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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE  
TULE LAKE CENTER

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January 4, 1945

A special general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 4, 1945, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 10:20 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Block Manager of #15 failed to be present. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas. Messrs. L. Noyes, Project Attorney, and O. Roper, Electrical Engineer, were guests for the day.

NEW BLOCK MANAGERS Vacancies incurred due to the transfer of Block Managers to the Santa Fe Internment Camp was filled by Messrs. J. Sato and Y. Miyake for Blocks 72 and 82 respectively. The Chairman then introduced the two to the body.

EXCESSIVE USE OF ELECTRIC CURRENT Mr. Thomas then read a memo from Mr. Ricketts which requested that some steps be taken to relieve the overload of electricity. According to the Army's standard specifications, an electrical system for a maximum capacity of 75 W per person was designed. On this basis, the demand should not materially exceed 1500 KW at the present time; however, our demand today has reached the total of 3500 KW, which is 133% above that for which our system was designed, the memo explained. It also stated that the most critical period was from 6 to 10 p.m. Mr. Thomas reiterated Mr. Ricketts' request that the Block Managers pass the information on to the colonists and endeavor to secure their cooperation in discontinued use of electrical appliances for heating and cooking purposes in the barracks. It was the suggestion of Messrs. Kobayashi, Takahashi, and Takei to mimeograph the chart, which Mr. Roper explained to the body, recorded by a recording voltmeter of some of the typical blocks showing the overload. Other necessary conducive informations should be also included, in order to appeal to the colonists.

TRANSFER OF 70 MEN TO SANTA FE Mr. Noyes took the floor to give information regarding the 70 men who were picked up by the Justice Department under an order of apprehension issued by the Attorney General of the U.S. These men, consisting both alien Japanese and American born Japanese who had voluntarily renounced their citizenship with the Justice Department approval, were transferred on December 27th to the Santa Fe Internment Camp.

REASON FOR TRANSFER QUESTIONED Mr. Sumi questioned the reason for their transfer to New Mexico to which Mr. Noyes replied, "The Justice Department has control over all aliens whether aliens by birth or by their renouncing of citizenship. The Justice Department decided that they wanted to take them to Santa Fe. As for the reason of their transfer, you can all guess; your guess is just as good as mine." Upon question raised by Mr. Higaship, Mr. Noyes further stated that inasmuch as all aliens were not taken out of this camp, a denationalized citizen will not necessarily be transferred to Santa Fe. The Justice Department will decide each case by themselves for their reasons, he remarked.

ERRONEOUS INFORMATION RECTIFIED He then corrected the erroneous information being disseminated throughout the colony by emphasizing that the WRA or the Project Director had nothing to do with the transfer of men to Santa Fe or with those renouncing citizenship. Renunciation of citizenship is a matter involving the interested individual and the Justice Department. Upon question raised, he believed that families desiring reunion with the transferees should appeal directly to the Justice Department.



DAIKON            A letter dated December 21, 1944 received by the Project  
ZUKE DENIED     Director from the National Director, which denied the  
SHIPMENT       shipment of Daikon Zuke as Imon-hin to the prisoners of  
war, was read by the Chairman. Mr. Myer believed that  
such an action would be very bad public relations for  
the Tule Lake residents and also bad for the WRA to allow  
such a shipment.

DATE FOR        The Chairman asked the body to recommend preferable date  
MOCHI TSUKI     to make the 'mochi' at the next meeting. 'Mochi-gome'  
ASKED           have been purchased from the Co-op and should not be  
denied shipment to the prisoners of war, it was believed.

SPOKESMEN'S     Mr. Fujino then transmitted the request of the Spokesmen  
REQUEST         for Japanese Nationals, which asked that the consensus  
REFERRED       of this body be obtained pertinent to its decision to  
BACK            establish a separate library for all the books received  
from the Japanese Red Cross. Divergent opinions were  
expressed; however, subsequent to Mr. Wada's suggestion,  
it was generally assented that the matter should be re-  
ferred back to the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals.

DIAPER          Regarding the permit to purchase diapers by pregnant  
PERMITS         mothers prior to their hospitalization, the Hospital has  
BEING           informed that permits are already being given to mothers  
GIVEN           who are in their seventh or eighth month of pregnancy.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned  
at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



*Mr. Henderson*

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 10, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 10, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Blocks 33, 9, and 44 were recorded absent. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

RUMORS

The Chairman then read a statement authorized by the WRA pertinent to the rumors being circulated in the colony. According to the WRA, there have been no disorders at any of the relocation centers as a result of the announcement of the WRA policy since the lifting of the blanket exclusion order and the Army serving of individual exclusion notices. He also added that in order to abstain rumors, all informations regarding the WRA policy will be brought to the attention of the Block Managers first. It is hoped that such a method would curtail rumors to a great degree, the Chairman remarked.

POST-EXCLUSION  
BULLETIN NO. 1

The Chairman next explained thoroughly WRA's Post Exclusion Bulletin No. 1 regarding resegregation at Tule Lake.

DENIAL OF RUMORS  
BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. Thomas took the floor to deny rumors regarding martial law in Minnidoka, Topaz, and Manzanar centers, Mr. Best to become relocation officer at San Francisco, and five evacuees being killed in Stockton or Los Angeles. He then gave information that Post-Exclusion Bulletins are issued from Washington, D.C., whereas, Information Bulletins are printed in this center to give further information and answers to questions.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May Hanaoka  
Secretary

Approved by:

J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 17, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 17, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Block Managers of #70 and 24 were absent. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The report of the Chairman followed:

(Mochi-gomo Shipped out to the Prison-ers of War) 1. Instead of sending the finished product, the Gift Committee has shipped out mochi-gomo (glutinous rice), together with 100 pounds of mochi-ko (flour), which complements the proposed Imon-hin (gifts) to the prisoners of war. A letter explaining the reason for making such a shipment and equipment needed in the process of making the mochi was attached.

(Separate Library for Red Cross Books Proposed) 2. Upon receiving the voice of this body, the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals has taken steps to establish a separate library for all books received from the Japanese Red Cross. The proposed library will be located at 5108-B.

(Request to Withhold Broom and Mop Requests) 3. Requisitions for brooms and mops are being submitted; however, the Housing Department has requested that such be withheld in view of their inability to fulfill such.

MOPS AND BROOMS QUESTIONED

Mr. Abe then questioned whether it was the policy of the WRA to furnish 'one broom as an initial supply for the duration' or whether they will replenish such. Mr. Thomas stated that Mr. Black had once sent a memo stating that it was an Administrative policy to issue only initial supply of janitorial items. However, he promised to look further into the matter to see if any changes have been made since.

GIFT'S COMMITTEE'S FINANCIAL REPORT

A detailed financial report of the Gift Committee was given by Mr. Naito. A balance of \$1,024.43 was shown, the incoming donations being \$2,841.49 and expenses totaling \$1,817.06. The report was given full approval of the body.

PROPOSED CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. Thomas then brought to the attention of the body a communication from the National Director. In this letter the Community Council of Poston had extended an invitation, as well as asked for an approval of a proposed conference of representatives from all relocation centers to be held in Poston in February to study ways and means of assisting evacuee community in their future plans, to the National Director. Mr. Myer's answer to the above read that the WRA regards with favor the idea, but it cannot officially sponsor such or assist in defraying expenses, and that such should not be held at any relocation center but at some outside point convenient to all centers. In response to this communication, the body felt that such should be tabled and 'let things take their own course'.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved: /s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 24, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 24, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Attendance of all Block Managers was recorded. Mr. Ishimoto, new Block Manager for #39, was introduced. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The report of the Chairman followed

(Coal Shortage) 1. Due to the acute shortage of coal in the colony, the Administration was contacted. Many reasons for the shortage was given. Nonetheless, with the coming in of some 16 carloads, the situation has been relieved. More will be coming in the immediate future, it was informed.

(Financial Report of Gift Committee Requested Posting and Explanation) 2. The mimeographed financial report of the Gift Committee is requested to be posted on the bulletin board. In addition, a detailed report and explanation should be given to the residents in order to avoid misconstruance. As for the selection of gifts with the balance of the fund, the matter was referred to the Gift Committee's discretion, upon approval of the body.

(Special Shoe Ration Application) 3. A memo from the Shoe Ration Board reads that future special shoe ration application will be handled by the Welfare office.

HOSPITAL KOEN KAI CHAIRMAN ADDRESSES Mr. Fukumoto, newly elected Chairman of the Hospital Koen Kai, was introduced. He asked for the kind assistance and co-operation of the Block Managers in getting across to the colonists, the purpose and object of the organization that it was organized strictly for the benefit of the people. He also announced that a special truck will be routed to pick up expectant mothers every Saturday at 8.30 a.m.

COAL SITUATION REITERATED BY MR. THOMAS Mr. Thomas reiterated the statement made by the Chairman regarding the coal situation. He made known that the Administration was aware of the matter. With the extra drag line coming in and the returned overhead loader, sufficient coal will be on hand.

DECISION TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE REGARDING COAL SHORTAGE Nonetheless, Mr. Takahashi motioned that a more warrantable assurance that such a pitiful condition will not be repeated with the shortage of coal should be obtained from the Administration. The motion being seconded by Mr. Lakei, the matter was unanimously passed by the body.

UNFULFILLED REQUESTS REPEATED Mr. Abe brought up the broom-and-mop matter again. He appealingly requested for another issuance. The outcome of the screen and light requests for the Manzanar area was questioned by Mr. Okamoto. Request for additional supply of milk was repeated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by  
/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



Mr. Gundersen



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 31, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 31, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Upon the calling of the roll, Block Managers of #4, 37, 67, and 70 were recorded absent. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The following report was made by the Chairman:

1. A letter of thanks and acknowledgement was received from the (Letter of Commander of Camp McCoy, informing of the receipt of the mochi-gome sent Thanks & to the prisoners of war.

Acknowledgement)

(Coal Shortage)

2. Due to the acute shortage of coal, which has reached its unbearable stage, Administration was incessantly contacted, but was of no avail. Citing an example of the criticalness, Block 17 residents have gone without shower for the past four days. Some Mess Halls report that they will be fuelless if not replenished immediately. Despite the already mentioned situation, Mr. Smith contends that 'since the colonists have hoarded coal in their apartments, sufficient coal should be available in the colony.'

(At this time, Mr. Takei motioned that because of the ineffectiveness of the efforts made by the Block Managers, the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals should be asked to help to expedite the matter. This was given full approval of the body.

He also recommended that if coal are absolutely unavailable, a substitute at least should be supplied. Messrs. Takahashi and Takei then emphasized that hereafter regular shipment of wood should be made along with an increased shipment of coal to prepare for any eventualities as already experienced.

Upon Mr. Wada's suggestion, the coal matter was also referred to the body's Investigation Committee for further study and investigation.)

MR. THOMAS AND COAL SITUATION According to Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Thomas stated, there are about four days' supply of coal in the center at the present time. This center has sufficient coal contracted for; however, due to the fact that the Army Supply Depot at Seattle supplies the coal to the most urgently needed places first, shipment of coal to this center may have been delayed.

