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			Issei	Nisei	Japan	U.S.	Urban	Rural	
Aramaki, K.	Block 209	51	*						
Fujistubo, Sadaki	Block 221	61	*						
Fukuhara, Jitsuzo	Block 226	40	*						
Hamada, Min	Block 219			*					
Harada, Shikazo	Block 208	52	*						
Hasegawa,	Block 227	50	*						
Hashimoto,	Block 216	35		*					
Hirokawa, James	Block 216	29		*					
Horikawa, Shojiro	Block 216	53	*						
Ichikawa, Charles	Block 211	29		*					
Ichikawa, Yonezo	Block 219		*						
Ikegami, Bob	Block 208	30		*					
Ikegami, Harry	Block 208	34		*					
Ishibashi, Masaichi	Block 226	29		*					
Ito, Frank	Block 220	53		*					
Kanagawa,	Block 227	50		*					



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Kita, Harry	Block 215	36		*					
Kubota, John	Block 226	31		*					
Kuroiwa,	Block 216		*						
Maeno, John	Block 227	35	*						
Matsuo, Kenichi	Block 229	23		*					
Matsushita, Joe	Block 213	30		*					
Matsushita, Tokio	Block 214	33		*					
Miura, T.	Block 222		*						
Mori, Ray	Block 229	32		*					
Nakaji, George	Block 213	43		*					
Nakamura, John	Block 213	32		*					
Nishi, Sumio	Block 219	28		*					
Ono, Gentaro	Block 214		*						
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Sato, Barney	Block 227	27	*						
Sato, S.	Block 229	45	*						
Shimizu, John K.	Block 220	29		*					
Shiratsuki, Sid	Block 214			*					
Tachibana, Zenshiro	Block 211	35	*						
Takahashi, Sadao	Block 219		*						
Takamoto, Kiyoshi	Block 207	44	*						
Takeshita, Masao	Block 214	25		*					
Taketaya, Hanichi	Block 207	38	*						
Tatsumi, Alfred	Block 209	43		*					
Toda, Dave Shinji	Block 209	30	*						
Umino, Albert	Block 222			*					
Urabe, John	Block 220	38		*					
Yamamoto, Takuo	Block 221	26		*					
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POSTON II

Meeting Minutes  
from

JULY 28, 1942 TO AUGUST 20, 1942



## COUNCIL, POSTON II

The first general pre-temporary councilmen's meeting was called to order by temporary chairman Dr. Kita and was held in 214 Mess Hall from 9:00 P. M. At this time, Mr. Crawford, Manager for Camp #2, and Mr. Saburo Kido, legal advisor, was introduced.

After the introduction there was roll call for each block.

Block 207 - not elected

Block 208 - Bob Ikegami, Block Manager  
Mr. Harada

Block 209 - Mr. Tatsumi, Block Manager  
Dave Toda  
K. Aramaki

Block 211 - Z. Tachibana, Block Manager  
Charles Ichikawa  
T. Yoshitomi

Block 213 - George Nakaji, Block Manager  
John Nakamura  
Joe Matsushita

Block 214 - T. Matsushita, Block Manager  
T. Yuki  
Sid Shiratsuki  
Mr. Takeshita

Block 215 - K. Yoshida  
M. Sano  
Harry Kita

Block 216 - Mr. Kuroiwa, Block Manager  
J. Hirokawa  
S. Horikawa

Block 219 - Min Hamada, Block Manager  
Y. Ichikawa  
S. Nishi



Block 220 - K. Shimizu, Block Manager  
F. Ito  
John Urabe

Block 221 - Y. Sakimoto, Block Manager  
T. Yamamoto  
S. Fujitsubo

Block 222 - S. G. Sakamoto, Block Manager  
T. Miura  
A. Umino

Block 226 - J. Kubota, Block Manager  
J. Fukuhara  
M. Ishibashi

Block 227 - Barney Sato, Block Manager  
John Maeno  
J. Kazato

Block 229 - Ray Mori, Block Manager  
S. Sato  
K. Matsuo

The result of pre-temporary councilman election was  
as follows:

Chairman -

Dr. Kita - elected  
Dr. Ito

Vice

Vice Chairman -

Kenzo Yoshida  
Takeo Yuki  
Mr. Shimizu - elected

Executive Secretary -

Dr. Takeshita  
John Urabe  
Dr. Tatsumi  
John Maeno - elected

After the election all of the officers and all those  
present presented their life histories.

The most acute problem at the meeting was the water



problem and it was thought best to choose the committee for each division:

Committee for each division includes:

Agriculture	Landscape gardener
Mess Hall	Police
Education	Fire
Adobe Construction	Medical Sanitation-
Entertainment	Public Health
Religion	Community Enterprise

As it was getting late, the meeting was adjourned and would carry on the discussion at the next meeting.

/s/ Betsy Machida

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The meeting of the Pre-Temporary Council was called to order by Chairman Dr. Harry Kita, at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, July 30, 1942 at 214 Kitchen. The roll was taken by the Secretary, John Maeno. Those absent were: H. Kuroiwa, Block 216, Y. Ichikawa, Block 219 and J. Kazato, Block 227.

Mr. Crawford was introduced by the Chairman Harry Kita. He gave an interesting lecture on program and general set-up of Camp II. As an introduction, he gave the history and background and geology of this area. He spoke of the educational, agricultural, medical and asethetical program which will be constituted in this camp. Dr. Cary and Dr. Beatty are doing their utmost to place our school standards on the same basis as the California Schools, so that they will be accepted by other schools.

Dr. Kita stated that the objective of this council is to pave a way to the permanent council for the eventual governing of self-government, of this center. He said we must do all we possibly can to make things easier for the new council.

The members selected for the various committees were as follows:

1. Health

Chairman: John Maeno  
227-N.  
Y. Sakimoto-221-N  
M. Sano- 215-I

2. Agriculture

S. G. Sakamoto-222-N  
K. Shimizu- 220-N  
Fukuhara- 226-I

3. Mess and Food

Chairman: Barney Satow  
227-N  
S. Fujitsubo-221-I  
S. Horikawa- 216-I

4. Education

Chairman: Z. Tachibana  
211-I  
J. Kazato- 227-I  
John Nakamura- 213-N



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| <p>5. <u>Recreation</u><br/>Chairman: Ray Mori-<br/>          229-N<br/>Y. Ichikawa-219-I<br/>J. Hirokawa-216-N</p> <p>7. <u>Entertainment</u><br/>Chairman: S. Harada<br/>          208-I<br/>G. Nagano-214-N<br/>M. Hamada-219-N</p> <p>9. <u>Landscaping</u><br/>Chairman: I. Yoshitomi<br/>          211-I<br/>S. Nishi- 219-N<br/>M. Ishibashi-226-N</p> <p>11. <u>Water and Irrigation</u><br/>Chairman: J. Urabe<br/>          220-N<br/>S. Shiratsuki-214-N<br/>D. Toda- 209-I</p> | <p>6. <u>Adobe</u><br/>Chairman: A. Tatsumi<br/>          209-N<br/>S. Aramaki-209-I<br/>B. Ikegami-208-N</p> <p>8. <u>Charter</u><br/>Chairman: M. Takeshita<br/>          214-N<br/>Joe Matsushita-213-N<br/>M. Kuroiwa- 216-N</p> <p>10. <u>Police and Fire</u><br/>Chairman: John Kubota<br/>          226-N<br/>S. Satow-229-I<br/>A. Umino-222-N</p> <p>12. <u>Religion</u><br/>Chairman: Kenzo Yoshida<br/>          215-N<br/>C. Ichikawa-211-N<br/>K. Matsuo- 229-N</p> |
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It was suggested by John Maeno that each committee to get together immediately after this meeting to become acquainted with their fellow committee members.

