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

June 12, 1944

The general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on June 12, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:20 a.m. Mr. F. Furukawa presided.

Roll was called and the attendance was recorded as shown per attached sheet.

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with in view of the detailed explanation to be later given by Mr. Nakamura.

The Chairman opened the meeting with a special announcement that the Base Hospital had requested, through telephone, for 10 or 12 voluntary blood donors for the impending blood transfusion needed for Mr. Kominami of 7103-B, prior to his operation. The blood donors were requested to report to the clinic at 1608. A request was made from the floor that ambulance service be furnished to the donors. Block Managers were instructed to make the announcement during the noon meal.

The Chairman continued to state that the meeting was called for the purpose of making reports on the issue that was referred to the committee, elected at the last general meeting. The committee had a meeting, prior to the conference with Mr. R.R. Best, and had elected Mr. Nakamura as the spokesman. Thereupon, Mr. Nakamura was called upon and he related as follows:

"Before meeting with Mr. Best, the Ward Chairman and the committee got together. The committee felt it only advisable to consult Mr. Huycke, in view of his post as the supervisor. However, the committee felt apprehensive of Mr. Huycke's unsatisfactory answer (based on past experiences) that it proceeded to go right ahead to make direct arrangements for an interview with the Project Director through Mrs. Johnson. Interview was granted at 10:00 a.m. yesterday, after much misunderstanding because of the telephone call to Mrs. Johnson. Our requests (the copy of the memorandum attached hereto; therefore, Mr. Nakamura's detailed explanation made to the body will be deleted.) were presented. One conflicting point was the fact that at the last meeting on June 8, Mr. Huycke had made a statement that Mr. John Provinse, WRA director of Project Management, during his visit to this project, had suggested that Civic Organization be placed under the direct supervision of the Project Director; however, such was opposed by the Project Director himself, as well as Mr. Huycke, because such a plan would prove disadvantageous to the Organization itself; in addition, an extra bookkeeper will be needed. To this statement, Mr. Best commented that he himself was the one who had devised the plan and had submitted it to Washing-

ton; notwithstanding, the plan was not approved. If the Civic Organization so desires and if reasonable justifications are produced the recommendation may be resubmitted to Washington, Mr. Best believed. The Committee's request for the presence of the Project Director at the general meetings of the Block Managers was willingly promised by the Director, provided time and convenience allow him. Momentarily, telephone call from San Francisco requesting Mr. Best's immediate departure was received. Citing this as a sample case, Mr. Best remarked that as much as he earnestly wants to, he is called out for business matters so frequently that attendance to the meetings regularly is impossible. Therefore, delegates who can give responsible answers will be sent. Civic organization, under the direct supervision of the Project Management, may handicap the organization to a great degree, since the Project director is a busy man, Mr. Best indicated.

"Blocks 54 and 31 problems were brought up. The problem being so complicated, Messrs. Black and Huycke were called in for detailed explanation."

In view of the five problems brought up for presentation to the Project Director at the last general meeting, Mr. Shimada explained that inasmuch as the four other points encompassed the most point that the informations, complaints, requests were not virtually transmitted to the Project Director, the committee had concluded that the request-- to place the Civic Organization under direct supervision of the Project Director-- be submitted. Then the other remaining points will be brought up automatically.

In the absence of the Project Director, Messrs. Black and Huycke represented the Administration. The floor was therein taken by Mr. H. Black.

"Mr. Chairman. I am sure that the explanation that Mr. Best made to the Committee at the meeting in his office was entirely satisfactory to them. At least it appeared so to me and appeared so to Mr. Best. In the table of organization that was originally drawn up, the Civic Organization was expected to be responsible directly to the Project Director. I believe it was explained to you this morning. The Project Director has so many various activities to claim his attention, so many unexpected calls on his time that in order to bring about efficient method of operation he has found it necessary to delegate the supervision for the Administration on the Civic Organization to a member of his staff. In this Center that was to Mr. Huycke in the division of Community Management. I like to make it clear that this is made necessary by the demands on Mr. Best's time and not because of his lack of interest. While you were in his office, the telephone rang. The call was from Mr. Myer, the WRA director. In that conversation, he advised Mr. Best that it would be necessary

for him to leave the Center early this morning to go to San Francisco to spend three, four, or five days. Mr. Best would like to attend every meeting, but if the meeting were called as for this morning, naturally he will not be able to be here, so he has delegated the responsibility so that one of us will always be available or nearly always available. Your last meeting came at a time when it was necessary for Mr. Huyeke to be away from the Project at once. These things are bound to happen; however, it is our intention and desire to work as closely as possible with your group and your committees. We are in touch with Frank nearly every day, sometimes more than once a day. When there are meetings of Ward Chairmen or general meetings of Block Managers, it is the desire of Mr. Huyeke and my desire to be here, unless some emergency calls us elsewhere. In order to make that possible, I would like to be able to plan ahead a few days. I presume your schedule of meetings and special meetings, you have plans in advance. If we would be allowed to know a few days ahead of time to make our plans work out so that either one or both of us could be here, we shall appreciate it. Mr. Best said yesterday whenever it is possible for him to join in a meeting he would like to come. It is the desire on the part of the Administration to work co-operatively with you. If we work together, we can do everything and anything, but unless we work together, we never get any good accomplished. I enjoy working together; however, the only unenjoyable thing is that we cannot understand your language; we know of that language handicap. We can minimize the handicap by the attitude that we have the heart to understand; we have the frame of mind to understand. And that's the way Mr. Best, Mr. Huyeke, and I want to be. I appreciate always to be able to attend your meetings and I will give my assurance that whenever it is possible for me to come, I would like to come."

Before the delegates left the floor, Mr. Nakamura voiced the opinion that it may be advisable to ask Mr. Black whether it would be permissible to select a committee to meet with the Spanish Consul. Mr. Shimada then announced that the Spanish Consul had sent a letter by Special Delivery to Messrs. Yamatani and Okamoto, in view of their former position as the Japanese National Representatives to accept the Japanese Red Cross gifts from Japan, to make full detailed reports; however, the addressees, in reply to the letter, informed the Consul that with the dissolution of the Divisional Responsible Men's body from which they were selected, they are not, at the present time, duly recognized representatives. In reference to the above, Mr. Black gave the following explanation:

"This question involves a representation for Japanese Nationals in this Center and related to the coming visit of the Spanish Consul from San Francisco. We had a teletype from De Amat asking us who were the representatives or spokesmen of the Japanese Nationals. We replied there was no designated group, but that Mr. Yamatani and Mr. Okamoto

had previously had been one. If the Civic Organization would undertake to establish a well-recognized spokesman to meet the Spanish Consul when he comes, we would appreciate it very much. I shall be glad to send another teletype giving him the names and addresses of the representatives so chosen. We do not know when the Spanish Consul is coming. And I think it would be a good thing if a group of representatives could be chosen, acceptable to all Japanese Nationals in the Center. And we shall advise the Spanish Consul who they are, so that he may contact them whenever he comes."

In the event a Block Manager is selected as a representative, will such a selection be void, was the question next raised, to which Mr. Byck replied that there will be no difference.

Messrs. Black and Hayske then excused themselves from the floor at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. M. Shimada hereon took the Chair. He then put to vote of the body the disposition of the request from the Community Activities to enter a float and a queen from the Civic Organization in their sponsored Carnival. The body unanimously disapproved the request, in spite of the reward of \$15, \$10, and \$5 for the best float.

Upon question raised by Mr. Abe regarding the disposition of the Block 31 trouble, Mr. Fujino reported in details, how a group of block residents had sent a letter directly to the Project Director without the knowledge of the Civic Organization and how the Committee had informed Mr. Best of the impracticality of the new procedure of selecting Block Managers, to which Mr. Best felt that the instructions should be duly studied and "thrashed out" again. Mr. Abe then questioned the line to be drawn in distinguishing politics from non-politics. Mr. Shimada reiterated that the duty of the Block Manager is merely to channel and transmit the announcements, in accordance with the Administrative instructions; therefore, if announcements are read without interpolation, the Block Managers should not be concerned. Mr. Abe then revealed that in the event of block trouble, in number of cases it is just inevitable for the Block Manager to remain aloof. Mr. Shirai then recommended that the Block Manager's Manual be thoroughly studied again and amended, since such an impractical instruction cannot be complied with and work cannot be executed accordingly. It was decided that the Civic Organization should request for the permission of the Administration before proceeding with the Manual. The recommendation was unanimously accepted.

At this time, Mr. Obayashi of the Community Analysis Department was introduced, wherein he requested, on behalf of Dr. Gehr, for the assistance of the Block Managers in taking the survey of respective block segregees from other centers on a percentage basis. The Block Managers felt that such would be entirely infeasible, due to their lack of equipment, such as typewriters, their abundance of pending work, and the availability of such records in the Housing Department.

At this time Messrs. Yamatani and Okamoto were introduced. Mr. Yamatani took the floor and disclosed in details the letter requesting for a full report on the Okamoto case, which was received from the Spanish Consul.

Upon the Chairman's question to the assembly to establish a negotiating body to act as a liaison body between the people and the Spanish Consul when he comes, the body unanimously accepted the proposal. Ways and means of selecting the committee was discussed at length. The following three suggestions were raised:

1. To hold a block meeting to select one representative. Elected representatives to carry out their work using their own discretion.
2. To elect representatives on ward basis. The Block Manager to make the appointment.
3. To hold block meeting to elect one representative. The representative to convene to elect one person to represent the ward.

The above three suggestions were put to vote and by general assent suggestion #1 was sanctioned.

As to the eligibility of the voters and the representatives, Mr. Shimada suggested that the meeting be attended by all, regardless of their citizenship however, the representatives to be selected be restricted to Issai. The deadline of the submittal of the duly elected representatives' names was decided to be by Monday. Thereupon, it was decided that a meeting convening all the duly elected representatives be held on Monday at 2:00 p.m. To conduct the meeting until the meeting could conduct itself, Mr. M. Shimada was elected to serve as a temporary Chairman of the Monday's meeting.

There being no further business, upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TULE LAKE CENTER  
Newell, California

June 7, 1944

TO: Mr. R. R. Best, Project Director  
FROM: Special Committee selected from Block Managers  
SUBJECT: Request

AS a result of the general meeting held on June 5, 1944, the Block Managers have unanimously resolved to request you to place the Block Managers under the direct supervision of the Project Director for the following reasons:

1. Block Managers have no means or channel by which they may open-heartily consult you and confer with you.
2. In spite of the fact that the duty of the Block Managers is to channel information from the people to the Administration, present condition is such that our position is becoming more and more unbearable because:
  - a. Various requests, complaints, and informations virtually transmitted do not receive any substantial or responsible replies or actions, basing the fact on our past experiences.
  - b. Whether such informations were conveyed to the Project Director, who is the highest authority, is questionable.
  - c. Most meetings of the Block Managers are held in vain and are meaningless because representatives from the Administration to give responsible answers are seldom present.
3. It is our desire to hold general meetings of the Block Managers more often, in order to maintain the co-ordination of the people with the Administration, impart informations relevant to the colonists' will and requests, and to further our mutual understanding.

Therefore, it is our request to have you as Project Director, or if infeasible, any other representatives who can give responsible answers, to attend the general meetings of the Block Managers.

4. At one time the Center had undeniably returned to complete normalcy; however, the present condition is such that the Center appears to be moving furtively toward the condition which we had experienced previously as exemplified by:
  - a. Block 31 problem
  - b. Block 54 problem
  - c. Japanese Language School problem
  - d. Complaints pertinent to distribution of supplies, such as brooms, mops, soap, buckets, etc.
  - e. Various other problems.

Therefore for the above-mentioned reasons, we, the Block Managers, hereby wish to request that we be placed directly under the Project Director's supervision.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
selected from  
the  
BLOCK MANAGERS

# A T T E N D A N C E

June 12, 1944

## WARD 1

<u>BLOCK:</u>	<u>BLOCK MANAGER:</u>
4	Ota, Masao
5	Ikeda, Minoru
6	Nagasawa, Tom T.
13	Tajiri, Bill
14	Miyahara, Toshio
15	Wada, George
16	Hara, Motoichi
17	
18	Cook, Quincy

## WARD 11

25	Nakamura, Genichiro
26	Fukuwa, Hiroto Fred
27	Shiozaki, Kiyoshi
28	Sunoyoshi, Katsuji
29	Mitsutome, Takanori
30	Kawaoka, Kazumi
37	Miyagishima, Katsuji
38	Watanabe, Masaharu
39	Sakamoto, Shikataro

## WARD 111

22	Miura, Shinichi
23	Kagawa, Itsugi
24	Suekawa, Akio
31	
32	Nakamura, Kaneichi
33	Ito, Daijiro
34	Kanegawa, Satoru
35	Watanabe, Kazuo
36	Kimoto, Johnny

## WARD 1V

7	
8	Yamamoto, Takatoshi
9	Teraoka, Yoshimatsu
10	Tonai, Isamu
11	Tsuji, Iwao
12	Nakamura, Nobuo
19	Ito, Ted
20	Hirai, Harumitsu
21	Yokoyama, Shigeru

## WARD V

<u>BLOCK:</u>	<u>BLOCK MANAGER:</u>
40	Suetomo, Akira
41	Okimura, Shoichi
42	
43	Yoshikawa, Shizuo
44	Nakagami, Manso
45	Suzuki, Shigero
46	Yamasaki, Harry
47	Abe, Katsumi Bill
48	Wada, Koziro

## WARD VI

49	Terada, Rihachi
50	Okada, Nobuichi
51	Kozai, Seiichi
52	Yamamoto, Masuo
53	Kuranishi, James
54	Nishino, Akira Wm.
56	Abe, Kazuo
57	Abe, Ichitaro
58	Ishihara, Tetsuo
59	Oda, Yutaka

## WARD VII

66	Nakamura, Kazuo
67	Yatagai, Jinshiro
68	Yamashita, Saketsugu
69	Ishii, Tokuji
70	
71	Sasaki, Masahige
72	Obata, Kenji
73	Shirai, Noboru
74	Kajikawa, Norito

## WARD VIII

75	Otsubo, Yutaka
76	Sato, Roy
77	Hori, Kiyoshi
78	Hayashi, Seiichiro
79	Ando, Senkichi
80	Takei, Takekuma
81	Takabashi, Kaoru
82	Wakayama, Ernest Kinzo
83	Nakamura, Yutaka
84	Fujita, Kiyoshi

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

July 6, 1944

A general meeting of all block managers was called to order by Mr. Geo. Fujino at 1608 from 9:10 A.M., July 6, 1944. Mr. Huycke and Mr. Harkness, who is acting for Mr. Black, attended the meeting. The roll call of block managers was as follows:

Ward 1 -- All present except Block 17  
Ward 2 -- All present except Blocks 39, 37, and 25  
Ward 3 -- All present  
Ward 4 -- All present  
Ward 5 -- All present except Blocks 43 and  
Ward 6 -- All present  
Ward 7 -- All present except Blocks 67, 68, 73, and 70  
Ward 8 -- All present

The minutes of the previous special meeting held on Monday July 3, 1944, was read and approved as read.

Hospital Passes. Mr. Huycke, in reply to an inquiry of Block 78 Manager on hospital passes, stated that is not necessary to obtain a Sunday pass on Saturday. Passes may be obtained on Sunday for visiting patients in the hospital, therefore making two trips unnecessary. However, he further stated that it is true that each patient is allowed only two visitors, and consequently if the pass is not obtained a day or two ahead, he would lose his chance of visiting.

Screens. In regards to the screens for the colonists, a memorandum from Mr. Robertson was read. It stated that the WRA is attempting to locate screens for the entire colony but it appears at the present that they will have to go back to the factory, and it may be a period of two months before any screening can be available. The body has a whole voiced the opinion that they can't wait two months as it will be cool by then, and consequently, no mosquitoes and flies. According to Mr. Harkness, a memo had been sent to Mr. Robertson asking him to distribute the screens stored in the warehouse equally among the residents; and instead received the aforementioned reply.

There was a doubt as to whether there are screens in the warehouse for public use or whether those in stock are earmarked for other WPB construction. At this point Mr. Harkness called Property Control office and found out that they had only two rolls of 32" x 100' screens. Mr. Harkness explained that screens are very difficult to obtain because of priority, but that every effort will be made to purchase them. Mr. Harkness agreed to take this matter up with Mr. Robertson again and see what can be done to expedite the purchasing of screens.

Curfew. According to Mr. Huycke, Mr. Best has officially dropped the matter of curfew and it will not be taken up unless crisis arises where it is necessary to discuss again.

Baby Food, Thermometers, Clinic Facilities. A memorandum from Dr. Sleath was read concerning the distribution of baby foods for children over two years of age, thermometers for block offices, and transportation or clinic facilities for mothers living in remote sections of the camp. (1) According to Dr. Sleath, only babies who are sufficiently unhealthy so as to require continuance of supplemental diet should be brought to the clinic for examination and medical treatment. In most cases, he wrote, it is not necessary to continue supplementary feeding to those beyond the two year age limit. (2) Relative to thermometers which at one time were supplied to the block offices, Dr. Sleath states that the hospital is not in a position to supply clinical thermometers to other than its own facilities. He suggested that it could be secured through the Red Cross or the Community Chest. (3) Relative to clinic facilities, he stated that at the present time it is impossible for the Hospital to set up any further dispensary clinic facilities, although this might be possible in a few months. Mr. Harkness agreed to take the matter of transportation to and from the clinic at a staff meeting and with Mr. Best.

Mr. Huycke then proceeded to answer and clarify some points brought out on block managers' weekly reports. He made it clear to everyone that he will attempt to answer all question brought up in the reports, and if he is unable to give definite answers himself, he will go further and make inquiries.

Weak Power in Ward 8. Mr. Huycke stated that he has received a formal answer from the Operations Division that too many electrical appliances are being used and that the power was adequate for needs originally. He had made many inquiries but received the same reply each time, and that this is all he knows about this situation.

Coal situation in Block 49 was brought up in the weekly report but was already taken care.

Stockade. One block manager asked why some people are still kept in the stockade. Mr. Huycke, at this time, stated that block managers should not become involved in any matter of this sort. It is the responsibility of the family concerned to contact the proper person and that Mr. Best has firmly stressed at a special representative meeting that block managers should keep out of these problems.

Water Shortage. Because of water shortage in this camp, it was suggested that something should be done or ought to be done about growing flowers and vegetables. Mr. Huycke suggested that it might be a good idea to take this up at a block meeting and discuss the consequences of water shortage.

General Meetings. Another block manager brought up the suggestion that general meeting should be held once a week instead of once a month. It was said that most of the central meetings are conducted without the presence of caucasian staff, and consequently, many problems go unanswered. Instead of having central meetings

and subsequently ward meetings, this person declared that work could be more efficiently and promptly carried out if a general meeting is held every week. It would then eliminate unnecessary step of ward chairman relaying the message to respective blocks, and the information would be more accurate and complete..

There was another suggestion that meetings be held twice each month, but this did not carry much interest. After much discussion it was finally decided that general meeting of all block managers be held every Wednesday morning from 9:00 A.M.

Weekly Reports. Some block managers insisted that weekly reports are not necessary if a general meeting is to be held every week. What should be reported on weekly report could be brought up at the general meeting. Mr. Huycke stated that it is the administrative policy to have the block managers turn in a report every week, and that it should be followed. Mr. Huycke has promised to answer all problems as much as he can and that he would make inquiries if he is not in a position to answer them himself. It was finally decided that the weekly reports be turned in on Monday of each week and forward to Mr. Huycke for consideration. Mr. Huycke stated that he cannot guarantee answers for each question but will try his best to answer problems.

Typewriters. Typewriters are not available for block office use, and for that matter, all offices are in need of them.

Lumber, Clothes Racks, and Fire Scoops. Mr. Huycke stated that lumber is definitely not available. True, he said, that there are lumber in the yard but those cannot be used without WPB approval. He advised the group to forget about the lumber as it is impossible to purchase. Further investigation of clothes racks and fire scoops will be made by Mr. Huycke.

Recreational Equipment. A request for fund to purchase additional recreational equipment was sent to Washington, but was turned down once. Another request will be submitted to Washington by Mr. Huycke.

Use of Ironing Room. The use of ironing room is entirely up to Community Activities Section. A survey of each ironing room will be made in the near future and a schedule will be set up for the use by entire block residents.

Repairs. Small items such as repairs should not be listed on weekly reports, as they would likely be buried and delayed.

Sewing Machines. It was stressed strongly that sewing machines should be kept in the block office at all times. Otherwise the machines may be taken away from the block.

Fire Protection regulations should be followed and obeyed by all.

Picnics. Mr. Huycke has been working toward securing permission for the residents to go out in groups for a picnic outside the camp limits. He warned that as long as the camp is free of trouble and internal conflicts, there is better opportunity of having picnics.

Installation of Porch Light. Effort will be made to correct this situation.

Japanese Bath. At the present time there is no lumber available for this purpose.

Increasing Janitors in Ward 8. Mr. Huycke stated that he had talked with Mr. Black before he left on a trip, but has not received any answer to date.

Soft Food. A check will be made as to why soft foods are not delivered.

Laundry Room Doors. Doors will not be made on rear end of laundry buildings.

Procedure of Selecting Central Block Manager. After much discussion a vote was taken to determine whether the Central Block Manager should be selected by the block managers or whether Civic Organization should handle it. It was finally decided by a vote of 23 to 29 that Civic be responsible for the selection of a qualified person for the position of central block manager.

As there were no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

*A. Takimoto*

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Approved:

*Yana M. Sasaki*

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER  
July 19, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on July 19, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:20 a.m. Mr. J. Fujino presided.

Attendance Roll was called and the following blocks were recorded unrepresented: Blocks 15, 9, 70, and 73. Messrs. Harry Black, Lorne Huycke, Irvin Lechliter, and Dr. J. Sleath represented the Administration.

I. Lechliter Project Attorney, Irvin Lechliter, was asked to take the floor. He made the following announcements:

Report  
(Spanish  
Consul)

1. Spanish Vice Consul Captain Martin will be on the project around July 28th.

(Board of  
Appeals)

2. Board of Appeals for Leave Clearance will convene on July 28th. Any person who has been denied clearance filed on or before July 14th is entitled to a rehearing before this Board which was set up as an alternative method of granting leave clearance, rather than go through the regular court procedure. Persons who have filed requests after the 14th may be considered by the Board at its first session upon its discretion.