MOPS AND BROOMS

Mr. Thomas then read a memo from Mr. Lauritzen informing that mops and brooms are permitted only initial issuance, despite the fact that they are now worn out since they were issued two years ago. A memo from the Social Welfare section notified that all bedding and other supplies which were issued to those persons who have left this center will be picked up sometime this week.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

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Approved by: J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



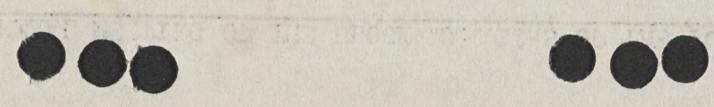
Mr. Anderson

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the matter of the ...

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I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. H. ...





MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

February 7, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on February 7, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Block Manager of #18 failed to be present. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

TRANSFER OF HOUSING  
SECTION TO WELFARE

The Housing section will be discontinued and their responsibilities will be transferred to the Welfare Section officially, the Chairman announced. Henceforth all Block Managers' requisitions should be submitted through the Headquarters to the Welfare section. The above-mentioned transfer was supposedly completed last November, the Chairman added. Mr. Takahashi opinioned that such a transfer of responsibilities is wholly impractical, inadvisable, and unreasonable. The body generally harbored Mr. Takahashi's opinion.

HOUSING REQUEST  
DENIED

The Chairman then presented to the body a request from the Housing Section which asked the Block Managers' co-operation in the process of taking inventory of their issued supplies, such as cots, mattresses, etc. Such being strictly a Welfare job (since the Housing was transferred to the Welfare), the body deemed it very inadvisable to accept such.

SPECIAL SHOE  
STAMP APPLICATION

Although the applications for special shoe stamps are being handled by the Welfare, those desiring such may check their eligibility with the Headquarters' files. The Welfare section is handicapped with lack of necessary records, at the present time, the Chairman reported.

MESSAGE FROM  
PRISONERS OF  
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A Y.M.C.A. representative, who was in charge of prisoner aid, while on the project brought message from the prisoners of war to whom Imen-hin (gifts) were sent by the Tule Lake colonists that they wished to express their sincere appreciation, the Chairman announced.

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Some of the requests brought up were:

1. (Mr. Ito) Subscription <sup>to</sup> of Japanese newspaper and other circulars, including language students' compositions, be sent to the prisoners of war, subsequent to the grant of permission from the proper authorities.



2. (Mr. Wada) Coming closing of Co-op's sewing factory will result in the returning of sewing machines to the WRA. Such sewing machines be transferred to the colony for use.

3. (Mr. Okamoto) Housing section be requested to send the permits and notices of moves of people to the Block Managers at least two or three days prior to the move of parties. Sometime ago, the above being requested, such was being practiced.

HOUSING SECTION  
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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Central Block Manager



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ATTENDANCE

Block Manager of #73 failed to be present. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration. Mr. Muto of the Housing section and Mr. Sawada of the Housing Warehouse were guests.

REPORT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN  
(Inventory)

The following is the report of the Chairman:

1. The inventory of issued supplies requested by the Housing will be taken by their adjusters who were transferred to the Warehouse section.

(Chimney  
Cleaners Ter-  
minated)

2. According to Mr. Tauritzen, chimney cleaners have been terminated definitely due to the lack of funds in their budget. Notwithstanding, we are informed by the Maintenance department that the Fire department had submitted reports of cases of fire in this center which were caused because 'the chimneys were cleaned.'

(Spokesmen for  
Japanese  
Nationals)

3. Tenure of the Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals being only three months, the body is ready for dissolution without holding a single meeting; therefore, the Block Managers are requested to transmit to the residents that it would be advisable to extend the period of office of the present members for another three months in order to avoid the trouble of conducting another election.

(Koen Kai  
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4. (by Mr. Fujino) Since some six dentists were picked up for an Internment Camp, the Hospital Koen Kai has requested that those with previous dental appointments should make new appointments. Another request of the same body was that in view of the impending resignation of the doctors if vacations are not granted, the residents should be requested to refrain from making unnecessary calls for doctors, especially during the night. It was also asked that blocks which have donated their community refund from the Co-op to the Koen Kai need not collect the regular monthly 5¢ donation.

MR. MUTO OF  
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Mr. Takei disclosed that since the transfer of the responsibilities, more unauthorized moves and troubles have occurred. Mr. Ito opinioned that the elimination of ward adjusters from the Housing would tend to make worse the housing situation because only with the close co-operation of the Block Managers and the adjusters, who are well acquainted with the problems of the residents for they are part of them, peace and order of the community could be attained. Mr. Nagasawa suggested that the old system of obtaining permission of the old and new Block Managers, as well as the Housing, before authorizing



HOUSING MATTER  
REFERRED TO  
WARD CHAIRMEN

The conslusive decision of the body was to refer the housing problem to the Ward Chairmen.

JANITORIAL  
SUPPLY

Despite the answer received from the Administration that only initial supply of janitorial supplies could be issued, Mr. Okamoto stated that some residents have not even received their initial supply. He cited that three issues of brooms were made in Manzanar.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Approved by:

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HOUSING MATTER REFERRED TO The conclusive decision of the body was to refer the housing problem to the Ward Chairmen.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

February 22, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on February 22, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:05 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

**ATTENDANCE** Block Manager of #14 failed to be present. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN** The report of the Chairman followed:

(Letter of Acknowledgement)

1. A letter from the prisoners of war acknowledging the mochi sent by the Tule Lake colonists was receipted.

(Japanese Newspapers to P.W. Forbidden)

2. According to the reply received in inquiry to the sending of Japanese newspapers to the prisoners of war, Rocky Shimo (news) informs us that such are entirely forbidden.

(Recommendation made to Welfare Regarding Housing)

3. Housing problem, which was referred to the Ward Chairmen at the last meeting, was discussed accordingly. As a result, it was recommended that ward adjustors, who were to be terminated, be continued. Welfare section was contacted immediately and the recommendation was cordially considered.

(Permits for Use of Mess)

4. Permits for use of Mess Halls are to be obtained directly from Mr. Hayward or the C.A. office. However, in the case of Block Managers, they may hold meetings within an hour after meals while the mess workers are still on duty without obtaining permits, providing the meeting is strictly official.

(Kerosene to be Delivered)

5. As a result of frequent requests, a gallon of kerosene to the Mess Hall and a gallon to the Utility Building will be delivered today.

(Volunteers to Help Families Asked)

6. The Welfare section has requested that the Block Managers transmit information requesting for volunteers to help families that have been placed in miserable circumstances due to the absence of the supporting members, who were picked up for an Internment Camp. Citing an example, there is a case where an expectant mother has been left with four small dependents.

**HOUSING INVENTORY** Mr. Thomas read a memo from the Social Welfare asking for the co-operation of the Block Managers when the Housing unit starts taking inventory. He asked that Block Managers make this announcement in the Mess Halls.

**REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR** Two requests made from the floor were: distribution of candles, in view of the frequent turning off of the lights, and reconsideration of cleaning of WRA issued blankets.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved: /s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

February 28, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on February 28, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Upon the calling of the roll, Block Managers of blocks #27, 37, 38, and 74 were recorded absent. Administration was as usual represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

The report of the Chairman followed:

(Candles  
Disapproved)

1. Upon Mr. Okamoto's request for candles, the Housing, after much deliberation, placed the request on its budget. Unfortunately the approval has been disapproved yesterday.

(Coming Visit  
of Spanish  
Consul)

2. Through a letter received last week from the Spanish Consul, we are informed that he will visit the Center within the next two or three weeks. Therefore, the Block Managers are requested to notify all members of the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals to attend the meeting which will be held on March 1st, in order to make preparations for the coming visit of the Consul.

(Cleaning of  
Blankets)

3. Regarding the cleaning of blankets, cleaning of some 4000 blankets has been placed on the budget. If approved, such will be started.

(Request of  
Housing Ware-  
house)

4. The Housing Warehouse has requested that all blankets formerly used by residents who have left the Center, be collected for cleaning.

HOUSING PROCEDURE

Mr. Thomas then read a memo drafted for the Newell Star by the Social Welfare which emphasized that Block Managers have no authority over the housing moves or apartment occupancy. Any center resident who wishes to move must make an application at the Housing unit in Building 714. The Housing will then issue a housing assignment if the applicant's request can be approved.

CLEANING OF  
DRAIN PIPES

As for the cleaning of drain pipes in the latrines, the Maintenance department states that for those blocks where that condition exists, a memo should be directed to Mr. Thomas which will be channelled to the Maintenance for investigation to see whether the pipe can be cleaned by chemical or a new replacement is necessary.

CHIMNEY CLEANERS

Reiterating the request for chimney cleaners, Mr. Thomas stated that Messrs. Best and Lauritzen were contacted. He brought up as a suggestion to have the chimneys cleaned by means of requests through the Headquarters, to which Mr. Best replied that such may be possible. However, according to Mr. Lauritzen, chimneys in the Administration area have not been cleaned for some three years; yet, nothing has occurred. He further stated that chimney cleaners have caused more trouble with disconnected pipes and leaks in the roofs.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka,  
Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



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MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULO LAKE CENTER

April 11, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tulo Lake Center was held on April 11, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Upon the calling of the roll, Blocks 17 and 71 were recorded unrepresented. Mr. T. Nishimura, newly selected Manager for #51, was introduced to the body. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The Chairman's report followed:

THE  
CHAIRMAN

1. Block population report is requested to be taken on the 15th and the first of each month.
2. Those who have not applied for shoe ration stamps should do so by the 21st of this month.
3. Paints are still in its state of distribution. Brushes will probably be here soon for they will be shipped out this week-end, according to Mr. Ricketts.
4. Residents should be asked to refrain from playing ball within their blocks. (The body believed that this warning should be made again by the Police Department.)
5. Although water will be furnished when the irrigation season opens, seeds and fertilizer will not be furnished by the WRA.
6. The Red Cross section has requested that one person to serve as its representative be selected by the end of next week. Representatives should be members of the Red Cross. All those who have donated a dollar are qualified members.

REQUESTS Some of the requests made from the floor were:

1. (Mr. Nagasawa) In order to sterilize the thermometers given by the Red Cross, alcohol be supplied.
2. Pigeonholes for mail for the block offices, especially for the new area, be traced. (Mr. Thomas promised to check the matter up.)
3. (Mr. Hirai) With the impending warm season, hikes and picnics be permitted outside of the barbed wire fence.
4. In view of the insufficient distribution of coal, kindling wood be distributed to relieve the present acute situation.
5. Postage-free packages addressed to internment camps were formerly picked up at the block offices by the Post Office trucks. People who send out such packages have been left with babies and small children in their sole care; therefore, such service be continued in order to relieve especially those people who live in the outskirts of the center.
6. (Mr. Okamoto) Once-mentioned establishment of a branch Post Office be traced.
7. (Mr. Takei) Coal be distributed with the population of the block in mind; Manzanar area should especially be taken into account.
8. (Mr. Takahashi) Facing this coal shortage, the housing situation should not be overlooked. There are many cases where part of the family has been removed to an internment camp. Others have moved into such apartments without authorization in which case coal must equally be furnished.