The question arose as to the possibility of having interpreters for each meeting. The following were asked to serve as interpreters: Mr. Sakamoto, Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Kido.

The committee members will be allowed a week's time to investigate their various problems and report at the next council meeting which will be held Thursday, August 6, 1942 at 8:30 p.m. in the 214 Kitchen.

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Dr. Kita took the place of Vice-chairman, Johnson Shimizu and the Water report was given, by John Urabe. It was moved and seconded that we accept the report; the motion was carried. (The report is attached.)

The food committee gave their report, by Mr. Horikawa and Mr. Sato and Mr. Fujitsubo. It was moved and seconded that we accept the report. The motion was carried. (The report is attached.)

The next meeting will be held August 13, (Thursday) at 8:30 p.m. in the 214 Mess Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.



Medical Committee of the Temporary Council, Unit 2, Poston, Arizona, reports that:

(1) On Saturday, August 1, 1942, met at Poston Hospital to confer with the medical staff. We find that Dr. Schnurr, the initial superintendent of the medical units of Poston, has been transferred to the army. Dr. Leighton, the present acting head was not at Poston on the day and the committee was received by Dr. Wakatake, in charge. Medical equipment, supplies, facilities, staff, structures and problems of health in general were reviewed and the committee finds:

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- (b) Operating equipment, X-ray, machinery and tools appear sufficient for basic needs, supplies sufficient upon the proviso the present 12½ ton medical equipment, medicine, supplies now being unloaded at Poston contain variety of needs requisitioned by the staff and present report incomplete in every respect for the reason many matter now in assembly stage.
- (c) As to the provision in Unit II, committee finds four barracks constituted for office or special housing. One is designated for the medical clinic and is located at N.W. edge of the administration center. One is designated as the Administration Building and is generally located in the center of the group. Both buildings are painted heavy siding barracks with fibre board insulation and contemplates a cooperative blower type cooling system are divided into small rooms, hallway through center of barrack. One is designated for Caucasian personnel and is of same equipment. The fourth constructed along side the clinic, same equipment and structure has present plan to house other Caucasians, namely the school teachers. It is the committees emphatic recommendation that this building be urged for medical infirmary use and the teachers be requested to delay their entry or be otherwise housed as the Unit II medical emergency is aggravated severely if this



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The committee feels that until the basic food and health needs are provided no other project can efficiently progress and the morale of the camp cannot be maintained. It recommends the Administration cooperate with the demand of these basic provisions from all authorities in charge before advancing any other project.



## A REPORT OF WATER AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Due to the fact that each of our committee members are working at other jobs, it has been impossible to get as much data and information as we desired on water conditions in Camp II. In the first place, we could not get to Camp I to contact the U. S. Army Engineer, so could not get the necessary information. But the committee has been fortunate in having Sid Shiratsuki, as one of its members, for he has gathered the following information through the Division of Operation.

The low water tower at the northern end of the camp has a capacity of 10,000 gallons. The high water tower has a capacity of 50,000 gallon capacity. The large steel tank has a capacity of 200,000 gallons. The high water tower at the south end of the camp has a capacity of 5,000 gallons. At the present time, there was only a 15 h.p. motor pumping approximately 350 gallons per minute, which is the only other supply that we have at the present time. The present well is approximately 180 feet deep. The new well that they are connecting will be 40 h.p. motor, to the best of our knowledge, pumping approximately 1,000 gallons per minute. We understand that this pump will be in operation within a short time.

The committee recommends that we have an auxiliary diesel or gas motor in case of a electric current shortage. All the motors are electrically operated, also, an extra well in case one of the present wells collapses.

The committee did not investigate irrigation at all.

This report respectfully submitted by the committee.

Sid Shiratsuki  
T. Yamamoto  
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## MESS HALL AND FOOD COMMITTEE

There are requisitions to army for 20,000 persons. The menu is based for 100 persons accordingly and to be made 50 days in advance. Last month 2400 quarts of milk were delivered daily. From first of this month 3000 quarts are being delivered. It is now ready to be doubled.

Foods are distributed according to population. Schedule for perishable foods is three times a week. Warehouse is in Parker to take care of the load.

The expense of the food per person per day is now 40¢ which used to be 37¢.

Doctors and Mothers' Club are to decide the amount of milk to be distributed.

Today's delivery of ration is for tomorrow.

The cost of the hospital is charged to the kitchen individually. Cooks' and kitchen workers' clothings are to be furnished. There are one chef and cook helper to a kitchen. Helpers are to be cut in the future.

Suction fan is to be furnished for each kitchen.

There are to be no icing facilities. Interstate commerce forbids ice to be delivered from California to Arizona. Cellars are being made by kitchen to keep vegetables fresh. Baby foods are canned milk and strained vegetables. Children under 1½ year are being preferred to drink canned milk. This through Dr. Leighton's requisition.

There should be at least 7 or 8 items to have them delivered.

Delivery bill distributed by master sheet must be signed.

Mr. Best goes by census report.



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## A REPORT OF WATER AND IRRIGATION COMMITTEE

Due to the fact that each of our committeemembers are working at other jobs, it has been impossible to get as much data and information as we desired on water conditions in Camp II. In the first place, we could not get to Camp #1 to contact the U.S. Army Engineer, so could not get the necessary information. But the committee has been fortunate in having Sid Shiratsuki, as one of its members, for he has gathered the following information through the Division of Operation.

The low water tower at the northern end of the camp has a capacity of 10,000 gallons. The high water tower has a capacity of 50,000 gallon capacity. The large steel tank has a capacity of 200,000 gallons. The high water tower at the south end of the camp has a capacity of 5,000 gallons. At the present time, there was only a 15 h.p. motor pumping approximately 350 gallons per minute, which is the only other supply that we have at the present time. The present well is approximately 180 feet deep. The new well that they are connecting will be 40 h.p. motor, to the best of our knowledge, pumping approximately 1,000 gallons per minute. We understand that this pump will be in operation within a short time.

The committee recommends that we have an auxiliary diesel or gas motor in case of a electric current shortage. All the motors are electrically operated, also, an extra well in case one of the present wells collapses.

The committee did not investigate irrigation at all.

This report respectively submitted by the committee.

Sid Shiratsuki  
T. Yamamoto  
John Urabe



MESS HALL AND FOOD COMMITTEE

Report of 8/4/42

There are requisitions to army for 20,000 persons. The menu is based for 100 persons accordingly and to be made 50 days in advance. Last month 2400 quarts of milk were delivered daily. From first of this month 3000 quarts are being delivered. It is now ready to be doubled.

Foods are distributed according to population. Schedule for perishable foods is three times a week. Warehouse is in parker to take care of the load.

The expense of the food per person per day is now 40¢ which used to be 37¢.

Doctors and Mothers Club are to decide the amount of milk to be distributed.

Today's delivery of ration is for tomorrow.

The cost of the hospital is charged to the kitchen individually. Cooks' and Kitchen workers' clothing are to be furnished. There are one chef and cook helper to a kitchen. Helpers are to be cut in the future.

Suction fan is to be furnished for each kitchen.

