to the long suffering customers. A more cheerful attitude would indeed help things all around.

Block 37

Daily Log Report

Wednesday, March 10, 1943

Weather: Windy

I. Remarks:

A. Complaints

1. People clamoring for lath sticks. It was explained that these sticks were being distributed only to Apartments not having tar paper coverings on their doors.

II. Notes:

Because of fine cooperation on the part of our young men, our landscape project is progressing rapidly.

Block 37

Daily Log Report

Tuesday, March 9, 1943

Weather: Cloudy

I. Staff:

- A. Block Managers' Meeting was held at Messhall 32 at 2:00 P.M.

1. Public Assistance has finally been set up in Poston. Trying now to have field representatives call on the needy, rather than have them go to the office.

II. Visitors:

A. Business.

1. Mr. Frank Kadowaki came for a short while to supervise our pond construction.

III. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. Infantile Paralysis has appeared in Poston III. This germ is carried by flies; so keep kitchen doors in good order. Cover the garbage. Keep the latrines clean. And swat that fly!



Block 37

Tuesday, March 9, 1943

IV. Notes:

As far as the Government goes, they may want Poston to have a camouflage industry, but as far as Poston goes, it's a detriment to the community. Why? Because all other projects in the community are slowed down due to labor shortage. Resentments are aroused when people are in the same boat, yet some earn many times as much as others who are receiving the regular cash advance. All the education and plea made heretofore to have everyone work for the best interest of the community will have been in vain. Even on the community will have mutual cooperation is necessary, but it looks as if it is every man for himself again.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Monday, March 8, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Work Report

1. The actual construction of the Block Pond began yesterday. Mr. Frank Kadowaki is kindly extending his assistance in designing the plan for us.

II. Notes:

In a crowded community such as Poston, health problem is of paramount importance. Therefore, we are indeed grateful for the Health Dept. Their educational campaign does much to make the people aware of the diseases that arises as well as educating them in methods to combat and prevent those diseases.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Saturday, March 6, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

- A. The young men of the Block hauled two loads of rocks today. Through the effort of Hank Honda, we were able to obtain a truck.

II. Notes:

In regards to clothing allowances for people who claim to be sick, some better method is necessary than now to determine who is eligible for the allowance. The Clinic is too crowded as it is, without checking to see whether someone who doesn't work should be entitled to \$3.50 per month.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, March 5, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

We are willing to do any kind of work, but it seems to me to be a waste of our time and of good paper to be frequently making duplicate surveys.

I would suggest that certain data be compiled once and for all accurately, with the files to be kept in charge of the Census Dept.

Most important point is that the files should be accessible to other departments as well.



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Thursday, March 4, 1943  
Weather: Cloudy

I. Staff:

A. Survey of Workers

1. Total number of residents: 244

Total number of workers: 121

Male 94

Female 27

Total number of people not working between the ages  
of 18 years to 60 years:

Male 10

Female 31

II. Notes:

With shortages of fresh vegetables and of the manpower  
to produce them, the whole country is going to feel the  
benefits of removing a part of Arizona out of Military Area  
#1, thus permitting certain near Phoenix and aid in the pro-  
duction of foodstuff.

Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, March 3, 1943  
Weather: Intermittent Rain

I. Notes:

LEAVE CLEARANCE INTERVIEWERS

To those who volunteered their services from this Block,  
we are grateful. They were Sakae Yasukochi, Helen Honda, Tsu-  
yuko Iwakoshi, Mary Oka, Haruko Sato, and Dorothy Sato.

We also wish to express our appreciation to those from  
Block 53 who aided our registration: Cherry Obayashi, Lily  
Nishimoto, Rei Koike, Shizue Takemoto, and Shizuye Yoshida.

Block 37

Tuesday, March 2, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Block Managers' Meeting was held at Block 32 Messhall  
at 2:00 P.M.

Block 37

Monday, March 1, 1943  
Weather: Clear

VIII. Notes:

The labor situation in Poston will keep on becoming acuter;  
instead of better.

The young men, especially, will soon be missed. Many have al-  
ready gone into camouflage; some will leave for outside work  
and for school; some will no doubt be drafted for the Army.  
That means the burden will fall upon the women, and upon the  
older folks.

Admittedly, work condition in Poston is not too attractive,  
but in order to sustain our community, those of us who plan  
to remain here must cooperate more than ever.

Block 37

Saturday, Feb. 27, 1943  
Weather: Clear

V. Memorandum

A. Notice Received

2. From the Executive Board. Subj: Registration for Aliens



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Friday, February 26, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

As a neighboring block, we join with Block 38 in mourning the passing away of Tokuzo Miyake.

Due to the deep spirit of sympathy on everyone's part, the bachelor with no relatives, was given a fine funeral.

Block 37

Thursday, February 25, 1943

I. Notes:

There are very few experienced Japanese shoe repairers. As a result the understaffed repair shop at Poston One is continually swamped.

Now the question Number 3 of the "Application for Shoe Certificate" states: Does he possess more than one pair of repairable shoes? Actually maybe yes, but from all practical standpoint the answer is definitely "No".

II. Miscellaneous.

- A. George Kinoshita kindly loaned his truck to haul a load of rocks for our pond. The following assisted: George Kawaguchi, Mits Inoue, Isamu Tanaka, Sho Iwakoshi, Hiro Honda, Frank Abe.

Block 37

Wednesday, February 24, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Notes:

The coming Leave Clearance Registration will no doubt help greatly in assisting those who genuinely desire to go outside a chance to do so.