REINSTATEMENT OF THE CHIMNEY CLEANERS Finally upon the strong contention of Messrs. Takahashi and Takei for the reinstatement of chimney cleaners, Mr. Hirai suggested that the Investigation Committee be called to facilitate the materialization of this issue, as well as other matters which have been unfulfilled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary

Approved by:  
/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

April 17, 1945

A special meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on April 17, 1945, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 2:10 p.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Upon the introduction of Mr. R.R. Best, Project Director, who in turn introduced the National WRA Director, Mr. Dillon S. Myer, the meeting proceeded with the entire floor given to the honor guest.

SPEECH BY MR. MYER Mr. Myer addressed the assembled body by stating how happy he was to have the opportunity to meet the representatives of 74 blocks. He added, "This isn't quite as large a group as the one I met with last time, which was on November 1, 1943; nevertheless, I'm quite sure it's a crowd which make up in quality what we had in quantity."

Present WRA Policy and Reasons for Announcement of such He briefly enumerated the reasons why the present WRA policy was decided upon. By policy, he referred to the recent announcement that all eight centers will be closed by January 2, 1946, except Tule Lake, which was excluded because it was not entirely a relocation center. The following five reasons were given why that policy was announced:

1. To give approximately 20,000 school-age children, who are American citizens and who wish to continue to live in this country, the right and opportunity to move back to their normal situation.
2. To give an opportunity to those, who wish to relocate and remain in this country, to re-establish themselves back to normal life when employment opportunities are plentiful and when they will not have to compete with the reconversion period;
3. To give an opportunity to those, who are in need of assistance because of old age, illness, or incapability of self-support, to get financial aid from the welfare agencies throughout the country. Welfare agencies are a little different now because there are few who need aid due to the abundant employment opportunities.
4. Congress has appropriated money to carry on the program. A year was felt reasonable enough for the transition process.
5. The campaign of hate toward the people of Japanese ancestry, which has gone on for 1½ years has broken. What these anti-Japanese campaigns aimed at was to maintain the relocation centers as concentration camps until the end of the war; however, they have failed completely.

WRA's Position Toward Tule Lake Regarding the WRA's position toward Tule Lake Center, he pointed out, "WRA believes that every person who has reached adulthood should have the right to make up his mind as to what he wants to do. Everybody has the right to have the facts and informations as a basis from which to make up his mind. Their positions should be respected. What I'm trying to tell you is this - I'm not here in Tule Lake with the idea of trying to tell anybody what to do. I'm here to try to tell you that as long as the WRA runs Tule Lake, we would like to do things so that the people can live peacefully. If there are people who want to go to Japan and have made up their minds, I don't see why I shouldn't respect their rights. On the other hand, if there are people who decide to stay in the U.S., they should have the same right of freedom of judgment. WRA's program is to try to maintain the kind of atmosphere that will allow people individually to work out their problems for their individual situation. In the meantime, there is no reason why we can't work together to make a peaceful community and get along."

Tule Lake to be Turned Over to Justice Department He went on to reveal that the WRA is planning to get out of business within an approximate year. For the other centers, they must first complete the relocation job of restoring the people to their private lives in normal communities. As for Tule Lake, the responsibilities will be turned over to the Justice Department, it was disclosed.

Reasons for National Director's Visit Being aware of the fact that rumors already may have been disseminated as to the reason why he visited Tule Lake, the National Director listed some four reasons why he came to Tule Lake. These were: (1) Tule Lake has not been visited for some six months, (2) Since another appropriation, which may be the last, is coming before the Congress, a more accurate story could be given, (3) To get acquainted with the staff members of the relocation field offices established up and down the coast, and (4) To re-assure that the WRA is not 'mad' at anybody and that it has never been. On the contrary, it is the policy of the WRA to operate on a basis where people's feelings are respected.



Main Mes- Finally he reiterated that his main message to the people was to tell the  
sage to people that the WRA wanted to co-operate with the people in getting Tule  
the People Lake on a basis where WRA could operate peacefully and where people could  
'sleep in the mornings.'

QUESTIONS  
FROM THE  
FLOOR

Upon cordial applause of the body, the National Director concluded his talk and the floor was ready for any questions; whereupon, Mr. Ikeda asked if the schools in Tule Lake would continue to operate this fall, to which Mr. Myer replied, "We have no plans to close the schools. We do have plans to close other centers' schools at the end of this school year, at least by October." Upon Mr. Takei's inquiry as to the definition of the word, 'exclusee', Mr. Myer stated that he wished he knew the answer for the Army had taken over the coming-and-going business last December 17. A question was then raised by Mr. Hori as to the reason why his brother now residing in Manzanar could not visit Tule Lake. Mr. Myer answered it by stating that inter-center visits were possible only if it is an emergency case or if it is in connection with working out decisions for relocation; however, such cases should be taken up with the relocation or the welfare office. Whether the WRA will ever solve the Japanese problem by relocating them, was Mr. Abe's question. Mr. Myer believed that the problem will be eventually solved (but not immediately) because some 130,000 persons of Japanese ancestry have already made friends throughout this country by the thousands than ever before in history. Mr. Abe again questioned whether the government had definite measures to suppress racial prejudice and other anti-racial activities. Mr. Myer stated that they are trying to do so as much as possible with the help of American friends who are now getting organized. Next, Mr. Takahashi wanted to convey to the Director the fact that there are many people who want to live peacefully and others who want to do something else. In the event, a martial law is put into effect because of the few who want to do something else, peace-loving residents will be certainly inconvenienced, Mr. Takahashi continued. Mr. Myer believed that as far as the WRA was concerned they have no plans of bringing in the Army if things could be done in a more peaceable way. He further said, "There are people who would like to live in internment camps. I hope they will go there if that is where they want to go. I don't think it is necessary and I don't believe that the community wants them. The only way to cure it, is to remove them."

Mr. Myer and his party, which included Messrs. R.R. Bost, Cozzons, Lee, Ross, and Brown, left at 3:15 p.m., subsequent to the hearty applause of the assembled body.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR- The meeting proceeded with the regular business and the Chairman gave the  
MAN following report:

1. Housing section is now under the Block Managers' organization as an unit.
2. Kindling wood are being distributed as requested.
3. Pigeonholes for mail being approved, a blueprint has already been submitted.
4. According to the Red Cross, requested alcohol has been placed on order.
5. Desire of the colonists to hike and picnic outside of the barbed wire fence was conveyed to Mr. Myer. A substantial reply should be received in the near future.
6. As to the chimney cleaners issue, it was made known that the fire wardens will inspect the chimneys that need cleaning upon submitted requests, and if found necessary, the Maintenance will do the cleaning.
7. The Spanish Consul has advised that since its government has ceased to be the Japanese people's Protecting Power, all important matters should be compiled until the successor is named.
8. Some 600 brushes have arrived and 10 will be distributed to the places where paints have already been distributed.
9. Sewing machine repair man will go to each block in the following ward on the date scheduled and every other week from that date on to adjust, repair, and oil the machines:

Monday April 23 Ward 5 and 3  
May 7

Tuesday April 24 Ward 1 and 2  
May 8

Thursday April 26 Ward 4 and 6  
May 10



Friday April 27  
May 11

Ward 7 and 8

It is requested that each block have the sewing machine at the Block Manager's office at the date scheduled as the repair man will not wait.

REQUESTS Some of the requests made from the floor were:

1. (Takahashi) More ash cans be distributed to the blocks for the pits are now being filled up.
2. Irrigation ditch matter be traced.

HOUSING UNIT UNDER BLOCK MANAGERS' ORGANIZATION Finally Mr. Thomas took the floor to announce that the Housing unit has come under the Block Managers' organization under the supervision of Messrs. Thomas, Fujino, and Okubo. "Before anyone is allowed to move into your blocks and/or into any family, Block Managers are to be consulted by the ward adjusters who is to get your opinion. Your opinion will be weighed considerably; however, the Block Managers are to make recommendations only and not decision," was Mr. Thomas' statement.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager.



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

April 25, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on April 25, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Attendance of all 74 Block Managers was recorded. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN Following is the report of the Chairman:

1. Blocks desiring dirt from the outside should place requests for trucks. It was warned that trucks should go through Gate #3.
2. Tenure of the members of the Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals being three months, election of new members is in order. Although the Spanish Government has ceased to act as Protecting Power for the Japanese Nationals, it was deemed necessary to continue to maintain a body regardless; therefore, all blocks are requested to elect representatives.

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSING STAFF Mr. Muto and his Housing staff were introduced to the body; whereupon, Mr. Muto explained some of the problems which usually confronts the Housing unit. He added that if Block Managers' co-operation could be gained such problems could be solved with less difficulty.

HOUSING UNIT'S PLANS Some of the plans which the Housing unit plans to undertake were outlined by Mr. Thomas as follows: to clear up recreation halls which are now used as living quarters for recreational purpose, to make Block 9 into a Hospital area and Social Welfare center (this plan is not definite), and to keep couple of buildings in the center vacant for the purpose of housing visitors.

Mr. Thomas again emphasized the fact that the Block Managers are not the ones who authorize move.

REQUESTS Some of the requests brought up were:

1. (Mr. Takei) Window screen issue frequently brought up be traced.
2. (Mr. Miyahara) Emergency calls for Hospital ambulance be treated as emergency cases. There are times when calls are refused and the patient is requested to go to the 1708 Clinic for examination. (Chairman stated that the above request will be referred to the Hospital Koon Kai.)
3. (Mr. Takahashi) Broom corn seeds be planted to relieve the broom situation.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:  
/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

May 2, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on May 2, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Block Managers of the following blocks were recorded absent: #27, 37, 38, and 71. Messrs. O. Ozaki and A. Kino, new Managers for #79 and 12 respectively, were introduced to the body by the Chairman. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN Mr. Okubo, the Chairman, reported as follows:

1. Blocks desiring dirt from the outside during the next week should submit requests by Tuesday.

2. Colonial Police has asked this office to announce to the residents the fact that inoculation of dogs will take place tomorrow, May 3, 1945, at the Police Headquarters. It is not necessary to have dogs that are 9 months or younger inoculated, it was advised. A fee of a dollar will be charged for the inoculation.

3. Upon approval, toilet papers have been ordered and should arrive in the very near future.

4. A memo from the Housing Unit requests that all steel cots, canvas cots, and mattresses, lying outdoor, used for purposes other than rests, should be returned to the Block Manager's Office for the Housing Warehouse Crew to pick up.

5. In compliance with Mr. Takahashi's suggestion of last week, the Farm Division was contacted; whereupon, it was disclosed that due to the shortness of season during which broom corn could grow, sowing of seeds would be an impossibility this season; furthermore, approval must be first obtained prior to the taking of any steps.

6. According to the memo from the Project Director, it was informed that the Internal Security has been instructed by Mr. R. R. Best to stop all construction work within the colony on any apartment, or any building, unless such work has the written approval of the Engineering section. All requests for alterations, additions, or changes must first be requested through the individual Block Manager and then approved by Joe Thomas. The memo will be mimeographed and distributed with all the necessary detailed information.

REQUESTS Some of the requests brought up were as follows:

1. (Mr. Yamamoto) Mess staff of Block 8 has requested that food be based on allotment-per-person-basis rather than the present point system. By way of example, it was pointed out that hot cakes alone used up 120 points one morning and 130 points were used up for lunch when pork was served.

2. (Mr. Kato) Roads be oiled to prevent dust.

3. (Mr. Sumi) Installation of lights in the new area be completed.