There are to be no icing facilities. Interstate commerce forbids ice to be delivered from California to Arizona. Cellars are being made by kitchen to keep vegetables fresh. Baby foods are canned milk and strained vegetables. Children under 1½ year are being preferred to drink canned milk. This through Dr. Leighton's requisition.

There should be at least 7 or 8 items to have them delivered.

Delivery bill distributed by master sheet must be signed.

Mr. Best goes by census report.



Pre-Temporary Council Meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Kita. Roll was taken by Executive Secretary John Maeno.

Sid Shiratsuki of Block 214 has resigned and Mr. Gentaro Ono has been elected to replace him. Mr. Hashimoto, the new Block Manager of Block 216 replacing Mr. Kuroiwa was introduced to the body. Y. Ichikawa of Block 219 was replaced by Sadao Takahashi.

Those absent were:           Mr. Urabe  
                                  Mr. Sakamoto  
                                  Mr. Barney Sato

CHAIRMAN: We will dispense with the minutes of the previous meeting to speed up this meeting. If anyone wants it read, we will have it read..... We will now continue with the old business.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Report from the Committee on Police and Fire Department:

Members of the Committee:

Chairman: John Kubota  
          Mr. Sato  
          Mr. Umino

Report was given by Chairman John Kubota:

##### Fire Department:

The Fire Department of Poston 2 is led by Fire Chief Seizo Kodani who has had ten years of experience in fire fighting in Carmel, California. The department is progressing nicely. There has been no major fires reported as yet. There are 27 members in the crew working in two shifts.

It was suggested by Mr. Kodani that a resolution be made for the formation of a voluntary firemen's club consisting of young men between the ages of 15 to 20 in each block. The purpose of this organization is three-fold:



1. In case of fire, they are to look after the sick and the infants.
2. Inform the fire department of any fires.
3. Look after the welfare of all the residents, that is, to keep away from the fire until the arrival of the fire department.

As soon as such a group can be organized in the various blocks, Mr. Kodani will visit each block and explain the duties of this voluntary group.

The following are requisitions from the Fire Department.

1. A requisition has been made to create recreational activities for the fire department personnel.
2. A requisition has also been made for telephone facilities. At the present time, the reporting of fires is a very slow process.

#### Police Department:

The police department personnel is composed of the following:

Police Chief	-	Harry Madokoro
Assistant	-	Harry Akimoto
30 Policemens	-	working on three shifts of 8-hour ea.
1 Desk Sergeant	and 1 Captain	for each shift.

No prisoners have been reported as yet.

Mr. Madokoro has asked for the full cooperation of every Block Manager in regard to the wood pile. Some people have been gathering wood at midnight before the release of the woodpile came through.

The police department has made requisition for badges and batteries. They have plenty of flashlights but at present, no batteries.



Articles, lost and found, must be reported to the department.

The police department has made a requisition for the installation of a field telephone to be used for emergency cases.

The committee inquired about the speed limit. Due to the water shortage and since the roads cannot be sprinkled, the committee asked the Police Chief if it was in any way possible to clamp down on the speed. The Police Chief stated that the speed limit will have to be cut down.

An inquiry was also made in regard to the wages of the policemen.

A motion was made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Report from the Committee on Community Enterprises:

George Nakaji, Chairman, reported that it was impossible to give a report at the present time. The Committee will meet with Mr. Fister in the early part of next week and will give their report at the subsequent meeting.

Report from the Committee on Education:

Members of the Committee:

Chairman: Z. Tachibana  
Mr. J. Kazato  
Mr. John Nakamura

The report was given by Mr. Z. Tachibana in Japanese and by Mr. John Nakamura in English:

Conference with Dr. Cary and committees on Education: Chairman Z. Tachibana, J. Kazato and John Nakamura.

General Plan:

1. One elementary school will be built in Camp #2 near by Block



222. Only for Camp #2 children.
2. One high school building will be constructed in Camp #2, also, for only Camp #2 pupils.
  3. They are also planning to set up Post Graduate School - Sewing and Cooking School, Home Training School, etc.
  4. Junior College and the college in general - under Dr. John Powell.

#### Elementary and High School;

1. Qualifications of the teachers and their restrictions.
  - a. Half Caucasian and half Japanese-American citizen.
  - b. Caucasian teachers must be college graduates with teaching experience. Their standards must meet the requirements of California teachers.
  - c. Japanese teachers must be college graduates.
    1. Six weeks summer school started last week for training the teachers.
    2. There are 23 applicants enrolled in summer school and still anybody has a chance to enroll.
    3. Those who are not attending summer school yet and who are capable of being teachers will be highly considered.
2. Restrictions.
  - a. All the teachers must be American citizens. They must use only the English language in the class rooms.
3. Curriculum.
  - a. Elementary School (like that of California school).
  - b. High School (like that of California school). Note: they put more emphasis on teaching English.



- c. We should teach why we are here, what it's all about and should teach future preparation in American Society.
  - d. High School should have certain specialized courses so that each one will not be handicapped in entering university.
  - e. Vocational Education. - Should have practical training together with Curriculum; working as nurse, assist in clinic or carpenter's help, etc.
4. System of testing pupils. - They will apply standardized tests to test out our students in school.
5. School is planning to open Oct. 1, at Recreational Halls and Mess Halls being used as temporary class rooms.
6. Text Books shortages - We are acquiring all necessary text books from California but not here as yet.
- a. Is there any possibility of asking a contribution of 10¢ a month from the parents for paying general expenses? Books on Japanese history, Japanese civilization and culture and government of Japan was asked for but no definite answer was given.
7. Adult Education
- a. Since Adult education is not provided for in the Budget, we are not able to start accredited work until a year from September. But they will be working along three lines:
    - 1. Instruction
    - 2. Interpretation
    - 3. Seminar



8. Recommendations from the committees.

- a. Abolishing the restriction on the qualifications of teachers. Note: Non-American citizens should be entitled to hold position.
- b. Teaching Japanese language.
- c. Study of Japanese civilization and culture.

CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion? If not, will someone please make a motion that we accept this report?

Motion was made and the motion was carried to accept this report.

Report from the Committee on Agriculture:

Members of the Committee:

Chairman: S. F. Sakamoto  
Mr. Takeo Yuki  
Mr. J. Fukuhara  
Mr. J. Shimizu

The report was given by Mr. J. Shimizu and Mr. Sugimoto gave its equivalent in Japanese:

The present plan is to farm the open land between barracks and the fire breaks first.

Subjugation, leveling and sub-soiling is done by the United States Engineers. This is then turned over to the agricultural department.

The digging of the canals is also done by the United States Engineers. This canal will, perhaps, reach Poston #2 by the latter part of September and perhaps at that time 200 acres will be under cultivation.

The plan of agriculture set up will be decided by the community which will also organize an advisory board of ten to fifteen members in such work. They will decide upon the kind of food to be planted and the method of planting. The pro-



gram is at present wide open. There is need for supervisor, manager and foremen.

The following are the recommendations of the agricultural department:

1. Need of transportation facilities.
2. Need of agricultural tools such as tractors, trucks, also clothing for workers.

At this point, a correction was made. The subjugation is under the supervision of Mr. Rupkey and not under the United States Engineers.

A motion was made to accept this report as corrected. Mr. Tachibana gave translation of the correction on the agriculture report.

Chairman Dr. Kita asked the committee to submit a duplicate copy of their report to the secretary, also, stating that Mr. Crawford will confer with each committee individually at a later date.

Report from the Committee on Recreation:

Members of the committee: Mr. John Urabe  
Mr. Jim Hirokawa  
Mr. Ray Mori

Mr. Tachibana gave the report in Japanese as they did not have anyone capable of making this report in Japanese:

QUES: Isn't John Urabe on the Water Committee?