(Denational-  
ization Law)

3. Pertinent to the new legislation which enables an American citizen to renounce his U. S. citizenship, there is much misunderstanding because the newspapers on the west coast publicized that citizens of the Tule Lake Center will be automatically deprived of U.S. citizenship. This is emphatically untrue. This denationalization law does not mean that citizens are automatically deprived. Under the old law, a citizen could not renounce his citizenship by merely filing his request while on American soil unless he committed an act of sedition or he is convicted of sedition against the U.S.; however, under the new law, one can renounce his citizenship on the American soil by making formal written renunciation whenever U.S. is in a state of war. Special forms, which are not yet released, are being worked out by the Justice Department. This request must be signed in the presence of a special officer designated by the Attorney General. Request for expatriation must be approved by the Attorney General before the person making the request loses his citizenship. Before a citizen is permitted to relinquish his citizenship, careful scrutiny will be made especially to young men of draft age. Attorney General will never permit, under the new law, an American citizen to avoid service. It will not be a draft dodging scheme. Those persons who renounce citizenships shall be deemed to have ceased to be U.S. citizen and shall be regarded as enemy aliens thereof. Attorney General will not approve of those requesting expatriation for the reason that he was evacuated. One must perform some overt act. U.S. government will not undertake to give expatriation to those who are doing it for the purpose of evading some duty and not with the bona fide intent to transfer the allegiance.

Question  
Relevant  
to Draft  
Evasion

One of the many questions asked was, "If an American citizen makes out a written renunciation of citizenship, will he be considered as a draft evader?" Mr. Lechliter answered, "Anybody of military age who fills out expatriation request will be taken as an indication of his effort to avoid draft."

Report by  
Dr. Sleath

(Dental  
Program)

(Dietary  
Program)

Dr. J. Sleath was introduced to the body. He mentioned that the newly instituted dental program has relieved the burden of the doctors considerably. At the same time, it has made possible the rendering of all-day service, 5½ days a week. Another program instituted is the dietary aid service, which is subdivided into three general categories; namely, preparation of baby food, serving of supplementary food, and instruction on the preparation and serving of special diets. If there are any complaints or recommendations relative to this dietary program, Mrs. Johnson should be contacted.

Blood Donors Wanted

Dr. Sleath appealed to body for blood donors. Need for blood is especially acute in cases where patients are without families or relatives. If four or five persons from each ward would volunteer, their blood could be typed and card indexed so that in emergency cases they may be called for immediately.

Increase in Hospital Visiting Hours

Dr. Sleath believed that the request to consider the problem of increasing visiting hours to the Hospital was very undesirous because: (1) Relative to the large volume of work being carried by a small staff, further extra work should not be given, if possible. (2) During the visiting hours, wards must be shut down, which means that patients will be deprived of treatments, which otherwise may be given. (3) In order to go through the gate, passes must be issued and considerable time in making the list to be sent to the Internal Security must be taken.

Transportation to be provided to Mothers

A program providing transportation facilities to mothers of pregnancy and mothers with babies, who live in the outlying blocks, is under consideration at the present time, Dr. Sleath continued. According to this plan, Wards II, III, VI, and VIII will be provided transportation. A central meeting place will be set up in these areas to facilitate pick-ups. Notwithstanding, many other suggestions, such as central pick-up station in each ward, rotation system, etc. were suggested. Dr. Sleath emphatically stressed such suggestion would be infeasible due to the already abundant work on the part of the medical staff. After a long and serious deliberation, upon Mr. Takahashi's suggestion, the group assented to Dr. Sleath's plan and to have such executed. If there are complaints subsequently the matter will be handled by a committee. Ward Chairmen of Block Managers were requested to be the committee.

Medical Staff

Upon question raised, Dr. Sleath gave the following information: there are at present three dentists, 75 nurses' aides, six evacuee doctors, and two appointed doctors. When inquired whether there is any possibility of getting doctors detained in the Santa Fe Internment Camp, Dr. Sleath immediately indicated that WRA has no jurisdiction over the Internment Camp. Unless the doctors are released, they will not be available. The body emphatically pointed the need for additional Nurses' Aides commensurate to the number of patients. Doctor then asked the help of the group in soliciting additional nurses' aides. Another 25 could be used, he stated. When questioned, he also stated that re-establishment of block nurses was out of question since Washington placed an employment ceiling. However, plans are being devised to have a traveling hospital unit with a public health nurse and her crew assisting.

Report by L. Huycke

The following report was given by Mr. L. Huycke:

- (Sewing Machines) 1. Whether 150 sewing machines were released and returned to the WRA by Co-op. (Ans.) Machines were returned only on a bookkeeping transaction; however, the machines are virtually in the possession of the Co-op.
- (Transfer) 2. Transfer of relatives and friends to Tule Lake from other Centers. (Ans.) Housing situation is so bad that such are discouraged.
- (Vents) 3. Request of Ward VIII block managers that vents be cut in the end of building. (Ans.) According to Mr. Ricketts, such cannot be satisfactorily made as the dividing partitions in the new area barracks are carried to the roof sheeting, therefore, the vent cut in the end of the building would be useless.
- (Window Guards) 4. Request for window guards be placed on buildings near the three principal diamonds. (Ans.) Materials will be impossible to get; therefore, windows will have to be continuously replaced.
- (Additional Janitors) 5. Request for additional janitor for Ward VIII, because of larger population. (Ans.) According to Mr. Lauritzen, additional work is not necessary because the area and the facilities required to be cleaned are the same. Besides, employment ceiling has been surpassed and the department is faced with a proposal of reducing the present force by half.
- (Malarial fever) 6. Rumor of contagious malarial fever in the Center. (Ans.) Dr. Sleath advises that when outbreaks of contagious diseases are apparent Hospital will take steps to advise precautionary measures
- (Outbreak of skin rashes) 7. Block 46 residents claim that clay from the recently surfaced tennis court is the cause for outbreak of skin rashes in children. (Ans.)

Dr. Sleath states that there is no evidence so far to believe such. He recommends that Block Managers refer children with skin rashes to the Out-patient Department for treatment and advice. In the meantime, irrigation system is being worked out. Calcium chlorite has also been ordered.

- (Japanese Baths) 8. Sanitation angle of Japanese baths. (Ans.) Dr. Sleath informed that they are regularly inspected.
- (Rubber Shoes) 9. Shoes(rubber) for chimney cleaners. (Ans.) Mr. Ricketts informed that such are just unavailable.
- (Larger Shower Tank) 10. Larger men's shower tank. (Ans.) Further justification needed before request is submitted to Washington Office.
- (Plaster Board in Shower Room) 11. Plaster board in the shower room in the old area becoming offensive. (Ans.) These shower rooms are now being re-lined.
- (Mirrors) 12. Request for mirrors in the latrines in the old area. (Ans.) Request will be made to the Washington Office for authorization.
- (Oil for Roads) 13. Oil for roads to prevent dust. (Ans.) Oil servicing of the present roads would be impractical. When additional sprinkler trucks are started, this will reduce dust.
- (Office Supplies for Block Managers) 14. Office supplies for Block Managers. (Ans.) Since the budget for the first quarter was not approved, office supplies office is getting along with a very slim supply.
- (Faucet) 15. Faucet by the basketball courts.(Ans.) The answer is NO because of low water supply.
- (Rotation system of Sewing Machines) 16. Sewing machine be moved by rotation system throughout the block. (Ans.) Machines should remain in the block office so that repairman can get to it.
- (Boxing Gloves) 17. Request for boxing gloves. (Ans.) Gloves will be hard to obtain, however, steps are being taken to organize a boxing class.
- (Change of door exit) 18. Request for changing of door exit in one of the apartments in Block 78, which is next to the nursery school. (Ans.) Contact Miss Durkins again. In view of the many red tapes involved, it was suggested that the occupants move.
- (Installation of lights) 19. Request for installation of lights on the outside of the building. (Ans.) According to Mr. Ricketts, this request will have their due consideration and a request will be submitted to the Washington Office for the installation.
- (Selling of Movie Tickets) Question was raised whether there is any necessity for the Block Managers to handle the sale of movie tickets in view of the fact that people are being admitted without tickets but by paying five cents. Mr. Huycke replied that steps will be taken since this is violation to the fire prevention regulation. Mr. Huycke also announced that instructions from Washington stating that beginning August 1st, salary of the employees will have to come out from the admission charges was received. In other words, WRA is not going to subsidize the movies.
- (Study on Duties & Functions of Bl. Mgr.) Further study on the preliminary devised functions and duties of the Block Managers was referred to the Ward Chairmen.
- Window Screens "All-important as this window screen issue is, pressing itself from every angle painfully upon attention, yet, it has not received a solution to satisfy the colonists. Yes, purchase order for screens has been placed, but will that prevent the mosquitoes from annoying the colonists in these sultry hot summer nights. Supply us with window screens or take preventive measures to exterminate these mosquitoes!" was the conclusive tenacious voice of the body.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

*Mr. J. Black*

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

August 2, 1944

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The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 2, 1944, at 1608-b, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. J. Fujino presided.

Attendance

Roll was called and the following blocks were unrepresented: 41 and 49. Mr. H. Black, Assistant Project Director and Mr. Thomas, acting Supervisor of Community Activities during the absence of Mr. Huycke, were also present.

Report of  
Chairman

Report of the Chairman followed.

(Block Manager's Headquarters-- new name)

1. Change in name of the former Civic Organization to Block Manager's Headquarters was approved by the Administration.

(General distribution of sewing machine needles and bobbins)

2. General distribution of sewing machine needles and bobbins will be made because of the unfair factors which prevailed in the former distribution method. WRA purchase order for needles has not been fulfilled yet; therefore, in the meantime, block residents should assume responsibility in furnishing their own until supply is replenished.

(T. Tomishige, new Ass't. Block Mgr.)

3. Mr. T. Tomishige will assume the position as Assistant Central Block Manager henceforth.

Request for  
Detailed  
Information  
Hospital  
Transportation  
schedule

Mr. Thomas then took the floor and he mentioned in details that the plans submitted by the Ward Chairmen regarding transportation to be provided to mothers of pregnancy and mothers with babies, who live where the distance to the hospital is excessive, should be more specific in its schedule of operation, such as. (1) Route by which the pick-up should be made. The first pick-up should be not earlier than 12:45 and last, not later than 3:00 p.m. (2) Points of pick-up; some definite locations should be specified. (3) Eligibility of patients. The assembled body decided that all block managers whose blocks are within this designated pick-up area should compile data, (census) relevant to the number of patients and submit such to their respective Ward Chairmen.

Gates I & II

Mr. Black spoke at some length regarding the request for the reopening of Gates I and II. Colonel Austin was consulted but he felt that the request was infeasible due to the fact that sufficient men and time to man the posts were unavailable. Request was made to open the gate, at least part of the time for pedestrian traffic, but Colonel Austin has not given any reply yet.

Shoe Ration  
Stamps

Regarding the slow procedure in obtaining shoe ration stamps, from the date of application to the date of receipt, Mr. Proff of the Procurement will start a tracer to locate the bottleneck, Mr. Black reported..

Weekly Reports

In reference to the weekly reports, the following replies were given by Mr. Black:

(Ironing Boards)

1. Block 71's request for the repair of laundry iron boards. (Ans.) Ironing boards were originally installed in the ironing room. If such were taken or removed into the residents' apartments, it is suggested that it be brought back.

(Iron for Mess Kitchen)

2. Block 72 Manager requested one iron for mess kitchen. (Ans.) Request should be made to Mess Operations and necessary adjustment will be made.

(Moving of Heating Stove)

3. Block 10 Manager requested moving of heating stove to near the wall. (Ans.) After permission is obtained from the Fire Dept. a memo and justification will be transmitted to the Maintenance section for their attention.

(No Drains in Women's Latrine)

4. Block 10 reports that there is no drains in the women's latrines. (Ans.) Drains were supposedly installed by the Army engineers when the place was constructed. This will be taken up by Mr. Robertson.

(Accessibility of telephone for public use)

5. Block 58 requests that hole be cut in through the wall to make the accessibility of telephone easier to the public.

(Ans.) Receiver sets are owned by the Telephone Co.; therefore the company may not make such installation where it is accessible to children and irresponsible people.

- (Expediency in the Issuance of Hospital Visiting Passes) 6. Block 58 requests expediency in the issuance of hospital visiting passes. (Ans.) Program is being made in the reorganization of Colonial Police force; therefore, pass issuance may be handled through them by this Sunday or next.
- (File cabinets requested) 7. Ward VII requests file cabinets. (Ans.) There aren't enough to even supply to the Administration.
- (Moving of Coal Dust requested) 8. Block 45 requests moving of coal dust. (Ans.) The matter was referred to Mr. Robertson who informs that a crew with a dump truck will be sent.
- (Expediency in Handling Dental Appointments requested) 9. Block 35 reports inefficiency in the handling of dental appointments. (Ans.) Doctor Sleath mentioned at the last meeting that dental aides were being trained to relieve the situation; therefore, in the near future, the situation may be relieved. Giving numbers to avoid patients from waiting in line was suggested.
- (Chamber pots & laundry driers requested) 10. Chamber pots and laundry driers requested. (Ans.) Chamber pots will have to be provided by the people themselves. Laundry driers can be made available, but survey must be first taken. Housing Department has 100 available at the present time.
- (Complaint: Fine sand from Tennis Court) 11. Block 16 complains about the fine sand which is brought into the block from the tennis court. (Ans.) Request for calcium chlorite has been put in and the supply should arrive today or tomorrow.
- (Repair of Mess Tables requested) 12. Block 66 requests repair of mess tables. (Ans.) Matter was referred to Mr. Hayward.
- (Bicycle requested) 13. Block 77 asks for bicycle. (Ans.) Two months ago request for 10 bicycles was put in. It was turned down by the Procurement Office because there was no fund set up to buy them.
- (Athlete's Foot) 14. Block 77 reports serious cases of athlete's foot and requests medicine. (Ans.) Matter should be referred to the Hospital.

Requests from Floor

Following requests were made from the floor and replies given therein were:

- (Adjustment of Menu) 1. Adjustment of menu to prevent frequent servings of bologna. (Ans.) Food, per meal, was previously 31¢, but now it is 45¢. The matter will be referred to Mr. Hayward.
- (Distribution of buckets and coal shovels) 2. Distribution of <sup>coal</sup> buckets and coal shovels. If unavailable, such be constructed out of wood. (Ans.) (Mr. Thomas). This matter will be investigated. If buckets are available, it will be duly distributed. There are 1200 coal shovels in the Warehouse. (Decision of the body: Shovels be immediately distributed, subsequent to the taking of the survey.)
- (Baby Beds & Mattresses' orders) 3. Confirmation requested regarding order for baby beds and mattresses. (Ans.) Baby beds and mattresses were not ordered.
- (Construction of baby beds requested) 9. Construction of baby beds on the Project requested. (Ans.) Inavailability of materials makes such impossible.
- (Replacement of broken windows) 10. Replacement of broken window glasses requested. (Ans.) The matter will be checked up. Replacement should be made.
- (Frosted windows requested) 11. Frosted window glass replacement requested for women's shower room. (Ans.) The matter will be taken up.
- (Notices requested prior to moving of residents) 12. Sending of notices to Block Managers prior to the moving of residents into certain blocks requested. (Ans. by Mr. Thomas) Permit slips should be going to the Block Managers.

Mr. Tekei strongly reiterated that window screens be provided at once or some exterminating measures to reduce mosquitoes be taken immediately to relieve those residents, especially those living in

WINDOW SCREEN  
requested

the 'Manzanar' area. Mr. Nakazawa, by way of reference, mentioned that in the Rohwer Relocation Center, airplanes were used to spray chemicals to prevent and reduce mosquitoes. Mr. Black stated that he will look into the matter regarding this suggestion. Mr. Thomas promised to look into the matter of oiling stagnant water pools.

Issuance of  
Candles

Mr. Thomas announced that candles are available and issuance will be made to all apartments, as well as Block Managers, subsequent to the completion of the list now being made.

Expression  
of  
Appreciation

Mr. Black expressed his sincere appreciation to the Block Managers for assisting in bringing about the selection of the Colonial Police force. He stated that blocks without representatives (Police) should select them. Plan of organization has been approved by Mr. Best and the force will start functioning soon.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

May Iwohara  
Secretary

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

August 9, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 9, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. J. Fujino called the meeting to order.

Attendance

Following blocks were unrepresented. 4, 25, 26, 30, 32, 36, 46, 47, 49, 50, 53, 59, and 74. Messrs. Black and Huycke represented the Administration.

Correction of  
Minutes of  
August 2, 1944

In view of the distribution of minutes to all Block Managers, the reading of such was dispensed with, however, in the Minutes of August 2, 1944, page 2, subject I, under the caption "Request from Floor", the section reading, "but now it is 45½ ... " was rectified to read, "but now it is 39.5¢ ...".

Introduction of  
Z. Okubo, new  
Co-ordinator

Mr. Z. Okubo, new Co-ordinator of Block Managers who replaced the present Central Block Manager J. Fujino, was introduced and he thereon assumed the Chair. Subsequent to his opening address, he reported the following:

Report of Chair

(Hospital  
Transportation)

1. Hospital transportation to be provided to mothers of pregnancy and mothers with babies who live where the distance to the hospital is excessive, will become effective this coming Friday. Detailed information pertinent to this matter will be transmitted later. Truck and a driver will be furnished by the C.A. (In order to take care of impending difficulties which will be encountered during the course of transporting patients, it was felt that one person to ride with the driver should be hired. The problem being strictly a hospital one, it was felt advisable to refer this to the Byoin Koen Kai.)

(Coal Shovel  
Survey)

2. Coal shovel survey should be submitted to this office by this Thursday, by 5:00 p.m.

(Wedding & Funeral  
Photograph Negotia-  
tion Pending)

3. Negotiation is pending in our proposal to have the WRA resume taking photographs of weddings and funerals. (Mr. Huycke commented that Mr. Bigelow, official photographer of the WRA, will be informed accordingly by memo. He went on to say that large scale picture service will have to be provided by the Co-op.)

Introduction  
of Police  
Officers

Chief Ono's  
Speech

Chief of Police Ono and Assistant Toyofuku were introduced. Chief Ono stated that the pressing demands for service (sending telegrams and issuing hospital visiting passes) necessitated the immediate functioning of the Police Force; therefore, its statement and plan of reorganization have been delayed. Since the colonists are the 'mother' of this organization, Chief Ono, on behalf of the Force, appealed to the body, as well as to the colonists, for its 'nurture' in making it a strong organization operating for and by the people. He also thanked the body for its effort in making possible the selection of the Force.

Requests from  
Floor

Requests from the floor were:

(Dental Service)

1. Mr. Takahashi pointed out emphatically the acute need for dental service. If no other remedial steps can be taken, existing situation was suggested to be solved by temporary transfer of dentists from other relocation centers to relieve the shortage for even a certain period. He cited, by way of reference, the temporary transfer of Dr. Iki of Gila Relocation Center to Manzanar to relieve the situation. (General consensus of the body was to refer the matter for solution to the Byoin Koen Kai (Hospital Committee))

(Ash-cans re-  
quested)

2. Insufficiency of ash-cans allotted to each block will meet inconvenience this coming winter. Before the arrival of winter season, authorities should be requested to furnish two or three additional ash cans to each block. If not in stock, such should be ordered immediately. The colonists certainly do not want to repeat the 'window screen' experience.

- (Request for Construction of wooden railing around the stoves) 3. In view of the impending danger to small children who are prone to burn their hands when stoves are again needed, construction of a wooden railing around the stoves was requested.
- (Request for Solidification of Grounds) 4. Mr. Sumi of Block 75 requested that the grounds in the so-called Manzanar area be solidified by some means. The grounds are so soft and dusty; colonists are inconvenienced greatly.
- (Mishandling of Mail Matters) 5. Mr. Yamamoto of Block 8 stated that the Post Office should be called attention to the fact that they often mishandle mis-sent mail matters. He cited that letters addressed definitely to Block 80 are often delivered to Block 8. Proper notations are marked and returned; yet, such letters are again sent to Block 8. Post Office should be informed to remind some of their clerks to eliminate inconveniences incurred by all parties concerned.

Opinion & Viewpoint of Colonists requested: Matter referred back to Committee Mr. Shirai passed words of Mr. Okutake, Chairman of the Committee of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals, requesting the body to get the general opinion and viewpoint of the colonists regarding a substantial proposal in getting true security and protection of the colonists' lives in the Center. By general assent of the body, it was decided that the matter was a problem for the Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals to take care of.

Mr. Black's Speech Mr. Black spoke at some length that he deeply regretted that language handicap should be such a barrier toward a greater understanding between the Administration and the colonists.

Ward-Basis Reports Suggested In view of noticeable length of Block Managers' meetings, Mr. Shirai suggested that complaints, reports, suggestions, etc., should not dwell on block basis, but should be on a center-wide basis.

Project Director's Attendance Requested Upon Mr. Huycke's question, the body suggested that Mr. R.R. Best be asked to attend the Block Managers' meeting next week. Mr. Hayward was also named.

Mr. Huycke's Report Report of Mr. Huycke was as follows:

- (Request for Moving of Stoves) 1. Request for moving of stoves. (Ans.) The Administration will not move any stoves unless they are fire hazards.
- (Request for Replacement of Needles) 2. Sewing machine needles be replaced. (Ans.) Needles have been obtained and will be issued as soon as possible.
- (Complaint: Slowness in Optical Appointments) 3. Slowness in the process of getting optical appointments, because of lack of working space for the doctors. (Ans.) Dr. Sleath will be informed of this.
- (Leaking laundry tubs) 4. Leaking laundry tubs. (Ans.) They are repairing them.
- (Request for Desks and Chairs) 5. Request for desks and chairs for Block Managers' offices. (Ans.) Desperate attempt is being made to get equipment for new area Block Managers. Best will be done.
- (Request for door and window screens) 6. Request for window and door screens. (Ans.) Request is placed. Awaits WFB approval.
- (Request for Rakes and Shovels) 7. Request for rakes and shovels. (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen will be consulted to give 'chance' to the block residents to use janitors' rakes and shovels when they are not being used.
- (Installation of Lumber Mill Suggested) 8. Suggestion to install a lumber mill in this Project. (Ans.) If necessary implements could be obtained, it may be possible.
- (Request for Partition) 9. Request for partition in the Block Manager's office to have a room for the sewing machines. (Ans.) No chance of getting WFB approval.
- (Complaint: Slowness in return of Shoe Stamps) 10. Request to speed up return of shoe stamps. (Ans.) It takes only two weeks to get the stamps after they receive the request. The situation must be down here; should be investigated.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.  
Respectfully submitted, /s/ Hay Iwchara, Sec.