4. (Mr. Sumi) Window screens be supplied to the new area. During the last visit of the Spanish Delegate, it was informed that according to Mr. Ricketts, he had enough material ready on hand for the old area. In that case, when will the new area be supplied with window screens?

5. (Mr. Abe, Block 56) Fly papers be supplied due to the abundance of flies, especially blue-bottle flies.

6. (Mr. Takei) Drains be installed in the Mess Halls and latrines of the new area.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

May 9, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on May 9, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

Block Managers #4, 5, and 37 were recorded absent. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

**RESIGNATION OF  
MR. J. FUJINO,  
CENTRAL BLOCK  
MANAGER**

Upon the Chairman's announcement that Mr. J. Fujino had tendered his resignation as Central Block Manager due to ill health and other personal reasons, the latter took the floor to give his hearty thanks to the Block Managers for their co-operation in making possible the success of his work; thereupon, he immediately left the floor.

**WARD CHAIRMEN  
ASKED TO INDUCE  
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IN OFFICE**

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CHAIRMAN**

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2. Due to the many unclaimed packages caused by notices sent out with misspelled names, the Block Managers have been asked by the Post Office to contact the persons to whom the notices have been supposedly addressed to.

3. With regard to the point system, the Mess Division has informed that the system being instituted by the OPA on a nation-wide basis, such is not subject to change.

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Some of the requests from the floor were:

1. (Mr. Nagasawa) Colonists are much concerned about the removal of the fire extinguishers from the Block 6 barracks. Please investigate. (Mr. Takahashi at this time felt that additional fire barrels should be distributed to all blocks for emergency cases.)

2. (Mr. Takei) Irrigation water will be provided to the residents of the old area only; therefore, it is only fair to supply the residents of the new area with rubber hose, preferably a couple to a block.

**MR. THOMAS'  
ANNOUNCEMENT AND  
WARNING**

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator



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Approved by:  
/s/ Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

May 16, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on May 16, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE In accordance with the agenda, roll was first called. The following Block Managers were recorded absent: #37, 70, 71, and 74. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN Mr. Okubo reported on the highlights of activities of the organization during the past week as follows:

- Resignation of Central Block Manager 1. Messrs. Ito, Kawaoka, and Takei were asked by the Ward Chairmen to induce Mr. Fujino, former Central Block Manager, to continue to retain his position. (At this time, Mr. Kawaoka reported that despite their efforts to induce him, Mr. Fujino refused to accept their proposal by giving many personal reasons for his resignation; however, it was made known that Mr. Fujino had expressed his deep appreciation for the body's effort.)
- Reason for Removal of Fire Extinguishers 2. With reference to the removal of fire extinguishers from apartments in the colony, Mr. Owen, Fire Protection Officer, has informed that such are being removed because many of them have become defective and unreliable through age and long use. Additional pump type extinguishers are available and will be distributed in adequate quantities to augment the protection provided by the Fire Department.
- Request for Hose Refused 3. With reference to Mr. Takei's request to provide Ward VIII with hose, Mr. Owen has informed that fully trained and equipped fire fighting unit are on duty and ready for call. Furthermore, fire hose is on a high priority and justification for purchase must be made fully in accordance with the needs of the present fighting organization.
- Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals 4. Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals has requested that representatives to succeed the present ones be elected by this week-end.
- New Shoe Rationing Procedure 5. Regarding shoe rationing procedure, Mr. Gunderson's memo reads in part as follows: Applications for regular shoe stamps should be completed by the applicant and given to the Block Manager who should forward the application to the Ration Office via Headquarters and advise the applicant to call for his shoe ration stamp at the Ration Office in 714-C any time after one week from the date that the application is forwarded by the Block Manager. The Ration Office will issue the stamp directly to the applicant at the cashier's office in 714-C and secure a receipt from the applicant for the stamp. Special shoe stamps will be handled as usual.
- Hikes to Castle Rock 6. Hikes to Castle Rock have been approved. The following rules and procedure were outlined by Mr. Gunderson:



- a. Group not to exceed 50.
- b. No person in the group to be over 14 years of age; except two evacuee supervisors may go with the group provided that they are on the Army cleared list.
- c. Under age members of the group must have written permission of the parent or guardian before going on the trip.
- d. The hours of the trip shall be between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
- e. An Internal Security Officer must accompany the group.

School groups will be approved by the school principals; C.A. groups by Mr. Dimon or Mr. Esser, whose responsibility it shall be to determine that all ages are correct. The lists shall be sent to Mrs. Kirkman for notification of Internal Security.

Ample time should be allowed so that these steps may be taken and notice of final approval returned.

REQUESTS      Some of the requests brought up from the floor were: (Mr. Ikeda) 100-watt light globes be made available; (Mr. Hori) Additional shovels, preferably two or three, be furnished to each block for gardening purpose (Mr. Okamoto) Window screens be supplied to the Ward VIII area and drains be installed in the Mess Halls of the new area; and (Mr. Yamasaki) With the frequent rain, roofing process be expedited.

STOVE MOVES      Finally Mr. Thomas discouraged the Block Managers from accepting requests  
NOT PER-      to have stoves moved. He repeated that Mr. Ricketts had decided to re-  
MITTED      fuse moving of stoves except in cases where health reason is involved  
and where stoves create fire hazard.

SELECTION      Discussion continued as to the selection of a new Central Block Manager  
OF CENTRAL      to succeed Mr. Fujino. After prolonged discussion, it was decided that  
BLOCK      the matter be referred to the Ward Chairmen subsequent to respective  
MANAGER      ward meetings.  
REFERRED TO      Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.  
WARD  
CHAIRMEN

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

May 23, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on May 23, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE The following Block Managers failed to attend the meeting: #16, 20, and 44. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The following report was given by the Chairman:

1. On a testing basis, water is expected to run through the irrigation canal of Wards 4 and 7.
2. As requested, additional shovels have been asked for.
3. As for the light globes, the Electrical unit has informed that such have been ordered last April 10th. Immediately upon arrival, distribution will be made. Due to the co-operation of the Block Managers, the overload of electricity has been relieved considerably; however, it was warned that colonists should take special heed, especially during the coming warm season, in the use of electrical appliances.
4. Due to the inability of the Chief of Community Management, Mr. J. Provinse, to confer with the Block Managers during his last visit, a letter requesting for janitorial supply and window screens was presented. A reply is expected upon Mr. Provinse's return to Washington.
5. According to the reply received from Major Farran of the Prisoner of War Operations Divisions, Washington, D.C., enemy prisoners of war are not permitted to receive gifts from civilians located in the U.S. Although an exception to this rule was made at Christmas time, it is not contemplated that this privilege will be granted regularly. Since the War Department furnishes to enemy prisoners of war all necessities and material requirements, they have no need for additional gifts from civilians, the letter added.
6. The housing survey has been completed; adjusting will begin.

DEATH OF FATHER OF BLOCK #56 MANAGER Due to the recent death of Mr. Abe, father of Block #56 Manager, the Ward Chairmen at their last meeting believed that this organization should offer condolence as a body, the Chairman announced. The assembled body heartily agreed to the foregoing and asked Mr. Okubo to represent the body to express sympathy to the bereaved family. At the same time, it was the decision of the body to collect 25¢ per Block Manager to send flowers and koden (present made in condolence) to the deceased. It was decided that in the event of future misfortune of a Block Manager or his close kin, collection to be likewise made.

SELECTION OF A NEW CENTRAL BLOCK MGR. Appertaining to the selection of a new Central Block Manager, Mr. Kawaoka reported on the decision made by the Ward Chairmen, which was to ask Mr. Okubo to succeed Mr. Fujino and Mr. Takei, Mr. Okubo.

Because of much diversified opinions, Mr. Ozaki suggested that the matter as to the selection of a Central Block Manager be settled by appointing a temporary Chairman to conduct the meeting. Mr. Nakamura was thereupon



asked by the body to act in that capacity and the meeting thus proceeded with the following conclusive decision made by unanimous approval:

Mr. Z. Okubo -- Central Block Manager  
Mr. T. Takei -- Co-ordinator

Momentarily, Mr. Takahashi recommended that the title of Co-ordinator be changed to Assistant Central Block Manager or some other similar title.

REQUEST FOR  
BLACKBOARDS

Block Managers' meal-time announcements have become ineffectual because of the recent increased number of residents who take meals out, Mr. Nagasawa stated. Therefore he recommended that blackboards be furnished to all blocks so that announcements could be heard by all.

REQUEST FOR  
WATER IN THE  
NEW AREA

Finally, Mr. Takahashi asked that some steps be taken to furnish the new area with water in view of the irrigation water supplied to the old area residents.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by;

/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

May 30, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on May 30, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo, who succeeded Mr. J. Fujino as Central Block Manager, presided.

ATTEND- Attendance of all 74 Block Managers was recorded. Due to the death of his  
ANCE mother, Mr. Thomas was unable to attend the meeting, the Chairman announced. The assembled body immediately felt that a telegram of condolence should be sent.

REPORT Mr. Okubo's report followed:  
OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

1. With the fund collected, a floralwreath and koden were sent to the funeral of Mr. Abe, father of Block #56 Manager.
2. Because of much inconveniences met by many residents in the new area, the Housing unit has decided to consider the storing of unnecessary belongings of residents of that area. In this way it was felt that more people could be housed, especially in bachelor apartments.
3. We are informed by the Hospital that victims of athlete's foot should have their case examined at the Dispensary individually; therefore, distribution of medicine on a mass basis is an impossibility.
4. Twenty blankets per block will be collected by the Housing Warehouse for cleaning. Clean ones will be exchanged.
5. Mr. Butterfield, Supply Officer, has informed that Washington has sent a teletype inquiring as to the number of available wood folding cots. Therefore, a survey of the project will be made and all available canvas cots will be gathered.

BABY FOOD Concerning the baby food matter, the body deemed it advisable and necessary  
PLAN to continue with such. Being aware that special allotment of food is not  
ASKED TO distributed for that purpose, it was believed that the cooks should use  
BE CON- their discretions in preparing baby food with whatever available food they  
TINUED have on hand.

REQUESTS Some of the requests from the floor were:  
FROM THE  
FLOOR

1. (Mr. Takahashi) Speed up the distribution of calcimine in view of the adjustment being made by the Housing, for the residents wish to make moves after the rooms are calcimined.
2. (Mr. Nakamura) More strict enforcement of quarantine signs.
3. (Mr. Takei) Block Manager's Headquarters be made more presentable, the inside, as well as the outside. (Mr. Takahashi) Tables be placed in the 1608 Conference Room.



SELECTION Mr. Nakamura explained in retrospect the matter regarding the selection of  
 OF A a new Co-ordinator. The body at their last meeting had asked Mr. Takei  
 CO-ORDI- to act in that capacity; notwithstanding, the residents of Block 80, the  
 NATOR block which Mr. Takei represents, sent delegates to make known that it was  
 PENDING the unanimous decision of Block 80 to refuse to release Mr. Takei. Therefore  
 the Ward Chairmen had decided to refer this matter as to the successor to  
 the discretion of Mr. Okubo, subject to the body's approval. The body then  
 unanimously accepted the decision made by the Ward Chairmen. Mr. Okubo  
 therewith named the following as the Selection Committee: Messrs. Nakamura,  
 Ito, Takahashi, Kawaoka, and Wada.