ANS: Yes, but since he was interested in both, he is on both committees.

Recreational Report was given by Jimmy Hirokawa:

At present, the Recreational Department has a personnel of 100 people working. This department has 25 sub-divisions. Some of them are ping pong, artcraft, movie, baseball, dancing instructions, shogi, go, sumo, wrestling, judo, boy scouts, and cub scouts. To promote these activities, we are faced by the lack of funds, also equipments and mater-



ials. The problem is to raise the necessary funds.

The Recreational Department wishes to have a public address system and a piano donated to them. They wish to have the Pre-Temporary Council exert its influence in this matter. They also wish to have a good Caucasian leader in whom they can place their faith in and to whom they can look up to in this unit.

QUES: Are WRA funds available for this purpose?

ANS: WRA funds are not available for this purpose at this time.

Dr. Powell suggested that we get funds to be used for the purpose from the Community Enterprise.

MR. HAAS: The Community Enterprise committee of Poston I which was elected on July 1st held its meeting last night and I received a report on the community enterprise from that body. The Community Enterprise Committee which has just been appointed a few days ago wanted a little more time for studying and is expected to report shortly, giving the plan for possible disposal of any funds that might be available. One reason given for the postponement of this action was that Poston 2 and 3 had no interest in that meeting until September 1st when a Community Council would be elected in both camps.

JOHN URABE: The Recreational Department has been very busy in forming wrestling teams and interblock baseball leagues but due to the lack of funds and proper equipment, the department has not been able to progress very much. Recreation is one of the most important projects to keep up the morale of the people in this camp.

SUGGESTION-  
MR. HAAS

I Met with Mr. Fister and Mr. Tamura of the Legal Department of Unit I and discussed the above problem at a Block Managers' Meeting. We also discussed a report on finances. They suggested at that time that since Camps 2 and 3 did not have a Community Council as yet, that representatives of this Camp (Camp 2) meet a Board of Trustees of Camp I to agree on a common plan to obtain funds from the



Community Enterprise to purchase equipments for the Recreational Department.

CHAIRMAN Dr.  
KITA:

I suggest that the Committee on Community Enterprise collaborate with the Recreational Department on ways and means of getting funds from the Community Enterprise. I will appoint Mr. Hirokawa to look into the matter. I will also appoint Mr. Kido from the Legal Department to work with him. These two persons will work with the Committee - namely, the Committee on Community Enterprise and the Recreational Committee to solve the possible ways to obtain the necessary funds.

MR. KUSHIDA:  
(of 207)

That prices are high in the canteen is a universal complaint. Is there any possible way to reduce the price of articles in the canteen? If this is not done soon, the people will be broke in the very near future. If this happens, the Recreational Department will also be broke unless of course the WRA appropriate funds.

MR. HAAS:

If the WRA says there are no funds, there must not be any for Congress usually appropriates funds a year ahead of time. The only way funds can be provided is through Community Enterprises. If you want to have them cut down on profits, it will also cut down on movies and other items also. Community Enterprise started on credit. If there is any excess, the profit will go to expansion and of paying back credit. If we drop the prices to a minimum, we would then have no funds for other recreational activities. I suggest that the Committees keep on working, especially the committee on Community Enterprise, and if there are any suggestions to be made on the prices of articles please report them to the committee.

The entertainment committee was asked to give a report.  
No report was given.

At this time, a complaint was brought up by John Nakamura as to the status of the Isseis here at the Council meeting as many of the Isseis were puzzled. He stated that they would like to have it clarified before the coming election.

Report from the Committee on Charter:

Mr. Takeshita stated that they had no definite report until the final charter



is drafted. We are trying to get in touch with the Law and Order Committee at Camp I. We are also trying to get in touch with different citizens to see how their chapter has been set up.

At this time, the Chairman called on a few of the Block Managers to present the results of their meeting in regard to the council:

BLOCK MANAGER of 208:  
MR. IKEGAMI- We presented this problem to the Niseis and Isseis of Block 208. They all said that the situation at present is not at all fair. The Niseis stated that they were 100% behind the Isseis in their desire to hold offices in the Block Manager system and also in the Council.

JOHN NAKA-  
MURA: There should be no line of demarcation between the Isseis and Niseis since we are all living under the same conditions in this camp and that we were all thrown here against our wishes. We are eating in the same dining halls, sharing the same living quarters and working to make this place a happier place to live in, in spite of the various obstacles placed in our path. It is therefore my belief that no distinctions should be made in regards to representation in the council.

CHAIRMAN DR.  
KITA: This evening, we have a committee of older folks to give us their ideas on the government of this Camp. A committee of Isseis got together and would like to present their ideas to this Council. The Committee members are:  
Chairman Mr. Harada  
Mr. Iwakiri  
Mr. Shikuma  
Mr. Kobayasi

I would like to ask you to limit the speeches to ten minutes each.

MR. HARADA: Issei and Nisei relationship is that of parent and child. It should not be disposed of lightly. Even if the government regulations make a distinction, we should all cooperate to create an ideal community. Your parents came as poor immigrants. They sacrificed a great deal and helped to make the representative Nisei. If Nisei should oppose the cooperation of Issei, it is a reflection upon the elders. You should have pride in your ancestors. I believe you who are wise will welcome the cooperation of all to



create an ideal community here. Listening to the views of Nisei representatives, I feel very much pleased and feel strengthened. Let us all work together to make this place an ideal community. Mr. Ikegami asked to give the thought of the Nisei about this. Matter that Isseis couldn't hold office at council. everybody at meeting last night said they were everyone behind the Isseis to get the WRA to find out if they couldn't remedy this situation--to have Isseis hold an office on the council. This matter was taken up in Block 208. (Translated from Japanese by Mr. Kido).

Mr. Tachibana was asked to translate Mr. Harada's speech. Mr. Tachibana was also asked to stick to the point. Mr. Kido translated Mr. Harada's speech and the three other speeches following.

MR. KOBAYASI: For three weeks after my arrival to Poston, I was feeling good, but after that I had to go to bed. While sick, friends came to see me and gave me reports of the various meetings. About five friends in all came to see me. All seemed to reach the conclusion that Issei and Nisei are not getting along. I became worried about the future in store for us.

As far as I am concerned, I came to Poston for a vacation. But upon hearing these reports, I decided to go and audit the meetings myself. Then I heard about the reports on food and water. When the Issei-Nisei discussion came about, I was placed on the committee to study this problem. Most of you are between the ages of 30 and 40. To those of us who are advanced in years, you are still in many respects shaky and uncertain.

At the last meeting when the medical report was made, when one Japanese requested that just two requests be added, it was turned down. Then, another who is supposed to be a person of wide knowledge stated that there was a shortage of doctors on the outside and therefore would be impossible. The request was merely to add to the report a request for two or more doctors. Is the person who turned down the request a Japanese or an American? We have the word "dog" in Japanese. We wonder if the term "dog" should not be applied to those who said such things. Two Japanese were killed at Santa



Anita. I wonder if this were not for a similar cause.

To avoid the freezing act, we changed the name of our accounts to Nisei. Could the Nisei use such funds freely? Can he say to his parents that his parents stay home and be a farmer while he goes to the city to carry on things in his own way? If he should consult the parents, then even if he should fail, it would be the responsibility of all. Regarding the citizenship question, do you think the U. S. has given you people rights as citizens? Has the U. S. put those of German and Italian descent in the same place like you?