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

August 16, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 16, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Attendance All Block Managers, except 8 and 47, were present. Messrs. Huycke and Raymond Hayward, a guest, were also present.

Introduction of New Block Managers Following new Block Managers were introduced to the body:

Block 31	S. Tsuda
25	M. Nakamura
35	Y. Horiye
40	S. Kanda
41	Tsukimura
72	Takai

Report of Chairman The Chairman reported the following:

(Installation and Use of Pedestrian Turnstile at Gate 2)

- The installation of pedestrian turnstile at Gate 2 was approved by the Army and the use of the gate during open hours -- 7:15 - 8:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; and 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. -- is restricted to Hospital employees, Hospital out-patients, and High School appointed staff.

(Sewing Machine Repair Schedule)

- Sewing machine repair schedule (days on which sewing machines are to be brought to the Headquarters for repair) is as follows:

	Ward 1	11	111	1V
Aug.	21	22	10, 24	25
Sept.	4, 18	5, 19	7, 21	8, 22
Oct.	2, 16	3, 17, 31	5, 19	6, 20

	Ward V	V1	V11	V111
Aug.	28	29	17, 31	18
Sept.	11, 25	12, 26	14, 28	15, 29
Oct.	9, 23	10, 24	12, 26	13, 27

(Funeral Pictures to be taken without Charge)

- It has been called to our attention by Mr. J. Bigelow, Reports Officer, that funeral photographs will be taken, but not wedding pictures. Two prints and the negative of the funeral picture, without charge, will be supplied to the family.

(Shoe Stamp Application)

- Turn in the applications for Shoe Stamps by August 23, Wednesday. Stamp #20 is good only until November 1st or good until further notice from the OPA.

(Secretary requested to attend meetings in the absence of Blk. Mgr)

- In an event a Block Manager is unable to attend the general meeting, he should duly send his secretary.

(Distribution of sewing machine needles)

- Sewing machine needles have been distributed to each block. (Blocks 29, 54, and 57 reported that such were not yet received.)

(Dental problem)

- The existing critical dental problem is being taken care of by the Byoin Koen Kai (Hospital Committee). In the near future, some salutary outcome may result.

(Post Office Complaint)

- In regard to the complaint raised by Block 8 Manager relative to the mishandling of mis-sent mail matters by the Post Office, Mr. Morimoto states that inasmuch as great amount of mail matters are handled by the Post Office, few mistakes are inevitable in some cases; for instance, frequently, people place the dashes in erroneous places as 8-05-c, when the addressee virtually resides in Block 80.

(Request for circular saw) 9. At the previous meeting, Mr. Huycke mentioned that if saw were available, there would be no trouble in setting up a lumber mill here on the Project. Any person who has such in possession, preferably circular saw, are requested to notify this office.

(Arrival of Clothes Driers) 10. Clothes driers have arrived. Due to some breakages, only 84 were received instead of the originally-mentioned 100.

(Coal Shovel) 11. Since the coal shovel surveys were completed, distribution will be made; however, out of the 1200 available, the survey showed the need for 1330. Distribution will, therefore, have to be on a discretionary basis.

Co-operation Asked In Locating Benches Mr. Huycke asked for the co-operation of the Block Managers in locating some 200 benches which belong to the Auditorium. At one time, 650 benches were in the Auditorium, but many were lost during the last incident. In order to remedy the situation, Ward Leaders of C.A. surveyed each ward, but none was located. Unfortunately, Mr. Huycke inferred, the benches must be in the homes. The Block Managers' kind assistances in locating these were sincerely asked.

Raymond Hayward, guest speaker Mr. Raymond Hayward, Chief Project Steward, was asked to take the floor. He stated that the policy of the Mess Operations Division is to endeavor to take every step in an attempt to order and purchase food which are desired and enjoyed by the colonists, if such items are available and are within the limit of the price allowed. A flavoring product, 'Aji no Moto', were found available, thence, they were purchased and now they are in the course of distribution. On the other hand, some items are wholly impossible to obtain, such as dry muster. Citing an example of complicated difficulties confronted in the process of ordering and purchasing food supplies, Mr. Hayward pointed out that some items, such as 'mochi gome', if such must arrive in time for some specific purposes, must be ordered beforehand.

(Bologna shipment stopped) In view of many complaints, Mr. Hayward revealed that bologna will be entirely ceased from shipment. He went on to say that all the beef that ration points allow are being supplied. From the hog farm, continued supply of pork is being furnished. The source of food supply for the hogs being the garbage from the Colony, Mr. Hayward requested the assistance of the Block Managers in transmitting information that the colonists should pay special attention when disposing garbage, segregating edible from the non-edible. Each hog that dies from eating undesirable food will mean the deprivation of that amount of pork from the colonists.

(Bakery) Mr. Hayward disclosed that the bakery will begin operation in about a week. Applicants for bakers are now being interviewed and more will be interviewed tomorrow at 2:30 p.m. He requested the body to refer any bakers with experience. The bakery being operated solely for the benefit of the Colony, nothing will be sold to the Caucasian personnel, Mr. Hayward emphasized.

(Ice) He continued to state that 300 pounds of ice are now being delivered to each kitchen and such shall be delivered until September.

(Messrs. Hayward & Bello dine in the colony) He also made known that he and Mr. Bello are going around to each kitchen to eat their noon-day meal. He enumerated the following purposes: 1- To see that the mess hall crew is following the menu as closely as possible, 2- To see that plenty of food is being put out on the tables for the colonists to eat, since abundant food supply is available in the Warehouse, and 3- To see that food does not go into the people's homes.

Questions & Answers Some of the questions raised from the floor and replies therein given by Mr. Hayward were as follows:

Q. (Block 78 Manager) Vegetable distribution should be on a fair basis, according to the population. I am informed that when my block receives only one crate of vegetables, the next block receives two.

A. Any time you don't get fair portion, call me up and we will check it up with the produce rationer.

Q. (Mr. Ikeda) Will it be possible to supply 10 pounds of ice to families with babies?

A. Chunks of ice are not sent up in small pieces because it melts. However, that is up to the supervisor to divide that ice in any way possible. For further request, send me a memo.

Q. Children, two or three years of age, are compelled to eat the same food as the adults. They are actually not eating it, unless the parents re-cook it.

A. Only way that could be remedied is to get together with Mrs. Johnson and have her fix out a diet for children between whatever age you specify, and I will order the food that Mrs. Johnson needs for that purpose. If you will send a committee of about three up to me, we can discuss the diet for children.

Q. (Mr. Ikeda) Can you send extra copies of menus to the Block Managers' offices to enable residents to review it?

A. We are sending two copies to each mess, one is supposed to be posted on the bulletin board and one is for the kitchen. (Mr. Takahashi suggested that special instructions to all kitchen reminding them of the above-mentioned order be sent.)

Q. (Mr. Kagawa) Some cooks are cooking food at their own discretion to satisfy the residents. I think, in some cases, the cooking of food should be entrusted to the cooks so that they are not always obligated to follow the menus.

A. That's all right; just so all the food is out on the tables for the residents to eat. Each ward has a Food Committee, which meets every week. Any complaint will be discussed with the members of the Committee because he is the representative of the colonists. We can change anything that is wrong and correct it.

Q. (Mr. Nakamura) Rumors are such that colonists are not getting full portion of ration points and that remaining points are transferred to the Personnel Mess.

A. Such are emphatically untrue. Personnel Mess has its own ration points, just as much as the colonists. It also has its meat-less days, fish days, etc.

Q. Is there any possibility of constructing an extension for shed to shelter the vegetables?

A. Such plan has been talked over with the Construction Department; however, it has to have approval from Washington. It will probably be in the next budget.

#### Ash-cans

Relevant to the request for additional ash-cans to prepare for the winter season, Mr. Huycke explained that when the pits were filled up and ash-cans supplied during the last incident when a child fell into a pit and died, the ash-cans were either taken out to the Mess Halls to replace the garbage cans which, in most cases, were old and unsatisfactory. Mr. Hayward commented that the Mess Operations decided yesterday to replace all those cans which are being used in the pantry for storage of rice, sugar, etc. with wooden barrels. The instruction was given out today. These cans, probably there will be three or four, will be adequate storage space for ashes, Mr. Huycke remarked. According to Mr. Lauritzen, enough men to empty the cans at least once a day are available.

#### Report of Mr. Huycke

Mr. Huycke reported as follows:

(Mosquitoes  
being  
Controlled)

1. According to the memo from Mr. Black, Mr. Jacobson of the Sanitation Unit has informed that all pools of stagnant water have been treated with repellent oil and chemicals to prevent hatching; sacks filled with saw dust saturated with chemicals have been submerged in the J Canal; and mosquitoes caught and examined in the laboratory determined that none of the specimens were of the variety that could carry disease.

2. According to the memo from Mr. Thomas, Mr. Donovan states

that wooden railings for installation around the stoves will be entered in the construction budget for the second quarter.

- (Idle faucets) 3. Block 66 Manager's suggestion to use idle faucets in the shower on the laundry tubs was advised by Mr. Rickets that such could not be changed without the approval from Washington and WPB; additionally, it would be impractical.
4. Mr. Lauritzen's reply in reference to Mr. Huycke's memoranda is as follows:
- (Toilet Paper) a. Additional toilet paper will be furnished to Block 11, if they need it.
- (Laundry trays) b. Request for more laundry trays to be installed in the new area cannot be granted because buildings and equipment were installed by contractor according to plan. The building has all the equipment that it was planned to accommodate. Additional tubs would require more building space and critical material.
- (Water piping) c. Water cannot be piped from shower to laundry room. It requires critical material and the present boiler should be adequate.
- (Cleaning) d. Maintenance Department cleans fire breaks and streets, furnishes janitors for utility buildings but cleaning around apartment buildings is an obligation of the residents.
- (Bulletin Boards) e. Request for additions or alterations should be submitted to Engineers for transmittal to Washington and WPB approval. (This item was in regard to the bulletin boards requested by Ward VIII)
- (Translation of Minutes requested) 5. Block Manager of 48 requests distribution of translated Minutes of the general meetings. (The Chair at this time stated that if sufficient paper supplies were available, such would be feasible.)
- (Painting Block Managers Office) 6. Request to paint Block Managers' offices. (Ans.) Plans are to calcimine the walls.
- (Mops) 7. Request for distribution of Mops. (Ans.) According to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sawada of the Housing, great many were distributed to the new residents throughout the project. (Voice of the body: Mops were not distributed throughout the project, they were merely distributed to the new area residents.) (Mr. Huycke promised to look further into the matter.)
- (Mirrors) 8. Request for mirrors in the old area. (Refer to the Minutes of July 12th and 19th for the answer.)
- (Porch Light) 9. Porch light, which are enclosed by porches should be extended so that the lights would be visible or the porch be removed as requested by Mr. Nakamura. (Ans.) Dr. Opler is making a survey on it. However, extension wires are not available.

Complaint:  
Post Office,

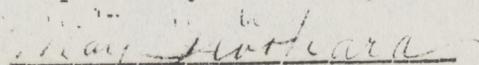
Mr. Takahashi convincingly emphasized that the Post Office should be called attention to the fact that packages containing sugar, candies, and other items, stringent in availability, are frequently missing in original number. He cited that from his son's mail order for electrical materials, a 20 feet lamp cord was missing. Mr. Shirai, at this time, also indicated that Money Order sent in from the outside often does not reach the payee. A formal complaint should be submitted to the Post Office, Shirai and Takahashi strongly reiterated.

Clothing  
Allowance

Mr. Tomishige announced that Clothing Unit had sent a memo stating that according to the regulations, persons, who have their birthday, before the month of July, will remain with the same age until July. Those having their birthday after the month of July will become a year older in July.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
May Iwphara, Secretary

と、二百五十斤から四百斤の豚がコロくと  
死ぬ事があるので、何卒各自充分に注  
意するやう所民一般へ警告されたい。  
WRAでベーカーリーを始める施設が略ぼ  
完成したから、近くコーヒー・キーヤ・ペー  
トリー、パイなどを作つて配給する事と  
ならう。之は日本人諸君だけに配給する  
もので、白人には一つも配らない。現在十七  
名の就業志願者を得てゐるが、充分経  
験ある人は二名だけに過ぎない。自信を  
持つ人々は明日午後二時半に面會に来る  
やうお傳へを頼むたい。所民用として氷の  
メス配給量を増加する事も考へてゐる。  
食糧品は目下倉庫に充分の貯蔵があ  
る。同道で參觀に来られる事を希望  
する。

一、前會議の提案に對する回答

C.A 部長ハイク氏

(一) 蚊退治——窓スクリーンの購入が間に合はな  
いので、臨機の處置として収容所内外及  
び農園附近の水溜りに殺虫剤を撒布  
し、Jキヤナルにはボーフラを殺す殺虫  
剤と油を注ぎつゝある

(二) ストローヴの周圍に手標——子供の火傷

豫防として各戸のストローヴの周圍に手標  
を挿入る積りで豫算を提出したが、第二  
期豫算(七月一日より九月三十日に至  
る)には資金不足で承認を得る事が  
出来なかつた。それでは第二期豫算(十  
月一日より十二月三十一日に至る)に其費用  
を編入すべく提出して置いた

(三) 灰を容れる罐——メスホルの協力を得  
て使ひ古しの罐を三個乃至四個、灰容  
れの罐に充當する諒解を得た。冬に  
なつたら毎日多量のクルーを派遣して  
灰を集めさせる準備がある

一、各區支配人よりの請願事項

及び質疑應答

(茲に省略す。英文議事録を参照さ  
れたし)

區支配人本部事務所

支配人 孫聖治

この日英兩文の議事録を區支配人事  
務所、メスホル及び男女浴室に一部づつ  
御揭示下さるは幸甚に存上げます

# 區支配人會議議事録抜萃

昭和十九年八月十六日(水曜)

一、出席、ウオード議長八名、區支配人七十二名  
一、欠席、二名

一、新任區支配人左の如く紹介される

津田氏(三二) 高井氏(七二) 中村氏(二五)

堀江氏(三五) 月村氏(四一) 神田氏(四〇)

一、報告 大久保連絡係主任

(一) 準備完了次第、外來患者が病院へ通ふ候宜の爲、左の時間たゞ第二番のゲート(高校講堂裏手)を開放する

午前七時十五分より 同八時十五分

午前十一時半より 午後一時半

午後四時半より 同六時

(但し土曜午後及び日曜は開かず)

通行者は外來患者、病院従業員、

高校職員に限る

(二) 裁縫マシンは日割を定め、修繕師が各ブロックを巡回修繕する事となつた(日割は英文の方を御参照下さい)

(三) 華儀の写真眞は新聞檢閲官ビグロー氏に依頼して撮影し得る事となつた。同

氏は實費で印画を複製し、外に印画二枚と原板を遺族に寄贈する由。但し多忙の爲、結婚式写真眞は依頼に應じかねるとの事

(四) 靴の統制券申込締切は八月二十三日(水)である。その有効期限は十一月一日。

(五) 齒の治療申込に關する手續の簡易化に就きては目下病院後援會で改善法を研究中である

(六) センター當局では電気鋸さへ手に入れば所民に依る伐木、製材事業を始め、所民に木材供給の便宜を計つていふと云つてゐる。ブロック内、大小二種の電気鋸と、小型鋸に用ひるモーターを所有する者あらば、取寄せて相當の値段で當局に買上げしめるから申出て頂きたい

(七) 石炭シヤブルの供給を未だ受けざる家千三百三十戸あるが、目下供給し得るシヤブルは千二百個である。少し不足だが、悪しからず諒承の上、宜しく配給方善慮されたい

一、依頼

C.A部長ハイク氏

高校講堂据付のベンチ六百五十個の内四百五十個を貸出し、二百五十個は返して来たが、あと二百個だけまだ返して来ない。これは所民が自宅で使用して居られるものと想像される。是非必要であるから、區支配人諸士は何卒協力して至急集めて頂きたい

一、メス經營方針 司厨長ヘイワード氏

私は外部市場で手に入る物なら何でも買つて配給したいと思つてゐる。現在一人一日の食料は約四十仙に上つてゐるが、四十五仙まで引上げる許可を得てゐる。何分、海外輸送向けの仕入が大きいので我々には思ふやうに仕入れが出来ない。今年末には糯米を配給する積りで既に注文を発した。味の素は既に各メスに配給済である。今後事情の許す限りブロックローニーを止めリヴァー・ソーセイジやサラミを差上げる考である。牛肉は統制の許す範囲で最大限を購入してゐる。センターの養豚所には良い豚を多数飼つてあるから、これから時々豚肉の御馳走をする。併し其飼料になるギャベ

ージの中に食物以外の物をお入れになる

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER  
August 23, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 23, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called and Blocks 27, 28, 33, and 74 were recorded absent. Mr. Thomas, acting Supervisor during the absence of Mr. Huycke, and Mr. W. Lauritzen, Assistant Construction Superintendent, represented the Administration.

TALK BY MR. LAURITZEN

Mr. Lauritzen spoke at some length regarding the operation and the maintenance of his department. He pointed out that during the month of July, a total of 679 requests for building maintenance and 364 requests for operating services were fulfilled; during August, 1608 building maintenance and 1338 operating services. In view of the repetitional submittal of some requests by individuals, block managers, Sanitary Corp, or foremen, it necessitates the process of sorting, which inevitably balks the expected speed with which repairs possibly may be fulfilled. Furthermore, priorities, limited materials, approvals, and other difficulties faced by the department hinder the speed and facilitation of fulfillment. He appealed to the body to arrange some means by which duplication of requests may be eliminated.

REQUESTS

Mr. Nakamura of Block 66 made the following requests, and replies therein given by Mr. Lauritzen were as follows:

(Spray Guns)

1. Spray guns be distributed to the residents to check mosquitoes. (Ans.) Hospital has agreed to treat all stagnant pools and springs. However, spray guns are furnished to the Mess Halls.

(Extension of Chimneys of Laundry Rooms)

2. Chimneys of laundry rooms be lengthened because of fire hazard. (Ans.) Fire Chief has been consulted and he states that even if the chimneys were extended two or three feet above the ridge, there is no fire hazard. In some cases, they have been extended several feet, but that is not necessary as far as the Fire Chief is concerned. Extension of chimney to eliminate smoke will not be effective, because it will not be controlled thus.

Momentarily, Messrs. Yatagai and Ikeda passed words that according to the boilermen, extension of chimneys would tend to burn the coal more easily, which means coal will be saved and it will prove more sanitary, that is, smoke will not annoy the residents of 13 & 14 barracks. Mr. Lauritzen contradicted the foregoing statement for the reason that extension would increase draft, hence rapidity of the burning will be increased and thus break down the boilers. He cited that Hospital chimneys were extended but the result was ineffectual because the smoke came down anyway.

Because of direct entrance of the smoke into the barracks, especially 13 and 14, Mr. Ishihara strongly contended that the chimneys be extended, even two or three feet, for the sake of sanitation, as well as for the prevention of fire hazard. The body decided to send a formal request in writing for the extension of chimneys.

(Window Glass)

3. Regarding window glass, Mr. Black stated that there is a supply of them in the Warehouse; therefore, replacement for broken windows is requested. (Ans.) "I don't know where Mr. Black got the information that there was plenty of glass in the Warehouse. We were out of glass for 30 days. Most windows will require from 10 to 12 glasses. Although we have glass for other purposes, we don't have any for windows. We were out of that size even though we had glass in the Warehouse."

(Porch Light)

4. Requests be fulfilled more rapidly. Some requests were submitted several times, yet, they are unattended. For instance, a request to have porch lights repaired was submitted five times, but it was all in vain. (Ans.) Such should be taken care of sooner. I didn't know about it and I still don't know which block it's in.

LIGHTS IN  
MANZANAR AREA

Mr. Takahashi reiterated the oft-mentioned lights-in-the-Manzanar-area issue. He mentioned that Messrs. Black and Thomas, at the time of the arrival of the Manzanar group last February, had made a statement to the effect that lights will be installed in that area; yet, to this date, six months since, it has not been materialized. Mr. Lauritzen replied that when the WRA accepted the buildings in the Manzanar area, there were two objections; namely, no lights and no screens on the apartments. Hence, Mr. Cozzens was contacted but no substantial result was produced. WRA then submitted to Washington for approval of the installation of lights and equipment, but this too was returned disapproved. It has been submitted twice since.

RECOMMENDATION  
to EMPLOY EX-  
PERTS in PROCURE-  
MENT DEPT.

Mr. Okamoto of Block 83 suggested that if evacuee experts were employed in the procurement department to purchase materials which are stringent in availability, purchasing will not be so difficult. He illustrated that in Manzanar four or five were employed to do that special work; thus, items which were wholly impossible to obtain were available. Mr. Lauritzen explained that inasmuch as conditions were changing rapidly, experts buyers will not be able to take care of the market condition of today. Items which may have been available six months ago may be entirely out of the question today.

(COAL SUPPLY)

Mr. Kawaoka reminded that insufficiency of coal supply experienced in the previous years should not be repeated. Mr. Lauritzen informed that in the past years, labor trouble on the outside had caused the shortage. Fortunately this year, a contract with the Seattle Quartermaster Service was made. The contract will be the same for the Army camp as for this camp; therefore, no difficulties will be met, it is hoped. The Coal Administrator from Washington stated that sufficient coal was ordered and contracted for to carry on the camp for this year, Mr. Lauritzen mentioned.

REPORT BY  
MR. OKUBO

Mr. Okubo's report followed:

(Baby food)

1. Subsequent to the meeting of the Ward Chairmen, Food Committee conferred with regarding special food for babies. For practical solution to the situation, some program will be worked out by the Food Committee.

(Coal Dust)

2. For collection of coal dust, requisition should be duly submitted.

(Ash Cans)

3. Regarding ash cans, refer to the Minutes of August 16th.

(Manual)

4. Revision of Manual is still pending. For reference, manuals of eight centers were asked for.

(Shoe Ration Stamps:  
New Proposal)

(Mr. Fujino)  
5. In order to expedite the delay in processing application for shoe ration stamps, a new proposal to have a member of the administrative staff designated as a member of the Tule Lake Ration Board with the responsibility to handle an allocation of shoe ration stamps here on the the project in accordance with the general policy established by OPA, was approved. The new procedure will be effective November 1, 1944. The applicants must personally call for and sign for their stamps, however, in case of families, one member may represent the whole family and claim their stamps. In this way, shoe stamps may be obtained in three or four days. The body un-animously felt that the new proposal was very satisfactory and advisable.