The meeting adjourned at 10.45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Nanaoka,  
 Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ Z. Okubo,  
 Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

June 6, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 6, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Those absent were: Block Managers #18, 44, 45, 67, 71, and 73. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The report of the Chairman followed:

1. Clarification was made concerning the delayed distribution of calcimine and brushes. These have been placed on order and should arrive in the immediate future at which time distribution will be made.
2. A memo advising Managers #82, 77, and 42 to warn the residents on excessive use of electric current was received. Continued overload in those blocks would result in the breakdown of transformers. (Mr. Hori revealed that the overloads in Blocks 82, 77, and 75 are caused by the weakness of electric current in that area which consequently necessitates the use of larger light bulbs to avoid the dimming of lights.)
3. Request for blackboards is pending Washington approval.
4. The Selection Committee appointed at the last meeting has referred the matter of selecting a new Co-ordinator to this body again. Recommendations of any person qualified for this position are now in order.
5. Request for platforms for children's urinals in the Ward 8 latrines is still in its course of inspection.

BULLETINS Mr. Thomas asked for the co-operation of the body in the distribution of some Reports Office bulletins.

STRAY ANIMALS Lastly, Mr. Takahashi asked that proper steps be taken to control the increased number of stray dogs and cats. The body generally harboured his opinion.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:  
/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

June 13, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 13, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Those absent were: Block Managers # 4, 15, 26, 27, 38, 71, and 74. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

MR. HOLLAND SPEAKS Mr. W. Holland, relocation program officer, was introduced to the body by the Chairman. He spoke at some length on relocation and finally asked the Block Managers to transmit to the residents the message that any information concerning relocation is always available at the Relocation Office, which is located near the Post Office.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The following report was then given by Mr. Okubo:

1. The Colonial Peace Department will examine the licenses of all dogs and cats. It is hoped that stray animals can be controlled to some degree in this way.
2. In order to protect the hogs, the residents should be asked to refrain from throwing edible and non-edible food in the same garbage can. Two cans, one for wet and one for dry, will be provided.
3. Shoe Ration Stamp application has been devised so that an applicant need not make individual application. It has been devised so that 15 names can be listed on one sheet. It is instructed that names of all block residents be listed, including babies. To claim the ration stamps, the applicant must individually call for the stamp at 714.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE VOTED NECESSARY Prolonged discussion pursued. The question of whether the Investigation Committee, which was formed last November, should be continued or disbanded was put before the meeting. As a result, 41 votes favored continuation of the Committee. Therefore, the Chairman announced that the selection of two members to fill the vacancies left by Messrs. Fujino and Tomishige was in order; whereupon, it was decided that the foregoing matter be referred to the Committee's appointment or selection.

HOUSING ADJUSTMENTS Since the Housing unit has started its adjustments, it is necessary for them to have the co-operation of the residents, Mr. Thomas stated. The adjustments are for the sole benefit of those crowded and those living in the recreation halls, residents' co-operation will be greatly appreciated, he added.

CLEAN-UP WEEK Mr. Thomas went on to announce that a clean-up week will be held next week, June 18 - 24, at which time, all section heads will be authorized to dismiss workers if they are to clean the blocks within the colony. Each winning block of the ward will be given a pennant and the grand winner, a choice of a chicken dinner or picnic at the new ground.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS BY MR. THOMAS Finally Mr. Thomas thanked the body on behalf of his family in the expression of sympathy extended. (Mr. Thomas' mother passed away some weeks ago.)

REQUESTS Mr. Takei called attention to <sup>the</sup> unhealthy condition caused by the passing trucks and cars and accordingly recommended that the roads be watered more often or oiled. Mr. Suekawa requested that playgrounds for children be constructed. Because of the traffic within the block which is caused by the surrounding irrigation ditches and because of the prevalence of the baseball games, it is recommended that children's playgrounds be considered, Mr. Suekawa added.

There being no further business, upon motion made, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:  
/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

June 20, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 20, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Those absent were: Block Managers #27, 38, 71, and 82. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

The report of the Chairman on the highlights of activities during the past week was as follows:

1. A memo from Mr. Lauritzen reads in part as follows: (1) There may be an acute coal shortage next winter. (2) Steps should be taken to use or conserve all coal possible. (3) It should not be screened. (4) All coal, regardless of how fine it may be, should be kept in neat piles for future use and no fine coal is to be hauled out as waste. (5) All coal must be used.
2. Improvement of conference room benches has been approved.
3. The following is a report of the decisions made at the special joint meeting of the Ward Chairmen, Investigation Committee, and Selection Committee:
  - a. Revision of the Manual to be tabled.
  - b. Principal duty of the Investigation Committee -- investigate matters referred to it by the Ward Chairmen or the general body, and make necessary report, subsequent to investigation.
  - c. At least one Block Manager from each ward be represented in the Investigation Committee. Wards 1 and 6 are unrepresented; appointments left up to the Central Block Manager. A Chairman be duly elected from the group. (Mr. Nakamura of Block 66 was elected to act in that capacity.)
  - d. To ensure the selection of the person best fitted to serve as the Co-ordinator, each ward was asked to make at least one recommendation by next Wednesday.
  - e. A suggestion by Mr. Nakamura to send a gift and a letter of thanks to the former Central Block Manager, Mr. J. Fujino. (The foregoing matter was referred to the Investigation Committee. At this time, Mr. Takahashi opined that creation of a central fund would avoid frequent collections to purchase gifts. His suggestion was also referred to the Committee.)

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS MADE BY  
WARD CHAIRMEN,  
INVESTIGATION  
COMMITTEE, &  
SELECTION COM.

Subsequent to the Chairman's report, the body assembled unanimously accepted all the above-mentioned decisions made at the joint meeting.

COAL SITUATION  
EXPLAINED

Mr. Thomas took the floor to explain the critical fuel situation on the outside. He mentioned that the people were forewarned to conserve all fuel. Therefore, the residents of this center should likewise be warned in advance to prepare for the coming winter season, he continued.



PROTECTION  
ASKED --  
IRRIGATION  
CANAL

EXTERMINATION  
OF MOSQUITOES  
ASKED

Finally, Messrs. Takei and Takahashi asked that sufficient protection be given against children falling in the huge irrigation canal now being cemented by the Bureau of Reclamation.

The balance of the meeting was spent with the discussion of mosquitoes. It was appealingly asked that the mosquitoes be exterminated.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

June 20, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 20, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Those absent were: Block Managers #27, 38, 71, and 82. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The report of the Chairman on the highlights of activities during the past week was as follows:

1. A memo from Mr. Lauritzen reads in part as follows: (1) There may be an acute coal shortage next winter. (2) Steps should be taken to use or conserve all coal possible. (3) It should not be screened. (4) All coal, regardless of how fine it may be, should be kept in neat piles for future use and no fine coal is to be hauled out as waste. (5) All coal must be used.
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  - a. Revision of the Manual to be tabled.
  - b. Principal duty of the Investigation Committee -- to investigate matters referred to it by the Ward Chairmen or the general body, and to make necessary report, subsequent to investigation.
  - c. At least one Block Manager from each ward be represented in the Investigation Committee. Wards 1 and 6 are unrepresented; appointments left up to the Central Block Manager. A Chairman be duly elected from the group. (Mr. Nakamura of Block 66 was elected to act in that capacity.)
  - d. To ensure the selection of the person best fitted to serve as the Co-ordinator, each ward was asked to make at least one recommendation by next Wednesday. (This decision was made by the Selection Committee.
  - e. A suggestion by Mr. Nakamura to send a gift and a letter of thanks to the former Central Block Manager Mr. J. Fujino, was raised. (The foregoing matter was referred to the Investigation Committee. At this time, Mr. Takahashi opined that establishment of a central fund would avoid frequent collections to purchase gifts. His suggestion was also referred to the Committee.)

APPROVAL OF DECISIONS MADE BY WARD CHAIRMEN, INVESTIGATION

COMMITTEE, & SELECTION COMMITTEE Subsequent to the Chairman's report, the body assembled unanimously accepted all the above-mentioned decisions made at the joint meeting.

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IRRIGATION CANAL PROTECTION ASKED

Finally, Messrs. Takei and Takahashi asked that sufficient protection be given against children falling in the huge irrigation canal now being completed by the Bureau of Reclamation.

EXTERMINATION OF MOSQUITOES The balance of the meeting was spent with the discussion of mosquitoes. It was appealingly asked that the mosquitoes be exterminated.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:  
/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

June 27, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 27, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Those absent were: Block Managers #14, 18, 38, 39, and 71. Messrs. Y. Uno and Y. Hori, newly instituted Managers for Blocks #21 and 27 respectively, were introduced by the Chairman. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The report of the Chairman was as follows:

(Pigeonholes)

1. Twenty pigeonholes for the block offices have been approved and are now in the course of construction.

(Housing Adjustments)

2. In order to adjust all maladjusted housing situation such as families living under crowded conditions and people occupying more space than the general average, to accommodate living quarters for people coming in from other centers, to house all newly married couples, as well as Social and Medical cases, and to make space for those living in the recreation halls, the Housing Unit will go about its adjustments in a fair and impartial way and proper action will be taken by Mr. Thomas with those residents who refuse to cooperate. A week's notice will always be given to those who will be required to make adjustments in their living quarters. All requests will be given thorough study and consideration in order to settle situations within the block. A further detailed information will be printed later, it was disclosed.

(Window Screens) 3. We are informed that Mr. Best has taken a plan to Washington to see if any of the other centers have available or surplus window screens and if so, if there is any possibility of having it transferred to this center, due to the definite impossibility of obtaining new ones.

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Ito, Chairman of the Investigation Committee, reported that a decision to collect 25¢ per Manager for the purpose of purchasing a gift (a trophy was suggested) for Mr. Fujino, former Central Block Manager, and to set up a central fund with the balance was made at the meeting held by the Committee on the 20th. Establishment of a central fund was felt necessary in order to avoid frequent annoying collections, Mr. Ito added. The decision made was therewith unanimously accepted by the general body. Mr. Naito, Assistant Central Block Manager, was asked to act as the treasurer.

FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF IRRIGATION WATER DISCUSSED

Prolonged discussion followed in respect to the ways and means of making fair distribution of irrigation water. The final decision was to hold a joint meeting of the Irrigation Unit Engineers and the Block Managers to make plans for the distribution. At this time, Mr. Nagasawa called attention to the danger created by the deep irrigation ditches and suggested that additional men be hired to watch over the ditches. Mr. Takei then requested that water hoses be supplied to the blocks in the new area. Frequent insistence of the Ward 8 residents for water hoses derives from the fact that they do not enjoy the advantage which the old area residents possess with the construction of irrigation ditches.

MR. THOMAS COMPLIMENTS CLEAN-UP WEEK

Mr. Thomas took the floor to compliment on the splendid job done by the residents by means of a few tools furnished during the clean-up week. He regretfully apologized for the inability of the trucks to come around to collect trash for the Department of Justice was not expected at that time by the Administration.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, /s/ May Hamoka, Sec.

Approved by: /s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

July 11, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on July 11, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

All 74 Block Managers were recorded present. The Administration was represented by Mr. Thomas.