An Italian said for me to go quickly to the centers because the time may come when we may have to go without a suitcase. He further stated that because of the millions of Italians, the U. S. government will not be able to treat them in the same way and if they tried, the Italians would say "Go to Hell".

Fresno was a sand dune fifty years ago. Japanese turned it into a fertile land. "Let us make it a good place here," someone is reported to have said. The Issei pioneers made great sacrifices to make Fresno what it is today. Japanese made the largest sacrifice in human life of all places in developing Fresno. When I visited Parlier recently, the driver told me that Japanese owned this and that land and it made me happy.

But Poston is different from Fresno. For \$16, we should not work like we did in Fresno. For \$16 or \$18, we should not work so hard. Of course, we should all work. But we must not think this place is the same case as Fresno. I cannot see why we cannot work together. Let us make this Poston Camp 2 an ideal community. Let us work together. No matter what you think, you still have faults. If you are Japanese, you will understand what I have said. I want you to work jointly with the Issei.

MR. SHIKUMA:

Our Nisei are gradually coming to the front and I am happy about it. We parents have had the desire to make them good American citizens. And therefore, we are greatly concerned about them. How can we be most helpful to the Nisei?



We want to work together. We know the conditions are bad so we want to make it pleasant under the circumstances by working together.

We don't want to butt in with what the Nisei are doing but we want to contribute what we have learned from our experience so that we can create and live in an ideal a community as possible. I hope the Nisei will accept our proposal. I hope the council members will permit us to work with them by understanding our appeal and the spirit which motivated it. If we don't have equal rights, then there may be instances where we may not be able to work together. I hope the Nisei will understand how much we Issei are thinking and worrying about them.

MR. IWAKIRI: How can we go through this difficult situation is our problem. There are many difficult obstacles. If Issei and Nisei make separate requests, how can we progress? At Tule Lake, there is a report about a Nisei attorney and a doctor being beaten up.

We Issei and Nisei, and women and children should work together and help to create an ideal community.

MR. HARADA: We appreciate the fact of having been given the opportunity to present our views. We want the council to ask the proper authorities to postpone the forthcoming September 1st election.

MR. HAAS: I have had an opportunity to attend many meetings on the problem of the Issei and Nisei. No one seems to have been moved by this serious problem. I hope that some way may be found whereby there will be a solution to this problem. WRA has issued regulations which until it is changed, we have no choice in. This regulation has been mimeographed and distributed in this community. I want to call your attention to one important fact, namely, that in this community there is a very large area in which there is no distinction between Issei and Nisei. In fact area that is very important agriculture, factory work. You too, Issei and Nisei are already working on committees together and well, I know, the age, experience, wisdom of the Isseis' joining hand in hand with the youth and enjoying the inducement of your child, the Nisei. I was



glad to hear that you all know that there are many things to be done in order that this community be an ideal one, however it is a small area in which for the present at least the Project Director and his staff have had no choice. That area is allowed a temporary community council. Even that does not forbid advisory committee working with council committee. This has already been passed by Poston No. 1. They have already considered and passed a proposal for advisory committee. So that you say the Nisei who are elected by both Issei and Nisei alike are also very much worried and concerned about solving this problem. They are determined, those of whom I have spoken with, to try to do best to have united effort. Now as far as this election is concerned, the date was set for September 1. There are many problems facing this camp, problems which are coming to Poston 1, 2 and 3. I need not tell you these problems. You know them. Many of these are serious. It seems to me there is no time to wait. It is necessary even though we may disagree with some of the provisions which are placed by WRA in composition of the temporary community council. That this community take advantage, as Poston 1 has already, of also doing certain things in order to effectively recommend certain changes which will have all the weight of the elected body behind it. In the event that Poston 2 would not have a temporary community council then the fine work which is being done in Poston 1 will not have helped. That council has already been called upon by division heads for advice. You too will be in a similar position, I am sure, because I have listened with interest to the fine reports which have been made by your committees. As I said at the start the hour is short, for that reason unless there are other questions, I shall end with this hope. I have seen in my various evenings and during my daily interviews ample evidence that you all, and almost all, are ready to make sacrifices for the good of the community. It is very unfortunate that conditions in some respect need so much improvement, but things will be improved if you will all use your best efforts toward work with the staff to remedy the situation. I think some of you know from personal contacts that the members of the staff are willing to cooperate fully with you all. They are working hard, many hours of the night and



early morning many cases, giving all their time and energy because they are trying to do their best. With your help this community will look much better shortly. With your help, Issei and Nisei alike, Poston will be a community which you and your children will be proud to point to and will be more a satisfactory place in which to live.

- QUES: Is it possible to postpone elections?
- ANS: No, it is not. As soon as each block is filled  
(by Haas) a temporary council must be formed.
- QUES: Are petitions allowed?
- ANS: Yes, petitions can be made but I don't think much can be done about this right away.
- QUES: How much voice can the Advisory Board have?  
Can they come to the Council Meetings?
- ANS: Your election for Issei or Nisei of Camp 1 advisory board set up by council--will be up to each quad--each four blocks will sit at council meeting. Yes. The advisory board can come to council meetings but they cannot vote.
- MR. MAENO: I suggest that this body elect committeemen to get together to accomplish the desire they wish to have. I make a motion that we elect a committee of five to look into this and work with Mr. Haas.

Motion was moved and seconded.

- QUES: How about increasing the number of committee members?
- ANS: May increase to as many members as they like.  
(by Haas) But bear this in mind. Transportation is not very good at present.

Motion is that five committee members be elected.

- MR. HARADA: I propose that we postpone the election scheduled for September 1st until we get results from the WRA. I propose a unanimous resolution be presented to Mr. Head and then sent by him to Washington.
- MR. HAAS: If Camp 2 does not have a council, then Camps 1



and 3 will controll everything officially. The administration is trying to have the Isseis and Niseis be represented equally. The administration does not think this ruling is fair either but cannot change it. If the blocks are not represented by Monday, then that block will not be represented in Poston council.

Mr. Maeno suggested that the proper procedure to be followed is that a committee be formed to study this matter over thoroughly. New temporary council can be formed. This present pre-temporary council is of originally on order of WRA regulations, but this pre-temporary council is not formed according to the WRA regulations.

MR. CRAWFORD: Commissioner Collier has been taken down on record many times and has stated that he was opposed to the present set up of depriving representation rights from the Isseis. If the people of Poston II fail to vote for council members on September 1st, we will be defeating ourselves and thus permitting units 1 and 3 for your representation and full authority as regards the governing of this project. As Mr. Haas has already stated, we should elect a temporary council under protest in order to insure proper representation in the council, therefore, it is my wish that you vote on September 1st for the welfare of this camp.

Tachibana and Ito at this point made a suggestion that both Isseis and Niseis refuse to vote at the forthcoming election.

MR. NAKAJI: If we do not have a council here, we will have to follow the rules of Camp 1 and 3 accordingly. If there is no council, we will have no choice of any of the projects such as agriculture, etc.

MR. CRAWFORD: Gentlemen: We should not forget that this is time of war and everything is necessarily different. The government is doing its best to make our stay happy here. The people who are watching us from the outside are carefully observing our actions. The army is waiting for just such breaks as suggested by Mr. Tachibana and Mr. Ito as an excuse to take over control here. There are still four days in which to put in nominations for council representatives



to Mr. Head. The Niseis should impress their fathers that they are the ones who are going to re-enter the civilization which they had left behind. At present, you are under the power of your parents as regards money. No doubt, many of the parents will be returning to their homeland at the termination of this war. Here is a wonderful opportunity for the Niseis to take over the responsibilities of government, which will in turn be carried on by the third and fourth generations.