Red tape will be cut to the minimum in sharp contrast to the procedure up to now.

Block 37

Tuesday, February 23, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Block Activities:

- A. The Nisei men of the Block 17 years of age and up registered at Messhall 38 at 3:30 P.M. Filled out the DSS Form 304A, Statement of United States Citizen of Japanese Ancestry.

II. Visitors: None

Block 37

Monday, February 22, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Notes:

Here is an interesting article in the Pacific Citizens as recopied from an editorial in the New Canadian, Kaslo, B.C. On Canadian Evacuees

It would be idle to pretend for a moment that the great bulk of the evacuees now located in the interior towns are good "resettlement" material today. Too many, especially the older folk who saw the fruits of years of toil swept away, and many younger folk, too, have suffered such damage to spirit and morale that they are closer to being "Indian reservation" material



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But their spirits can be revived and their morale can be repaired, if some hope and assurance for a happier future is held out to them. The success of resettlement depends upon the individual, no doubt, but from a general point of view, it depends too upon genuine opportunities for the future which will make toil and struggle and courage worthwhile and fruitful.

Block 37

Saturday, February 20, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Visitors:

A. Business

1. Block Manager Harry Asachida of 38 -- wants us to feed about 95 person Monday through Wednesday, registration on those days.

Block 37

Friday, February 19, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities.

A. Block Changes

1. Michi and Kyo Yasukochi returned early this morning from a very brief furlough to Lordsburg.

Block 37

Wednesday, February 17, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Block Activities:

A. Employment

1. Mr. Kakuzo Fukushima transferred from Block Gardener to kitchen, effective March 16, A.M.
2. Mrs. Maki Kanno transferred from Janitress to hospital work effective March 16 A.M.

B. Block Changes

1. Tak Oka left this morning for work in Utah.

C. Work Report

1. The Clerk is preparing the cards for January Cash Advance.

Block 37

Wednesday, February 17, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block changes

1. Mrs. Shiozaki returned from hospital with her recently born son.

Block 37

Wednesday, February 17, 1943

II. Notes:

Extra Hospital beds are needed. Mrs. Shiozaki, who gave birth to a boy only six days ago, returned today to a household of three other small children.

I am sure it would have been better if she could have stayed several days longer, had the facilities been available.

Block 37

Tuesday, February 16, 1943  
Weather: Hot



Block 37

Tuesday, February 16, 1943

I. Notes

I was fortunate to attend a forum at which Dr. Page spoke Monday.

People may disagree whether dynamic Dr. Kirby Page's idealistic plan for post war world rehabilitation could be made to work. However, not quoting him directly, but thinking along his idea: if everyone would give up the thoughts of vengeance and think of treating others as equals, the post war period will be a success.

Block 37

Monday, February 15, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Michi, and Kiyo Yasukochi left for a brief furlough to Lordsburg New Mexico.

II. Notes:

I don't suppose there is a city of 10,000 people anywhere in the United States where the water supply is shut down as often as in Poston. It's really a farce! The women folks mildly complain that they can't wash, the janitors have trouble keeping the latrines clean, AND THE KITCHEN ARE GREATLY INCONVENIENCED. However, most of all, with a fire such as we had in Block 36 tonight, what would have been the result if that fire had occurred this morning when there was no water? Fortunately, tonight, there was no wind. Suppose we have been too horrible to contemplate.

In other words, Poston really needs and auxillary pumping system very badly!

Block 37

Saturday, February 13, 1943

Weather: Hot

I. Emergencies:

Medical

1. Allen Yasukochi is in hospital with high fever.

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. New resident: M. Imoto at 7 - D.

III. Notes:

Only apartment 13-D of the original apartments still has not received tar paper for covering doors! However the new apartment created by partitioning will need tar papers, as well as torn spots here and there on the various buildings.

Block 37

Thursday, February 11, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

If the Niseis are to be allowed to join the armed forces, they should be also allowed to return to Calif. immediately if they so desire.

Block 37

DAILY LOG REPORT

Wednesday, February 10, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

A son was born to the Shiozaki family.



Block 37

Wednesday, February 10, 1943  
Continued--

II. Notes:

We have been quite careful in our block with quarantine regulations, yet few additional cases of chicken pox come up. In addition to careful washing of the patients dishes and plates, if a small steam vat can be installed in each kitchen for sterilization purposes, I'm sure epidemics as chicken pox can be checked.

Block 37

Tuesday, February 9, 1943  
Weather: Windy

I. Notes:

Can we please have some more locks. Several are out of order. Newly created apartments from partitioning will need locks too.

Monday, February 8, 1943  
Weather: Slight Sprinkle

I. Notes:

Several of the Managers were in favor of volunteering to go after 2 x 4 lumbers now at Parker; so that we can get started on building partitions right away.

Saturday, February 6, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

We are all in favor of having the Managers' meeting once a week-say on Tuesday.

Block 37

Friday, February 5, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

Since the jaintors worked every day during the strike, I would like to see them get their full pay.

Wednesday, February 3, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

We hope the day will come soon when internees can be paroled into the custody of parole officers at the respective relocation centers.

Tuesday, February 2, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1.1 Jim Yahiro left on a furlough to Heart Mountain, Wyo.

Monday, February 1, 1943  
Weather: Clear

I Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Kay Inouye returned from the Hospital where he was confined with Scarlet Fever.

II. Notes:

There are people in this camp who can, but will not work. These people are not contributing anything to the community, or to anyone else.