LOAN OF SPRAY  
GUN REQUESTED

Mr. Thomas, in answer to Block 24's request to borrow spray gun equipment to paint mess hall, latrine, etc., replied that according to Mr. Ricketts, equipment of that nature cannot be loaned. Any authorized jobs must be done by the work crew.

PERMIT FROM  
HOUSING TO  
BLOCK MGRS.

Permit from the Housing to the Block Managers in the event a resident is moved into a certain block has been overlooked, a voice from the floor complained. Mr. Thomas informed that instructions had been duly given to his staff; however, in the event such re-occurs, the Block Manager may send the resident moving in to the block block to the block from which they came from.

MOPS AND  
BROOMS

Mops and brooms for the Block Managers' offices are on the next budget. He also commented that WRA maintains that only initial supply shall be supplied to the colonists. He apologized for the erroneous information that mops were issued to the residents in the old area.  
Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m. Respectfully submitted, s/M. Igihara

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

August 30, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on August 30, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE                      Blocks 28, 29, and 73 were unrepresented. Mr. L. Huycke and a guest speaker, Mr. F. Bagley, Social Welfare Counselor, were present.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR              The Chairman reported the following:

- (Pending Baby Food Proposal)                      1. A survey of children, 2-7 years of age, were taken relative to the pending baby food plan; 1800 children were recorded. Since the survey has been submitted to the Food Committee, it is expected that in the immediate future some practical plan should be devised.
- (Extension of Chimney request submitted)                      2. Request for the extension of laundry room chimneys was submitted in memo form. In compliance, a reply that the above-mentioned has been duly turned over to Mr. Robertson was acknowledged.
- (Coal Buckets & Clothes Driers included in Budget)                      3. In answer to the request for coal buckets and clothes driers, we have been informed that the afore-mentioned items have been included in the second quarter budget.
- (Distribution of Candles)                      4. 65 candles in the old area and 75 in the new were distributed and are still in the process of distribution.
- (Pending Dental Problem)                      5. Dental problem is still pending solution. The matter is being handled by the Byoin Koen Kai.
- (Delay in pick-up of beds, cots, etc.)                      6. Pick-up of beds, cots, etc. by the Housing will be delayed because of the vacation leave being held by the staff.

FRANCIS BAGLEY, GUEST SPEAKER              Mr. Francis Bagley, Counselor of the Social Welfare section, was, upon introduction, received with cordial applause. Two questions, both relating to the layette grants, submitted by Ward VI Chairman, T. Ishihara, and Block Manager of Block 17, S. Ikeda, were read by Mr. Tomishige. One of the questions asked for the clarification of the reason why a certain party, who was expecting a baby, received only \$1.21 when she was informed that \$10.96 was due her when she last visited the Social Welfare Office. At that time, she was also told to come back later to apply for a grant in July (application should not be made earlier than one month prior to the birth of the child). This party's son was born two weeks later; thus, she was not eligible for the grant. Another question asked why \$30 was granted as layette allowance in other Centers, as in Topaz, and only \$15 given in this Center. Afore-mentioned questions were answered by Mr. Bagley as follows: layette grants, like other incidental grants, are given to people who just cannot afford to purchase them: the Welfare section in the WRA is the only agency that gives out layettes: more money for layettes could be given if deduction from other grants could be feasible: the maximum amount of grant which is \$10.96 is based upon the calculation of the Hospital and priced in the Co-op, Sears Roebuck, and Montgomery Ward catalogues: few instances, grant of \$15.00 was given; however, the present maximum is \$10.96; the party who received \$1.21 grant must have had \$9.75: other Centers will be contacted to find out whether they are granting \$30.

(Public Assistance Grants)              Mr. Bagley spoke at some length how public assistance grants are calculated. He stated that WRA uses Department of Labor's statistics. This Department makes continuous study of prices of articles an average family needs; yearly cost of living for certain persons of certain age and sex is also studied. He pointed out that the difficulty confronted here is the fact that the Japanese people do not understand or they are not trained relative to this social welfare service. It is new and strange to them; therefore, they do not understand why some persons are eligible and others not. He also

stated that the average grant of this Center is \$15.50, whereas the average of all the other Centers is around \$7.00.

(Old age  
Pension

Upon question raised, Mr. Bagley replied that old age pension is not allowed by the WRA.

RECOMMENDATION:  
INCREASE OF  
CLOTHING  
ALLOWANCE  
RATE

Mr. Takei recommended that inasmuch as the standard of living has noticeably increased, rate of clothing allowances should be also enhanced. Thereupon, the following resolution was adopted unanimously by the body:

"WHEREAS, the present rate of clothing allowance was fixed upon the basis of commodity prices of some two years ago, which have undeniably changed, making the old rate in-adaptable,

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center, request the proper authorities to increase the maximum amount of clothing allowance from the present rate of \$3.75 to at least \$5.00."

In his concluding statement, Mr. Bagley stated that if there are any complaints or questions from the residents, a note or a memo may be sent to him; if Block Managers have time, visit the Social Welfare Office and get acquainted with the work of the department; workers of the Social Welfare will be asked to stop in the Block Managers' offices and talk to the Managers. What is, blocks in which they work.

BULPIN, NEXT  
WEEK'S GUEST  
SPEAKER

As a guest speaker, Mr. Bulpin of the Motor Pool will be asked to attend the meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

For the Information of Block Managers

First draft of Justice Department regulations under statute providing for voluntary renunciation of citizenship is now being reviewed. Cannot predict date when regulations will go into effect. Will keep you advised.

D.S. Myer  
WRA Washington

September 6, 1944

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The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 6, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:08 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called and Blocks 17, 28, and 38 were absent. Mr. L. Huycke and Mr. Failing, the guest speaker of the day and the Supervisor of the Motor Pool, were present.

T. IDEMOTO INTRODUCED

Mr. T. Idemoto, newly elected Block Manager of Block 29, was introduced to the body.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman made the following report on the activities of the Headquarters:

- (Snacks for Children) 1. Commencing today, September 6, cookies and crackers will be served to the children at three o'clock.
- (Rules & Regulations of Social Welfare asked for) 2. Rules and regulations of the Social Welfare were asked for; therefore, upon receipt of the afore-mentioned, thorough study will be made. In this way, it is hoped that many unclear and dubious points will be clarified.
- (Resolution to Increase Rate of Clothing Allowance forwarded) 3. Resolution adopted by this body relevant to the recommendation to increase clothing allowance rate from \$3.75 to at least \$5.00 was submitted to Mr. Bagley. In compliance, he has sent a reply informing that the resolution has been duly forwarded to Washington.
- (Reasons for Delay in Payment of Pay Checks & Clothing Allowances) 4. (Mr. Fujino reported) Complying with Mr. Sumi's request to speed up payment of pay checks and clothing allowances, payroll unit was contacted. According to them, in spite of the transmittal of vouchers to Portland at least four days subsequent to the end of the month, checks are delayed because of the abundant efflux of check issuance to various governmental workers and because of the handicap encountered in the employment of workers.

REPORT BY MR. L. HUYCKE

Mr. L. Huycke reported the following:

- (Request to go out to Castle Rock denied) 1. Request for permission to go out to the north side of the Castle Rock to get gravel and sand. (Ans.) Administration will not permit that, since special military escort is required and such cannot be provided under the present condition!
- (Cause of odor of Water) 2. Complaint regarding dirty and unpleasant water in Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. (Ans.) Reply from Mr. Ricketts states that new 12" line was installed by the Army engineers and is now in use. Until this line is in use a few days, there will be some taste and odor from the protective coating used on the pipe. However, tests show that purity of the water will not be affected in any way. As soon as the protective coating is flushed, there will be no odor. (At this time, some insects which were caught from the faucets in the Manzanar area were shown to exemplify the actual existing unsanitary condition prevailing.
- (Hauling of Top Soil into Colony not Permitted) 3. Memo from Mr. Robertson reads that in regard to the use of dump trucks on Sunday to haul top soil into the Colony, such cannot be permitted on an individual basis; however, it is the intention of the Operations Division, as soon as the irrigation system is completed, to haul top soil in to each block.
- (Request for Sheet Rocks denied) 4. Request for sheet rocks in ironing rooms and mess halls. (Ans.) It is not our intention to provide sheet rocks for ironing rooms and mess halls. Sheet rocks are another of those scarce items.
- (Request for Mail Boxes) 5. Request for more mail boxes. (Ans.) Will be taken care of.
- (Request for Linoleum) 6. Request for linoleum. (Ans.) This costs too much and just cannot be provided.

RENUNCIATION  
BILL UNDER  
REVIEW READ

Mr. Tomishige read a teletype received from D. S. Myer which stated that the first draft of the Justice Department regulations providing for voluntary renunciation of citizenship is now being reviewed. The date when the regulations will go into effect cannot be predicted.

MR. FAILING,  
GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Failing, the guest speaker for the day, was introduced. Some of the many questions asked of and answered by him were:

(Borrowing of  
trucks for  
special oc-  
casions)

- Q. Will it be possible to borrow trucks for special occasions, such as funerals and weddings, and also for the transportation of nurses' aides in the winter time?
- A. These requests should be made to Mr. Robertson.

(Special Pro-  
visions asked)

- Q. In order to discharge the duties and functions of the Block Managers more efficiently, can you make special provisions in the ruling to give special privileges to Block Managers to ride on any passing truck or car?
- A. That will not be possible.  
(Mr. Huycke commented that Mr. Robertson had high principles that he doesn't believe in discrimination. It would be impossible to distinguish important business from less important ones. Besides, the problem of gasoline must be taken into consideration.)

(Driving Speed  
of Internal  
Security cars)

- Q. Is it permissible for the Caucasians to drive at higher speed? Except in case of emergency, it isn't necessary for the Internal Security cars to drive at high speed.
- A. Internal Security would be the one to answer the question. (Mr. Huycke remarked that a memo should be sent to him to ask for regulations governing police officers.) Speed limit within the Project is 20 M.P.H.

(Driving of trucks  
between barracks)

- Q. Deliveries of small items, a crate of something or a carton, which can be carried, should be made by the driver, since driving through between the barracks is very hazardous to the small children.
- A. The matter will be looked over.

(Sprinkling of  
water alongside  
utility building)

- Q. Is it possible to sprinkle water alongside the utility buildings to prevent dust?
- A. We have no control over that. Only control we have is to issue the trucks. We don't have anything to do as to where the trucks go.

REQUEST FOR  
SPECIAL AT-  
TENTION TO  
STUDENTS NEED-  
ING DENTAL  
CARE

Mr. Miura, Block 22 Manager, submitted a request that some arrangements be made between the school and the hospital to give special dental appointments or care to students. Students cannot possibly wait in line early in the morning for appointments, since they will be ineligible to receive credits if they have three unexcused absences. Many suggestions as to how the problem may be solved were given. However, Mr. Huycke believed that a memo regarding the above-mentioned be sent to the Superintendent of the School.

DENTAL PROBLEM

A prolonged discussion followed relative to the pending dental problem. The body was fretfully nettled at the callous attitude taken by the Administration regarding this critical dental situation.

REQUEST TO  
HAVE CROSSING  
BETWEEN BLOCKS  
58 & 43

Request to fill in the ditch for a crossing for the convenience of those residing in Blocks 58, 59 and 43 was made. Upon indication that a further investigation was necessary, the matter was left pending.

COAL  
DUST COLLEC-  
TION

Coal dustcollection being delayed, it was deemed necessary by the body to send a memo to remind Mr. Robertson of this matter.

REQUEST FOR  
PROJECT DIREC-  
TOR AS GUEST

Decision was again made to request the Project Director, Mr. R. R. Best, to attend the general meeting on September 13th. In an event he is unable to attend, Mr. Bergman of the Plumbing Unit will be asked.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwihara, Secretary

Approved: J. Fujino, Central Block Manager.

*Mr. Black*

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

September 13, 1944

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The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 13, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator, presided.

ATTENDANCE Roll was called and Blocks 7, 12, and 47 were recorded unrepresented.

INTRODUCTION OF MESSRS. THOMAS, MORIMOTO, & HATAGAMI Mr. Joe J. Thomas, the newly appointed Administrative Supervisor of Block Managers' Organization to succeed Mr. Lorne Huycke, was formally introduced to the body. Messrs. S. Morimoto and S. Hatagami, newly selected Block Managers of Blocks 39 and 28 respectively, were also introduced.

REPORT BY MR. OKUBO Mr. Z. Okubo made the following report on the activities of the Headquarters:

- (Sewing Machines Used by Co-op) 1. In compliance with the question raised relative to the 150 sewing machines held by the Co-op, a memo of inquiry and request to have such transferred for colonists' use was sent. Prior to the taking of any action, Washington approval must be obtained, was the reply received in answer to the memo.
- (Snacks for Children) 2. Very satisfactory response is noticed in the Food Committee's snacks-for-children plan. The Committee is expending its effort to continue to make further improvements. In order to relieve the mess workers from doing extra work, help of the mothers will be appreciated.
- (Pending Dental Problem) 3. Relevant to the pending dental problem, a memo requesting for special attention to the school students, as well as to the colonists, was sent.
- (Presence of International Red Cross Representative) 4. Representative of the International Red Cross was on the Project on Saturday. Upon his inquiry, it was made known to him that the colonists were pleased and satisfied with the distribution of Imon-hin (gifts) from the Japanese Red Cross. Information was also received that some 650 prisoners of war were held in Camp McCoy and 100 on Angel Island. These prisoners were captured in the war in the Pacific. It was made known that although written matters may undergo strict censorship, food and articles sent to these held prisoners will be passed with less stringency.
- (Christmas Gifts to Prisoners-of-War) (The body felt that some gifts to those prisoners sent by the colonists would be greatly received and appreciated by them; thereupon, it was the unanimous decision of the body to send something for Christmas. For further detailed ways and means of sending, the Ward Chairmen were referred to.)

REPORT BY MR. THOMAS Mr. Thomas reported the following:

- (Slowness of Service for Optical Patients) 1. With regard to the slowness of service for the optical patients, Dr. H. Marks, Acting Chief Medical Officer, replies that the difficulty lies in the fact that only one set for refractions is available and at present only one man capable of doing refractions is on the job. However, he indicates that further attention with a view of expediting the work in the future will be given.
- (California Fish & Game Code) 2. Mr. J. Bigelow, Reports Officer, informs that the California Fish & Game Code reads in part: "It is unlawful to take birds or mammals with any net, pound, cage, trap, set line or wire, or poisonous substance, or to possess birds or mammals so taken whether taken within or without this state." Minimum penalty is \$25 or 10 days; maximum, \$500 and six months.
- (Repair of Eye Glasses) 3. Mr. Wells, in reply to the question regarding the repair of eye glasses broken by evacuees while on duty, states that there is no provision in the WRA regulations or Administrative Instructions authorizing such. He further states that the rumour probably was founded on the fact that WRA has made Public Welfare Grants to individuals for

the purchase of eye glasses where such individual presented his application based on actual need.

(Mr. Miura cited a case where eye glasses, which were broken in the line of duty in the Maintenance Department, were actually repaired. Mr. Thomas stated that the matter will be investigated further.)

- (Procedure for Inspection and Delivery of Radios)
4. Memo from Mr. Black regarding procedure for inspection and delivery of radios reads in part: WRA technician, George Huntsman, will receive and inspect all radios consigned to evacuees and will make such adjustments as are necessary to remove contraband features and meet the requirements of the Army technician. No charge will be made for alterations; radios arriving by parcel post will be delivered to an Internal Security Officer by the P.O., Internal Security in turn will deliver it to Mr. Huntsman; Mr. Huntsman will advise the Army technician when radios are ready for inspection; Mr. Huntsman will advise the Internal Security when radios have passed inspection. An Internal Security Officer will deliver the radio to the owner; and receipts will indicate each transfer of each radio.

REPLIES TO WEEKLY REPORTS      Replies to the submitted Weekly Reports were as follows:

- (Re-puttying of Windows)  
(Office Hours Signs Requested)  
(Educational programs requested)
1. Request to re-putty the windows. (Ans.) Make such requests to the Maintenance Department.
  2. Request for 'Office Hours' signs. (Ans.) Request will be made to the Maintenance Department.
  3. Request for educational programs or campaign to disseminate information as to the operations of the camp; for example, why lumber are piled out on the outside of the track. (Ans.) The matter will be referred to Mr. Bigelow and Mr. Black.

DISPENSARY CONTEMPLATED      Mr. Thomas revealed that the contemplated well-equipped dispensary in the Colony was duly approved. Suggestion was made to locate such in Block 17 Recreation Hall. The body assembled believed that the proposal was very satisfactory.

MR. THOMAS' REPLIES      Following questions were raised from the floor; replies therein given by Mr. Thomas were:

- (Coal Dust Collection)  
(Special Educational Program for Post-Graduates)  
(Sprinkling of Water)
1. (Takahashi) Coal dust collection be expedited. (Ans.) The matter will be taken up with Mr. Robertson.
  2. (Nakamura) Special educational program be devised to those desiring higher education. (Ans.) Mr. Harkness will be contacted.
  3. Water be sprinkled more widely to avoid dust. (Ans.) Although sufficient water wagons are not available, the matter will be referred to Mr. Robertson.

MR. BERGMAN, GUEST SPEAKER      Mr. Bergman of the Plumbing Unit took the floor. At this time, he disclosed that seven wells and seven pumps supply the water to the Colony. Originally, the Army had set up five, with the storage capacity of one million gallons, based on the estimate of American average of 65 gallons per capita. Moreover, he indicated that enormous water is wasted because of its prodigal use.

(Source of Water Supply)      As for the source of water, Mr. Bergman stated that it is obtained through filtration; that it is difficult to develop large source of water in a volcanic country as this; and that more wells will not answer the water problem in such a geographical formation as we have here.

(Insects Found in Manzanar Area)      Regarding the insects found in the faucets of the so-called Manzanar area, Mr. Bergman said that no argument will offace the reality that the 'bugs' are definitely not water insects because, upon inspection made by the Sanitation Corp and the Public Health, it was found that the insects will not survive in the water.

REASON WHY  
UNPLEASANT  
ODOR OF WATER  
IN MANZANAR  
AREA

Reasons why the water in the Manzanar area had such unpleasant odor was explained in details by Mr. Bergman. He pointed out that the decaying vegetation when combined with the sulphur causes the formation of gas (carbonic) which is the chief cause of the smell. This gas tends to go to the higher area, which is, in this case, the so-called Manzanar area. However, by no means, does this mean that the water is deleterious to the human system, although somewhat unwholesome and unpalatable for drinking purposes.

REQUEST: CHANGE  
OF BOILERS

Request was made to change the boilers in the Women's Shower Room, which is larger, and the Men's, inasmuch as two Shower Rooms are made available to the women. Mr. Bergman responded that such changes could not be made, since every article in every building must remain there. Some other means be devised, he recommended.

MR. SHALLIT  
REQUESTS  
ASSISTANCE

Mr. Shallit of the Social Welfare Department appealed to the Block Managers for assistance in the distribution of P.A. checks. The body heartily accepted.

REQUEST TO HAVE  
CROSSING

Conclusively, Mr. Sumi reiterated the request for the construction of a bridge between Blocks 58 and 59 and Block 43. The ditch is being contemplated to be relined with cement, Mr. Bergman revealed, subsequent to the completion of the plans being worked out by the Bureau of Reclamation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

Approved:

J. Fujino  
Central Block Manager

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

September 20, 1944

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The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 20, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:15 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

In accordance with the agenda for the day, roll was taken. Blocks 27, 28, 38, and 70 failed to be represented. Mr. J. Thomas, Administrative Supervisor, was present.

MR. F. FAGAN,  
SPEAKER

Mr. F. Fagan, Personnel Officer, spoke at some length pertinent to the problems of his department. In his talk, he made known that subsequent to the materialization of the new ruling of reduction of workers per family to two, some 500 jobs were made and created. He emphasized that only three families, despite requested co-operation, failed to voluntarily terminate. He continued to make public that an acute need of nurses' aides is severely felt by the Hospital. Despite the need of 150, only 85 are employed, among which 12 are absent due to vacation periods, he specified. A school to train nurses' aides has been started; however, only six applicants relative to the need for some 40 have applied. Girls and even boys should be encouraged to attend in their spare time, Mr. Fagan urged. He further stated that exception to the regulation to exempt the nurses' aides from the reduction ruling cannot and will not be granted, in view of the fact that the Employment Office deals with the Colony, not with a favored few. He went on to reveal that there are, as yet, some 26 families with no one working, yet having more than seven in the family.

QUESTIONS AND  
ANSWERS

Questions raised from the floor and answers therein given by Mr. Fagan were:

1. (Sumi) Possibility of increase of job opportunities.  
(Ans.) In order to put more men to work, I went down to the Construction Department to ask them to get busy with the canal. So we immediately asked for 100 men. Up to yesterday, we only have been able to get 60 men.
2. (Nakamura) Eventually farmers will be losing their jobs as the winter season approaches. Will it be possible to transfer them to other divisions? (Ans.) We have nothing new to put them into.
3. If there are two in the family working, will it be permissible to have one member of the family working on a part-time basis? (Ans.) No.
4. (Ikeda) Is this reduction ruling a WRA regulation or something else? (Ans.) WRA Tule Lake Policy.
5. (Nagasawa) In order to increase job opportunities, I recommend that the chicken farm be re-established. (Ans.) I suggest that such suggestion be presented to Mr. Best through Mr. Thomas.
6. (Wada) Proportionate to the number of people being terminated, thus creating jobs, and the number of applicants awaiting for a chance, (i.e. if there are 200 applicants and only 100 jobs available) how are you going to fill in the difference. (Ans.) We have 2000 people and no jobs.

NURSES' AIDES PROBLEM Recurring to the problem of nurses' aides, Mr. Fagan asked why people do not apply for position as such. Mr. Takei emphatically informed that the principal reason was the transportation problem. Girls, especially those living in the outlying districts, do not care to walk the distance, especially in view of the impending cold season. It was stressed that if transportation facilities could be provided, solicitation of more nurses' aides will be expedited.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The Chairman reported the following:

- (Regular Meetings) 1. General regular meeting will be continued as usual.
- (Insects found in the Faucets) 2. As for the insects supposedly found in the faucets of the so-called Manzanar area, such were found not deleterious, upon tests made at the University of California laboratory.
- (Gifts to Prisoners of War) 3. The decision made by this body at the last meeting relative to the sending of gifts to the prisoners of war, now stationed at Camp Livingston and Angel Island, will be materialized through proper channels. Mr. Tsuji of Block 11 sent a letter of inquiry relevant to this matter to which the Spanish Consul replied as follows: There is quoted below Article 37, from the Geneva Treaty, as follows: "Prisoners of war shall be allowed individually to receive parcels by mail containing foods and other articles intended to supply them with food or clothing. Packages shall be delivered to the addressees and a receipt given."
- (Shoe Ration Stamps) 4. (Mr. Fujino; Shoe Ration Board has advised that issuance of stamps to children one to two years of age (shoe size, up to ~~7 1/2~~ 4 1/2) which are virtually being used by the adults, will ceased to be issued so.

REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS Requests and recommendations from the floor were as follows:

- (Request for Special Passes or Privilege to visit patients in Hospital) 1. Mr. Takahashi asked if there is any possibility of the Block Managers obtaining special passes or privilege to visit patients confined in the Hospital at any time they wish, especially to visit bachelors who are without relatives or friends. The matter will be taken up with Dr. Murakami; it was informed.
- 2. Mr. Ishihara asked strongly for the increase of ash cans, as well as the expedition of disposal of ashes, in view of the coming cold season.
- 3. Quantity of delivered kindling wood be increased, was the strong request of Mr. Sumi. He specified that, upon curiosity, he counted only 424 pieces of kindling wood which were delivered to his block; in other words, only one to two pieces average were available for distribution.
- 4. Mr. Ikeda requested the distribution of coal buckets, if such are available; if not, wooden ones will serve the purpose.

FORMATION OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE UNACCEPTED Upon suggestion raised by Mr. Shirai to form a Research Committee from this body, vote was taken. As a result, the suggestion was not accepted.

REPLIES TO WEEKLY REPORTS Replies given by Mr. Thomas to the submitted weekly reports were as follows:

(Removal of Coal Dust)

1. Will it be possible to remove the coal dust from those blocks requesting such removal within the near future?

Ans. Garbage crew is now working on the coal dust, but the speed in which they can do this will be determined by the amount of available time that they have. The only way in which the dust removal can be speeded up is by the use of the coal trucks when they become available.

(Painting of Apartments)

2. Has the painting of apartments within the colony been approved? If so, how soon will this work start?

Ans. Yes, this has been approved, but no labor costs are to be expended in applying the paint. The work in painting the buildings will have to be done by volunteer labor. WFB approval yet to be received before paint can be issued.

(Sprinkling of Streets)

3. Can streets around Ward 8 and Block 59 be sprinkled at regular periods?

Ans. Mr. Christenson states that instructions will be given to those watering the streets to include the roads around Block 59 and Ward 8.

(Sprinkling of Basketball Courts)

4. Will it be possible to sprinkle the basketball courts in each block at regular intervals?

Ans. In talking to Mr. Christenson it was his opinion that the watering of the streets should come first and that the courts could only be watered when time and equipment permitted.

(Post Graduate Courses)

5. What possibility is there of having classes in post graduate work started in our center school?

Ans. In conferring with Mr. Gunderson, Principal of the Center School, I was informed that post graduate courses are now being given. I was further informed that Junior College courses cannot be given for the following reasons:

- a. Such courses would not be accredited under the California School laws.
- b. Appropriations for necessary equipment, supplies and teachers are not available.

(Linoleum)

6. Will it ever be possible for the apartment floors within the colony to be covered with linoleum?

Ans. Was once entered in the budget but was not approved. This will be entered in the next budget.

(Street Lights)

7. Can street lights be installed in Ward 8?

Ans. Approval for the installation of these lights are being rushed to Washington for approval and should not take too long for the approval to be granted. Mr. Booker states that this is a "lust" order and that it will not take long for it to be approved.

(Repair of Eye-Glasses)

8. Can broken eyeglasses be repaired or replaced at government expense?

Ans. No. Although this might have been done in a case or two it was so done without authority of any kind and the person who

so authorized the work did so at his own risk. This was answered by Mr. Wells.

(Dogs running  
freely be  
Checked)

9. Is it possible to require the residents of the colony to keep their dogs in check and not allow them to run freely any place in the colony?

Ans. According to Dr. Marks there is nothing that can be done about this except in cases where people have not had their dogs inoculated; Cases where it is definitely known that dogs have not been inoculated should be reported to the police and these dogs will be picked up and disposed of.

(Educational  
Program of  
the Operations  
of the Camp)

10. Can an educational program be started in order to bring to the people of the colony a better picture of functions and duties of the different departments and the problems with which each department is faced in carrying on their program?

Ans. This has been referred to Mr. Bigelow of the Reports Office and he expressed himself as being highly in favor of this. He stated that the Welfare Department was now running a series of articles in the Newell Star and that he would suggest that the Block Managers make a list of subjects that they would like to have covered in future issues of the Newell Star.

(Dental Ap-  
pointments  
for Students)

11. Can special attention be given to students for dental appointments which would enable them to carry on their school activities without being absent from school.

Ans. Dr. Marks states that one of the evacuee dentists is now preparing an answer to this question and that a copy will be sent to the Block Manager's Headquarters.

(Dry Blood  
Plasma)

12. Can dry blood plasma be secured in place of wet plasma.

Ans. The Army has complete control over dry plasma and this is not available to the general public. The dry plasma is not available to the hospitals in general throughout the country and therefore is not available to the hospital here on the project. It is possible that some individuals have been able to secure dry plasma on the outside but this undoubtedly is "Black Market" stuff and it is a certainty that the WRA would not approve of buying through such a source.

(Gate #3 be  
opened for  
Farm Workers)

13. Can Gate #3 be opened to Farm Workers living in the Manzanar area?

Ans. This question has been turned over to Mr. Jarret for his study and recommendations. An answer should be received soon. The major problem here will be in securing Army approval.

(Fence around  
Stoves)

14. (Block 5) Is it possible to build a fence around the office stove?

Ans. Mr. Ricketts and Mr. Donov both state that such construction cannot be accomplished at the present time. They state that if one were built that immediately other requests would come in thus involving a large construction project and this could only be done after such an item had been in-

cluded in a budget and approved.

(File Cabinets) 15. Can file cabinets be constructed for the Block Manager's Office?

Ans. There is a definite need for these cabinets. Mr. Donovan states that this item was included in previous budget estimates and that it was thrown out. I will see that it is included in the next budget and that a strong justification is written.

(Mirrors) 16. Can mirrors be installed in each latrine?

Ans. No answer yet.

(Plastic Boards in Mess Halls) 17. Can plastic board be placed on the walls and ceiling in the Mess Halls?

Ans. Mr. Donovan states that this has never been approved and therefore Construction cannot authorize the installation of such boards on the walls and ceilings.

(Platform for Garbage cans) 18. Can a platform, truck body high, be built for garbage cans?

Ans. Mr. Ricketts states that the approved style of platforms are now being constructed by the Maintenance Department and that any other type cannot be built.

(Sanitation and Regulations for Mess Workers) 19. Mess Workers and sanitary rules and regulations.

Ans. This has been referred to Mr. Hayward for what ever action he deems necessary.

20. Bicycles be furnished.

Ans. The present plan is to take all excess bicycles and turn them over to the Motor Pool. Such will be issued as any truck or car. Proposed plan is to use 1808 as the station. Additional bicycles, however, have been ordered.

Mr. Thomas then announced that Mr. Best and Mr. Black had informed him that Block Managers be advised to submit requests of any nature to other divisions through the proper channels; that is, through the Headquarters and then through Mr. Thomas. He also stated that announcements to be made in the Mess Halls should have the prior approval of the Headquarters.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

Approved:

J. Fujino, Central Block Manager

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

September 27, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on September 27, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator, presided.

ATTENDANCE Roll was called; Blocks 11 and 50 were recorded absent. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

MR. GUY BOOKER, GUEST SPEAKER Mr. Guy Booker, Office Engineer, was introduced as the guest speaker for the day. He outlined in details as to the work of his department. He informed that the third quarter budget will soon be coming up; therefore, he suggested that any recommendations, which the Block Managers would like to make for alterations or constructions of rooms, should be given sometime in October.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Questions asked of and answers given by Mr. Booker were as follows.

- (Lights for the New Area) 1. (Thomas) Have you heard anything about the lights for the new area? (Ans.) Request for the lights has gone in. A copy has been sent to the WPB in San Francisco asking for approval, so that we can get faster action.
- (Uniformity of Office) 2. (Nakamura) Uniformity of the Block Manager's office was requested some time ago. Installation of closets was also requested sometime last spring. What steps are being taken? (Ans.) Closets are in the Budget, but it will take some two months before such can be started. Closets were put aside while we worked on the irrigation system.
- (Installation of Closets)
- (Window Screens) 3. (Takahashi) What has become of the window screen request? (Ans.) I don't know. Mr. Lauritzen is handling that. From the health and sanitation angle, it comes first. Dr. Marks said that he will approve window screens from the sanitation point. Window screens will not take much time, just so we get the approval.
- (Improvements of Latrines, Shower Rooms, etc. in Old Area) 4. (Kawaoka) Request for improvements of the latrines, shower rooms, boilers, etc. in the old area was submitted about six months ago. Please tell us, what steps have been taken regarding them? (Ans.) I don't know whether any steps were taken.
- (Men's Shower Room Boilers) 5. (Ito) In view of the small boilers in the men's shower rooms, it is my urgent recommendation to utilize somehow the boilers in the laundry rooms. (Ans.) Have the recommendation written up and present it to Mr. Robertson.
- (Insufficiency of Playground facilities) 6. (Takei) Children's playground facilities are insufficient (Ans.) The item was turned down. Mr. Robertson, however, is having me prepare another one for re-presentation. It amounts to \$18,000, which includes nursery school program.
- (Publication of Budget in the Paper) 7. (Kawaoka) The budget, which will be submitted, should be published in the paper in details. (Ans.) Make that request to Mr. Robertson. I wouldn't be an authority to do such.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN The Chairman reported the following:

- (Special Visiting to Hospital Denied) 1. Reply in compliance with the request made by Mr. Takahashi at the last meeting to give special passes or privilege to Block Managers so that they may visit patients at any hour. was that special privilege as requested could not be given; however, in any event visiting is necessitated, the Chief Nurse should be called. In this way, necessary steps for visiting will be taken.
- (Pick-up of Farmers at the East Gate) 2. As to the matter regarding the picking up of the farmers at the east gate, Mr. Thomas informs that Mr. Best and Mr. Black have tentatively agreed to permit the pick-up of the farmers from the Manzanar Area at a closer point to their homes and at the same time stated that Mr. Jarret should work out the details. Mr. Jarret states he has been working with the Army to make the necessary arrangements in order to meet the request of the farmers but there are few details left to be taken care of, such as, loading of the trucks as to specific work crews.
- (Additional Garbage Cans for Ash Disposals) 3. Regarding obtaining additional garbage cans for each block for ash disposal purpose, Mr. Hayward states that he has a large number of these in the warehouse and that they are being turned over to the Maintenance department for reissue.

- (Shoe Ration Application Deadline - October 20)
- (Gifts to P.W.)
- (Sewing Machine Needles ready for Distribution)
4. October 20, 1944 is the deadline for the turning in of the shoe ration applications. Stamps marked 'indefinite' may be used as written. It was previously written in the Newell Star that such stamps will be void after October 31st; however, the afore-mentioned is hereby rectified.
  5. The matter regarding the sending of gifts (Imon-hin) to prisoners of war is pending decision by the Ward Chairman.
  6. Sewing machine needles have arrived. (It was the decision of the body, at this time, to have the needles distributed equally at once, instead of issuing them when broken.)

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

- Requests made from the floor were as follows:
- (Office Supplies)
- (Delivery of Parcel Posts to Block offices)
- (25 amp. Fuse)
- (Electricians on 24-hr. basis)
- (Increase in Distribution & Delivery of Kindling Wood)
1. Issuance of more supplies for Block Manager's office use. (Mr. Thomas replied that he will take the matter up with the Office Service Department.)
  2. Delivery of parcel posts to Block Manager's office for the convenience of those working and those who are old. (Decision: a memo will be sent to the Post Office.)
  3. Request for 25 amp. fuse, instead of the used 15 amp. Also, recommendation to have the electricians work on a 24-hour basis to meet emergency. (This request and recommendation was made by Mr. Nakamura of Block 12.)
  4. Increase in the distribution and delivery of kindling wood, was requested by Messrs. Sumi, Nakamura, Okamoto, and Nagasawa. At the same time, it was requested from the floor to advise the Maintenance Department to notify the Block Managers before unloading the kindling wood.

REPORT BY MR. THOMAS

Mr. J. Thomas gave the following replies to the submitted weekly reports:

- (Buckets)
- (Mirrors)
- (Wheelbarrows)
- (Swinging Gate at Gate #2)
- (Outing Trips for Students)
- (Scrap Lumber)
- (Light Bulb Service)
- (Platform in Front of Urinals)
- (Clothes Driers)
1. What is the quantity of buckets on hand that may be issued as coal buckets? (Ans.) 200 that are available for issue.
  2. Is there any possibility of getting mirrors installed in the latrines? (Ans.) A wire is being forwarded to Washington requesting approval. If such approval is granted these mirrors will be purchased out of this quarter's Maintenance Budget. However, if such mirrors are forthcoming, they will be issued to the Block Managers as the responsible party.
  3. Block 75 has only three wheelbarrows, can they be issued additional ones? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen replied that only two were originally issued to each block. There are additional ones on hand at the present time and these may be declared surplus and issued to the blocks at a later date.
  4. Can a swinging gate be installed at Gate 2 so that a woman with a baby buggy may pass through? (Ans.) It was suggested that the women leave the buggies at the gate, that they carry the children from there, that this is only a short distance. The turnstile gate was that requested by the people of the colony, in the first place, and such was installed. A change in the style of gate cannot now be made.
  5. May children attending school be permitted to go on outing trips outside the camp limits? (Ans.) The permission of all colonists to go outside the camp limits falls under the jurisdiction of the Army. On a number of occasions they have been asked to provide escorts and their reply has always been to the effect that they hardly have a sufficient number of men to provide escorts for the necessary work crews. It is apparent that as long as the Army has control over residents going on the outside will not be permitted.
  6. May the scrap lumber from the furniture factory be turned over to the colonists for use in making odds and ends? (Ans.) This scrap lumber is now being used according to Mr. Robertson.
  7. Can light bulb service be made once a week rather than once every two weeks? (Ans.) Mr. Roper has been contacted about this and he stated that an attempt will be made to give better service.
  8. Can a platform be built for children's use in front of the urinals? (Ans.) A request for the construction of such platforms should be addressed to the Construction Division through the Headquarters. Mr. Robertson states that they can be built.
  9. Can clothes driers be provided? (Ans.) 800 of them have been entered in the budget; however, it is still unapproved.

SOAP DISTRIBUTION

Mr. Thomas then revealed that soap distribution will take place within two or three days to each man, woman, and child.

ANNOUNCEMENT  
BY MR. THOMAS  
RELATIVE TO  
THE DISTRIBUTION OF WRIT-  
TEN MATTERS  
(UNAUTHORIZED)

Mr. Thomas stated the following: "Bulletins or pamphlets or other written matters have been posted or distributed without the sanction of the Block Manager's Headquarters. It spreads rumors and sometimes unfounded rumors, which makes the problem more difficult. I don't know exactly how that can be stopped. I like to have you people warn the people of the block. Any such action on their part is being done without any authority whatsoever. It might become necessary to have the Administration take definite action against that practice. Anything should be and has to be officially cleared through this Headquarters." Immediately following this announcement Mr. Yamamoto of Block 8 contended that such statement as made by Mr. Thomas would tend to place the Block Managers on a 'tough spot' inasmuch as no one knows when and how such pamphlets or circulars are posted or distributed. Therefore, he suggested that such be made clear through the NEWELL STAR. The suggestion made by Mr. Yamamoto was unanimously agreed and accepted.

DECISION OF  
THE BODY

RESOLUTION:  
FORMATION OF  
SPECIAL CREW  
FROM FARM TO  
REMOVE COAL  
DUST

Immediate removal of coal dust was the urgent request of the body assembled. It was suggested by Mr. Thomas to form a voluntary crew from each block to remove the coal, since the Motor Pool is willing to furnish the trucks and the drivers during the week days after 3:00 p.m., as well as Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Notwithstanding, it was the general consensus of opinion of the Block Managers to form a special paid crew from the farm crew, who will be terminated about a month later. Thereupon, the following resolution was drawn and unanimously passed:

"WHEREAS, the dumping of the coal dust in each block is not being done promptly due to the lack of adequate crews to do the special work,  
"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center, request hereby the proper authorities to form a special crew, consisting of the present farm crew and utilizing the farm trucks when the harvest of crops is completed and the crew are terminated about a month later."

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwihara  
Secretary

Approved:

J. Fujino, Central Block Manager

# センターの問題

昭和十九年九月廿七日

區支配人會議議事録抜萃

## 新しい設備と修理の問題

設備豫算部長ブツカー氏

総べての新しい設備及び新しい材料を以てする建築物修理に関する豫算の編成者たるカイ・ブツカー氏は本日の會議に來賓として招かれ一場の挨拶をなしたる後、左の如き質疑應答を行った。

### 第三期豫算

明年一月一日より三月三十一日に至る第三期豫算の作製は今後六週間以内に完了し桑港のWPB(戰時生産局)の承認を経た上で華府のWRP本部に申請

するものであるから、希望の新設及び修理事項は十月中に申込まれたい  
新築区域の街燈  
(問) 其後此問題はどうか  
(答) 華府に請願してある。尚、一層迅速を期する為には桑港の

WPBにも右請願書の寫しを送つてある。

### 浴室のボイラー

(問) 第一、第二、第三、第四のウォードに於いては男子浴室のボイラーが小さ過ぎて冬期に入れれば湯が不足となる。大きなボイラーと取換へる事を若しWPB又は華府WRP本部が承認しないならば、鉄管の代りにコンクリートパイプを洗濯室より浴室に通じ、夜間不要な湯を利用し得るやうにしたい。

(答) 文書を以て請願して頂きたい。ロバートソン副所長に提出してみます。  
子供の遊び場  
(問) 各區に子供の運動器具や娯樂設備を備へる費用は豫算に組まれてあるか。

(答) あの豫算は却下された。併し此事はロバートソン副所長が非常に熱心で、其指圖に依り私は豫算を再び提出した。豫算額は一万八千弗であり、幼稚園増設費を含むものである。

## 事務報告

大久保連絡係主任

### (一) 農園就働者と東門

農園就働者を東門で乗車せしめる提案はベスト所長もブラック副所長も暫定的に同意して居り、ジャレット農業管理部長も同意で、自ら軍部と交渉中である。但し特定の人のみと此方面のトラックに束せる手配りの問題が残されてあるだけ

(答) 私の一存では請け合へないが、文書を以て提案されたら、ロバートソン副所長の許可を得て公表する事が出来るかも知れぬ

### 豫算の公表

(問) 吾々の請願した事が豫算に組まれておると安心してゐると、さうでないかと後で判つて失望する事が多い。部門別の新規豫算明細書を公表して貰へないか

### (二) 灰 罐

灰を捨てるギャベリン罐を増加配置する件に就いてメス管理部のヘイワード氏が倉庫内に保管せるギャベリン罐をメインテナンス部に引渡し申である。  
(三) 靴統制券。  
十月二十日が申込期限である。「無期限」と書いた統制券はいつまで

### (四) 裁縫ミシンの針

も使へる事になつてゐる。  
ミシンの針が到着した(従来、折れた針と引替に新しい針を配給してゐた制度を止めて今回は一度に各區に平等に分配する事に決議す)

### (五) 病院訪問

區支配人の特別臨時訪問は許可にならなかつた。然し最悪の場合には區支配人本部を通じて手続きをする事が出来る。

# 議場より望望の開陳

(一) 小包郵便を老人及び就働中で郵便局へ行けない人々の爲にブロックまで配達するか、若しくは遠方の地域に支局を設けられたい。  
 (二) 電氣。十五アムペルと交渉する事に決定す。

(三) 薪の配給を増加し分配を公平ならしめよ。  
 (四) 薪の増加はツラツクの関係上望み難く、分配の公平は區支配人に一任する。但しツラツク探縦者がツラツクから薪を卸す前に區支配人に通告するやうにメーテナス部に通知する事に決定す。

## トーマス監督の回答及報告

(一) 認可なき印刷物。近來、區支配人本部の認可なき告示、パンフレット等の印刷物が揚示又は配布されてゐるが、之は種々の流言飛語を蒔き散らす結果となり、問題を益々困

難ならしめるものである。如何に之を根絶したらいふかを私は知らぬ。何卒諸君から部落の住民に警告を發して貰ひたい。彼等は何等の認可無くしてやつてゐる事である。或は當局自ら

である。且又この印刷物が揚示され配布されるが、それを一々監視する事も困難である。故に斯る聲明は吾々に對して爲さずに鶴嶺湖新報を通じて一般住民に對して發表されたい(第八區山本支配人)  
 (決議) 區支配人會議は山本支配人の提案を支持し満場一致を以て賛成し之を承認するものなり。

(二) 粉炭取捨と  
 特殊就働團組織  
 各部落のコール・ダスト搬出は諸君の喫緊なる要望であるが、自動車管理部で毎日午後三時より土曜、日曜も午後半日、ツラツクと運轉手を提供するから、部落から自発的奉仕團を組織

し粉炭を掻き集めて貰へないか。  
 (提案) 奉仕労働の先例を作るのは良くなる。約一ヶ月もすれば、農閑期となり農園就働者が休職となるから是等の人々を以て有給労働團を組織し農園専用ツラツクを使用し粉炭搬出に従事せしむるやうに請願すべし(提案者数名)

(決議) 左の決議をなす事とする。  
 センター當局に提出する事とする。

決議文  
 『各部落に堆積せる粉炭取捨ては適當なるクルー無き爲、迅速に實行されざるが故に、鶴嶺湖區支配人會は現在の農園就働者が農閑期に入り休職となるを符せて是等の人々を粉炭クルーに轉出せしめ、農園専用ツラツクを使用して粉炭取捨ての迅速を期するやうに當局に請願すべし。』  
 右決議す。

## 區支配人本部事務所

本部支配人 藤野治之助

◎感謝表彰。第三十三區支配人伊藤藤代次郎氏は今回引退に際し部落民から感謝状と贈られた

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

CENTER

October 5, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 5, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:20 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE

Roll was called; the following blocks were recorded absent. 37, 67, and 82. Mr. M. Stalley, C.A. consultant from Washington, Mr. M. Maruyama, new C.A. supervisor, Mr. G. Nakamura, Assistant Supervisor, Mr. D. Sanborn, and Mr. S. Owens were special guests. Mr. J. Thomas was also present.