MR. SATO: I make a motion to take back this problem to our respective blocks to decide on future action in this matter and also to consider Mr. Harada's proposal and present it to Mr. Crawford at the Block Managers' meeting on Sat., August 15th. Motion was passed.

Suggestion was made that we have a meeting on Sunday afternoon.

MR. TACHIBANA: Who's responsible for the rule causing a rift between the Isseis and Niseis? Isn't it the fault of the United States government and the WRA? What do we care if we have a council or not? There are 5000 people in this camp, 10,000 in Camp 1 and 5,000 in Camp 3. If these 20,000 Japanese united, there is nothing which cannot be accomplished. I believe that if we united in such a way, we will obtain better results and perhaps have this ruling changed by refusing to vote.

CHAIRMAN: I want you to understand, Mr. Tachibana that I, too, am working for the welfare of the people. We have to find out by Monday and hand a written report on Saturday morning at the Block Managers' meeting, the individual block managers to bring their results to the block managers' meeting.

QUES: What are the chairman's ideas concerning this matter?

CHAIRMAN: Personally I believe in equal representation. I do not think it wise not to hold an election at all. A Temporary council is not permanent. As long as there is a ruling we should follow the ruling made for us even though it is under protest. At the same time we should strive to get equal representation in the permanent council.



Why not have an election of Temporary council representatives and then see what the council can do.

MR. HORIKAWA: There is no use in having this council if we have to go back to our respective blocks to get a final answer.

MR. MORI: I suggest that we take Mr. Ono's suggestion that we get representatives from each block in the council. What's holding up this meeting? A motion is passed and it isn't even followed up. I wonder if Mr. Horikawa understands that a motion was passed.

MR. KAZATO: Is it necessary for you people to have voting power with the Niseis? If we have any affection for the second generation, we should have decided this question long ago. Feeling of first generation is not to belittle the Nisei but to talk matters over together.

Finally decided to act on Mr. Sato's proposal. Moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Adjournment 1:45 a.m.



PRE-TEMPORARY COUNCIL MEETING

August 20, 1942

Mr. Tachibana ~~said~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~as~~ interpreted ~~for both~~ English to Japanese, and ~~for~~ <sup>from</sup> Japanese to English.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dr. Kita on August 20, 1942, at 8:30 P.M. in the Mess Hall 214. Roll was called by Mr. Johnson Shimizu, since Secretary Mr. John Maeno was not present. There was a large number of absentees.

Chairman:

(Although there is a large number of absentees, we still have a forum so will proceed with the meeting.)

The minutes of the last meeting stand as approved as read. The Block Manager of 209, Dr. Tatsumi, has been replaced by Mr. Albert Ikeda.

Chairman:

(Since we have unfinished committee reports from the previous meeting, we will first call upon the committee on Adobe Construction to report.)

COMMITTEE REPORT ON ADOBE CONSTRUCTION:

Since Dr. Tatsumi had resigned from the council, and since the second member of the committee, Mr. Ikeda, was not informed of his resignation, the chairman called upon the third member, Mr. Aramaki.

Mr. Aramaki:

(I have no report to give since I was uninformed of Dr. Tatsumi's resignation. I wish to express my opinion on the subject. How could such a work proceed without proper equipments? We know that the Administration is counting the bricks as they are made day by day. We do not have enough water facilities, and all the conditions here are uncomfortable for the Japanese; therefore, on the whole, we have not made a concise study of the adobe situation.)

Chairman:

(Are there any comments, additions, or discussion on the report? If not, will someone make a motion to accept this report.)



Mr. John Urabe:

(We cannot accept such a report because, that was merely an opinion expressed by an individual.)

Chairman:

(We will <sup>let</sup> ~~leave~~ the report stand as it is.)

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGION:

##### Committee Members:

Mr. Charles Ichikawa  
Mr. Kenichi Matsuo  
Mr. Minoru Hamada  
Mr. Kenzo Yoshida

#### Organization and Activities of the Buddhist and Christian Churches.

##### Buddhist -- Organization

Buddhist members met with Rev. Y. Iwanaga on July 10, to organize a Buddhist Church in this camp to decide on the following:

1. Buddhists of each block to choose two persons to form the council of the proposed church.
2. Councilmen met to organize a Temporary Board of Governors of five members.
3. Name of church: Poston Buddhist Church
4. Clubs or Organizations:
  - a. Sunday School
  - b. Young Buddhist Association
  - c. Women's Buddhist Association
5. Place: Recreation Hall 214
6. Activities:

a. Sunday School	Sunday	8:45 A.M.
b. Adult Service	Sunday	9:00 A.M.
c. Junior Y.B.A.	Tuesday	Seiten
d. Senior Y.B.A.	Thursday	Seiten



### Christian Church -- Organization

1. Ministers:  
Rev. K. Noji            Salinas  
Rev. K. Takeda        Watsonville  
Rev. Nagai             Lindsay Nazarene Church
2. Young Peoples' Leaders:  
Rev. Wm. Kobayashi  
Mr. Clifford Nakadegare
3. Name: Poston Christian Church
4. Council of Seven:
  - a. Chairman Sunday School
  - b. Chairman Young Peoples Activities
  - c. Chairman Music Department
  - d. Chairman Publicity
  - e. Chairman Finance
  - f. Public Relations
  - g. Moderator Y.P. Ministers
5. Activities:
  - a. Sunday School            8:45 - 9:45 A.M.
  - b. Young People Service 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.
  - c. Adult Service            8:20 - 9:20 P.M.
  - d. Prayer Meeting    Wed. 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.
6. Vacation School
  - a. Half day session beginning August 31.  
Teaching staff from Camp I to come here  
to teach for four weeks.
  - b. Ages to include 6-16 years old boys  
and girls.

The present attendance at the Christian Church is very poor as compared to the population of this camp.

Chairman:

Does this committee make any recommendations?

Answer:

No



Chairman:

(Is there any discussion? If not, ~~would~~<sup>will</sup> someone make a motion to accept this report?)

Motion made to accept the report, seconded, and passed.

#### REPORT OF EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE:

The report was given by Mr. D. S. Toda.

Committee Composed of:

Dr. F. H. Ito - Chairman  
Mr. D. S. Toda  
Mr. Miura

Since Miss Mahn is on her vacation, I have met Mr. Yamamisaka, the Manager of the Employment Office. He stated that there has been too much politics in getting a job. Mr. Crawford and Mr. Head have promised that this will be eliminated.

At present, most of the people got their jobs by foremen's or supervisor's. This also will be eliminated. Employment Office has been sending out vacancy of work report, twice a week to a ll Block Managers' Office; henceforth, this office will hire person of actual work experience or by education. The cash advance of \$12, \$16, and \$19 classification, which is very vague for Mr. Yamamisaka, isn't definite to the division.

Able bodied persons who do not wish to work, must pay \$20 for board and meal a month. The committee wishes to know where the order originated.

#### Committee's Recommendations:

At present, the pay for one hours work is eight to ten cents an hour. At this rate, this is inadequate for our present necessities. We, the committee, recommends higher cash advances, or similar measures.

Committee recommends equal cash advance to all persons working.

Motion was made to accept the report, seconded and the motion carried.



# REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LANDSCAPING:

Mr. Ishibashi:

(Since the chairman of this committee Mr. Yoshitomi had suddenly moved to Camp 1, I have no report to make at the present time.)

Mr. Nishi:

(As a member of this committee, I spoke with Mr. James Tanda, the manager of Landscaping and Nursery Division of Camp 2. He stated that landscaping would be concentrated within the block.— That is, make one block the same as the other. He thought that was a good policy to keep flower beds on the side of the buildings. The vegetable garden area will be confined to the plot where there is no door behind the barracks. This will produce the extra vegetable supplies for the kitchens.)

The report was accepted.

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES:

Mr. Nakaji, the chairman had resigned so the chairman called upon Mr. Matsushita.

Mr. Matsushita:

(I have not met with the committee, and to begin with, I have not been notified of Mr. Nakaji's resignation. I have no report to present at this meeting.)

Chairman:

(We will let the report go.)

Last week, I appointed a committee of five composed of, Mr. Tachibana, Mr. Nakamura, Mr. Harada and Mr. Satow, *Mr. Yoshida* to write a petition for equal representation of Isseis and Niseis on the Temporary Council to be presented at this council meeting. for approval.

I will now call upon Chairman Mr. Tachibana to give the report,

Mr. Tachibana:

The committee met three times and wrote up the following petition.



PETITION:

Petition is hereby made for equal representation of citizen and non-citizen groups, on the Community Council to be elected September 1, 1942.

The undersigned council, requests that no distinction be made between the citizen and non-citizen groups, because any such distinction would not help the harmony of the two groups now in this camp. This council feels that the non-citizen group, consisting mostly of the elderly residents of this community, have special ability and experience which should be utilized, and to secure the cooperation of this group, they should be given the right of vote and right to hold office without distinction of citizenship.

We the Pre-Temporary Council of Unit 2, Poston, Arizona, therefore, submit this petition for your immediate consideration.

Submitted by:

Committee on Equal Representation  
of Temporary Council

This petition was read in English and Translated into Japanese by Mr. Tachibana.

Mr. H arada:

(It was suggested by the committee that we dissolve this Pre-Temporary Council now. At the last Pre-Temporary Council meeting, we voted on this problem of equal representation of Isseis and Niseis, and the election would be held on September 1, 1942. My motion was that we wish to have equal representation, that is, representatives from the Isseis and the Niseis. Even though there is a election set aside by the WRA, my motion states a wish to continue the present form of council.)

Chairman:

(Mr. H arada's motion states that we continue the present council until such an election will be held on September 1, 1942.

Is there any discussion? (No discussion by members, no opinions expressed, and mere silence.)



Chairman:

(If you do not wish to cooperate, I do not want to either. I call for a motion to dissolve this meeting immediately.)

Opinion from the floor:

(Since we want to have action, I will ask Mr. Tachibana to interpret.)

Mr. Tachibana:

(At a special meeting held just three days ago, I was warned by Mr. Crawford, that my record with the FBI in San Francisco, is not very good. Up to this time, I have been speaking quite a bit. Perhaps, I have been quite active, so to speak, even without this job of an interpreter, I speak a little too much because I liked to express my opinions. At the very beginning, I refused my appointment as official interpreter for this council; however, you the members insisted that I fill this capacity, whether I am taken in by the FBI or not, is of secondary importance. However, I will interpret in the best way I know. He then interpreted Mr. Harada's motion.)

Question:

What will happen to those blocks which fails to nominate representatives for the Temporary Council?

Answer:

(<sup>they have</sup> It will be until tomorrow morning, <sup>Aug.</sup> September 21, 1942, to nominate their representatives by petition. Ten signatures of Isseis or Niseis of either sex above 16 years of age, will be required for each petition. The blocks which fails to nominate candidates, will not be represented in the council.)

Mr. Crawford:

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Evans, assistant to the Project Director, met in my office with 15 of the Issei leaders for the purpose of getting personal opinions and <sup>for the</sup> purpose of talking with them about the election problem. We met for approximately two hours and went over the problem in detail. Mr. Evans left the meeting with the promise to be Issei that the Administration have tried very hard and was trying hard to get equal representation for the two groups. He stated that a gentleman from Washington had just been here and had gone back to try to have equal representation made in the WRA regulations. Mr. Evans's statement to Issei



was that we are both working for the same goal. The Administration and I wanted equal representation in council, but stated that he did not feel that the method of approach was right in bringing about the desired results. He felt that ram roding through to the WRA was the wrong method of approach, because in Indian Service the method of approach was never this way. Mr. Evans left meeting with promise to the Issei to immediately contact Mr. Head to find out if the election could be postponed until such time the WRA would have time to consider the petition of the people. And during the afternoon Mr. Evans got the call through to Mr. Head and Mr. Head talked to Mr. Evans for a long time about this problem. He said we must have the election that we could not change the WRA policy in 10 days time. We know how long it takes the government action to take place and Mr. Head said we could not postpone the matter and election when there was an overwhelming majority of 56 out of 60 <sup>blocks</sup> persons intending to be represented by the election. Mr. Evans got in touch with me immediately after the phone call and instructed me to have our election. With those instructions, I wrote up the election notice which would have been put up had it not been for the trouble I had with the Japanese translation. It will be posted in the Block Manager's Office in the morning and will be brought to the attention of people in the block.

The following is the context of the <sup>notice</sup> petition:

UNTI TWO POSTON

8-20-42

MEMO TO ALL BLOCK MANAGERS:

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF ELECTION

It has come to my attention that some of the people of Poston Two do not wish the scheduled election to be held on September 1. At the present time there are 60 blocks eligible to have representatives elected to the council. Fifty-six of these either have elected representatives or have filed intentions to elect representatives on September 1. This overwhelming majority of blocks in favor of the Poston Community Council indicates that most of our people are in favor of conforming to the WRA election regulations.



I wish to take this opportunity to announce that the election will be held on September 1 as scheduled, and I strongly urge that every block in Camp Two select by nomination or petition, candidates for this election in order that each block may have adequate representation and make its full contribution toward the establishment of policies covering the internal management of the Poston community.

James D. Crawford  
Manager, Unit Two

This afternoon, the committee that gave its report met with Mr. Evans where we again discussed the petition. Again Mr. Evans said we must go ahead with the election because the majority want it and we had ample time before the permanent council was elected to iron this difference between the Issei and Nisei representation.

Question: What would happen to blocks which do not have representatives on the council?

Answer: Mr. Crawford

Mr. Evans said, physically you would not know that you did not have representatives. Food would not be taken away from you, you would get the same amount of water, but mentally the difference will be very wide between your block and others who have representatives. Mr. Evans strongly recommends that you advise the blocks which have failed to send in representatives, to fill out petitions with the names of the candidates who are most capable of representing them with each petition bearing the signatures of ten men or women. If a block is not represented, this Poston Project would not have the influence of the Japanese people that it would have if the entire block had representatives. We returned from that meeting with the thought in mind that the petition would be reworded, and that the committee would meet to make this change as they did, and present it to you. The petition will be given to Mr. Evans. He in turn has promised that he would send a cover letter with it to whomever you wish it sent to, with his thought that



this petition was formulated by the Pre-Temporary Council. He will send the cover letter and will help in every way possible. The Administration is trying its best to obtain equal representation which the Isseis and the Niseis are seeking.

Chairman:

(Is there any discussion or objection to the wording of petition? The committee wants to know if the wording of the petition is satisfactory.)