Nevertheless, I still like the idea of giving the Clothing Allowance to everyone. In fairness to those who may be left out, the demarcation between those who are physically fit and unfit is very hard to draw in many cases.



Block 37

Saturday, January 30, 1943

Weather: Cloudy

VIII. Notes:

Thanks to the Toy Dept., the children of the block were able to enjoy the use of ten toys for over a week.

Friday, January 29, 1943

VIII. Notes:

Plans seem to be under way to "re-relocate" Japanese on the outside. Fine! Swell! for most people, it would be a welcome freedom.

On the other hand, going to the outside would be plenty tough for families with small children, what with high living expenses, etc. In California, these people were able to make ends meet through hard work and through the utilization of their tools and investments to the utmost. In other words, the Japanese had the tools to earn money with, whereas now they must rely on manual labor alone.

With the doors to lucrative jobs slammed in the Japanese's face, it would be wise to think twice before families with small children decide to go outside.

Thursday, January 28, 1943

VIII. Notes:

The latrine inspector talked with our janitor recently, and learned how some other blocks kept up the sanitation of toilets.

Our janitor thought it would be a good idea for all block janitors to get together once to exchange ideas on the most efficient and quick methods of cleaning latrines.

Wednesday, January 27, 1943

Weather: Rain.

VIII. Notes:

The young people of the block have no place to go on rainy days; so something must be done for them.

Tuesday, January 26, 1943

I. Staff:

A. Block Manager's Meeting was held at Mess Hall 32 at 2:00 P.M.

1. Change of address for Aliens--only for permanent change of address--Evacuation to an Assembly Center or Relocation Center does not constitute permanent change of address.
2. Plan of Mr. Evans: Centralized administrative unit that is independent of caucasian personnel.

Mr. Evans wants Unit I administered by evacuees--by those who are equipped to administer various phases of the administration. The group will discuss relationship with each other. Council recommend the personnel to Mr. Evans in order to have the backing of the whole community.

Permanent council will soon be formed--so present council would like to wait till then to take up.

Mr. Evan's suggestion:

Mr. Evans agree that Managers' supervisor should be chosen by the Managers. One issei and one Nisei.

Central Executive Board resigned because of minor disagreements and over the time element with the council.



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3. Pay checks: Mr. Empie hopes to be up to date on pay by March.
4. School--Education Committee recommended that an entire block be moved from Camp II, subject to approval of Mr. Head and the Army.
5. Stoves (Corrected Plan) of Army
  - 3 in Kitchen.
  - 2. in Rec. Hall
  - None in Laundry, etc.
  - 2 in latrines.
6. Next meeting -- Friday
7. Staff Meeting this morning took up the recommendation of various ~~Block~~ needs for blocks and individuals to prevent further "snitching".
8. Mr. Amano explained the method to fill out the clothing allowance blanks for October, November, and December.

Starting with October, only those working at least 2 weeks out of the month, or hav<sup>4</sup> made application for work is eligible for payments. However, unemployables can get payments too.

Those include the very sick, those over 65, and wives with small children.

Once, a month, make a complete list of persons in the block. The Family Welfare will double check with the Leave Office.

For employment the Family Welfare will double check with the Timekeeper's Dept.

Accuracy and neatness is paramount, as the Accounting Dept. will reject a page, if there is only one mistake.

## VIII. Notes:

I am glad to hear that a recommendation has been sent to Washington to have ev ryone received clothing allowances; also \$3.50 for everyone. Clothing for children cost as much as adults, in many cases.

Anyhow, this uniform payment for one and all would eliminate a lot of expensive bookkeeping; so the government will not be worse off in the long run.

Monday, January 25, 1943

Weather: Cloudy

## VIII. Notes

Just why should the Canteen workers be classified apart in receiving clothing allowances?

I understand that even some of the relatives of Canteen workers must be paid clothing allowance out of the Canteen funds, and that is not fair to the store.

Eventually the prices must be raised to meet the additional expenses of rent clothing allowances, etc, which means the residents must offer that much more. The store is not a private enterprise; therefore it should not be penalized.



Block 37

Friday, January 22, 1943

Weather: Intermittent Rain.

V. Memorandums

A. Notice Received

1. From the Red Cross--January 25-30 has been designated as Accident Prevention Campaign Week, at which time, a Poston-wide campaign will be conducted to stress reduction of accident hazards. Accident facts and recommendations to schools, as well as to residents against fire and other accident hazards, were issued.

VIII. Notes:

The Red Cross recommendations are very good; so nothing could be better than to have a Poston-wide education campaign for safety.

Thursday, January 21, 1943

Weather: Cloudy

VIII. Notes:

ARGUMENT OF THOSE WHO WANT ONE BLOCK FOR A HIGH SCHOOL

Approaching the High School problem from another angle, no doubt a centralized campus would help, for teachers and pupils can all get together; school spirit will be aroused.

Then, too, articles frequently disappear from classrooms that share with other activities--such situations need not recur should the High School have a campus of their own.

The thing is this: will the people risk drawing lots to determine which block is moving out for the sake of the High School?

The easiest way as I see it would be to have a housemover move some buildings intact from either Camp II or III.

From observation, if some old, dilapidated shacks can be moved without falling apart, why not these nearly new barracks.

Wednesday, January 20, 1943

VIII. Notes:

HIGH SCHOOL

In order to have good citizens of the future some clear thinking people realized before evacuation that adequate school facilities were essential for Japanese in the Relocation Centers.

However, there is no use talking about that now. The Government did not see the way clear, and here we are today with no school buildings; so it is up to the evacuees themselves to do the rest.