**REPORT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN**

Mr. Okubo, Chairman, announced that the Employment Office has issued another emergency call for workers to harvest peas. The Block Managers were asked to make the announcement to the residents. The Chairman then gave instructions on how to fill in the census blank. He further added that a special instruction sheet will be attached when blanks are distributed.

**REQUESTS FROM  
THE FLOOR**

Some of the requests from the floor were:

1. (Mr. Ishihara) In view of the frequent turning off of the lights, candles be distributed.
2. (Mr. Takahashi) Foot bridges across the irrigation canal now being cemented by the Reclamation Bureau be expedited.
3. (Mr. Sumi) Already-installed lights on the posts in the Blocks #75, 77, and 78 area are without electricity. Necessary steps be taken to avoid the unnecessary darkness.
4. Plans to renew all roof papers be traced.

**DISCUSSION OF  
HOUSING  
PROBLEMS**

The balance of the meeting took place with the discussion of various housing problems, at which time Mr. Muto of the Housing was called in to help answer, as well as iron out, some of the problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May Hanaoka  
Secretary

Approved by:

Z. Okubo  
Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

July 11, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on July 11, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

- ATTENDANCE All 74 Block Managers were recorded present. The Administration was represented by Mr. Thomas.
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- DISCUSSION OF HOUSING PROBLEMS The balance of the meeting took place with the discussion of various housing problems, at which time Mr. Muto of the Housing was called in to help answer, as well as iron out, some of the problems.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary

Approved by:

/s/Z. Okubo  
Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

July 25, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on July 25, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Block Manager #4 was recorded absent. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

TROPHY AND Mr. Nakamura, Chairman of the Ward Chairmen, presented Mr. J. Fujino a  
LETTER OF trophy and a letter of thanks expressing the body's gratitude for the un-  
THANKS TO tiring effort expended by the former Central Block Manager during his  
FORMER CEN- time in office.  
TRAL MANAGER

DECISION The following decisions made at the joint meeting of the Colonial Peace  
MADE AT Officers, Ward Chairmen, and Investigation Committee was reported by  
JOINT Mr. Okubo: (1) Colonial Peace Officers' decision to change the present  
MEETING OF system of patrolling to a ward basis was felt reasonable and favorable  
WARD CHAIR- by the Ward Chairmen and Investigation Committee, (2) To alleviate  
MEN, PEACE difficulties confronted by the Headquarters, such as termination of in-  
OFFICERS, & efficient wardens, etc., it was decided that the Peace Officers and the  
INVESTIGATION Block Managers discuss and possibly settle the problems amicably. That  
COM. ON JULY is, the Block Manager, from whose block the warden in question represents,  
and the Peace Officers should meet and iron out the matter.

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REPORT OF The Chairman went on to report that 18 new pigeonholes have been furnished  
THE CHAIRMAN to blocks. He also reported that two foot bridges have been put across  
the Reclamation Bureau's irrigation ditch. Another requested foot bridge  
across from Block 59 is pending approval.

IRRIGATION A prolonged discussion followed with regard to the insufficiency of irri-  
WATER gation water. Mr. Thomas asked the body to warn the residents to follow  
the tentative schedule released by Mr. Ricketts. According to the plan,  
each ward will receive water only twice a week.

The meeting was adjourned at 10.30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaka  
Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULO LAKE CENTER

July 18, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tulo Lake Center was held on July 18, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE Block Managers #18 and 22 were recorded absent. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

COLONIAL  
PEACE  
OFFICER

Mr. Ono, Chief, and Mr. Toyofuku, Assistant Chief of the Colonial Peace Office, were introduced to the group by the Chairman. Mr. Ono took the floor to give reasons why he believed that the present system of patrolling should be changed to a ward system, preferably prior to the coming general election. Change of the present block system to a ward system would widen the area of patrol with less wardens to a ward and at the same time, such would release men so that they can be assigned to other areas such as the irrigation ditches, various activities, etc. Assistant Chief reiterated Mr. Ono's statement and went on to explain some of the problems confronted by the Headquarters. He pointed out that if the authority to terminate personnel found inefficient is granted, the work of the Headquarters would be facilitated considerably. Wardens were elected by the people; therefore, the Headquarters met much difficulty in that respect, Mr. Toyofuku revealed.

PROBLEM RE- Subsequent to the above Officers' talks, the general body deemed it ad-  
FERRED TO visable to refer the above matter to the Investigation Committee for  
INVESTIGATION further discussion and consideration. It was advised that the Committee  
COMMITTEE meet jointly with the Peace Officers.

REPORT OF  
THE CHAIR-  
MAN

The report of the Chairman was as follows:

1. Mr. Lauritzen states that re-roofing of all barracks will be done according to plans; however, the date when such will start is indefinite.
2. Calamine is still in its stage of distribution.
3. Switch boxes for Blocks 75, 77, and 78 have been placed on order.
4. According to Mr. Rickotts, foot bridges across the Reclamation Bureau's irrigation ditch will be put across. (It was made known that the bridges have already been built.)
5. Irrigation water will be scheduled on a 12-hour basis tentatively, beginning July 23, according to Mr. Rickotts.

SCREENS:  
PROTECTIVE  
DEVICE ON  
DITCHES

Mr. Thomas made known that approval has already been obtained for the shipment of available screens from other centers. He continued to state that protective device to place on the intakes of the irrigation ditches has been refused by Messrs. Best and Lauritzen. Irrigation ditches on the outside are without such protective devices.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by: /s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

August 1, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 1, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Those absent were: Block Managers #29, 31, and 36. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF  
THE CHAIR-  
MAN

The report of the Chairman was as follows:

1. Blocks refusing to cooperate with the wardens in following the released schedule may be denied the privilege of getting irrigation water.
2. Upon arrival of paints from the other centers, blackboards may be distributed to block offices.
3. A foot bridge across from Block #59 has been approved and will be built in the immediate future.

RAGWEEDS

Mr. Takahashi called attention to the weeds growing in the Manzanar area which may be the cause of many cases of hay fever. He believed that the weeds may be the so-called ragweeds and asked that such be burned up. Mr. Thomas promised to contact Mr. Lauritzen regarding this matter.

MR. COZZENS  
AND  
MR. FESTERE,  
GUEST SPEAK-  
ERS

Mr. Cozzens, Assistant National WRA Director, and Mr. Festere, Relocation Officer in charge of the Northwestern area, were introduced. Mr. Cozzens took the floor and spoke at some length. First, he called to the attention of the body the statement issued by Major General Pratt, commanding General of the Western Defense Command, which appeared in many of the coastal newspapers. In his statement, General Pratt had declared that the responsibility for permitting the return of individuals of Japanese ancestry to the Pacific Coast rested with him and him only, and the responsibility for determining which individuals of Japanese ancestry may or may not be permitted to return also rested with him, for such is in line with the Presidential executive order of last December. Mr. Cozzens further read the General's statement as follows: In making this determination, I am governed solely by military considerations and by none other, for there exists no legal authority for anyone to restrict the movements of an individual within the U.S. because of economic, social or other similar reasons. He further read that the WRA had no authority or responsibility to determine which individual may return to the exclusion zone.

PURPOSE OF  
MR. COZZENS'  
TRIP

Mr. Cozzens went on to state that his visit was more or less a routine trip to discuss problems with Mr. Best and his staff and to discuss with those who wish to relocate the conditions which exist on the West Coast today. He added that he will be on the project through Thursday.

QUESTIONS  
ASKED OF &  
ANSWERED BY  
MR. COZZENS

The floor was then opened for any questions that may arise. Mr. Ikeda of Block #5 questioned whether those who have renounced their U.S. citizenship may relocate, the Assistant National Director replied by stating that that is possible only by clearing that decision with the Department of Justice.

"What is the status of a person who has renounced his citizenship and who is an excluder?", was the question raised by Mr. Takahashi. A person who is an excluder and has received his renunciation approval is an alien, according to the Department of Justice; however, if he has not



received his approval paper, he is still a detainee, Mr. Cozzens replied. As for the rumor being disseminated regarding separation of families from those who have renounced their citizenship, he stated that since the detention right has been turned over to the Justice Department, who will be detained or who will be transferred, or anything in respect to that matter is not known or determined. However, taking the example of Justice Department's Crystal City camp, foreigners, as well as citizens are living together, Mr. Cozzens pointed out.

MR. FESTERE The balance of the meeting was taken over by Mr. Festere, who talked at some length concerning the people who have relocated to the West Coast. He disclosed that they are making a success of their relocated lives. He warned, however, that those who plan to relocate in the near future should bear in mind that everything is not 'lovely' on the outside for there are some groups of people who are doing their utmost to keep the Japanese from relocating. Those who are opposing the return of Japanese are the same people who have opposed the Japanese people over the period of 50 years, Mr. Festere added. However, the Japanese people have gained more friends on the outside--more than prior to the evacuation movement.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and accepted the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

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Roll was called and the following were recorded as absentees: Block Managers #15, 29, 36 and 73. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

The following guests were introduced:

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Mr. Haru Ishimaru, Representative of the National Japanese  
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(came as an observer)

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Mr. Okubo, Chairman, gave the following report:

1. Red Cross issued adhesive compresses and iodine applicators were distributed to the central blocks for further distribution.
2. Decision is pending regarding the change in schedule of the irrigation water to three times a week instead of the original twice.
3. Mr. Morimoto of the Post Office has asked that the Block Manager or his secretary remain in the office when delivery of mail is made.

The following are some of the requests made from the floor:

1. Immediate steps be taken to burn the ragweeds in the Manzanar area.
2. Requisitions and repair requests be handled more promptly.
3. Distribution of kindling wood be facilitated.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Hanaoka  
Secretary



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Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

August 15, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 15, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

The report of the Chairman was as follows:

1. Shoe ration stamps have been distributed.
2. Blackboards also have been distributed for block use. Other necessary supplies will be requisitioned as soon as possible.
3. As regards its slowness in fulfilling requests, the Maintenance has been asked to expedite the incoming requests.
4. Swiss government has notified the body of Spokesman for Japanese Nationals that its representative will visit the project sometime next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

August 21, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 21, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All Block Managers were recorded present. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

The discussion mainly rested on the topic of irrigation ditches and the dangers which are caused by such. Many suggestions as to how such dangers could be prevented were given by various Block Managers.

The Chairman highly commended the cooperation of the Block Managers in volunteering to help stop the flooding irrigation water in the administrative area. If the water continued to flood, it was the decision of the Engineering Department to stop the flow of the water into Wards #1,2,5 and 6 altogether.

Mr. J. Thomas also expressed his appreciation for the cooperative spirit shown by the Block Managers to help stop the flooding water in the administrative area.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

August 29, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 29, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Roll was called and the following Block Managers were recorded as absentees: #16, 31, 36, 8 and 11. Mr. Watanabe, new Block Manager for #71, was introduced. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

The report of the Chairman was as follows:

1. It is requested that a more accurate population report be submitted. Discrepancy in numbers in various blocks has been noted.
2. Return game of baseball between the Block Managers and the Administrative personnel is scheduled for Friday, August 31, at Field #26.

Mr. Takahashi made a complaint that the branch relocation office in Block #78 has not given much cooperation in giving residents information regarding their status.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Hamoka,  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

September 5, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 5, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Mr. Okubo gave the following report:

1. Blanket exclusion order from the West Coast has been lifted effective September 4, 1945.
2. Mess Management has requested that another survey of block population be taken in order to facilitate ration food distribution.