SELECTION OF  
SITES FOR  
WARD PLAYGROUNDS  
REQUESTED

Upon introduction of Messrs. Maruyama and Nakamura, the former took the floor and asked for the cooperation of each Block Manager to select an appropriate site for a ward playground, which was requested to be turned in to the C.A. office or Ward Leaders by the end of this week. Plans to start tournaments--basketball, volley ball, bridge, goh, shogi, etc.--on a ward competition basis are under way, he revealed.

REQUESTS &  
RECOMMENDA-  
TIONS

Requests and recommendations from the floor were as follows:

(Partitioning of  
Ironing Rooms)  
(Lumber & Nails  
requested)  
(Playground on  
Block Basis  
Recommended)  
(Special Consider-  
ation be given to  
Man. area)

1. (Takahashi and Wada) Partitioning of the ironing rooms to divide children's playroom from the adults'.
2. (Takei) Lumber and nails be provided to construct courts for basketball and volley ball.
3. (Ikeda) In view of the handicap which will be inevitably met by smaller children, swings and other facilities for smaller children be constructed on a block basis instead of ward.
4. (Okamoto) Because of the 'peculiar' construction of barracks in the Manzanar area, special consideration be given when planning playgrounds.

REPORT OF  
CHAIRMAN

The Chairman then reported the following:

(Delivery of  
Parcel Post)  
(Unused Cots)

1. Regarding the recommendation to have parcel posts delivered to the block offices, WRA approval was obtained; however, Army consent is yet to be received.
2. Housing has requested that all unused cots be turned in.

M. STALLEY  
INTRODUCED

Mr. Marshall Stalley was introduced and received with cordial applause.

S. OWENS'  
TALK

Mr. S. Owens, Fire Protection Officer, announced that the Fire Prevention Week will be observed during the week of October 8th to 14th; therefore, the entire community is being asked to join together in a common effort to eliminate common causes of fire within our own control. He continued to say that periodically throughout the year the Fire Department feels the necessity to intensify its effort to eliminate some of the causes of fire and emphasize to the people the necessity for their cooperation in eliminating fire hazards. This center has a much higher hazard or danger of fire or frequent occurrence of these conditions than any other average community because of the extreme dryness of the area and the remote distance of the project from the other community for help in case of fire, he stated.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Despite Mr. Takahashi's stressed request for glass chemical bulbs with anti-freeze and large water barrels between barracks, Mr. Owens contended that such were ineffective because of the impossibility of replenishment when one is thrown at the fire; whereas, the type of extinguishers used in this center at the present time can be refilled immediately and used again. As far as anti-freeze is concern, the Department is planning or rather placing such in, this week. Mr. Owens believed that the use of fire barrels was rather primitive and impractical since the question of buckets must be solved, in the first place.

D. SANBORN

Mr. Sanborn of the Administrative Police, upon taking the floor, warned that additions to the buildings were being made in spite of the previous instructions given, especially in the Manzanar area. He disclosed that regretfully there were some misinterpretations and misunderstandings regarding this and some have gotten into trouble. If there are any doubts, consult the Administrative Police, the Administration, or Mr. Thomas, he advised.

FIRE PREVEN-  
TION WEEK --  
Mr. Thomas  
announces

Mr. Thomas then reiterated and supplemented the statement made Mr. Owens in regard to the Fire Prevention Week. He stated that there are ways by which the Block Managers could assist in carrying out this program; that is, by bringing the importance of it to the attention of the people. In order to ease the job, a contest will be conducted next week, which will be on a ward competition basis, instead of colony-wide basis as undergone last year. Prize will be a special dinner to the block which has met the judges' requirements. As for the collection of rubbish, Messrs. Bulpin and Lauritzen are working on a plan whereby arrangements will be made to pick up such next Saturday or Sunday, Mr. Thomas disclosed.

REFLIES TO  
WEEKLY RE-  
PORTS

Replies to the Weekly Reports submitted during the past week was given by Mr. Thomas as follows:

- (Inavailability of project figures of second quarter budget)
1. May the second quarter budget be made available to the Block Manager's Headquarters, in detail? (Ans.) All project figures are handled by the Administrative Management Division and we are concerned only with the Operation Division figures. The project figures, as prepared by the Administrative Management Division, are not available to the colony. However, we will be glad to explain any item in which the Block Managers are interested. (Mr. Robertson's answer.)
- (Installation of larger hot water tanks denied)
2. Can larger hot water tanks be installed in the men's shower room? (Ans.) The War Production Board will allow the replacing of existing heating equipment with the same size only. Also, this is standard Army Camp facilities and thousands of our troops have lived and are living in the same camp as this construction and got along quite nicely with the bathing facilities as provided. Answer by Mr. Bergman.
- (Issuance of pass to go out to Farm approved)
3. Will it be possible for an instructor to be issued a pass to go to the farm for a period of a month or two for the purpose of making 'daikon' pickles? (Ans.) Yes, permission for this has already been secured.
- (Partitions moving and installation unapproved)
4. May partitions be moved or installed for the convenience of the individuals concerned? (Ans.) No. Many requests have come in for the moving of partitions or the installation of new ones. This type of construction can only be accomplished when extra rooms are needed for separate families. Only a limited number of partitions are allocated for each quarter and these are needed to make necessary adjustments between families.
- (Double Partitions not possible)
5. May double partitions be constructed where they do not exist at the present time? (Ans.) Although there are many apartments within the colony which have double sheetrock, it will not be possible to have this type of construction carried on in the remaining apartments. This is due to the shortage of the necessary material and the present administrative policy.
- (Establishment of branch Post Office felt desirable)
6. Will it be possible to establish a branch post office for the purpose of delivering parcel post? (Ans.) In talking with Mr. Proff it was decided that the establishment of a branch post office seems desirable. However, it was felt that the people of the colony should make all necessary arrangements for the site to be used. As soon as a 24-foot room is made available, the necessary arrangements will be made to establish a branch office.

IMON-HIN  
to  
Prisoners of  
War

Finally, Mr. Okubo announced that the Executive Gift Committee, composed of ward chairmen, has selected mochi, okoshi, daikon-zuke, zori, cigarettes, and other articles, as gifts to be sent to the prisoners of war. Many other items were suggested; however, the body unanimously approved of the selection made by the Committee. Collection of five cents per person, regardless of age, from every resident to establish a central pool to defray expenses incurred in the purchase of the gifts by October 11, 1944, was also given full approval. Selection of treasurers to handle the fund was referred to the Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Iwohara  
Secretary

Approved by: J. Fujino, Central Block Manager

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

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October 11, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 11, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:07 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

Attendance Upon calling of the roll, Blocks 37, 33, and 42 were recorded absent. Messrs. J. Thomas and L. Huycke were present.

New Managers Introduction of Messrs. S. Aoki, Block 28; T. Kato, Block 76; and U. Matsuo, Block 79, as the newly selected Block Managers was made by Mr. Okubo.

Farewell Speech by Mr. Huycke Mr. L. Huycke, who will be leaving the project this week, took the floor and expressed his sincere thanks and appreciation for the cooperation given by the Block Managers during his tenure as Supervisor of the Block Managers. Upon Mr. Nakamura's recommendation, the

Gift for Mr. Huycke body unanimously, by the raising of hands, decided to present Mr. Huycke a gift and a letter of appreciation as a token of remembrance. It was also decided to collect 25¢ from each person. Mr. Nakamura was asked to be the responsible person in the collection of the fund and the purchasing of gift.

The Chairman's report followed:

Emergency Repair Crew 1. In compliance with the recommendation to have the electrical crew work on a 24-hour basis in order to meet emergency repairs, instructions from the Engineering Section were received which will be distributed to all blocks for posting. In this instruction, the Engineering Section informs that Maintenance Office, which handles the repairs, has someone in the office from 8 to 1 a.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and on Sundays, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Canvas Cots 2. Collection of unused cots by the Housing Department will commence tomorrow.

Replies to the Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas as follows:

Replacement of Urinals 1. Will it be possible to replace the urinal in the latrine of Block 18? (Ans.) Work order for the replacement of this urinal was made out on October 5, 1944.

Partitioning of Ironing Room 2. Is it possible to partition the ironing room of Block 59 so the children will have a separate room for play? (Ans.) This has been referred to the Community Activities Section for whatever action they feel is possible.

Ash Cans 3. At present there are four ash cans to each block and only two are being emptied each day. Will it be possible to empty all four ash cans each day? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen states that all four ash cans should be emptied each day and that he is going to insist that the garbage crew do this. Additional cans would not help because only the number should be used that can be emptied each day.

Steam-Cleaning of Garbage Cans 4. It has been noticed in passing the Mess Halls that there are many filthy garbage cans, a condition that provides breeding places for flies and other insects. Will it be possible to have these cans steam cleaned as often as necessary to keep them in a sanitary condition? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen is going to take this up with Mr. Hayward when he returns this Thursday. He feels that some satisfactory arrangement should be provided for so that these cans be properly cleaned at regular intervals.

• Cement  
Sink

5. Would it be possible to have a special cement sink installed in a latrine in each block so chambers can be properly washed? (Ans.) This comes under the category of a major project and as a result, would have to be entered in the budget and have proper approval.

Speeding Up  
of Delivery  
of Kindling  
Wood

6. Can the delivery of kindling wood be speeded up and also have the Block Manager notified when the delivery is made so that an equal distribution can be made to the residents of the block? (Ans.) Maintenance Department is working to speed up the delivery of kindling wood and those making the delivery have been notified to stop at the Block Managers Office before the load is dumped in the Block. However, if the Block Manager is not present, it will be necessary for them to dump their load immediately without notifying him so the work of hauling can be speeded up.

Wheelbarrows

7. Can the extra wheelbarrows now in the warehouse area be distributed to the Blocks? (Ans.) Before I answer this, I would like to have a survey made to find out how many wheelbarrows are needed in each block. I feel that these can be secured if the need is shown. The survey should show how many each Block now has and how many additional ones they need.

Plaster-  
boards

8. Can plasterboard be furnished upon request? (Ans.) No material can be furnished to individuals for their own use. If such material is needed for the construction of something which is in line with the approved construction list, a request should be submitted through the proper channels and this, in turn, will be submitted to the proper section.

Planting  
of Trees  
Within  
Project

9. Will it be possible for the WRA to plant trees within the project? (Verbal ans.) I will say that it is probably impossible to plant trees at the present time, because although we have irrigation ditch with water in it, that water will be turned off in the canal on the 15th of this month, and there will be no water until next spring.

Fire  
Prevention  
Week

In connection with the Fire Prevention Week, Mr. Thomas questioned, in view of the giving of prize of a dinner to the winning block of each ward, whether the block managers are willing to be the judging committee to do the preliminary selection of two or three blocks from each ward, which will be given final selection by the Administrative Committee, headed by Mr. Black. He also added that the suggestion to have the block managers as the committee was raised by Mr. Fagan and Mr. Owens at the meeting of the Administrative personnel since they felt that the block managers were competent people and the ideal group to do the judging. In spite of the many voice that the body should not accept the proposal in view of the misunderstanding which will be inevitably made by the colonists, Mr. Thomas added that the block managers will not be obligated in any way to give instructions, but were to merely select the blocks on the basis of requirements which will be given by the Fire Department. Upon due deliberation and discussion, the body finally decided to accept the proposal on condition that two or three fire wardens accompany the Managers to assist them in making judgments. Further detailed instructions will be given at a later date, it was announced.

Requests made from the floor were as follows:

Request  
From  
Floor

1. Request for 25 amp. electric fuse.
2. Block 58 requests more ash cans. At the present only one can is being used by the residents.
3. Request for announcing of relays at a uniform time by all blocks.

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

Approved: G. Fujino

/s/ May Iwihara, Sec.

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

October 18, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on October 18, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE  
AND  
GUESTS

Attendance of all the Block Managers was recorded. Mr. J. Thomas and his guest, Mr. Martin P. Gunderson, newly appointed Acting Project Director in charge of Community Management, were also present.

Report of the Chairman followed:

- SHOVELS, RAKES (1) - Shovels and rakes will be collected tomorrow.  
(2) - Result of the Fire Prevention Week contest for the cleanest block was follows:
- |             |              |
|-------------|--------------|
| Ward 1 -- 6 | Ward 5 -- 48 |
| Ward 2 27   | Ward 6 51    |
| Ward 3 23   | Ward 7 66    |
| Ward 4 19   | Ward 8 80    |
- (Mr. Yamasaki recommended that gardeners, at least one to a block, should be employed for continual maintenance and upkeep of a block.)
- WARNINGS TO TRUCK DRIVERS (3) - General opinion of the truck drivers, who drove during the Fire Prevention Week, was to caution and advise strongly the residents of the blocks to pay special attention to children to refrain them from hanging on and following the trucks. On the other hand, Mr. Takahashi warned that truck drivers especially those driving Railway Express and garbage trucks should be advised to avoid driving in between barracks.
- GIFT TO MR. HUYCKE (4) - Due to insufficiency of fund collected from the Block Managers to purchase Mr. L. Huycke a farewell gift, the credit balance of \$10 was defrayed by Messrs. H. Black, J. Thomas, and Mr. Stalley.
- INCREASE OF JAPANESE PRISONERS OF WAR (5) - The Spanish Embassy has informed that a total of 1143 Japanese prisoners of war are being held by the United States in various camps. Therefore, it is requested that each block make additional six slippers.
- SELECTION OF NEW REP. FOR JAPANESE NATIONALS (6) - Inasmuch as the tenure of the elected members of the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals is three months, the successors must be elected; therefore, each block manager is requested to carry the information to the representatives. Upon election of successors, turn in the names to the Executive Secretary of the body, Toshio Tomishige, by this week.

Replies to the Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas as follows:

- MICE TRAPS (1) - Will it be possible to purchase mice traps for use in the Mess Halls? (Ans.) At the present time only 24 traps have been located on the market and these will be purchased.
- REPLACEMENT OF URINALS (2) - Will it be possible to replace latrine urinal in Block 43? (Ans.) A work order was made for this exchange on October 17th.
- GRAVEL AROUND MESS HALLS (3) - What is the possibility of having gravel placed in front of both the side and front doors of the Mess Halls? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen states that trucks are not available at the present time to make this possible. He suggested that coal ashes be mixed with dirt and used in front of the door approaches.
- THUMB TACKS (4) - Is there a sufficient supply of thumb tacks on hand so each Block Manager's Office can be supplied with one box? (Ans.) Office Services has not been able to procure any thumb tacks for a long time, although an order was placed some months ago. When these arrive a box will be requisitioned for each Block Manager.
- PLATFORMS IN LATRINES FOR CHILDREN (5) - May steps be constructed for use by the children in each block while they are washing their teeth and also drinking? (Ans.) Mr. Donovan states that as 74 blocks would require these steps, it becomes a

major project, and therefore, this item should be included in the next budget so proper approval can be received.

PAINT FOR  
MESS HALLS

(6)- Will paint be furnished in the near future for painting of Mess Halls? (Ans.) While the painting of the apartments was entered in a past budget, no paint has ever been requested for the Mess Halls.

LETTER OF  
APPRECIATION  
FROM DIRECTOR  
BEST

A letter of appreciation and satisfaction from the Project Director to the Block Managers for their contribution in making the Fire Prevention Week a success, was read by Mr. Thomas.

MEIJI SETSU  
HOLIDAY

Previously tabled discussion relative to the ways and means of observing the Meiji Setsu Holiday was discussed with deliberation. Many pro and con opinions were expressed; however, it was the conclusive consensus of opinion to observe the day at the discretion of each block.

Some of the requests made from the floor were:

- PORCH LIGHTS (1)- (Nakamura) Exposing of porch lights enclosed by the construction of porches.
- PORCH LIGHTS (2)- (Okamoto and Takahashi) Installation of porch lights in the Manzanar area. The request has been put in some few months ago; however, no result has been noted as yet.
- SOOT DISPOSAL (3)- (Abe) Chimney cleaners be asked to dispose soot into a box.
- FIRE HAZARD (4)- (Takei) Since the stoves in apartments of Manzanar section are so close to the wall, there is a fire hazard. Therefore, such should be reinstalled.
- IN NEW AREA

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka  
Secretary

Approved by Geo. J. Fujino

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

October 25, 1944.

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ATTENDANCE

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported on some of the highlights of the activities of the Headquarters as follows:

(Request for Submittal of Names of Rep. to the Spokesmen for Jap. Nat'l)

1. All names of newly elected block representatives to serve in the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals should be submitted to the Executive Secretary, T. Tomishige, immediately. Subsequent to the completion of the election, another election to elect two spokesmen to represent the ward should be held.

(Pending Branch Post Office Site)

2. Site for a branch post office within the colony in Block 48 or 49 is pending negotiation and decision.

(Ash Can Problem Pending)

3. In regard to the inconvenience felt due to the lack of ash cans, Mr. Thomas informs that Mr. Lauritzen is now working on ways and means to speed up the removal of ashes and has also made a request for additional trucks to help in this work.

(Shoe Ration Stamp Applications)

4. Applications for shoe ration stamps are ready. Issuance will be made from the first of next month. In order to help relieve urgency, 25 applications will be issued weekly to each block.

(Permission Granted by Army to Send Gifts)

5. (By Mr. J. Fujino) According to Captain Forbes, the Commanding Officer, Colonel Austin, has no objection to the Special Committee of the Residents sending gifts to the prisoners of war. Permission has been duly granted.

REPLIES TO WEEKLY REPORTS

Replies to the submitted Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas as follows:

(Stoves in New Area to be Inspected)

1. Stoves in the new area seem to have been installed too close to the wall. Can Mr. Owens be contacted to determine whether these constitute a fire hazard or not? (Ans.) Mr. Owens and Mr. Lauritzen made a tour of inspection of the new area to check on this condition and if it found to be a fire hazard, they will determine what the remedy is to be.

(Old and Poisonous Silverware to be Replaced)

2. Some of the Block Managers have complained that much of the silverware used in the Mess Halls are too old and poisonous and that some of the forks and spoons become black after use. Can these be replaced? (Ans.) Mr. Hayward states that additional silverware has been ordered and that as soon as it is received that much of the silverware now in use will be replaced. However, he further states that no silverware will become poisonous if it is properly cleaned, washed and rinsed.

(Warning to Express and Mail Trucks Forwarded)

3. When express and mail trucks drive through the center of the block, children are not aware of the eminent danger. We request that these trucks drive to the Block Manager's Office by cutting in near the recreation hall and refrain from going through the center of the block. May this request be forwarded to the proper officials? (Ans.) A copy of this request has been forwarded to Mr. Gunderson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Proff, Mr. Bulpin, and to the Express Office, and it is to be assumed that these people will see that the request is complied with.

(Employment of Block Gardeners not Immediate Problem--R.R. Best)

4. In order to keep the blocks clean, it is suggested that the WRA employ a gardener for each block to maintain the grounds. (Ans.) Mr. Best states that as water will not be furnished to the colony until next spring, that this is not an immediate problem, and that a decision will be made at the proper time.

(Distribution of Lump Coal an Impossibility)

5. Will it be possible to dump lump coal only at the men's shower room in each block? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen states that it will be impossible to sift the coal piles in order to get lump coal and that coal will have to be delivered as it comes from the coal cars or the coal dump.

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(Request for Installation of Street Lights Forwarded to Washington) prepared the justification and the proper forms for this job and forwarded the same to Washington for approval on September 19, 1944. To date, nothing has been heard from Washington and it is not known whether the installation of these lights will be approved or not.

(Chimney Cleaning Crews to Notify Block Managers) 7. Chimney cleaning crews are careless and often makes the clothes that are hung on the line dirty. Can advance notice be given when these crews are going to work within a certain block? (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen states that it will not be possible for the crews to notify the people who have out washing before they start to work, but that they will notify the block manager or the secretary and it will be up to them to notify the people who have washing on the line,

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/s/ May Hanaoka  
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May Hanaka  
Secretary

Approved.

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ATTENDANCE

Roll was called. Blocks 9 and 15 were recorded absent. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas. Introduction of Mr. Yoshio Kobayashi of Block 73 and Mr. Yoshiyuki Hamanishi of 49, newly selected Block Managers, was made by the Chairman.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman's report followed:

(Increase of Clothing Allowance Rate Denied)

1. In reply to the memo sent to the Welfare section in September, a letter has been receipted through the Welfare section from the Chief of the Community Management Division in Washington, John Provinse, which stated that increase of the maximum cash clothing allowance to at least five dollars a month is impossible, because after consideration of the many factors involved, it has been decided to make no change in the amounts of these grants at the present time.

(Gifts to Prisoners of War)

2. Regarding the sending of gifts to the prisoners of war, approval has been obtained from the Commanding Officer, as well as from the Hospital. Daikon zuke (pickles) are being prepared in the Block 16 Ironing Room. Slippers have been almost completed by all the blocks; however, the impending question is the ways and means of packing and shipping the gifts. Mess Management has agreed to supply used fish boxes. (The Chairman, at this time, asked the body to pack the slippers in toilet tissue cartons by the middle of this month.)

(Ash Collection to Start)

3. Lengthy pending solution to the ash collection problem finally seems to have been partially solved, since a truck to a ward will probably start collection today or tomorrow. If ashes are not collected fast enough; according to Mr. Owens of the Fire Department, it may necessitate the digging of pits.

REPLIES TO WEEKLY REPORTS

Replies to the submitted Weekly Reports, given by Mr. Thomas, were as follows:

(Co-op Problem)

1. Concerning the questioned Co-op employment problem, Mr. Gunderson has not received a reply from Mr. Currie. The co-op has agreed to abide by the WRA regulations. WRA, at the same time, has no control over the Co-op or the salaries paid by them. Mr. Gunderson, however, will investigate further into the matter and a reply will be given accordingly.

(Works done by the Maintenance Dept.)

2. For reference as to the quantity of works being done by the Maintenance Department, some \$45,000 has been spent in the reroofing process alone. Some 85 windows were replaced, 38 roofs repaired, 71 chimneys repaired, etc.

(Third Quarter Budget)

3. Third quarter budget is due on the 10th of this month; therefore, it is advised that a list of necessary items be prepared. (The Chairman requested that the list be submitted to the Headquarters by next Wednesday.)

(Pending Investigation: Sewing Machines)

4. Some 180 sewing machines were returned by the Co-op to the WRA. Among these, 100 were turned over to the Treasury Department. Instead of 80 left, Mr. Proff states that only 59 are left. Of these 59, 30 are already allocated to the C.A., leaving the balance, 29, which will be used for reserves (in case of repairs). Mr. Proff will check into this matter more thoroughly and give an answer. (Mr. Takei suggested that the distribution of more sewing machines to each block should be made. He then recommended that sewing machines be transferred from other centers.)

REQUESTS FROM THE FLOOR

Requests from the floor were as follows:

(Slackening Distribution of Milk)

1. (Takei) Slackening distribution of milk supply should be remedied; otherwise children, aged two/to three, will be deprived of the required nourishment.

(Retention of Block Janitors) 2. From a reliable source, it is known that block janitors will be terminated. Before the actual materialization of such, inasmuch as block janitors are urgently needed, such should be definitely checked.

PLEA FOR PORCH LIGHTS IN THE MANZANAR AREA

Upon Mr. Takahashi's fervent plea for porch lights in the Manzanar area, Mr. Thomas reported that according to Mr. Booker, the approval is due any day. Mr. Ito suggested that the wires removed from the ironing rooms be used for the installation of the lights, inasmuch as sufficient wires should be available.

SELECTION OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE

In view of the realization for an urgent need of a body to 'push' requests and recommendations through proper channels for the materialization of the afore-mentioned, Mr. Takahashi strongly urged and deduced that the Investigation Committee, mentioned at the meeting held on October 25th, or any other special committee of the same nature should be organized. The body, upon unanimous approval, discussed at some length, the ways and means of selecting the committee. Upon due deliberation, it was decided that Messrs. Fujino, Okubo, and Tomishige do the selection. At the same time, the three afore-mentioned be included in the committee, was the suggestion raised by Mr. Takahashi. Thereupon, selection of the following six from the floor took place, which was subsequently given full approval of the body: Takahashi, Ward 8; Ito, Ward 4; Ono, Ward 5; Nakamura, Ward 7; Kushida, Ward 3; and Takei, Ward 8.

RECOMMENDATION: ATTENDANCE OF FOREMEN TO BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETINGS

Mr. Fujino then recommended that the attendance of some divisional foremen to the regular meetings of the Block Managers should be invited for the purpose of gaining closer co-ordination and fuller understanding among the various divisions. The body assembled deemed the proposal entirely satisfactory.

SUBMITTAL OF WEEKLY REPORTS BY MONDAY REQUESTED

The Chairman then appealed to the body to submit Weekly Reports by Monday of each week in order to give requests ample time for reviewing and investigating, if deemed necessary.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanucka  
Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino  
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Upon the calling of the roll in accordance with the agenda, attendance all Block Managers was recorded. Introduction of Mr. Nomura, new Manager for Block 12, was made by the Chairman. Mr. J. Thomas represented the Administration.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The report of the Chairman followed:

(Hospital Transportation for Mothers, residing in #16, 17, & 18)

1. Pick-up of mothers, who reside in Blocks 16, 17, and 18, to the Well-baby, Immunization, and Pre-Natal Clinics will be made at the Headquarters at around 1:00 p.m.

(Construction of Post Office in Next Budget)

2. Although Army approval for the establishment of a branch post office within the colony was not gained, the request has been placed on the next budget for the construction of another one somewhere adjacent to Block 58.

(Reply from Camp McCoy)

3. The Commanding Officer of Camp McCoy has replied that the shipment of gifts to the prisoners of war is ready for acknowledgement.

COAL SITUATION EXPLAINED BY MR. J. THOMAS

Mr. J. Thomas then took the floor to explain in details the existing condition prevailing, which has caused the reluctance on the part of the coal crew in causing the shortage of coal in the center. He stated that it was the opinion of the Project Director that nothing else could be done, inasmuch as the Administration had done everything they could, in fact, even pleaded. Sufficient coal trucks, equipment, and men are available; notwithstanding, the major trouble seems to lie in the fact that the coal crew is not working. Administration does not care how much coal is piled in the center. Mr. Thomas said that, 'true, the weather was bad, but it wasn't too tough a day. Lots of people worked in that type of a weather. If that type of a weather is going to stop the crew from work, what is it going to be when it gets a little colder.' He also mentioned that a new system of dispatching coal was devised by the Administration which eliminates partiality or forgery in the dispatching of coal.

SUGGESTIONS RAISED RELATIVE TO COAL SITUATION

Following Mr. Thomas' talk, the floor discussed at some length as to the ways and means of relieving the existing condition. Some of the various suggestions raised were:

1. (Takahashi) Furnish the crew with necessary rain and snow sheltering articles, such as coats.

2. (Takei and Ikeda) Devise other means in the dispatching of coal; in view of the ticket system, since in spite of the already effective ruling, it is not being practiced virtually.

3. (Ito) More 'courtesy' on the part of the Caucasian foremen should be exercised and they certainly should not consider the workers as mere slaves.

4. (Yatagai) System used previously be once-again revived and reinstated; that is, designated amount of work be assigned to each crew. i.e. unloading of certain amount of cars, instead of work on an hour basis. In this way, work will be accelerated.

5. (Ito) Transfer, even temporarily, of other divisional workers who are, in the near future, contemplated termination, such as the farm workers.

COAL MATTER REFERRED TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

The conclusive decision of the assembled body was to adopt Mr. Wada's recommendation, which was to refer the matter to the newly-organized special Investigating Committee for an amicable and satisfactory solution to the problem. The suggestion was given full approval of the body.

INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS OUTSIDE OF BARRACKS IN MANZANAR AREA DENIED BY D.S. MYER

Regarding the installation of lights outside of the barracks in the newly constructed area, Mr. Thomas read a letter addressed to the Project Director from the National Director, D. S. Myer, in which the request was denied for the reason that the latter did not believe that WRA was justified in spending the amount of money to add to an already overloaded lighting distribution system. Therefore, Mr. Myer recommended that a limited number of street lights on the power poles that are scattered throughout the new housing area be installed. If, after reconsideration, additional lights are essential to the continued operation of the center, he suggested that an estimate of the cost of installing the minimum number of street lights on existing poles be made. (Mr. Thomas commented that such was already done and submitted.) In connection with the overload of electricity, Mr. Thomas further read a letter from the California Oregon Power Company in which it made known that the Newell Substation showed a tremendous overload, which has been growing for the last three months. Since transformers are not available to replace this bank and a failure would result in a serious outage, the demand must be reduced.

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(Larger Shower  
Tank Denied)

2. Will it be possible to install a larger shower tank in Block 72? (Ans.) Mr. Bergman states that the tanks now installed in each block are as large as permitted; therefore, it will be impossible for him to exchange any of the present tanks for larger ones. This will continue to hold true unless there is a change in approval at some later date.

(Repair of  
Laundry Tub)

3. Can the laundry tub be repaired in Block 24? (Ans.) A work order was made for this repair job; however, in the future, only essential repairs will be made. It is the plan to hold up the unessential repairs until the farm work is done, at which time the farm crew will be used to help in maintenance work.

(Electric Cord  
Denied)  
(Maintenance Dept.  
Budget awaiting  
Robertson's  
Approval)

4. Can electric cords for the extending of porch lights be furnished? (Ans.) According to Mr. Ricketts, such cannot be furnished.

5. Will it be possible to have a copy of the Maintenance budget? (Ans.) According to Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Robertson's approval must first be obtained before the budget items can be shown.

CENTER BAKED  
BREAD

As for the complaint that the project-baked bread were too hard and not edible for residents, especially people with false teeth, Mr. Thomas reported that Mr. Hayward had contradicted the above-made complaint. Mr. Hayward explained, according to Mr. Thomas, that the distribution of milk supply, which was complained to have been diminishing, cannot be helped because, although the standing order was 1200 gallons per day, the full amount is not obtained during the winter season. The milk supply comes from the Army Quartermaster. In order to supplement the milk, Mr. Hayward has placed an additional order of condensed milk, Mr. Thomas further revealed.

MILK SUPPLY

REQUESTS FROM  
THE FLOOR

Some of the requests made from the floor were as follows:

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Night Janitors)

1. Increase of night janitors. Relative to the five hired last year, only four are employed at the present time. Notwithstanding, it is known that the four will be eventually terminated. Inasmuch as their responsibility is to keep the stove going on in the ironing room, men's and women's latrines, the janitors are indispensable.

Property shipped  
from Outside  
requested Care)

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Disposal of Ashes)

3. (Miyagishima) Disposal of ashes should be immediately taken care of; otherwise, digging of pits will be inevitably necessary. If pits are to be dug, materials to fence off the pits should be furnished.

Drains)

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(Increase of  
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5. (Ito) Transfer, even temporarily, of other divisional workers who are, in the near future, contemplated termination, such as the farm workers.

COAL MATTER REFERRED TO THE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE The conclusive decision of the assembled body was to adopt Mr. Wada's recommendation, which was to refer the matter to the newly-organized special Investigating Committee for an amicable and satisfactory solution to the problem. The suggestion was given full approval of the body.

Regarding the installation of lights outside of the barracks in the

newly constructed area, Mr. Thomas read a letter addressed to the Project Director from the National Director, D.S. Myer, in which the request was denied for the reason that the latter did not believe that WRA was justified in spending the amount of money to add to an already overloaded lighting distribution system. Therefore, Mr. Myer recommended that a limited number of street lights on the power poles that are scattered throughout the new housing area be installed. If, after reconsideration, additional lights are essential to the continued operation of the center, he suggested that an estimate of the cost of installing the minimum number of street lights on existing poles be made. (Mr. Thomas commented that such was already done and submitted.) In connection with the overload of electricity, Mr. Thomas further read a letter from the California Oregon Power Company in which it made known that the Newell Substation showed a tremendous overload, which has been growing for the last three months. Since transformers are not available to replace this bank and a failure would result in a serious outage, the demand must be reduced.

REPLIES TO  
WEEKLY REPORTS

Replies to the Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas as follows:

(Sewing Machines  
Returned from  
the Co-op)

1. It has been brought to our attention that the Co-op returned 180 sewing machines to the WRA recently and that 100 machines were turned over to the Treasury Department as surplus, leaving 80 on the project. Would it be possible to obtain these 80, so that distribution can be made to all the blocks. We have been receiving complaint that the present two machines are not enough to accommodate all the residents. (Ans.) This is the answer of Mr. Proff, Supply Officer, "This information as to the number of machines is in error. There was originally 190 machines, 125 returned to the Treasury Department, 36, turned over to Mr. Huycke for use in the colony. There is a balance of 29 machines on hand that are to be condemned and used to repair the machines that are assigned to each block.

(Larger shower  
Tank Denied)

2. Will it be possible to install a larger shower tank in Block 72? (Ans.) Mr. Bergmans states that the tanks now installed in each block are as large as permitted; therefore, it will be impossible for him to exchange any of the present tanks for larger ones. This will continue to hold true unless there is a change in approval at some later date.

(Only Essential  
Work Repairs  
to be Made)

3. Can the laundry tub be repaired in Block 24? (Ans.) A work order was made for this repair job; however, in the future, only essential repairs will be made. It is the plan to hold up the unessential repairs until the farm work is done, at which time the farm crew will be used to help in maintenance work.

(Electric Cords  
Denied)

4. Can electric cords for the extending of porch lights be furnished? (Ans.) According to Mr. Ricketts, such cannot be furnished.

(Maintenance  
Budget Await-  
ing Robertson's  
Approval)

5. Will it be possible to have a copy of the Maintenance budget? (Ans.) According to Mr. Lauritzen, Mr. Robertson's approval must first be obtained before the budget items can be shown.

PROJECT BAKED  
BREAD

MILK SUPPLY

As for the complaint that the project baked bread were too hard and not edible, especially people with false teeth, Mr. Thomas reported that Mr. Hayward had contradicted the above-made complaint. Mr. Hayward explained, according to Mr. Thomas, that the distribution of milk supply, which was complained to have been diminishing, cannot be helped because, although the standing order was 1200 gallons per day, the full amount is not obtained during the winter season. The milk supply comes from the Army Quartermaster. In order to supplement the milk, Mr. Hayward has placed an additional order of condensed milk, Mr. Thomas further revealed.

Some of the requests made from the floor were as follows:

(Increase of  
Night Jani-  
tors)

1. Increase of night janitors. Relative to the five hired last year, only four are employed at the present time. Notwithstanding, it is known that the four will be eventually terminated. Inasmuch as their responsibility is to keep the stove going on in the ironing room, men's and women's latrines, the janitors are indispensable.

(Properties  
Shipped in  
From Outside )

2. (Takei) Properties shipped from the outside through the Evacuee Property are receipted with items broken or stolen. Although the Evacuee Property is doing its best to fulfill its responsibility, such cannot be eliminated unless they are given a separate warehouse.

(Disposal of  
Ashes)

3. (Miyagishima) Disposal of ashes should be immediately taken care of; otherwise, digging of pits will be inevitably necessary. If pits are to be dug, materials to fence off the pits should be furnished.

(Drains in  
Manzanar  
Mess Halls)

4. (Takei) Drains be installed in the Mess Halls in the newly constructed area.

(Increase of  
P.O. Personnel)

5. (Ikeda) Increase, even temporarily, of the post office personnel to handle the pre-holiday rush.

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

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November 15, 1944

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ATTENDANCE

Blocks 38, 29, 36, 31, and 24 were recorded unrepresented. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The report of the Chairman followed:

(Amicably Settlement of the Coal Situation)

1. Because of the sincere effort of the Block Managers, the coal situation has been settled amicably and satisfactorily. Administration's contention and the workers' claims were compiled, written up in a memo form and was submitted as an appeal to Mr. Gunderson; thereby, expediting the solution of the problem. At the time the Center was toured, the Administrative members were called attention to the accumulated ashes, as well as the water puddles created by the melting snow.

(Requisitions be Submitted to Headquarters)

2. Requisitions or complaints, if results are desired, should not be submitted or phoned directly to the Maintenance Department; otherwise, confirmation of the Headquarters will be necessary, which causes much confusion and unnecessary red tapes.

CANCELLATION OF CIGARETTES AS IMON-HIN TO PRISONERS OF WAR

3. Slippers and okoshi (80 cartons) to be sent as Christmas gifts to the prisoners of war have been completed. Cigarettes, one of the contemplated gifts, have regretfully been cancelled, subsequent to the decision made by the Ward Chairmen. The reason for the cause of the cancellation was because the new article written in the Co-op paper, relative to the sending of the mentioned gifts, caught attention of the American press, thus, creating nation-wide publication, exaggerated to a great degree. (In view of the realization that the outside public does not realize the fact that the colonists in this Tule Lake have denied themselves from the allotted items, it would preferably be wiser to refrain from shipping the cigarettes; otherwise, there is the danger of curtailment or complete cancellation of shipment of cigarettes into this Center from the Tobacco Companies, Mr. Thomas commented.) Upon the convening of the Ward Chairmen, they decided tentatively to refrain from shipping such altogether. The body assembled unanimously accepted the decision of the Ward Chairmen. As for the substitute item to replace the cigarettes, the matter was referred to the Ward Chairmen for final decision. Crating and packing of the slippers will be done by the entire body of Block Managers on November 19th, from 1:00 p.m. at the 16 Ironing Room or Mess Hall, it was decided.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF BYOIN KOEN KAI

4. Byoin Koen Kai meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed indefinitely until further notice.

(Evacuee Property  
Division's  
Shipment of  
Properties  
Complained)

5. (by Mr. Fujino' Regarding the complaint and the request to have the Evacuee Property Warehouse separated from the other divisions' to avoid the damage and loss of properties shipped in from the outside, Mr. Iwata was contacted. According to him, Mr. G. Smith, who is in charge of this division's warehouse as well as many other divisions', apparently seems to be the cause of such mishaps. Therefore, we have requested that one responsible person be assigned solely to take charge of the Evacuee Property to relieve Mr. Smith of the altogether heavy, over-burdened responsibility.

MR. THOMAS COM-  
MENDS INVESTI-  
GATING COMMITTEE

Mr. Thomas then took the floor to commend the Investigating Committee for its effort and the manner in which it presented the coal problem to Mr. Gunderson.

EVACUEES WORKING  
ON FARM WARNED  
NOT TO CARRY  
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He then went on to read a memo to Mr. Ricketts from Mr. Best in reference to evacuees carrying produce from the farm. The memo stated that evacuees working on the farm are warned not to carry farm produce out for personal use unless they have a memo signed by any appointed employee of the agricultural staff; otherwise, the items will be confiscated and turned over to the Mess Management.

REPLIES TO WEEKLY  
REPORTS

Following are replies to the Weekly Reports submitted during the past week, as given by Mr. Thomas:

Chimney cleaners  
(Complaint assigned  
Chimney Soot)  
clean

1. Complaints have been received from some of the residents that chimneys are full of soot due to the fact that chimney cleaning crews does not come at regular periods. (Ans.) Mr. Lauritzen states that from five to ten, chimney cleaners are assigned to every Ward and that they have been instructed to work with the Block Managers in the assignment of their work. That is, the Block Manager will instruct the cleaning crew as to the order in which the chimneys should be cleaned in their block.

Work Order Issued for  
(Request  
Leaky Urinal  
in Block 15)

2. Requests have been submitted to repair a leaky urinal in Block 15, but as yet this has not been done. (Ans.) A work order was issued for this job on November 14.

(Request  
Ash Removal  
Crew Able  
to Handle  
Job)

3. Can anything be done to speed up the removal of coal ashes in each block? (Ans.) The ash removal crew has stated that they will be able to handle the job and that they will be able to keep the blocks clean of ashes unless something unforeseen happens.

(Leveling of  
Grounds  
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Pending)

4. Will it be possible to have the graders level the ground around the buildings in the blocks where it is needed, in order to prevent big pools of water from forming in front of the entrance approaches to the buildings? (Ans.) Since receiving this request I have been unable to contact Mr. Robertson in regards to this problem but will do so as soon as possible. In all probability I will have a definite answer by our next meeting.

REQUESTS  
FROM THE  
FLOOR

Some of the requests made from the floor were:

1. (Takahashi) 1. At least two large truck loads of coal be delivered every other day to the newly constructed area because the area is accommodated by residents of some 126 apartments compared to the 56 to 70 in the old area. 2. More anti-freeze be put in the new area; otherwise, small quantity of such will not help in resisting the freezing.

2. (Okamoto) Kerosene oil be delivered.

3. (Sumi) Procurement of coal buckets be expedited.

4. (Takei) In view of cold snowy weather which prevent outside drying, clothes driers be immediately obtained. (Mr. Thomas replied that the constructions of clothes driers were entered in the coming budget, since the purchase of the same item in the last budget was rejected.

5. (Yamashita) Prior to the inspection of the parcel posts at the Post Office, many articles are missing, in fact, some are completely gone. At what juncture, such items are stolen should be thoroughly checked into. Citing an example. Mr. Okuda of 6801 was a victim of such a mishap.

6. (Sumi) Post office personnel be enhanced at least during the pre-holiday rush. (Mr. Takahashi suggested that Money orders be handled by the Co-op as practiced in Manzanar.)

Finally, Mr. J. Nayle brought to the attention of the Block Managers the current propensity of the evacuees to have elaborate weddings ~~and~~ ~~relative~~ relative to the limited rate of pay in the Center. Considering with deep deliberation, the strong and ~~unfavorable~~ pernicious influence such inflict upon the young men and women with little financial source, contemplating marriages, this matter certainly cannot go unheeded. Mr. Ikeda added that funeral 'koden' (presents made in condolence) should also be controlled, perhaps a ~~set~~ limit of 'koden' should be set. Mr. Takei supplemented by suggesting that not only 'kankososai' (~~literally~~ literally translated -- marriage, funeral, and ancestral worship), but a movement should be started to bear more attention on the improvement of our daily life. These practice together could not fail to occasion a ruinous aftermath in the ~~living~~ living condition of the center evacuees' life. Thereupon, embracing all the suggestions, the resolution was finally adopted as follows:

Whereas, We consider that the attention of the entire residents of the Tule Lake Center is a necessary part of a rational living standards of this Center,

Whereas, Our uniform rate of pay from the WRA in this Center is \$16 or \$19 with a meager clothing allowance,

Whereas, The duration of the war is indefinite, thus foretelling of our length of residence in this center is impossible,

Whereas, Despite the conditions, ceremonies, weddings or funerals, are held with much elaborateness, regardless of the standard of ~~the~~ living condition,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that thorough consideration and study in an effort to ~~start~~ <sup>start</sup> a movement ~~is~~ for the curtailment or complete elimination of such state of affairs for the

should be immediately taken,

RESOLVED, That a committee of four or five be appointed to study and present these resolutions to the authorities concerned with these problems, such as the religious, educational or socially concerned people, and to urge upon them for appropriate action in the matter.

On motion made, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

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(Postponement of Byoin Koen Kai Meeting) 4. Byoin Koen Kai meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed indefinitely until further notice.

(Elimination of Evacuee Property Shipped from the outside and Damage Requested) 5. (by Mr. Fujino) Regarding the complaint and the request to have the Evacuee Property Warehouse separated from the other divisions' to avoid the damage and loss of properties shipped in from the outside, Mr. Iwata was contacted. According to him, Mr. George Smith, who is in charge of this division's warehouse as well as many other divisions', apparently seems to be the cause of such mishaps. Therefore, we have requested that one responsible person be assigned solely to take charge of the Evacuee Property to relieve Mr. Smith of the altogether heavy, over-burdened responsibility.

MR. THOMAS COMMENDS INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE Mr. Thomas then took the floor to commend the Investigating Committee for its effort and the manner in which it presented the coal problem to Mr. Gunderson.

EVACUEE FARMERS WARNED NOT TO CARRY PRODUCE HOME He then went on to read a memo to Mr. Ricketts from Mr. Best in reference to evacuees carrying produce from the farm. The memo stated that evacuees working on the farm are warned not to carry farm produce out for personal use unless they have a memo signed by any appointed employee of the agricultural staff; otherwise, the items will be confiscated and turned over to the Mess Management.

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THE FLOOR

Some of the requests made from the floor were:

(Delivery of  
More Coal  
and Issuance of  
More Anti-  
Freeze)

1. (Takahashi) 1. At least two large truck loads of coal be delivered every other day to the newly constructed area because the area is accommodated by residents of some 126 apartments compared to the 56 to 70 in the old area. 2. More anti-freeze be put in the new area; otherwise, small quantity of such will not help in resisting the freezing.

(Kerosene Oil)  
(Coal Buckets)

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3. (Sumi) Procurement of coal buckets be expedited.

(Clothes Driers)

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(Missing Items  
in Parcel Post)

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ELABORATE  
WEDDINGS AND  
FUNERALS--  
Social Problem

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On motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 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

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November 22, 1944

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ATTENDANCE Blocks 17 and 38 failed to be represented. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

MR. B. DIMON INTRODUCED Mr. B. Dimon, new Supervisor of C.A., was introduced to the body and was received with cordial applause. Thereupon, he asked the Block Managers' cooperation to help control the smoking in the High School Auditorium, so that the place could be continually used for larger entertainment purposes.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN First on the agenda was the report of the Chairman, as follows:

1. Upon the decision of the Block Managers at the last meeting, the Ward Chairmen accordingly reconvened to discuss the matter concerning the substitute item for cigarettes to be sent as Imon-hin to the prisoners of war. Upon much deliberation and study, it was decided that 1000 lbs. of 'maguro' (tunny fish) and 250 lbs. of 'tai' (red-snapper) be ordered and sent through Mr. Hamano.

(Maguro & Tai -- Substitute for Cigarettes)  
(1395 Slip- Managers, 1395 slippers in 18 cartons were packed for ship- pers Com- pleted)

2. In spite of the Headquarters' request for obtaining citizen renunciation forms from the Justice Department en masse for the convenience of the residents, we were informed that necessary forms should be written for directly by the Papers Should individuals desiring such renunciation to Director E. Ennis, be Directly as instructed in the last issue of the Newell Star. Asked for)

3. As a complaint, as well as a recommendation, a memo has been duly submitted concerning the loss and damage incurred to the properties shipped in from the outside through the Evacuee Property office. (Complaint Submitted to Evacuee Property)

4. In order to clarify the limit of work jurisdiction of the janitors and their foremen and the Block Managers, Mr. Lauritzen has been contacted. According to the latter, definite work instructions have been issued to each Ward foreman; another one as a reminder will be sent. (Work Instructions Given to Janitor Foremen)

2. With regard to the suggestion for complete physical examination of all mess workers, Mr. Hayward states that all mess workers are given an examination before they are allowed to work in the mess halls and that all now working should have a health certificate in their possession. He further states that a re-examination is given to workers once a year. Disinfectants are also placed in each mess for use by the workers.

(Purchase of Outside Bread Impossible) 3. Regarding the request to have the WRA purchase small quantity of bakery bread to each mess hall for people on special diet since the center-baked bread is too rich, Mr. Hayward stated that the only bread that can be supplied is that which is made in the Camp Bakery and that one of the justifications for the construction of a Bakery on the Project was that no bread would be purchased from the outside. He also stated that there is about \$3,000 saving in the Mess Operations through the baking of bread on the project and that this saving is passed on to the residents of the Colony through additional purchase of other types of food.

REQUESTS  
FROM FLOOR

Requests from the floor were:

(Ice Rinks)

1. (Ito) A resolution was adopted by Ward 4 to gain approval for the building of an ice rink. (At this time, Mr. Abo informed that the C.A. has plans to build such.) It is requested that steps be taken to encourage and expedite the gaining of the approval.

Transfer of  
Relatives  
to Join  
Families  
in this  
Center)

2. (Ito) Some steps be taken so that transfer of relatives residing in other centers to join their families in this Center will be possible. In spite of the great efforts and necessary steps taken by the individuals, Social Welfare has denied the transfer on the ground that the Center is lacking in housing facilities.

As there were no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

J. Fujino, Central Block Mgr.

5. Regarding the accumulation of ashes in the stoves (Boiler Stoves) the boilers in the Manzanar area, which prevents the will be cleaned stoves from burning, Mr. Lauritzen was thus informed. He disclosed that due to the constant disappearance of wrenches immediately to clean the stoves, the cleaning was retarded. Fortunately, a new supply has arrived and the cleaning will begin immediately.

6. Appertaining to the temporary increase of Post (Branch P. Office personnel to meet the pre-holiday rush, Post Office Pending Ap-staff was contacted. We have been informed that the approval: construction of a branch Post Office is pending approval; Additional however, immediately upon approval, plans for construction Window to and immediate work will begin. In the meantime, in order be Opened) to relieve the congestion, an additional window for certified checks will be opened within a week or two, it was revealed.

7. According to the memo received from the Welfare Section, we are informed that new requests for housing supplies (Transfer should be made henceforth to the District Welfare Office by of Housing the person who wants the supplies, due to the discontinuance Section to of the Housing section and the transfer of these responsibilities Welfare) to the Welfare Section.

(Request for 8. (by Mr. Fujino) In view of the coming of the Christmas List of gifts from the outside religious organizations, all Block Number Managers are requested to submit a list of number of children of Chil- aged 1 - 18, segregating the girls from the boys, by this dren, 1- coming Saturday. 18)

9. (by Mr. Fujino) The post office will be closed on Post Office November 23, Thursday, for Thanksgiving. Closed Nov. 23.

REPLIES TO Replies to the Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas, as WEEKLY follows: REPORTS

1. Repairs of clothes driers, according to Mr. Ricketts, (Repairs can be done, since anything that has been issued by the WRA Clothes can be repaired. Those maliciously destroyed or damaged, of Driers willcourse, are exempted from this.

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ditional  
Window to  
be Opened)
- (Transfer of  
Housing  
to Welfare  
Section)
- (Request for  
List of  
No. of Chil-  
dren, 1-18)
- (Post Office  
Closed on  
November 23.)
- REPLIES TO  
WEEKLY  
REPORTS  
(Clothes  
Driers will  
be Repaired)
3. As a complaint, as well as a recommendation, a memo has been duly submitted concerning the loss and damage incurred to the properties shipped in from the outside through the Evacuee Property office.
4. In order to clarify the limit of work jurisdiction of the janitors and their foremen and the Block Managers, Mr. Lauritzen has been contacted. According to the latter, definite work instructions have been issued to each Ward foreman; another one as a reminder will be sent.
5. Regarding the accumulation of ashes in the stoves of the boilers in the Manzanar area, which prevents the stoves from burning, Mr. Lauritzen was thus informed. He disclosed that due to the constant disappearance of wrenches to clean the stoves, the cleaning was retarded. Fortunately, a new supply has arrived and the cleaning will begin immediately.
6. Appertaining to the temporary increase of Post Office personnel to meet the pre-holiday rush, Post Office staff was contacted. We have been informed that the construction of a branch Post Office is pending approval; however, immediately upon approval, plans for construction and immediate work will begin. In the meantime, in order to relieve the congestion, an additional window for certified checks will be opened within a week or two, it was revealed.
7. According to the memo received from the Welfare Section, we are informed that new requests for housing supplies should be made henceforth to the District Welfare Office by the person who wants the supplies, due to the discontinuance of the Housing section and the transfer of these responsibilities to the Welfare Section.
8. (by Mr. Fujino) In view of the coming of the Christmas gifts from the outside religious organizations, all Block Managers are requested to submit a list of number of children, aged 1 - 18, segregating the girls from the boys, by this coming Saturday.
9. (by Mr. Fujino) The Post Office will be closed on November 23, Thursday, for Thanksgiving.
- Replies to the Weekly Reports were given by Mr. Thomas, as follows:
1. Repairs of clothes driers, according to Mr. Ricketts, can be done, since anything that has been issued by the WRA can be repaired; those maliciously destroyed or damaged, of course, are exempted from this.

(Mess Workers  
Given Physi-  
cal Examina-  
tion)

2. With regard to the suggestion for complete physical examination of all mess workers, Mr. Hayward states that all mess workers are given an examination before they are allowed to work in the mess halls and that all now working should have a health certificate in their possession. He further states that a re-examination is given to workers once a year. Disinfectants are also placed in each mess for use by the workers.

(Purchase of  
Outside  
Bread Impos-  
sible)

3. Regarding the request to have the WRA purchase small quantity of bakery bread to each mess hall for people on special diet since the center-baked bread is too rich, Mr. Hayward stated that the only bread that can be supplied is that which is made in the Camp Bakery and that one of the justifications for the construction of a Bakery on the project was that no bread would be purchased from the outside. He also stated that there is about \$3,000 saving in the Mess Operations through the baking of bread on the project and that this saving is passed on to the residents of the Colony through additional purchase of other types of food.

REQUESTS  
FROM FLOOR

Requests from the floor were:

(Ice Rinks)

1. (Ito) A resolution was adopted by Ward 4 to gain approval for the building of an ice rink. It is requested that steps be taken to encourage and expedite the gaining of the approval. (At this time, Mr. Abo informed that the C.A. has plans to build such.)

(Transfer  
of Relatives  
to Join  
Families in  
this Center)

2. (Ito) Some steps be taken so that transfer of relatives residing in other centers to join their families in this center will be possible. In spite of the great efforts and necessary steps taken by the interested individuals, Social Welfare has denied the transfer on the ground that the center is lacking in housing facilities.

As there were no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 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

November 29, 1944

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The report of the Chairman followed:

REPORT OF THE  
CHAIRMAN

1. Upon the request of Ward 8 to have more coal delivered relative to its larger population, the matter was given thorough consideration. As a consequence of investigation, it was found that coal was delivered according to the need and not proportionate to the population, as was generally believed. Mr. Lauritzen also was to have mentioned that coal dumped may be used with Population) by the schools located in those blocks.
2. In accordance with the request of Ward 8 for drains in the mess halls, the place was inspected. Drains will be entered in the coming budget. Need for the change of location of urinals in the men's latrines of the old area was also pointed out. It will also be placed in the budget. (Upon question of the Chairman, Blocks 15, 18, 6, 12, 8, 19, 10, and 34 and all blocks in Ward 8 reported that their latrines were without drains and all 74 blocks to be Placed reported that grading of the grounds will be necessary in on Next Budget order to prevent the roads from becoming slushy and impassable as a result of rain and melting snow.)
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May Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

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(Laundry Tubs Being Re-Paired)

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Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY  
Tule Lake Center  
Newell, California

Dec. 1, 1944  
(Date)

ATTENTION Assistant Project Director, Administrative Management Division  
Office Service Section

FROM: Block Manager's Headquarters  
(Requesting Office)

SUBJECT: REQUISITION FOR MIMEOGRAPH WORK

Please have the attached material mimeographed,

in amount 3 Reams by As soon as possible. By 4 P.M.  
(Number of Copies) (Hour and Date Material is Required)

Check One

We will call for the material.

Please deliver to \_\_\_\_\_  
(Unit, Section or Division)

Check One

Please save the Stencil for later use.

Please do not save Stencil.

W. Henderson  
(Signature of Division Chief)

PLEASE MAKE THIS FORM IN DUPLICATE



Mr. Henderson

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

December 4, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 4, 1944, two days ahead of its scheduled date, pursuant to notices duly given, at 1608-B, from 9:00 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo, Co-ordinator, presided.

ATTENDANCE All blocks, except #17, were represented. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

PURPOSE OF MEETING The Chairman first purported that the meeting was scheduled ahead for the purpose of discussing and deciding the matter relative to the sending of Imon-hin (gifts) to the prisoners of war. According to the information received, the number of prisoners is expected to reach 2500, he reported. He then continued to state that subsequent to the convening of a special Ward Chairmen meeting on Saturday, it was deemed that the quantity of Tuna and Rock Cod, Okoshi, and Daikon Zuke were sufficient to meet the increase; however, in the case of slippers and the pool of donated fund, further additions will be necessary. It was the unanimous decision of the body that the deficit of fund and the deficiency of the slippers should be promptly complemented. Thereupon, the Chairman gave the following report of the gifts:

(Increase of Prisoners of War)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Approximate Express Charge</u>
Slippers	2880	3000	\$ 300
Okoshi	8000	2500	200
Daikon Zuke	140	7000	560
Tuna	2000	2000	150
Rock Cod	500	500	40
			<hr/> \$1260
			1150 Tuna & Rock Cod
			<hr/> \$2410 Total

DECISION: To supply the deficiency of slippers, it was unanimously agreed that 20 slippers per block be supplemented, which should be taken to the Ward Chairman of each respective ward, where they will be collected on Saturday afternoon. As for the deficit of fund, collection of donation of 10¢ per person, which will total approximately \$2750, by Saturday, was the unanimous decision of the assembled body.

GIFTS TO BE PACKED IN CARTONS Upon recommendation of Mr. Wada, the body also agreed that the gifts henceforth should be packed in cartons, in order to save express expense.

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR 1946 BUDGET The floor was taken by Mr. Thomas, who pointed out some of the items entered on the 1946 budget. He then asked for the floor's suggestions for items omitted. The following were therein given: covered entrance to the Mess Halls in Ward 8, porches, buckets (Housing budget), mop handles (Maintenance), increase of clothing allowance (Welfare).

BODY ASKED TO PACK GIFTS Block Managers' attendance was requested by the Chairman on Sunday, December 10th, at 9:00 a.m. to pack the gifts for shipment on Monday. Upon announcement that the Wednesday meeting will not be held, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 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

December 13, 1944

The regular general meeting of the Block Managers of the Tule Lake Center was held on December 13, 1944, at 1608-B, from 9:10 a.m. Mr. Z. Okubo presided.

ATTENDANCE  
Guests

Blocks 38, 67, and 68 were recorded absent. Mr. Thomas represented the Administration. Introductions of Mr. Murray of the Housing Section, Mr. Ross, Assistant Reports Officer, and Mrs. C. Deschin, Assistant Counselor, were made by the Chairman. Mr. Naito, newly appointed Assistant Central Block Manager, was also introduced.

MR. MURRAY  
ASKS ADVICE OF  
BODY AS TO  
PRECEDENCE  
OF APARTMENT  
SPACE: Rela-  
tives Resid-  
ing in Other  
Centers or  
Couples  
Getting  
Married

Mr. Murray then took the floor to ask for a discussion and if possible advice of the body pertinent to the provision of housing space. He questioned the body as to who should get 'priority' if space were available -- relatives now residing in the other relocation centers who wish to be reunited with their families in this center or young couples contemplating marriages. By way of reference, he illustrated by pointing out that if space were divided equally, 100 sq. ft. or 1 1/2 beam should be allocated to each person. Notwithstanding, many people are now living in apartments, which virtually are not entitled to them if the fore-going were to be strictly enforced. The cause of this unfair distribution of apartments is due to relocation of part of its family members, marriages, or perhaps death. The consensus of the body, without wavering, was that no discussion as to the precedence of the afore-mentioned two groups was necessary for both are of grave importance.

DECISION:  
Both

Relocation  
of Evacuees  
or Construc-  
tion of Barr-  
acks Sug-  
gested

As a suggestion, Mr. Takahashi felt that as a preliminary step, people who are on the relocation list (people who have not professed loyalty to Japan and yet are not repatriates or expatriates) should be cleared. If that is not feasible, construction of additional barracks to accommodate them should be undertaken, he further suggested. Mrs. Deschin explained that the Administration had no authority to force these people out until such time that they themselves feel that they are ready to leave, at which time the WRA will give all the assistance needed.

Block Mgrs.  
Suggested  
Not to  
Take Matter  
up -- Mr.  
Ito.

Mr. Ito then expressed strong opinion that dwelt on the subject of 'duties and power of the Block Managers'. As has been continually 'scotched' in the minds of the Managers for good, he emphasized, Block Managers are certainly not in a position to take up such a matter. Mr. Murray commented that he had no intention that they take responsibility to ask the people to move out. He stated that he merely wanted the information transmitted or people educated that in an event people who ask for more space than virtually allotted (that is, if a married couple is refused a four-beam apartment when three-beam would be sufficient) that it is understood that such request must be refused in order to provide space for people getting married or people desiring reunion with families in this center.

REPORT OF  
CHAIRMAN  
(Request to  
Bring  
Vouchers to  
Hdqs.)  
(Plasterboards  
Impossible)

The Chairman gave the following report:

(Blk. Mgr.  
& Sec. in  
Block 99)

1. As a safe measure against loss, Block Managers are requested to personally bring in their vouchers for clothing allowances.

(Spokesmen  
Elected)

2. Distribution of plasterboards in the new area is an impossibility.

3. Although they are not yet able to attend the general meetings, the so-called Block 99 has elected its Block Manager and Secretary. (Mr. Thomas remarked that their attendance may be arranged at a future date.)

(14 Year  
Olds Asked  
to Register)

4. The following Spokesmen for the body of Spokesmen for Japanese Nationals were elected at the last meeting: C. Okutako, Chairman; M. Maruyama and Z. Okubo, Vice Chairmen; and J. Fujino, Executive Secretary and Treasurer. As its chief topic of discussion, as well as its decision, the body resolved to obtain information regarding the steps to be taken by a renounced citizen, who supposedly has become a Japanese National, to be considered and classified as a National.

(Slippers &  
Okoshi  
Shipped)

5. Those who are 14 years of age or over are requested to register for the Alien Registration; otherwise, neglect of such would mean violation of the law. This applies to those who have not yet registered. (by Mr. Fujino)

6. Slippers and Okoshi, as Imon-hin (gifts) to the prisoners of war, were shipped out safely. However, Daikon Zuko have been withheld from shipment.

REPLIES TO  
WEEKLY RE-  
PORTS

Following are the replies to the Weekly Reports given by Mr. Thomas:

(Grading  
Blocks to  
be Taken  
Care of)

1. What is the possibility of having all of the 74 blocks graded to provide for better drainage, and thus help to eliminate the pools of water that form after rains and the melting of snow? (Ans.) I talked to Mr. Robertson and Mr. Ricketts who stated that they were going to take a trip throughout the Center so that they can see what they could do.

(New Boilers  
Produce  
Some Heat  
Units)

2. Block 22 reports that when the old boiler broke and a new one installed it was much smaller than the old one and the people are complaining that there is not enough hot water? (Ans.) Mr. Bergman of the Construction states that all of the old boilers were made of cast iron and that those being used to replace those when they wear out are made of steel. The steel ones are smaller in overall size than the old cast iron boilers but that the heat units produced by the two are just the same. He further stated that whenever the old ones wear out they will be replaced by the steel boilers in the future and that the people should not become alarmed because the new ones look smaller, that they will produce as much hot water as the old ones.

(Health Dept.  
Informed of  
Athletes  
Foot)

3. It has been reported that a disinfectant is needed in Block 28 for Athletes Foot, can this be provided? (Ans.) This was brought to the attention of the Hospital Health Department and whatever action is taken will have to be taken by them.

(Strict  
Ticket  
System  
Suggested  
as a Remedy  
to Over-  
crowded  
Mess Halls)

4. Complaint that the Mess Halls are overcrowded during movie performances. (Ans.) According to Mr. Dimon there will be no movie organization in the C.A. Movies from now on will be carried under the auspices of the High School. (Mr. Fujino later commented that C.A. will continue with its movie program after all, with its 16 mm. projector. The body recommended the institution of a strict ticket system to eliminate the overcrowding.

(Double  
lining of  
Apartments  
Impossible)

5. Will it be possible to have the apartments in Blocks 57, 58, and 59 lined with sheet rock on both sides of the partition. (Ans.) This has been answered many times before. It will not be possible for these partitions to be double lined. The Army built this camp and when they let their original contract it called for double lined partitions in the first area that was built. However, in all the later blocks that were constructed the double lined partitions were not entered into the contract and it will not be possible to do this work now. The same is true for any new apartments that are constructed through partitioning, in the future.

Mr. FAGAN'S  
REQUEST

Mr. Thomas then read a request from Mr. Fagan, Placement Officer, which asked that the Block Managers do what they can in getting Peace Officers who have more family members working than are allowed in the new employment regulation, terminated. It was suggested that other members of the family other than the Peace Officer terminate. Again, the body felt that the request was submitted to the wrong office. This body has no authority to ask people to terminate. A point was raised that at the time of the re-organization of the police force, a memo signed by the Project Director read that peace officers elected will be accepted without question by the Administration.

EXIGENT PLEA  
FOR  
MORE MILK

As an exigent plea from the residents, Mr. Ito strongly asked that sufficient milk be supplied to the growing children. He cited that the long waiting list of dental patients alone should exemplify the fact that something is lacking in our diet. Therefore, at least milk unquestionably should be furnished. Administration claims that certain standing order is not fulfilled due to the winter milk stringency on the outside, if that's the case, there are other means by which the situation may be remedied to a certain extent, "was the body's" vice Mr. Nagasawa seconded the motion.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ M. Y. Hanaoka, Secretary

Approved by:

/s/ J. Fujino, Central Block Manager

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December 20, 1944

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ATTENDANCE Blocks 4, 18, 21, 24, and 74 were unrepresented. Administration was represented by Mr. J. Thomas.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN In accordance with the agenda, the Chairman gave his report as follows.

(Imon-hin Shipped out: Express Charges-\$486.11) 1. The kind assistance of the Block Managers and the colonists made possible the sending of the Imon-hin (gifts) to the prisoners of war. All gifts, except Daikon Zuke, have been shipped out. Express charges for the slippers and the okoshi amounted to \$486.11. Slippers, Okoshi, raisins, and Tokyo Zuke were sent to 19 prisoners hospitalized in various Hospitals.

(P.O. Request-- Refrain from Favors) 2. A request received from the Post Office asked that colonists refrain from asking personal favors, such as delivering or mailing of parcels, from the P.O. employees.

3. It is requested that the Block Managers submit a survey of the number of buildings and number of apartments, in order to make possible the distribution of paints.

CENTER RECEIVING MORE MILK THAN REGULATIONS CALLS FOR

Mr. Thomas reported that in regards to the shortage of milk, Mr. Hayward has stated that the Center is already receiving more milk than it calls for in the regulations. Nevertheless, Mr. Thomas added that he has requested for specific figures relative to the distribution of milk.

REQUEST: STOVES BE COOLED WHEN CHIMNEYS BEING CLEANED

Mr. Thomas then read a memo from Mr. Lauritzen of the Maintenance Department asking that the stoves be cooled down when chimneys are being cleaned; otherwise, cleaners will not work on hot chimneys because several cleaners have received burns on their hands caused by working on chimneys that had a hot fire in the stove.

REQUESTS

Inefficiency of the telephone operators and distribution of coal were requests repeated. As for the coal situation, Mr. Okubo reported that due to the crane being out of order, distribution has been delayed. However, it will be resumed immediately upon repair.

DIAPER PERMITS BE GRANTED PRIOR TO HOSPITALIZATION

It was also requested from the floor that permit to purchase diapers be granted by the doctors to expectant mothers prior to their hospitalization, not after.

MILK BE DISTRIBUTED PROPORTIONATE TO CHILDREN POPULATION

Mr. Okamoto asked that the Food Committee be informed that milk be distributed in proportion to the population of children.

Upon motion made, seconded, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ May Hanaoka, Secretary

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