Realistically speaking, at the present rate of progress, the adobe school houses will take a long time for completion.

In the meanwhile, what then? Should one whole block be evacuated? It is open to conjecture whether consolidating the campus in one block will solve all the high school problems existing in Poston I.

First, through no fault of the students, their impressionistic minds were affected by the drastic changes of evacuation.

How should we tackle the situation where whole classes refuse to attend or study, complain and bicker with the teachers, and ditch at random?

Of course, all the teachers are not of the highest calibre--that cannot be helped, due to the shortage of teachers everywhere. On the other hand, some very capable teachers, who had faith in the Niseis, volunteered to come to Poston to help out. Even these teachers are disgusted with the pupils.

Perhaps, drastic measures may be necessary. Those who frequently ditch might be invited to stay away. It is up to the parents, to the pupils themselves, and to the whole community to wake up! Education is a privilege that should be held in the highest esteem.



Block 37

Tuesday, January 19, 1943  
Weather: Clear; cold.

VIII. Notes:

Today was the coldest morning this winter. Some say the temperature went as low as 17 degrees. The rye grass lawn and the leaf vegetables stood the cold; the castor bean plants were killed.

Monday, January 18, 1943

VIII. Notes:

One progressive step in Poston's aim towards self-sufficiency--we are glad to see approximately 300 hogs come in. The garbage heretofore wasted can now be utilized.

Saturday January 16, 1943

Weather: Windy

VIII. Notes

I hope the Poston directory now being compiled, can be combined with proposed directories of other relocation centers

In the shuffle of evacuation, friends and relatives have been scattered to the four winds.

Thursday, January 14, 1943

VIII. Notes:

Mr. Uyeshima donated ten dollars to the block for all the assistance rendered at the time of the funeral of his mother; however the money was returned to him, because it might set up a precedent hard to follow. A block, as one large family, should do every thing possible to assist when any occasion demands.

The block did, however, accept some crepe papers which Mr. Uyeshima bought later on; to replenish the stock used for making flowers.

Wednesday, January 13, 1943

VIII. Notes:

As I understand, sewage if properly treated, makes a fertilizer known as sludge, which is free from contaminationg bacteria.

Is properly treated sludge being made here now?

If so, the lean soils of Poston could certainly stand some of this fertilizer.

Tuesday, January 12, 1943

VIII. Notes:

Yesterday's little fire is a strong argument why the Managers should have boiler room keys also.

Monday, January 11, 1943

VIII. Notes:

Just about every activity in Poston seems to be able to get plaster boards, but the Housing Department.

Everyone is probably aware by this time that an acute situation exists in regards to housing, especially where several families are occupying one apartment.



Block 37

Monday, January 11, 1943

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No doubt, it would be difficult to ask for pasterboards for every apartment just now, but how about giving consideration to these cases that need relief right away?

Block 37

Saturday, January 9, 1943

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. The whole Block joins in mourning the loss of Tane Uyeshima, 79, who passed away this morning. The details of the funeral will be arranged by Messrs. Hayashi, Oka, Yasukochi, and Nakashima.

B. Work Report

1. Women's Club are making flowers for the Block 37 wreath for Mrs. Uyeshima.

The men are assisting in cleaning Rec. Hall 44 which is to be used for the service, etc.

January 9, 1943 Saturday

VIII. Notes:

Two cashiers came over from the canteen without any previous notice, told us we had 15 minutes to cash checks. Then, Boom! They were gone.

How about a little more system?

Friday January 8, 1943

Weather: Clear

VIII. Notes:

How about a "Chamber of Commerce" tour for the Managers sometimes?

Then we could see the actual progress of the various farm projects, adobe, nursery, canals, roads, schools, various industries, etc.

Thursday, January 7, 1943

Weather: Windy

VIII. Notes:

Comparison with Gila shows that we have a much more favorable food condition for which we can be very grateful.

Wednesday, January 6, 1943

Weather: Windy

VIII. Notes:

The distribution of Cash Advances by checks works very rapidly and with efficiency. Now all we need is a system whereby these checks can be cashed right away!

Tuesday, January 5, 1943

Weather: Clear

VIII. Notes

We like his system of equal or proportionate distribution of stoves etc. to the blocks--much more fairer than first come, first serve.

Monday, January 4, 1943

II. Block Activities

A. Block Meetings

1. The Women's Club met Sunday night 7:30 P.M. for election of officers. Mrs. Kanno is the new president.



Block 37

January 4, continued

III. Block Activities

2. The Seinen Kwai held a quad talent show at Mess Hall 37, Saturday 7:30 P.M. K. Misawa was Master of Ceremonies.

VI. Remarks

A. Questions and Answers

1. Is Poston moving to Arkansas? Answer: The origin of this rumor is unknown, but the answer seems to be no, period.

Thursday, December 31, 1942

Weather: Warm during the day

II. Block Activities

A. Social

1. Block Isseis had a talent show followed by a midnight noodle snack.

III. Notes:

Lots has happened since that dreary, dusty ride to Poston last May.

Looking over the accomplishments and improvements made by the Administration and by the people, the random list would include:

1. Schools
2. Canals and swimming pools
3. Additional tractors, trucks, and other equipment.
4. Block additions such as ironing room, exhaust fan, and additional ice boxes in each kitchen.
5. Improved personnel, both Japanese and Caucasian.
6. Stoves.
7. Screens for some of the windows.
8. Dust control program, and better roads
9. Getting more political voice by organizing City Councils, etc.
10. Improved block appearance through fishponds, lawns, flowers, vegetables, sidewalks.
11. Basketball courts, volley ball courts, baseball diamonds, etc.
12. Movies, talent shows, and construction of stages.
13. Promoting fairs in each unit.
14. Industries, such as toys, noodles, beans sprouts, etc.