Mr. Thomas read a teletype received from Washington regarding the lifting of the west coast exclusion order.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

September 12, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 12, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:05 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

Block Managers #16, 29, 37, and 19 were recorded as absentees. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration. Messrs. W. Holland, Relocation Officer, and Mr. B. Ernsen, Relocation Officer from the Sacramento area, were guests.

Job opportunities available in the Sacramento area, was the subject of Mr. Ernsen's talk.

The Chairman made an announcement regarding the janitors' working hour of 40 hours beginning September 9th. Due to the shortening of working time and due to the impossibility of increase in workers despite the shorter hours, cooperation of the residents will be greatly needed.

As for the irrigation water, the body felt that such will be needed until the end of this month.

Post Office has requested that the residents who are relocating be asked to notify their change of address to the Post Office in order to facilitate the forwarding of mail.

As regards the salt situation, Mr. Okubo reported that the Administration has traced the car bringing in the salt, therefore, it is expected within a few days.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

September 19, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 19, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

Block Managers #6, 13, 16, 67, and 70 were recorded as absentees. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration. Mr. Homer Ricketts, Senior Engineer, was also present.

Mr. Ricketts next took the floor to ask for the cooperation of the Block Managers in informing and warning the residents to refrain their children from flying kites. He cited an incident which happened on the 18th in which a kite got caught on the electric wire. He stated that such would result in the blowing up of the transformer or might even result in the electrification of the person flying the kite. He asked for the cooperation of the body to avoid an accident wherein the center residents will be inconvenienced without electricity.

Explanations were then given by the Chairman as to the way in which the request for those who desire to return to Hawaii should be filled in.

One request from the floor was made by Mr. Takahashi, which was to supply the boilermen with gloves and coveralls. Such were being given out previously, however, they have been neglected today.

Mr. Thomas lastly took the floor to rectify many rumors being disseminated in the colony with respect to renunciants, deportees, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

October 3, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 3, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:15 a. m. Mr. Okubo presided.

Block Managers #4, 34, 36, 21, 22, 19, 11, 46 and 79 were recorded as absentees. The following new Block Managers were introduced to the assembled body:

Block 8	S. Arima
82	T. Kato
72	M. Sakamoto
42	T. Kumagai

Block 13	M. Yasutake
33	K. Kamikochi
75	G. Sasaki

Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration. The following guests were also present:

Mr. W. K. Holland, Relocation Officer  
Mr. Clyde Lynville, Portland Area Relocation  
Officer  
Mr. F. L. Guy, Southern Pacific Railroad  
Engineer  
Messrs. Van Wormer, Hendricks and Wheeler also of  
the S.P. Railroad

Mr. Lynville described the prevailing conditions around Portland area.

Mr. Guy also listed some job opportunities available in the Southern Pacific Railroad.

The Chairman then reported that Mr. Sawada of the Housing Unit had requested that those evacuees requesting for beds and mattresses should place their requests in one or two days ahead of time.

An announcement was made by Mr. Thomas with regard to a Fire Prevention Week, which is expected to be conducted during the October 7 - 13 week. Chicken dinners will be awarded to the winning blocks, it was revealed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

October 27, 1945

A special meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 27, 1945, at 1608-B, from 1:30 p.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

The Chairman asked for the names of those absent. Block Managers #36, 50, 56 and 67 were recorded absent. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration and Mr. Jack Barron, the Department of Justice.

The purpose of the special meeting was to give instructions as to how the application for repatriation to Japan should be filled. Mr. Barron gave the instructions in detail.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

October 31, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 31, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:30 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Upon the calling of the roll, the following Block Managers were recorded absent: #24, 9 and 76.

The Chairman made the following report:

1. A notification was received from the Spanish Consul that the residents should refrain from sending in their cancellation of repatriation applications to the Spanish Consulate, but should send it to the Legation of Switzerland, Dept. of Jap. Interests, 2514 Mass. Ave. N.W. Washington D.C.
2. Post Office gave a warning to those in this center that Special Delivery letters must have a regular 3¢ stamp on in addition to the 13¢ special delivery fee.
3. Mr. Williams of the Department of Justice has requested that residents should not send in letters addressed to him. He is not in a position to accept them. At the same time, applications for repatriation and non-repatriation should not be sent in by mail.

The meeting of the Block Managers was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

November 7, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on November 7, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Ukubo presided.

Block Managers #6, 37, 67, 73 and 79 were recorded as absentees. The following new Block Managers of the below indicated blocks were introduced to the assembled body:

Block #18 T. Sano  
22 G. Narita

Block #30 B. Okamoto  
71 Y. Futatsuki

Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas. Mr. James Shelly, newly appointed Assistant Project Director in charge of Relocation, Welfare, and Evacuee Property, was the guest for the day.

Mr. Shelly spoke about relocation. He revealed that beginning the ninth of this month housing for about thousand people will be available in the Sacramento area, housing for 500 people in the San Francisco area and for 80 families in another area. Therefore, he suggested that those who are eligible to relocate should consult him before the closing of the center so that sufficient help can be given before the fund runs out. At the present time, a fund of \$40,000 only is available for furniture grants. Special grants fund have all been used and no further replenishment can be obtained from Washington, Mr. Shelly stated.

At this time a sum of \$13.75 was distributed to each block. The total balance of some \$950 were divided equally among all the blocks, regardless of their amount of donation, by the former Gift Committee, which helped in sending Christmas gifts to the prisoners of war in various camps throughout the U.S.

The Post Office has requested that the people refrain from sending pickled daikon (radishes) with careless wrapping.

Finally Mr. Thomas announced that Mr. Ricketts wanted some 50 workers to make relocation boxes and thus asked the Block Managers' help in recruiting workers. Mr. Thomas also stated that six workers were badly needed in the housing unit to keep up with the picking up of blankets, cots, etc. left by those relocating.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE  
CENTER  
November 16, 1945

A special general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on November 16, 1945, at 1608-B, from 2:30 p.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

The following guests were introduced to the assembled body by the Chairman:

Mr. R.R. Best, Project Director  
Mr. I. Williams, Officer in Charge  
Department of Justice  
Mr. J. Barron, Department of Justice  
Mr. R. Brown, Reports Officer  
Mr. R. Ross, Assistant Reports Officer

Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration as the Administrative Officer of the Block Managers.

The special meeting was called by request of the Department of Justice for the purpose of giving out instructions to those desiring repatriation to Japan on November 24, 1945.

The following general instructions were then given by Mr. Ivan Williams:

1. As many as 2,000 single male adults, 18 years of age and over, may sign up for repatriation to Japan on this trip of November 24, 1945. Repatriates must be physically able to travel.
2. The boat will sail on the 24th of this month from Seattle. Those desiring repatriation will leave on the 22nd of November probably.
3. Each voluntary repatriate leaving will be allowed to take from (definite amount not known) \$10 to \$50 in cash. In addition to that, each person may carry as much as \$10,000 in securities, which will be impounded to one's account upon reaching destination in Japan. As to further detailed information in regard to the foregoing, they will be given as they are received.
4. Each person may take 175 pounds of baggage. One handbag on the train, which will go in as so-called stateroom baggage and which should not be over 25 pounds, will be allowed to each person, which leaves 150 pounds of baggage as hold baggage.
5. WRA authority has boxes available for those who need them. However, these boxes are so heavy they are not advisable. It is suggested that containers be made as light as possible if more baggage is to be taken.
6. When baggage are packed, bring them to 720 mess hall from November 17, 1945, 1:00 p.m. All baggage must be brought in by Tuesday noon, November 20, deadline.
7. There is no ruling as to the kind of item a repatriate may take with him. The Customs Office is working on that.



8. Each repatriate will be required to be inoculated and vaccinated again. Arrangements will be made for that, but will probably not be until Monday. Notices will then be sent out.

9. Each Block Manager is requested to list those people who want voluntary repatriation together with the following information: Name of person desiring repatriation, sex, age, date and place of birth, alien registration number, family number and present address.

10. These lists should be taken up to the Processing office by Sunday, November 18, 1945, 5:00 p.m. After this date, lists will not be accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

November 21, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on November 21, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

The following Block Managers were recorded absent: #39, 9 and 79. Mr. G. Harada and Mr. T. Toya were introduced by the Chairman as the newly appointed Managers for Blocks #7 and 46 respectively. At the same time, Mr. Takeda, who replaced Mr. K. Naitoh as the Assistant Central Manager, was introduced to the group. Mr. J. Thomas, the administrative representative, was absent. Mr. W.K. Holland, Relocation Officer, was the guest for the day.

Mr. Holland was introduced and was received with cordial applause. He took the floor and talked at some length in connection with relocation plans. He asked that the people be encouraged to make plans for relocation by the 15th of December, which is the deadline. He then revealed that more than 2000 persons had left on terminal departures during November or were scheduled to go before the end of the month. He also announced that the sailing date for residents who are returning to the Hawaiian Islands has been changed to December 1st, which means that returnees must leave this center on the 29th instead of the 25th. The once-requested denture matter was answered by Mr. Holland, "It is the responsibility of the doctors in the Hospital to decide whether a person needs teeth. The survey is to be completed by/before December 8 of all those declared to be in need of teeth. Those who feel that they are eligible to have teeth should make necessary call at the Hospital for examination."

Mr. Lowery has advised to those repatriating to Japan and who have property stored in this project or outside to direct a letter to the WRA to the attention of Mr. Lowery wherein the party gives authority to another party through power of attorney, bill of sale or letter of authorization, Mr. Holland announced.

Mr. Takei pointed out the cold and unsympathetic attitude of the Department of Justice toward the evacuees being repatriated to Japan. He regretted that sights such as aged feeble men pushing a 175-pound baggage on a wheelbarrow to the 720 mess hall in the slushy mud must be seen in this center. Citing the foregoing as a pitiful example of the insufficiency of assistance and sympathy toward the repatriates on the part of the Department of Justice, he suggested that some steps should be taken to remedy the situation.

At the same time, Mr. Takahashi, by way of reference, stated how miserable the conditions on the outside were for those relocatees now leaving the center. Hostels operated by the Japanese were packed with people, who are already financially destitute. It was felt that some measure should be taken so that further conditions like the foregoing can be checked.

Other suggestions were raised with respect to repatriation and relocation, which were: Boxes be furnished to families contemplating repatriation so that they may dispose of the part of their belongings which cannot be carried with them; transportation arrangements be made beforehand so that repatriates will not have to carry their baggage along with them; weighing scales be furnished for the repatriates' use so that they may weigh items prior to packing them; etc.



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The entire matter regarding relocation and repatriation difficulties was referred to the Investigating Committee, the members of which were elected as follows: Nagaswa, Fukawa, Ishimoto, Hoshino, Hirai, Yoshikawa, Abe, Oda, Yamashita, Kobayashi, Takahashi and Takei.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

November 28, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on November 28, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:15 a.m. Mr. Okubo presided.

The floor was first taken by Mrs. Brown of the Relocation Office, who asked the Block Managers to announce to the residents, who expect to return to the Hawaiian Islands on the coming ship, that they should report to the Relocation Office by 2:00 p.m. if they desire help in meeting their housing needs in Honolulu.