Mr. Barney Satow:

(Since there is to be an election on September 1, the wording of the petition has no meaning. I feel it is entirely out of order at the present time. I think it should be withdrawn.)

Chairman:

(Mr. Satow, is it your desire then to have this petition withdrawn?)

Answer: Mr. Satow

(Yes.)

Mr. Harada:

This petition had, or passed through the <sup>last</sup> large council meeting. Is there any way that this petition can be withdrawn?

Mr. Satow:

This should be done because the petition contradicts itself.

Mr. Nishi:

(I think this petition should be reworded and referred to the Temporary Council, and then used before the information of the permanent council.)

Chairman:

(Will some one make a motion to recall this petition back to the committee?)

Mr. Barney Satow:

(I make a motion to have this petition recalled to the committee and have this committee work on it and present it to the temporary council for further alteration and approval by that council.)



(Motion seconded and passed. Mr. Tachibana interpreted in Japanese.)

Mr. Crawford:

(The present committee can act as a group of Postonian Citizen and work on it. Although the member of this committee will not be in the Temporary Council, they can as a n individual of this community present such a petition to the Temporary Council.)

Question:

What effect will this petition have on the September 1 election?

Answer:

There will be no effect.

Chairman:

Is there any discussion?

Opinion from the floor:

(The only question is, that the present committee on this petition may not be accorded council membership. They did not have any voice in the council so they will have to have a new committee appointed to take up this matter in the Temporary Council.)

Question:

Will the councilman elected on September 1 be temporary or permanent.

Answer:

They will be temporary.

Mr. Crawford:

The thought of the last meeting as expressed by Mr. Harada, was to send in a petition to Mr. Head and the WRA, worded in such a way as to postpone the September 1 election. The whole purpose of the petition was to postpone the September 1 election until such a time that the Issei and Nisei will be represented equally in the council. This was clarified by Mr. Head. He stated that such a petition could not be accepted because a government agency, such as the WRA could not possibly work a change in the short period of ten days. Mr. Head also stated that the election must go through and that it was a WRA regulations. The group should realize this and make some kind of decision or action to get this petition in its correct~~ive~~ form for final analysis by the Temporary Council.



Chairman:

(Are you ready for the question?)

Answer:

(Question.)

Mr. Tachibana:

(Mr. Chairman, the committee members worked hard on this petition. Since there is a motion on the table referring the petition back to the <sup>original</sup> organization committee for rewording and presentation to the Temporary Council, <sup>and since</sup> we have no <sup>connection</sup> ~~correction~~ whatsoever with the Temporary Council. Our work has been finished and we the committee of five wish to tender our resignation.)

Mr. Mori:

We should have the Temporary Council work on this Issei and Nisei problem.

Mr. Nishi:

If that is the case, why can't this petition be worked over by the same committee and present it to the council.

Mr. Kenzo Yoshida:

(As a member of this committee on petition, I wish to resign.)

Mr. Satow:

(I also tender my resignation.)

Mr. Harada:

(As a member of this committee, I wish also to resign.)

Chairman:

(It seems that I have not been able to conduct this meeting properly and have failed as a chairman. If you are not going to cooperate, I can't make you. I apologize to you gentlemen and tender my resignation as Pre-Temporary Council's chairman.)

Mr. Crawford:

You have not failed as a chairman. We do not want you to resign on this condition. (As soon as the duties of the committee cease, your duties as a chairman will cease. The committee members have done their best.) Let's stick together until the end. I feel that your resignations will not be accepted.



Mr. Tachibana:

We were elected by you in the Pre-Temporary Council. The new council has nothing to do with us because we were not appointed by them. In the first place, we were appointed by this Pre-Temporary Council and we are ~~already~~<sup>1924</sup> responsible to this council. Maybe the members of the new council will have better ideas. I don't see why the new council can't continue working with our ideas and ideals. We haven't the privilege to make the petition and present it to the council. The committee is willing to work, but we have nothing to do with the new council.

Mr. Crawford:

I agree with you in this matter. There is one point on which I disagree with Mr. Tachibana, and that is we don't want to tear our organization apart in the last meeting. We will turn over the petition to the Temporary Council if the committee will be willing to have this matter referred to the Temporary Council with recommendation that their committee keep working on this petition for the equal representation of Issei and Nisei.

Chairman:

(Is the committee willing to have this petition referred to the Temporary Council?)

Mr. Kenzo Yoshida:

(We were appointed by the chairman, and our duty ends after this council decides what it wants to do with the petition.)

Mr. Barney Satow:

I don't think that Mr. Tachibana fully understands that we can put up a petition for such important things as this. (This petition can be submitted to the Temporary Council even after the Pre-Temporary Council has ceased to function and still be effective.)

Mr. Kenzo Yoshida:

Since we all agree that we can do nothing before September 1, we should urge that we obtain the support of the entire group in order that we can have full representation in our Temporary Council to be formed.

Mr. Crawford:

(I would like to make one more comment if I may. I urge or request, or make a motion to have the leaders selected for the Temporary Council after the council is elected, or perhaps, it may be called the Postonian Council, we can work through it.)



(I would like to have a motion made that those who have not voted do so to make a full council. The present warrants your support. I take this opportunity to make this appeal to you who are representing your blocks in this Pre-Temporary Council.)

Mr. Miura:

So far at the last meeting and getting together with Mr. Evans and this meeting, we have spent most of our time in regard to this matter. We agreed that every one should have equal rights to vote and equal rights to hold office, and therefore at each occasion, the Administrative staff told us again and again that there will be an election on September 1, regardless. There is no use in talking about it any further, therefore at this time, I would like to make a motion that we have an election on September 1.  
(Applause)

Chairman:

(The motion is out of order because it has been passed already. Since the time is getting short, as chairman I wish to appeal to you for 100% support to refer this petition to the Temporary Council. At this time the chair entertains a motion for adjournment.)

Mr. Barney Satow:

(Since all important matters have been concluded, I make a motion to dissolve this Pre-Temporary Council tonight.)

Chairman:

(Will you make a motion of amendment so that the motion to refer the petition to the Temporary Council will be in order?)

Mr. Barney Satow:

(I make a motion to amend the previous motion to the effect that the matter of Issei and Nisei representation be forwarded to the Temporary Council.)

Motion was seconded.

Chairman:

(All those in favor of dissolving this Pre-Temporary Council and referring the matter of equal Issei and Nisei representation to the Temporary Council, signify by raising your hands. Motion carried by a vote of 25-3.)



Mr. Crawford:

(May I take this opportunity to thank each and every members of the Pre-Temporary Council for the splendid support you have given. I hope that you will go back to your blocks, where you will be taking an important part in the formation of the Temporary Council, let us cooperate for a future greater and better Poston.)

Chairman:

(As chairman of this Pre-Temporary Council, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation. I am sorry I could not conduct the meetings in the manner you were accustomed to. Let us forget our past enmity and work for a future bigger and better Temporary Council.)

Council dissolved 11:30 P.M.

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(Smiles Kuroshita / S)  
(Chisato Obara / S)

( ) = additions from my notes.

Comments:

Meeting as a whole was dull and boring  
Members not responsive, cooperating, lack of interest  
(Evidenced by small attendance and attitude  
by members during the meeting).

No applause except after one speech - Mr. Crawford's.  
Half-hearted - applauded merely as courtesy to  
speaker

The leaders and interpreters did not speak  
up as usual. I felt that speech ~~was~~  
had been suppressed. This was verified by  
Mr. Tachibana's by admission that such  
was the case. (see text)  
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