Undoubtedly, this list is far from complete, but the list of things to be done in 1943 is far greater.

As far as 1942 is concerned this is "thirty".

Wednesday, December 30, 1942

Weather: Clear

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Meetings

1. After several preliminary meetings, the Seinen Kai was organized with Minoru Ota as president.

B. The whole block participated in making "Mochi".

VIII. Notes:

Since payment by check expedites the distribution of cash advances why not continue this system?

And then, would a plan be feasible to reserve a window at the Paymaster's where checks can be cashed at any time?



Block 37  
DAILY LOG REPORT

Tuesday, December 29, 1942  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls

1. Manager obtained a sewing machine from Dr. Powell.  
The machine is to be used in the Block.

Monday, December 28, 1942  
Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Survey

1. 13 boys are in the Armed Forces whose parents or families reside at Block 37. (for Poston Chronicle)

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Mrs. Tsuneyoshi returned from Hospital with her recently born daughter.

B. Sports: Volley ball Tournament

1. The Block 37 Mixed Volley ball team defeated Block 43 at their court, Sunday 2:30 P.M. Score: 21-10, 11-21
- 21-1. The Block team also won last Sunday by a forfeit.

III. Notes:

47 apartments now have stoves ready for use; the Barrack 13 has 8 kerosine stoves, and 2 kerosines stoves have been loaned to the Bch Department.

Saturday, December 26, 1942  
Weather: Windy; shower Christmas morning

I. Block Activities:

A. Social Activities:

1. Young people had Christmas Party Friday night.

B. Block Changes

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1. Mr. Furuyama returned from furlough to Manzanar Thursday.
2. Mr. Hiraoda returned from Hospital.

II. Notes:

Dental care; although we have some very capable dentists here, they are handicapped through lack of equipments and supplies.

Some patients are forced to have extractions, because fillings can not be put in here.

Dental care is something that cannot be neglected; so I hope something can be done to remedy the situation.

Tuesday, December 24, 1942  
Weather: Cloudy.

I. Staff:

A. Business Call

1. Clerk borrowed a Santa Claus costume from the Girls Recreation Department.

II. Block Activities:

A. A Christmas Party was held for the children.

1. Our Messhall decorations included desert holly wreaths with poinsettia cluster, desert holly -branches, tamarisk garlands, red and white streamers, Christmas tree, together with a fireplace.



Tuesday, December 24, 1942  
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2. Santa made a wrong impression on several kids, who were scared to death when the Santa made his appearance from the fireplace.
3. Gifts that were received from the American Church friends distributed by Santa to Children up to 15 years old.
4. Christmas gifts were presented by the Block to the following persons 69 years or over: Mr. Tomegusu Kamei, Mr. Fujita, Mrs. Maeda, Mr. Eijiro Inouye, Mr. Tokuta, Mr. Kikuzo Saito, Mrs. Uyeshima.
5. The total block Christmas donation was \$32.57, expenditures included cookies \$12.57, crepe paper decoration \$0.96, fireplace decoration \$0.60, and gifts for old folks \$9.38, leaving a balance of \$9.06.

III. Notes:

A much nicer Christmas than most people expected!

Wednesday, December 23, 1942

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Mr. Inouye returns from the hospital with her new baby girl, Yukiko Irene.

II. Notes:

I wonder if we could gladden the hearts of the old folks by presenting occasional Japanese movies, even if a little old. I'm sure that films should be obtainable somewhere in the country.

Tuesday, December 22, 1942

Weather: clear

I. Notes:

To the church folks who are making Christmas real to the children in relocation centers, thanks a lot!

It means a lot to have friends today in this world of hatred.

Monday, December 21, 1942

Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

A. Business Calls.

1. Purchased \$12.57 worth of cookies, etc. for the Block Christmas Party.

II. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. 8lbs. baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneyoshi early this morning, Bringing the Block Population to 243.

III. Notes:

Only in the prints of the Metropolitan newspapers do our big chicken and hog projects exist. How are plans coming to make these projects a reality?



Saturday, December 19, 1942  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

ELECTRICAL CONTROL

Again the lights went out! The people must be made to realize that they must think in terms of the whole community. In other words, give up the individualistic attitude of "To Hell with others, I'm going to do as I please" Through such selfish attitude of a portion of our populace, the whole community must suffer.

December 18, 1942, Friday  
Weather: Cloudy

I. Memorandums:

A. Notice Received

1. The two sewing machines loaned to the block from Dr. Powell's department will be picked up.
2. Take special precaution in ventilating rooms when using charcoal burners. Cases of carbon Monoxide poisoning.

December 16, 1942 Wednesday  
Weather: Clear

I. Miscellaneous:

Telegram came for Mr. Furuyama. Result: He can go to ~~Manzanar~~ Manzanar.

II. Notes:

In regard to the Census of families who wish to join their interned fathers at some other camp, some questions have arose. E.G: What would the status of Niseis be? Are there schools? Possibilities of reharing? Of returning to Poston? Why do they not return the internees to Poston rather than going to the expense of making a new camp?

December 15, 1942, Tuesday  
Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

1. Mr. and Mrs. Keichi Inouye are the proud parents of a girl born today.

II. Notes:

The City Councilmen are performing very vital tasks; let's give them our whole-hearted support.

Monday, December 14, 1942  
Weather: Clear

Staff:

A. Business Call

1. Manager asked for a temporary leave for Mr. Furuyama, who wants to attend his nephew's funeral at Manzanar.

II. Notes:

- A. Since the blocks are allowed 6 gardeners or janitors, why not ask one of these men to fill the fuel for all the stove.

Saturday, December 12, 1942  
Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

I see no harm in allowing cameras in the deserted isolated Poston, miles away from battleships, harbors, and defense



December 12, 1942, continued

Children will grow up; new circle of friends have been formed, and it would be nice to have pictorial souvenirs of our life here together.

Friday, December 11, 1942

Weather: Clear

I. Notes:

ELECTRICAL SITUATION

No matter how many memorandums are issued, the situation will not improve. I would like to see a proper educational program started to explain just why such regulations are necessary.

In other words, try to make people think in terms of the community rather than just themselves.

No doubt, the opening of all the kitchen until midnight will greatly alleviate the need for hot plates, and help the situation

Thursday, December 10, 1942

Weather: Clear

I. Block Activities:

A. Block Changes

1. Tak Oka and Makoto Nishida return from Nebraska

II. Notes:

- A. The unsatisfactory housing condition is something that has been delayed long enough.

Wednesday, December 9, 1942

Weather: Clear

I. Staff:

- I. Manager ordered candies or suitable substitute for Christmas party from the Canteen.

II. Notes: Stoves

I wonder if a special order can be placed immediately for stove chimneys, at least for the school. Goddness knows, it's cold enough by a bonfire in the morning, let alone sitting in a classroom.

Tuesday, December 8, 1942

Weather: Cloudy, cold

I. Block Activities:

- I. Block Council Meeting was held 7:00 P.M. in the Messhall-- George Yasukochi presiding.

1. Voted to have a Christmas party.

- a. Volunteer donations for candies--10¢ up for bachelors and 25¢ up for families. Collection by barrack unit. Collection by barrack head.
- b. Decoration and program to be left up to young people.
- c. Budget: \$10 for candies, and \$2 for decoration.
- d.

II. Notes: Scarlet Fever

We have received a memorandum that scarlet fever has appeared in Poston, and I imagine that under our close community life setup, it would be very difficult to keep such a highly contagious disease strictly isolated.

Would it be possible to immunize the younger children, since they are the ones more susceptible?



Block #37

Dec. 2, 1942

II. Block Activities

- A. The residents had their smallpox shots today. Age 6 month to 60 years, excluding school children.

Nov. 28, 1942

II. Block Activities

A. Block Meeting

1. At a general meeting held in the messhall at 1:30 p.m. with Mr. Hayashi presiding, the present manager was re-elected out of the 4 candidates put up by the nominating committee.

Nov. 16, 1942

II. Block Activities

A. Block changes

1. A new baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Abe, the Blk. Mgr.

Nov. 12, 1942

Y. Memorandums

A. Announcements

2. A class of Pattern making and drafting will be formed for Isseis and Post Graduates. Registration will be Friday at #43 mess-hall from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 11, 1942

V. Memorandums:

- A. The Adult Ed. Dept. will sponsor a Forum on "Relocation" on Friday, Nov. 13, 1942 7:30 p.m. at Rec. Hall #19.

Nov. 3, 1942

I. Staff

A. Business Calls

1. Sewing school is open for high school, adults, and Post Graduates.

Nov. 1, 1942

II. Block Activities

A. Social Activities

1. We had a Halloween party tonight.

Octo. 29, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. Announcements

1. Uta class will be formed in Blk. #44.

Oct. 26, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. A Rep. of the Adult Ed. Dept came to collect registration for English classes.



Block #37

Oct. 22, 1942

I. Staff:

B. Red Cross News:

1. Found out that the standard course begin next Monday from 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. at the Red Cross Headquarter #30. Evening advance courses will begin Friday night. Those eligible for the evening courses are persons who are 17 years or over.
2. Red Cross Message to Japan:
  - a. Nothing in way of business, politics, geographical locations, weather, or military affairs can be sent. Only messages of personal welfare such as health, sickness and etc. can be transmitted. 25 words in English are allowed which does not include the address.

Oct. 20, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. Notices Received

1. Girls interested in Y.W.C.A. meet Tuesday night 7:30 at Messhall #22.

Sept. 30, 1942

V. Memorandums

B. Clarification of school program by Dr. Carey in Mess #21 at 8 p.m.

Sept. 25, 1942

I. Staff

C. Turned in application for Red Cross First Aid and Life Saving Course.

IV. Visitors

A. Adult Ed. Seminar came to discuss some things about Seminar.

Sept. 19, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. Red Cross

1. Subj: Enlist volunteers for courses.

Sept. 15, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. From Music Dept:

1. Recording of classical music at Blk. #44 Thursday at 8:30 p.m.
2. Study Group: Study of cooperative study action group, led by Mrs. Lineen.

Sept. 14, 1942

II. Block Activities

A. Block shade completed.

V. Memorandums

A. Notice

1. To register for school at Friday 18th, between 1:45 to 2:45. at #46.



Block #37

Sept. 11, 1942

I. Staff

- C. Survey of Buddhist from 28 years to 40 years of age.

Sept. 12, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Miss Gerkin

- 1. Since Takao Saito is the only baby in Poston requiring lactogen, the hospital will be able to provide it!

Sept. 10, 1942

V. Memorandums

B. Announcements

- 1. Folk dancing at Rec. Hall #44 Thurs. night.

Sept. 9, 1942

I. Staff

B. Mgr. attended the Co-op Seminar

- 1. Miss Dora Maxwell spoke on Credit Union.
  - a. Two pictures on co-op was shown.

Sept. 8, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. Notice from the Public Health Dept.

- 1. Minimize an athlete's foot.

II. Block Activities

- E. A farewell party was given to some friends by the Sademunes, also giving popsicles for children in the block.

Sept. 7, 1942

V. Memorandums

A. Notice received

- 1. Luau notice was received from the Hawaiian club.

Sept. 6, 1942

II. Block Activities

C. Quad Meetings

- 1. Adult Ed. conducts CO-op meeting in Mess Hall #43 at 8:30 p.m.



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April 29, 1943

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notice Received
    - 1. Memo from Al L. Harris of the Junior Red Cross Bazaar.

May 11, 1943

- I. Staff
  - B. Meetings
    - Assistant to Blk. Manager's meeting concerning Miss Findley and Miss Butler spoke on clothing allowance.

May 4, 1943

- V. Memorandum
  - Announcement from Health Dept. regarding dogs-in camp.

April 26, 1943

- II. Block Activities
  - A. Work Report
    - 1. Distributed toys left from Christmas and jig-saw puzzles received from American Defense Committee to children for Easter. Fujinkai members offered this service.

April 16, 1943

- VII. Miscellaneous
  - A. Social Activities
    - 1. Farewell party for Kato family, John Ogawa, Cpl. Tech. Fred Mizusawa in Mess Hall 38 at 9:00.

April 13, 1943

- I. Staff
  - C. Surveys
    - 1. Survey of physically handicapped persons in the block.
- II. Block Activities
  - B. Block Changes
    - 1. Monthly weighing of all children born after October 1, 1940 by Public Health. 13 children from the block.

April 6, 1943

- I. Staff
  - A. Surveys
    - 1. Block Census by age, for subsistence dept.

March 23, 1943

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notice Received
    - 1. Kite flying contest for all boys and girls seventeen and under Saturday and Sunday at the Firemen's ball park.



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March 20, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. Instructions on the use of code letters on time sheet.

March 19, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. Mr. T. F. Sloan evacuee property supervisor of LIA. office here for consultation regarding property problems at Unit I Law office.

B. Announcement

1. Boston symphony orchestra makes its first appearance at Camp I Wednesday March 24 at Block 4 stage 8 P.M.

March 4, 1943

V. Memorandum

B. Announcement

1. Mess #22 Friday night 8:30 P.M. Lt. House (W.A.A.C's) will seek. Fujin are especially invited.

March 2, 1943

II. Block Activities

B. Block Changes

1. Registration of females and aliens, continuing

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. New class in Nurse's Aides admitted on March 22. Applicants to be interviewed everyday except Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 P.M. Miss Vickers office.
2. W.A.A.C's representative coming to Poston to explain the organization meeting at Mess Hall #32, 7:30 Wednesday night.

VI. Remarks

1. Exhibition of embroidery March 6, Rec. hall 46 2:00 to 9:00.

February 25, 1943

II. Block Activities

B. Block Changes

1. Mr. T. Miyaki died yesterday 4:30 P.M. at the hospital

February 18, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. Survey: Names and addresses of these families with members interned.

B. Announcement

1. Forum on relocation, Thursday Feb. 18, Block 36 rec. hall, 7:30 P.M. Speakers, Dr. Balderston and Mr. Patterson.



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Feb. 16, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

4. Forums to be filled out by those who are to register beginning Thursday for selective service.

Feb. 13, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

2. Appointment of Ray Furuya as a executive assistant.

B. Announcements

1. Dr. K. Page to lecture on Religion Internatio and Social problems at Blk. #4 stage 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 8, 1943

II. Block Activities

B. Block Changes

1. Miss M. Takamiya, sister of Morito Takamiya arrived from Heart Mountain Relocation Center 10 p.m. last night.

Feb. 4, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

1. Beginning Shorthands Meeting tonight. Block #36 Mess Hall Thursday, Feb. 4, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 1, 1943

II. Block Activities

B. Block Changes

1. Mrs. Sadakane came from the hospital and
2. K. Fujimura came in from Sidney, Montana at midnight.

Jan. 28, 1943

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Paymaster wanting Quad Managers to meet here at 2:30 p.m. to give them instructions in paying out clothing allowance.

Jan. 11, 1943

B. Announcements

1. Discussion cause in Agriculture Purchase Wed. and Thurs. night, 7:30 p.m. at Rec. Hall #18.

Jan. 12, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

4. Registration of men born on or after July 1st, 1924, and on or before Dec. 31, 1924.



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January 12, 1943

3. Memorandum in regarding to guidance of Poston residents, requiring home calls of doctors and directors of Health and Sanitation.
5. Registration of Clinic patient effective Jan. 4, 1943. Appointments for all special clinic and treatments of minors.

Jan. 9, 1943

V. Memorandums

A. Notices received

2. For the temporary community council requesting that we make a Directory containing the names, former town, and present address, as well as their prefectures, if possible of the residents in this block.

B. Announcements

1. Class in Radio and Electricity, Tuesdays and Saturdays 7:30 Blk. 18 Rec. Hall B.

Jan. 5, 1943

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

1. Wed. 7:30p.m. Mess #37, Mr. Masaki to give a talk, everyone invited.

Dec. 25, 1942

V. Memorandum

A. Notices received

2. Lecture on Vitamins by Mr. Masumi Toyotome, Tues. Jan 26, 43 7:30 p.m., Rec. Hall #36-A.

Dec. 21, 42

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

2. Mr. H. R. Oakeley evacuee property supervisor, for Los Angeles office would be here from Sat. Jan 28, 42. Residents having any problems may make appointments at the Law Dept.

Dec. 16, 1942

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. Tubercular tests for girls who signed up for Core teacher, report to Ward #1 at the hospital 1:30 p.m. today.

Dec. 13, 1942

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

1. Class in taxidermy sign up at #46-11-A anytime after lunch.

B. Announcements

1. Beginning Jan. 15, 1943 all purchase receipts from the can-



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Dec. 13, 1943

teen are to be saved for patronage dividends.

Dec. 31, 1943

II. Block Activities

A. Record Report

1. Mochi-tsuki for block #38.

V. Memoranda

A. Notices Received

1. Jan. 1st and 2nd. declared Holidays.

Dec. 23, 1943

V. Memorandum

II. Block Activities

A. Social Activities.

1. Christmas party (Senior) tonight with Block Fair displayed in the kitchen.

Oct. 5, 1943

VI. Remarks

2. Complaints from many of the residents as they want the Block Rec. hall and the Noodle Factory to be turned into school, as their children don't have to walk to school so far.

Oct. 1, 43

I. Staff

3. Distributed programs for entrance for school.

Sept. 24, 42

V. Memorandum

1. Funeral service for Mr. Tamura.

Sept. 23, 42

V. Memoranda

2. Death notice of Mr. Akaichi Tamura of Block #38.

Sept. 14, 1943

V. Memorandum

2. Received notice from the High school about registration.

Sept. 11, 42

I. Staff

4. Went to the hospital to donate blood to a block resident who needed blood.



Block #38

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II. Block Activities

A. Quad Party held

IV. Visitors

A. Told of the death of Tak Oda of Block #5.



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BLOCK LOG OF BLOCK #39

January 6, 1943

- V. Memorandum
  - B. Announcements
    - 1. Mr. and Mrs. T. Ishimaru on the arrival of a baby boy were congratulated.

December 9, 1942

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notices Received
    - 1. Scarlet Fever

December 7, 1942

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notices Received
    - Memorandum to block manager from central executive board concerning city planning board meeting change.

October 22, 1942

- IV. Visitors
  - A. Business
    - 1. Tom Sasaki, Sociological Department, came to check up on block activities.

October 21, 1942

- IV. Visitors
  - A. Business
    - 1. Mr. Koga called for the forming of P.T.A. of the block.

October 15, 1942

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notices Received
    - 1. Memo to exhibitors at County Fair from Roy Yoshida, Chairman transportation director county fair.

October 8, 1942

- IV. Visitors
  - A. Business
    - 1. Bob Sakai, Sociological Research Department, survey of activities in block.

October 5, 1942

- II. Block Activities
  - B. Block Changes
    - Rec. Hall used as class rooms for 7th and 8th grades, kindergarten and pre-school nursery.

October 3, 1942

- V. Memorandum
  - A. Notices Received
    - 2. Notice from the Sociological Research Department community rumors in regards to housing.



Block #39

September 28, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Mr. Sakamoto--Liason public health officer. His mission was to see if all of us had typhoid shots or not. Also stated that very shortly there will be a physical examination of all kitchen workers.

September 23, 1942

VIII Notes

- A. Mr. Momita, Block Manager, was unable to attend Co-op meeting because a boy was missing from block 39.

September 19, 1942

V. Memorandum

2. Nomination petition--block representatives of T.CC of Poston, Ariz.

September 18, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Tom Sasaki from Sociological Research Department.

September 17, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. S. Hara--Municipal Council Welfare Division came for interview

September 16, 1942

I. Staff

B. Meetings

1. Block Manager went to Issei representative meeting--Conference room, Adm. bldg. 3.

September 14, 1942

I. Staff

A. Business Calls

1. Requisitioned to Evans' office
2. Requisitioned to Bowman's office

VIII Notes

- A. We don't like the attitude of one of the office girls in Mr. Bowman's office (hakujin).

September 11, 1942

I. Staff

A. Business Calls.

1. To medical Dept. asking information on typhoid inoculation.

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Dr. Spicer of the Sociological Research Department--survey on the block council.

September 10, 1942

I. Staff

B. Meetings

1. Joint meeting with the municipal council, at block 19 mess hall. Mr. Momita attended.



Block #39

September 9, 1942

II. Block Activities

A. Work Report

3. Inventory of the block equipment had been taken by the former block manager.

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Frank Morikawa from the fire department to check up on the block concerning trash and rubbish.

September 8, 1942

II. Block Activities

D. Employment

1. Takeo Monata officially became the permanent block manager of the block.

September 7, 1942

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Elmer Suski brought notice on medical instruction.

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

2. Meeting of Hawaiian club.

September 3, 1942

V. Memorandum

A. Notices Received

2. Special meeting of block managers and staff members.

September 2, 1942

III. Emergencies

A. Medical Department

1. Dr. came and quarantined 1 apartment for a boy having mumps.

B. Fire Department

1. Fire inspector came report not satisfactory.

September 1, 1942

I. Staff

B. Meeting

1. Co-op meeting for the quad at 8:30 p.m. Speakers were Mr. Otsuka of block 39 and Mr. Linsen of New York.

IV. Visitors

A. Business

1. Elmer Suski called for population and housing survey.

VIII. Notes

1. Had some trouble due to selfishness of an individual Seems condition better.