The meeting continued with the calling of the roll. Block Managers #6, 16, 37, 38, 22, 9, 46, 53, 67, 71 and 79 were recorded absent. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration.

The Chairman gave his regular weekly report as follows:

1. Until further notice, repatriates should not take their baggage to the auditorium.
2. The Department of Justice has announced that children, who are repatriating with their parents, may take 175 pounds of baggage.
3. Request to furnish scales to each ward in order to enable the repatriates to weigh their items is still pending.

Many questions were asked of and answered by the Chairman. Some of the questions asked which needed the Department of Justice's authoritative replies were: May families pack their baggage as family units and not as individuals; may ashes be taken when one repatriates; may the wife who resides in this center take the earnings of her husband, who is now interned; etc.

Much pro and con opinions were given with regard to the duties and power of the Investigating Committee. It was not clearly understood that the Investigating Committee was authorized to investigate or study any matters referred to it by the general body, as well as other matters conducive to the subject in question. However, all matters were subject to the final approval of the general body. Therefore, clarification of the foregoing matter was made by the older Block Managers who have been in office for a lengthy period to the newer managers, who were instituted at a later date.

Gravity of the shortage-of-workers-situation was the topic of the talk Mr. Thomas made to the body. He pointed out the acute shortage in the coal crew and stated that if workers are not placed on the crew, coal cannot be hauled into the colony.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Hanaoka, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE  
CENTER

November 29, 1945

A special meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on November 29, 1945, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 9:45 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

The purpose of the meeting was to give out instructions and to distribute blank forms issued by the Department of Justice for all repatriates sailing on this coming ship.

The Chairman then reported that the Investigating Committee, subsequent to their special meeting, had met with the Project Director in regard to many questions asked by and recommendations made by repatriates and relocatees. Further detailed answers will be received upon Mr. Best's conference with Mr. Williams of the Department of Justice.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

December 4, 1945

A special general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 4, 1945, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 11:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All Block Managers were recorded present. The honored guests were:

Mr. D.S. Myer, National WRA Director  
Mr. R.R. Best, Project Director  
Mr. Lee, National Relocation Officer

Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

Mr. Myer was first introduced to the body and was received with cordial applause. He spoke at some length and commended the great progress made in this center since his last visit in April despite much heartaches, many problems and criticisms. He stated that his visit this time, in addition to his visit here, was designed to survey the situation in Seattle, Portland and northern and southern California.

Mr. Takei raised a question in regard to families, who are eligible to relocate, with other renunciate members. He asked for the National Director's advice with respect to what the free members of such families should do in planning their relocation program. Mr. Myer replied that the decision would have to be made by the families themselves. "We are hoping to get a complete survey of everybody's plans by December 15. If the situation is such that you can't make your plans as a family group then you will have to make that determination and we hope that we can have plans made by December 15th. If there are individual cases where the family can't make final plans because of renunciates, it may be necessary to wait for further decision on the part of the Department of Justice. I am not sure what the final decision of the Department will be as regards to people who are free to go out. This is one of the problems not decided."

The Chairman made the following report with regard to the requests and recommendations made to the Project Director by the Investigating Committee: (The Investigating Committee conferred with Mr. Swanson of the Justice Department to get the final answer.)

1. Baggage may be packed, if so desired, as a family unit instead of as an individual for those repatriates returning on the 18th of this month. However, the family total should not be exceeded.
2. All repatriates accepted to sail on this ship will not be notified, as all applicants may board this ship for there is sufficient space available for all who have applied.



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3. Transportation to haul baggage to the auditorium was made available by the WRA. A truck will be furnished to a ward provided volunteer drivers are recruited. Notwithstanding, nine drivers have already volunteered and have received their driver's licenses.
4. All records of wages earned in this center area at the Processing office.
5. If the family members of the person interned get approval or a note certifying that the interned party earned a certain amount while in this center from the Project Director and notifies such to the interned member, the designated amount may be carried by the repatriating member in traveler's check.
6. Recommendation to have at least two residents from a block to help, when repatriates depart, was felt unnecessary by the Department of Justice official. It was believed that it would create more confusion and congestion. In addition, trucks will be furnished to load the baggage into the train.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

December 12, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 12, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All Block Managers were recorded present. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration. Dr. G. Hashiba of the Hospital and Mr. Nimura of the Byoin Koen Kai (Hospital Supporting Organization) were guests.

Dr. Hashiba first took the floor to appeal to the Block Managers to help recruit workers or helpers for the Hospital. Otherwise, he disclosed, it would be difficult to keep the Hospital functioning. He stated that the following number of workers were acutely needed in the various unit if continued operation is desired:

- 6 men needed immediately in the boiler room
- 13 janitors needed
- 8 persons in the laundry room
- 15 persons in the kitchen
  - 1 cook
  - 4 kitchen helpers
  - 5 dish washers
  - 2 waitresses
  - 1 tray boy
  - 2 kitchen janitors
- 15 nurse's aides or orderlies, who are trained but are not working at the present time

Mr. Nimura, Executive Secretary of the Byoin Koen Kai, reiterated Dr. Hashiba's statement and emphasized the fact that the workers are needed immediately and urgently if the Hospital is to continue operation.

The Chairman next introduced 15 new Block Managers to the body.

The following report was then given by Mr. Okubo:

1. Block wardens have been abolished; however, the central wardens' headquarters is still in full operation.
2. Blocks #19, 20, & 21 messhalls have been ordered for closing with the December 13th supper as the last meal.

Mr. Thomas spoke at some length regarding the shortage of workers in the various divisions. He disclosed that block clerks will not be assigned hereafter if they are young people who can be employed in other divisions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

December 19, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 19, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All Block Managers were recorded present. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration and Mr. Parker of the Fire Protection was also present.

Mr. Parker first put the problem of whether fire station #2, which is at the present time closed due to the lack of helpers, should be kept closed despite the increasing danger of fire due to the increase in apartment vacancies. Thirty one workers are urgently needed, it was stated. Mr. Thomas also reiterated Mr. Parker's statement and stressed the danger of fire. Their appeal was to ask the residents to help out in getting sufficient workers for the Fire Department.

Mr. Okubo gave his weekly report which were briefly about the Department of Justice's immunization process and the present coal situation.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

December 26, 1945

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 26, 1945, at 1608-B, from 9:20 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All 74 Block Managers were recorded present. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

Letters of thanks and gifts as tokens of remembrance and appreciation were presented to Mr. J. Thomas, Administrative Supervisor, and Mr. Z. Okubo, Central Block Manager, from the general body of Block Managers. Messrs. Thomas and Okubo then in turn gave short speeches expressing their sincere thanks for the gifts and the letters.

Dr. G. Hashiba of the Community Hospital was present to ask the assistance of the Block Managers in recruiting 16 men to work in the Hospital. Without workers, he disclosed, the Hospital cannot continue to function.

Mr. Okubo next announced that some 25 volunteers are urgently needed to help load the baggage on the cars for the Department of Justice. These baggage must be en route to Portland, the port of embarkation, before the voluntary repatriates leave the center.

A general population survey as of December 31, 1945 was requested by Mr. Thomas. It was asked that each Block Manager submit such survey on the January 2nd general meeting. He emphasized that the population count should be exactly as of December 31st eve.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Manaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE  
TULE LAKE CENTER

December 28, 1945

A special general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 28, 1945, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 3:45 p.m. Mr. Zenshiro Okubo presided.

Block Managers # 21, 9 and 70 were recorded as absentees.

The Chairman stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to help the Department of Justice in the distribution of applications for hearing to the renunciants through the Block Managers. It was instructed that all applications should be completely filled and returned to their respective Block Manager by noon of December 31st.

The Post Office will be opened on the 31st of December, but will be closed on the 1st and 2nd of January, the Chairman announced.

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanso ka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 9, 1946

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 9, 1946, at 1608-B, from 9:15 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Attendance of all block Managers was recorded. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

The Chairman gave his regular weekly report as follows:

1. Block 17 Dispensary will be closed because of extreme shortage of maintenance personnel in the Hospital and limited professional and semi-professional workers.

Health services, both dental and medical, of an emergency nature only, will be taken care of in the outpatient department of the Hospital in the afternoon clinics - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

2. Block Managers are requested to help recruit workers for the coal crew. Lack of workers in the crew will mean less coal.

Mr. Thomas stated that the Evacuee Property Office will commence taking in lumber requests from people who are not yet eligible to relocate. It was further added that Mr. Lowery wanted an approximate estimate of the lumber needed.

The only complaint was given by Mr. Takahashi who asked that outgoing freight be handled with care by the crew handling such.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



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TULE LAKE CENTER

January 16, 1946

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers was held on January 16, 1946, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Zenshiro Okubo presided.

Attendance was recorded as 100%.

The Chairman gave a detailed instruction on the coming repatriation, which is to take place after the 25th of this month. He then went on to ask the body to place all unused cots and blankets in a central spot to facilitate pick-ups by the housing crew.

Trucks will be furnished if blocks need them for hauling rubbish out, the Chairman announced.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

January 23, 1946

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on January 23, 1946, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

All Block Managers were recorded present. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

The Chairman made the following report:

1. Traveler's check for the voluntary repatriates is being sold at the Processing Office.
2. Payroll unit has announced that repatriates will be terminated as of January 31, 1946.
3. Those renunciants, who have not received notices for hearing, should see Miss Alexander, who is in the reception room of the school building.
4. A list of repatriates who are returning to Japan on the coming repatriation vessel from Bismarck is here at the Headquarters.

Mr. Thomas then spoke about cleaning up the blocks before the center closes. He stated that if trucks are needed to haul the rubbish out, they will be furnished upon request during the weekends only.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

February 27, 1946

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on February 27, 1946, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Only 27 Block Managers attended the meeting since the month of February weeded out many Block Managers, who received their releases from the Department of Justice. At the same time, many blocks were closed and combined with others, which decreased the attendance. The Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

This being the last meeting since the inception of the Block Managers' organization in 1942, the Chairman extended his personal gratitude to the body for the untiring effort expended by them in acting as a liaison officer between the Administration and the people and in endeavoring to meet the needs of the people. He commended the organization for the attitude shown and cooperation given during the trying periods despite many obstacles, which confronted them.

Mr. Okubo, Chairman, made his regular weekly report as follows:

1. The Swiss Government has instructed the Legation of Switzerland that the representation of Japanese interests is to be discontinued. Conforming with this order, it was advised that Japanese nationals should not write to the Legation any longer. It was suggested that they submit their problems to the appropriate American authorities in the future.
2. Due to much difficulty met in locating people, the Department of Justice will discontinue delivery of releases to the individual. Releases will be mimeographed and distributed to each block hereafter.
3. Sewing machines will be picked up to be returned to Property Control.

Mr. Thomas next briefly pointed out some of the problems confronting with the impending closing of the center, such as the cleaning up of blocks. He also took the opportunity to express his appreciation for the cooperation given by the Block Managers during the period that he served as the Administrative Officer of the Block Managers. He stated, "I think the Block Managers have done a mighty swell job and I know your work in this center is recognized and has been recognized in Washington, D.C. by the WRA officers as one of the best Block Managers' organization in WRA."

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary