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BLOCK HEADS LEAVE

The Block Managers' Supervisor's office revealed that the block managers of 46, George Oki, and 22, Bob Okazaki, left Tuesday, November 30 for Detroit and Chicago respectively.

Tom Y. Sakai, Block Managers Supervisor, has returned from a short term trip to the east and is back at his office.

dogs will probably fill the air with passes. Hori who is just as accurate on long passes as he is on short ones will have very capable receivers in the two ends Morinishi and Kunitura and also in halfback Chikahisa. Mas Kawanami a straight "A" student calls the plays and does a very smart job of it. Fullback Art Omori who rounds out the quartet although

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6. The Block Managers' Supervisor announced that on account of segregation three block managers and two assistant block managers resigned from their respective offices to leave for Tule Lake. The retiring managers are Keiji Kaku of 12, George Tsunoda of 42, and Horie of 3; they were very active members of the group. The assistant block managers are the ones who have been attending the meetings regularly in place of their Issei block managers, who could not understand the business of meeting which ^{are} ~~were~~ conducted in English. Another manager, Ouchi of 30, a militant manager, resigned to leave for the Middle West on a short term permit.

Both Kaku and Tsunoda stated that although their block residents had held

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held meeting to select their successors, they so far failed. "You can't select just anyone for block manager and the one they selected would not accept the job. What can you do?" Kaku stated.

Block Manager

Background data on Keiiji Kaku, the former block manager of 12:

He is a Kibei, about 26 years of age. He is married and has a baby.

Kaku was one of the early Japanese to be drafted into the army and was serving as a private at the time of the outbreak of war. According to his own story, soon after the Pearl Harbor attack he was sent home, because "I was a Japanese." The captain of his battalion one day gathered his soldiers and made a statement in his presence face to face, "I won't trust Japs any time any place." Kaku then replied to his superior, "Why do you keep me here if that's the case?" This remark, as he says, resulted eventually in his discharge from the army. However, this incident more than anything else embittered him. In the block managers meetings he made many pugnacious statements belittling white men and democracy, reflecting his resentment and bitterness. He was always very aggressive in dealings with the administration. It was he who requested that the personnel block also abide by the restrictions for the evacuees when Head ordered curtailment of use of electricity several weeks ago. He demanded the right to go into the Caucasian barracks to investigate if the personnaels would be abiding the rules.

In February he answered in the negative to the loyalty questions. Since then Nelson tried to make him see the consequence of the "no" answers and to make him forget the regrettable incident. "No, I can't be loyal to the country which ^sdiscriminate its own soldiers," he repeated.

He insisted on his "no" answers in the hearing by the Review Board and is now Tule Lake bound.

About a week ago he received his formal release from the army together

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with four others in ~~the~~ Unit I.

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In this meeting I noticed that there was a complete let down on the part of the managers. Their usual spirit was gone; they sat back in their seats without paying much attention to what is going on. It is noticeable also that a general feeling of let-down is prevailing throughout the camp after the segregation.

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I went in Roy Furuya's office this morning and saw his secretary typing ^A Rukin's speech. Furuya often makes many derogatory remarks about the Administration. This is one of the changes noticed in him after the November strike. He has been accused of an informer for the Administration.

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In connection with the "pig scandal" (Cf: October 27, page 8, paragraph 4) a petition is being circulated among the Block Managers. It is understood that it ^{was} ~~is~~ being circulated by Bob Okazaki of Block 28, which the Councilman Masaki represent.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, we, the People of Poston, have, by the democratic process of election, set up a Local Council composed of leaders of the community selected for their upstanding character, integrity and public mindedness,

AND WHEREAS, the members of said Local Council have chosen from their group their ablest leaders to serve on the Community Council,

AND WHEREAS, members of said Community Council held a dinner honoring themselves last week,

AND WHEREAS, two nice fat pigs were slaughtered for that sumptuous banquet and eaten with great gusto by said Community Councilmen,

AND WHEREAS, the Block Managers of this happy community are also men of high character, noble impulses, and public-mindedness,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Block Managers of Poston I held a banquet to congratulate themselves on the unselfish work they are doing for the community,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two nice fat pigs be slain on the Altar of Service for Mankind and properly barbecued in the name of Devotion to Duty and served in style to the Block Managers of Poston I at said banquet.

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE, FREEDOM, LIBERTY, FRATERNITY, TOLERANCE, AND EQUALITY, we hereby affix our signature.

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Block 36

The oldest manager, Nagano of Block 36, who has been in office since the beginning of this project, has resigned to relocate to St. Paul, where his son is now working.

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Block 22

It was reported that Bob Okazaki, The Block 22 manager, has resigned because he is relocating to Chicago. In his place the block has drafted Roy Furuya to the office to work concurrently with his regular duty of the Executive Assistant. Furuya stated that he had been told that it was a temporary set up and was forced to accept it.

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Admin.
The meeting of this afternoon was the first one presided by Nomura in place of Nelson. A remarkable difference was noticeable; the managers commented on the matters in question more freely without reserve or restraint. In fact, they were liable to go into trivial side issues often; the progress ^{of} ~~was~~ business was retarded. Some managers were chatting on the side, which was entirely unknown when Nelson was present.

After the meeting one manager commented that there would not be enough to gain by arguing either with Nomura or with Ekimoto or with Furuya. He suggested that a Caucasian in a responsible position should be brought to the meeting to answer questions and charges of the managers. He wanted to request Gelvin's presence at the Block Managers' meetings.

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There were some new faces among the Block Managers. It is getting to be a body of older Issei. A remarkable change is taking place in the Managers' meetings. There are no more fighting managers like Keiji Kaku or Shogo Saito or Ed Ouchi. The managers are nowadays taking orders from the Administration and carrying them out in the best manner they could. It may be attributed in a way to the fact that the meetings are conducted in English and many of the Issei do not understand ~~that~~ ^{is} ~~are~~ discussed. Sometime ago a suggestion was made by Tom Sakai, the Supervisor, to conduct the meetings in Japanese, but it was opposed by Nomura and me. ~~and~~ We believed that if the meetings are conducted in Japanese the older men would have too much opportunities to say what they want. The Issei always have a tendency to sidetrack from the main issue, thereby consuming too much time. We were afraid that the Block Managers's meetings would become something like the Council meetings.

The older managers usually remain after the meetings and Tom Sakai explain to them the business of meetings in Japanese.

SAKAI REPLACES AOKI AS BLK. MGR'S. SUPERVISOR

The resignation of Iwao Aoki, Block Managers' Supervisor, was disclosed, when he officially resigned at the weekly block managers' meeting held in the Conference Room, June 1.

It is known that he is planning to leave the project in the very near future to join his brother, who has a farm at Gunnerson, Utah.

Aoki had assumed leadership of the block managers since last year. He received complaints, brought forth by the

block managers, without complaining, and executed everything in his power to better the blocks.

During the meeting, Dick Nishimoto, representing the block managers, warmly thanked Aoki for his untiring effort and his cooperation with the block managers. He then disclosed that the Block Managers' Executive Committee, composed of one manager from each quad, had recommended Tom Sakai, Block 42, as the new Supervisor.

Sakai was unanimously elected, and was approved by the Local Council (Unit I) at its meeting of June 2.

Prior to his evacuation, Aoki was a well known truck farmer of Talbert, Orange County, who specialized in growing chili pepper.

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GEORGE MURATA

Holding one of the most difficult positions in Poston, the block managers of Unit I have been and are doing an appreciative amount of work in keeping a close relationship between the residents and the administration.

The difficultness of the position may be indicated by the fact, that only a few block managers have been in office since the beginning. Those few are F. Shigemichi of Blk. 17, K. Kadotani of Blk. 18, R. So of Blk. 27, Jo of Blk. 32, G. Nagano of Blk. 35, G. Nagakura of Blk. 36, F. Abe of Blk. 37, K. Shibata of Blk. 54, and S. Saito of Blk. 59. Indeed, the blocks, under the leadership of these men, should feel proud to know that their managers have been willing to sacrifice themselves for the welfare of their blocks.

The present system, which is headed by Len Nelson, Unit I Administrator, has worked out satisfactory to both the block managers and the administration.

The block managers are under the supervision of Tom Sakai, who was formerly a block manager of Block 42 but attained his present position as Block Managers' Supervisor due to the resignation of Iwao Aoki, a month ago, who planned to leave the project. Sakai is ably assisted by Roy Furuya, assistant to the Unit Administrator, and who sees to it that the requisitions, sent in by the block managers, are taken care of.

A weekly block managers' meeting is held every Tuesday morning in the Conference Room, during which time problems and demand of the residents are discussed. In addition, representatives of various departments plea for more workers, or caution the managers to notify the residents to abide by the rules of their respective departments. An Executive Committee, composed of one representative from each squad, also meets every Wednesday morning in the Conference Room.

Recently, an interesting angle has entered the picture of the block managers in several blocks. Two women Helen Ikemi and Kiyo Miyamoto of Blocks 28 and 60 respectively have assumed leadership of their blocks and are doing very well. As stated by one quarter, it may mean that the position is getting too strenuous for the stronger sex.

The residents can not place enough as much praise as is due to the block managers, whose untiring effort and self-sacrifice have done wonders to the blocks. However, the work can be done by a child, if the work of the block manager is only to obey everything as ordered by the administration. But it takes courage, effort, and self sacrifice to see that the demands of the residents are satisfied.

Some token of appreciation must also be given to secretaries and assistant block managers and to the secretaries of the Supervisor's office, whose neat files and up to the minute records make everything easier. Namely, they are Tomiko Nagata, Mary Ino, Kajiko Takenouchi of the Supervisor's office, Yoshiko Ota and Fumi Okanishi of the Administrator's office.

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cf. Appendix 2
Preliminary Report
for further data.

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DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS
OF THE BLOCK MANAGER'S OFFICE STAFF

THE BLOCK MANAGER SHALL:

1. Act as information center and prepare a list of all questions which he is unable to answer for submission to the supervisors of block managers for answering.
2. Supervise the construction and maintenance of office equipment.
3. Supervise custodial work.
4. Be responsible for a comprehensive Daily Log.
5. Initiate and organize Block Council; also participate in all meetings of the Council.
6. Be responsible for property issued through his office. (expendable and non-expendable). The Block Manager and his staff will issue property in a reasonable and economical fashion and instill upon the residents of the block a sense of economy as part of their contribution to the total war effort.
7. Maintain adequate property records and checking systems which, at all times, will show distribution of property such as tools and other articles which should be kept in the block office.
8. Together with the Assistant Manager, organize and direct cleaning of grounds within the block. He is responsible for the upkeep and appearance of the block.
9. Be on duty within the block during office hours except at times when he shall appoint his Assistant to take his place. (Refer to code no. 7).

At least one member of the office staff or one responsible resident appointed by the manager must be available within the block during off hours; this person shall be authorized to act in the capacity of a staff member in the event of an emergency. (The name and address of the said person must be posted in a conspicuous place outside of the Block Manager's office.

10. Assume no responsibility for the morale, work, or food conditions in the kitchen; he will, however, bring to the attention of the Block Council and the Municipal Councilman all major complaints made by residents in regards to the kitchen.

11. Be responsible for the performance of the assigned duties of the members of his staff. Also, he will be responsible for the performance of the assigned duties of any other employees whose time is kept by the Block Manager's office.
12. Organize his staff in such a manner that the office will have the atmosphere of a service bureau. It is his duty to instruct and to advise his staff in coordinating an efficient and pleasant environment in the office. He shall, with a great deal of discretion assume such responsibilities as he deems necessary to coordinate and attain a harmonious atmosphere within his block.

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THE ASSISTANT BLOCK MANAGER SHALL:

1. Assume the duties of Block Manager in the absence of the latter.
2. Be responsible for the collection and distribution of mail.
3. Maintain a daily-strength report.
4. Assume the responsibility for the reporting of all emergencies such as health, fire, police, maintenance, and others.
5. Maintain a bulletin board for the posting of all authorized public notices, announcements, and other matters.
6. Act as a source of information.

THE CLERK SHALL:

1. Keep an accurate Daily Log under the supervision of the Block Manager.
2. Report time on all Block Office employees.
3. Assist the Custodian in the control and regulation of the use of electric appliances and other articles.
4. Maintain a record of the addresses of all the residents in the block in such a manner as to facilitate the location of any person within the block.
5. With the cooperation of the Custodian, make requisitions for such property as is definitely needed in advance to insure a supply on hand at all times.
6. Keep an accurate record of all employed and employables in the block.
7. Be responsible for any other Clerical duties.

THE CUSTODIAN SHALL:

1. Maintain and see that equipment is properly in place and kept in the best possible condition.
2. Control and regulate the use of electrical appliances and other articles.
3. Cooperate with the clerk in requisitioning for such property as is definitely needed.
4. Keep an accurate account of all property in the block office.
5. In the absence of the Clerk, assume the duties of the latter.

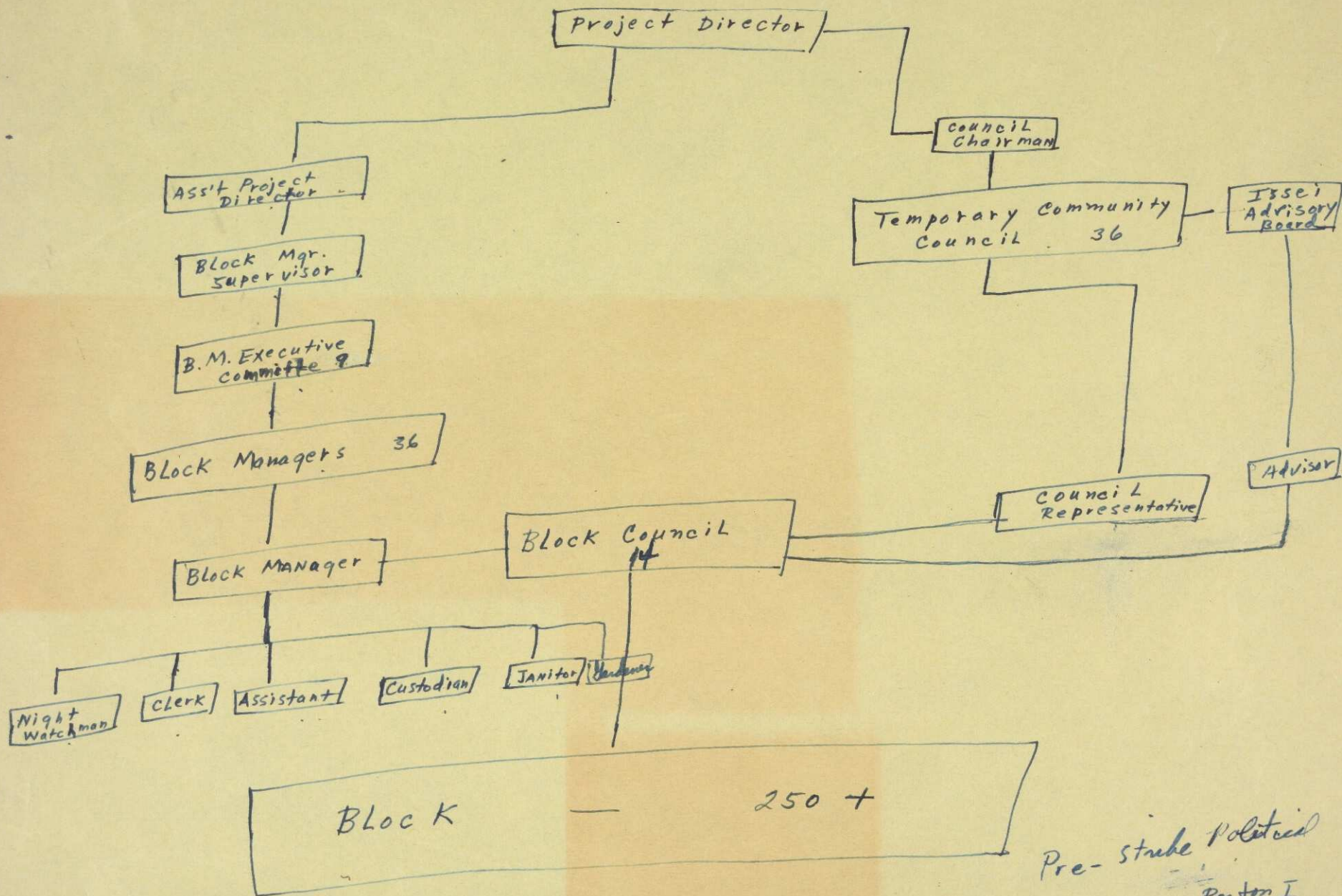
CODE OF THE BLOCK MANAGER'S OFFICE

1. All members of the Block Manager's staff will comport themselves in a manner commensurate with their responsibility. They will never expose themselves to criticisms on the grounds of officiousness, favoritism, or laxity in the performance of their duties.
2. The Block Manager shall be held responsible for the conduct of his office. No persons shall indulge in card games, profanity, or loud conversation in any manner which is unnecessary in the office.
3. The Block Manager's Office Staff should be "dispensers" of good-will among the residents of the block. A great deal of this type of work cannot be done in the office; personal contacts must be made with individuals insofar as possible. Periodic calls should be made on families and individuals. The Staff must be prepared to offer their service in any way possible to relieve any problem or grievance which might arise.
4. The needs of the block residents are the primary consideration of the block office staff. They must be alert and ready to render courteous service at all times. They must be ready to offer services before they are asked; in this respect, a resident is comparable to a customer approaching a salesman who, in this case, is anyone of the staff. The customer never asks for service in any well-organized and successful business house.
5. Any member of the staff must report his whereabouts and approximate time of his return during office hours.
6. The Block Manager's office staff must not feel that their duties are limited to the "Duties and Functions". Every member must show initiative and interest to take part or assist in any work or activities which are relative to the best interests of the people of the block and of the Community as a whole.
7. During the absence of all staff members, in case of an emergency, a responsible resident may be appointed to act in the capacity of clerk-custodian.

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Poston, Arizona Oct. 4th 1943

PETITION IN EVICTION

Miss Butler, Director
Family Welfare Division
Colorado River Relocation Center
Poston. Arizona

Dear Madam:

I, the undersigned, residing in the Block 36. Building 10., Apartment D, do hereby petition you to oust and cause to remove the people now occupying the Apartment C of the same building by the name of Chikara Tsuchida and his immediate family from our block for the reasons set forth hereunder. Ti wit; --

Whereas, since the occupation of the present site of residence above mentioned from the day of May 30th in the year of 1942 and have been living very peacefully in a perfect state of security and enjoying all the privileges accorded us by the Government of the United States and this peace and security we have long been enjoying is now being threatened by the presence of the people above mentioned and we are in a constant fear of our lives by the sole and only reason that we are living the same block with them.

About three weeks ago today, my wife, Mrs. Takahashi was standing in front of our residence and was in the act of coming into the house when all of sudden, Chizuko Tsuchida, the youngest of the Tsuchida family, pushed her with all of her might, causing Mrs. Takahashi fall right over a sharp edge of a stump of tree, cutting and bruising the lower part of her abdomen so painfully that we had to take her into the hospital without loss of time and had her examined to ascertain the degree of her injury. Apparently, the case was not a serious one according to the doctor in charge then. She came home after having been treated. However, within a day or two after the incident, the swelling ~~thx~~ in the left lower abdomen appeared and we had to apply hot and cold fomentations and tried everything and see if the swelling would go down. But it was all in vain.

Dr. Murakami at the hospital gave her a thorough examination about ten days ago and found out, to our great dismay and misfortune, that her inner abdominal wall had been ruptured on account of her sudden fall and a part of the intestines dropping out through the gap. This necessitated a surgical operation and she has been operated by the same doctor and she is still confined in the General Hospital.

Previous to this sad incident, we often noticed this same Chizuko and her brother act as if they were demented and we were being told that their mother is an inmate of a lunatic assylum somewhere and therefore, her children might have inherited her insane temperament and there are several ladies hereabout who have actually suffered some discomfitures at the hands of these children. My wife at the time of this sad event, noticed a queer light in her eyes (Chizuko's) and the forth employed by this child was something so powerful and strong when she pushed her sideways that she couldn't prevent herself from falling. My wife complains

and says that she still sees this maniacal and murderous light lurking in said Chizuko's eyes and she seems to be under an illusion that she might be attacked again as soon as she comes home.

Mr. Tsuchida seems to be quite indifferent to our misfortune and our children and myself are feeling quite offended at the seeming aloofness of the entire Tsuchida family.

A constant fear might often drive a man or child to do something that he repents afterward and I can not trust my wife, myself or my children if and when the attack is coming and how to react in such an occasion can not be foretold.

Whereas, the police force in our community of Poston is quite inadequate to extend their protection for the citizens here in a case where an insane temperament of a certain individual might flare up suddenly and causing some such injury or misfortune as in the case of my wife, it would be quite impossible for any one to forecast when and how such attack might be occasioned.

Therefore, the undersigned do hereby crave and pray that you, with the authority vested in you, take this matter up and evict and remove the said family of Tsuchida from our block to prevent not only our own family but all other people residing in the same block from being victimized by the hand of this particular family. And this is my sincere prayer.

Submitted this 4th day of October in the year of 1943.

Very respectfully ours

/s/ Kuni Takahashi

Kuni Takahashi
36-10-D
Poston. Arizona

September 11, 1942

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GENERAL BLOCK MEETING OF 209

The meeting was called specifically for the purpose of giving the Block Manager's report, the Treasurer's report and especially the report of the Block Council representative on the first Temporary Community Council meeting held on Monday September 7. The Council representative is Harry Iwashige, the Block Manager Albert Ikeda. Both Niseis.

The meeting was scheduled for 8:30 P.M. but only 16 members have shown upon by 9 o'clock. Of this number 4 were Niseis and the other 12 Isseis.

The general talk of the gathered group was that the people here were more interested in the fishing, fixing their fishing paraphernalia and talking about the size of the catch than to attend meetings. Of the 16 members who had shown up by this time, the 4 Niseis were the Councilmen, the Block Manager, the Clerk and the Custodian. Finally it became necessary for the Block Manager to go out and round up the members. A little while later the Block Manager came back to report.

Block Manager: The people will not attend this meeting because they say that it has no meaning. They say that unless results can be obtained by holding such a meeting, or if a guarantee to that effect can be made, they will attend such a meeting. They also stated that those who are attending probably think that there is some meaning to the meetings; therefore, why don't you get their opinions. I told them that this meeting was called for a purpose and that was to announce the Treasurer's report and also the Councilmen's report. Perhaps I shouldn't have mentioned that the Council report was going to be given tonight. I want those of you who have gathered here tonight to decide whether or not to have block meetings.

(3 more Niseis enters making it 7 Niseis and 12 Isseis)

(The following was given to me on the side by the Clerk)

Clerk: Mr. M. and Mr. A. will not cooperate at all because they don't wish to have a Council. The majority of this block is apposed to have Councilmen's report back. They also claim that even the

Block meetings are useless. Prior to this, when we had our Block meeting to decide on whether to nominate Council representative or not, many of the people didn't want to come in if the Block intended to nominate candidates. When they were assured that nomination of candidate would not be held, they all came in and participated in the meeting.

Block Manager: Since their stand is that they will not attend because such a meeting has no meaning, I told them to come to the meeting and express their opinions as to why a block meeting is useless or had no meaning. In spite of this they are stubborn and firmly stated that they will not attend. We cannot use force to make them come to the meetings. I really want to find out what real reason or motive they have for not cooperating with the rest of the block. If they are not satisfied with me as a Block Manager, I will gladly resign my position to anyone they may wish to choose. Since they do not give me reason, I cannot tell what is really in their minds.

Voice: I should think that since this Council has been elected and since all the other blocks are holding meetings, why don't these people who are apposing this cooperate like a man and not be childish in their action.

Voice: The main reason for their apposition must be that they strongly appose the Council.

Custodian: I think we shouldn't have stated that the Councilmen's report would be given tonight. This I believe is the reason why they are staying away.

Block Manager: Since the noise has subsided, shall we proceed with the Treasurers report? That is if those of you who are present agree to such a procedure.

(The noise here referred to ~~here~~ is the hammering and scrapping produced in the process of laying linoleum on the floor by the workers)

General approval of those present.

The Treasurer's report given by the Block Manager followed by the Block Manager's meeting report of August 28.

At this point I dismiss myself from the meeting for I had gained the general impression or attitude of the people of this Block. At a future date I intend to interview some of the leaders of the majority opposition group. I have already gained permission from one of the leaders to interview him.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Hiro Yamamisaka, Manager of the Employment Office.

The report from the Family Welfare Department was given first by Miss Masa Hayashi. The Family Welfare Department is under the direct supervision of Miss Findley, Chief of Community Services for Poston. The Poston Two staff consists of Miss Ogata and Miss Hayashi who each cover one-half of the community. During the past month the department handled 72 cases, including calls for relief, requests for transfers to other relocation centers, permits to leave centers, mixed marriage cases and the like. There have been 15 cases of requests for relief but the office has not been able to do anything about it because no appropriation has been made.

During the last few days a survey has been conducted in conjunction with the block managers and the Housing Dept. to determine the number of people who are in need, the number without employment and no visible means of support, and to find ways in which they can be helped. Miss Hayashi said that Mr. Empie and Miss Findley are now working on a budget, and the appropriation from San Francisco is expected soon. Furthermore, Miss Findley plans to have a conference with all block managers, the Employment Office, Housing and Family Welfare on the problem of relief.

Mr. Maeno asked if anything had been done about persons requesting to go back to their homes to settle their estates. Miss Hayashi answered that they had received applications but no permits had as yet been granted through her department. Mr. Maeno stated he knew definitely of instances where persons have been allowed to return for such purposes and suggested that it would be well for the Welfare Department to investigate.

Miss Hayashi was asked if Nisei soldiers were allowed to visit their relatives in relocation centers. She answered that the regular procedure of securing permits from San Francisco should be followed. Though there has been a statement published in the Press Bulletin saying that blood relatives may visit relocation centers, it is Miss Findley's advice that it not be considered a blanket order to cover members of the armed forces.

The question of a Welfare Department without funds was again brought up. Miss Hayashi explained that through WRA has stated that relief will be available, no actual appropriation of funds has been received by the Project.

When asked whether of the organization of clubs for women and girls with the ultimate purpose of uplifting morale was not a function of the Welfare Department, Miss Hayashi replied that it was, but that work had not been done along that line as yet. It was felt that such activities should be postponed until the department was better-organized.

Mr. Kiyoshi Abe of the Housing Department next presented his report. He went through the procedure to be followed in making applications for change of address.

He reported that at the present time the Housing Department is working on an alphabetical file of every family in Poston Two, copies of which will be available to the Police, Post Office, and the Administration. In the very near future it is expected that each unit will have a complete file of all Poston residents.

The highest population figure for Poston Two was 4030. The exodus of sugar beet workers brought the total down to 3928. Of the 18 blocks, three are still unoccupied; 201 use by the M.P.'s 202 which is vacant, and 210, the school campus.

Mr. Abe was asked whether there would be any more intakes. He answered that though no one can say for certain, future large intakes are not expected. However, there will be from time to time, new evacuees as a result of transfers from other centers and releases from detention camps. In case there are no more large intakes, a better distribution of apartments will certainly be made, Mr. Abe said.

With regard to bachelors the question was asked whether they could be given more room or, have one block assigned to them. Mr. Abe explained that the plan of having all bachelors in one block was tried in Poston One but did not work out. It was found that bachelors when settled in one section constituted a greater problem.

It was felt that as all persons were not aware of the fact that changes in address can be made, a general notice to the effect should be publicized through the Press and the Block Managers.

The question of the use of Recreation Halls is one of Housing's biggest problems and a meeting is to be held soon with the Recreation people on this subject.

Mr. Matsuda gave the report of the Clothing Department which comes under Family Welfare. He covered the various types of clothing available, their quantity, the sizes, and read the list of articles on order for Poston Two. Shoes are the most

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needed articles at the present time, but they have still not been received.

Mr. Burdick, Assistant Steward, was called upon for any comments he wished to make. He was most concerned about the Mess Hall in 210 which had been set aside tentatively for the children in the primary grades. He enumerated the advantages of having such a dining hall on the school campus and expressed the hope that at this coming Saturday's meeting the mothers of the community would support the idea to the fullest extent.

Dr. Kita announced that the meeting to select the Fair Practice Board would be held at Recreation Hall 222 at nine o'clock Saturday morning.

A discussion on the warehouse situation followed. Mr. Fujii said he would like to see either the block managers or the council see to it that there was a more equitable distribution of supplies to the three units, especially food. At the present time, whenever there is a shortage of any food item in Poston One, it is made up from the Poston Two stores. It was disclosed, also, that food from the Camp Two warehouse was going to the Personnel Kitchen. Mr. Burdick was asked if he had any control over the Personnel Kitchens, but he replied that he did not. On the matter of distribution Mr. Maeno asked Mr. Fujii and Mr. Yoshida to attend the council meeting on the following Monday so that work on the problem might be begun.

The departments which will report on the 15th are the Department of Agriculture and the Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned

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Division Leaders' Meeting
September 24, 1942

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Maeno.

Mr. Mas Yamamoto of the Public Health and Sanitation Department spoke on the activities of his office. Its purpose is to promote a health program for the whole community, instigate sanitary measures, alleviate certain types of diseases and correct undesirable health conditions. The department in Poston Two works in close cooperation with the units in Poston One and Three. It was taken over by Dr. Pressman two weeks ago; up to that time it had been under the supervision of Dr. Leighton.

The staff consists of two sanitary inspectors who make weekly inspections of the latrines and kitchens; a meat inspector for our kitchens, and four other sanitary inspectors who work on the ant and fly control program.

One of the biggest problems confronting Public Health is the lack of a disinfectant for use in the kitchens and latrines. To date they have not been able to secure the necessary chemicals to check the spread of germs.

Among other duties of the Sanitation Department are: typhoid inoculation, quarantines, communicable diseases, analysis of water, and food inspection.

Mr. Shiratsuki of the Maintenance Department asked if the Sanitation Department could do anything to offset the odor coming from the Sewage Disposal Plant and also later, check the breeding of mosquitoes. Mr. Yamamoto answered that the necessary chemical was not available. It was his understanding that soon the machinery will arrive and construction of the plant completed and the use of chlorinated lime started. With respect to the breeding of mosquitoes, Mr. Yamamoto said that the wastage there was too strong for the breeding of any kind of insect. Later on, oil will probably be used but at the request of the Agriculture Department, it will be used sparingly so as not to degrade the soil.

When asked about the general condition in the mess halls, Mr. Yamamoto replied that conditions were fair. The linoleum soon to be laid in the kitchens will help a great deal. It will eliminate the collection of stagnant water beneath the buildings and help control cockroaches.

Mr. Yamamoto was asked if drinking water will be chlorinated. He replied that eventually it would be done but that at the present time there is no chlorine on hand.

Mr. Maeno suggested that the Public Health and Sanitation Department work in cooperation with the Health Committee of the Community Council, make a complete survey of conditions, assemble the facts, and make recommendations to the administration.

Yukiko Hasegawa, Librarian, reported next on her department. Her report disclosed that the last physical count, there were 2770 books plus a few textbooks and other books under repair which were not counted. Three-fourths of the books are for children. The library was started with discards from the Poston One library and about 300 books from the Salinas Assembly Center. Since then they have been augmented by donations from various libraries in California and private individuals. There is a definite need for reference material, especially a set of encyclopedia. The daily attendance runs from 100 to 500 persons. To date 891 cards have been issued.

Dr. Kita asked whether the library will pay for freight if persons were to donate books now in storage in California. Miss Hasegawa said that if it were a small sum, the library would take care of it out of the fines collected for overdue books. Mr. Crawford added that if it is a heavy load, Mr. Fister should be notified, and if his trucks go anywhere near the town, they will pick the books up. He further stated that educational funds will be used to support the public library as it will be under the supervision of the Education Department.

The discussion turned to Japanese literature. There are about fifty books in the library now, mostly textbooks and religious material. Mr. Crawford explained that all books must be passed upon by the Intelligence Department. The titles of Japanese books should be submitted to Mr. James for clearance.

Mr. Crawford brought up the serious labor problem created by the leaving of so many men for outside employment. There are requisitions in for 287 workers and of that number the Employment Office can only furnish about 25. The various work projects such as the irrigation work, subjugation, adobe, and construction, as well as the Police and Fire Departments, will be needing more and more men. The only solution so far is to get help from the kitchens. Mr. Crawford said that he was calling a meeting that evening in Mess Hall 214 of all the cooks, chefs, stewards, block representatives, block

manager representative and Mr. Burdick. At this meeting they hope to arrange for the release of about 200 to 300 workers for other work. Mr. Crawford asked the division leaders to consider ways and means of meeting this labor shortage and asked for suggestions.

Mr. Yamamisaka asked if there was any provision made for those workers who will be going back to school on October 5. The answer was that those between 16-18 are allowed to work a half-day. In another six weeks there will be a need for personnel in the camouflage factory and many students in that age group will be used in that project.

Mr. Madokoro, Chief of Police, reported that he now has a brand new jail with four cells, but no locks. Mr. Crawford will take care of the matter.

Mr. Maeno announced that the first court session in Poston Two will be held Saturday morning at nine o'clock in the Personnel Kitchen. The Law and Order Committee consists of Messrs. Ito, Sakamoto, Sato, who are the judges, and Messrs. Harada and Iwamoto.

The Social Welfare Department brought up the matter of typewriters. Departments were asked by Mr. Crawford to submit a schedule of hours when typewriters were needed so that a schedule might be arranged. In order to alleviate the typewriter shortage, Mr. Crawford explained that the Procurement Division is trying to get typewriters from business houses in Phoenix and has also requested the Washington Office to secure extra typewriters being used in the Indian Agency.

Mr. Maeno mentioned Administrative Instruction No. 27 issued by WRA with regard to employment and compensation. Mr. Crawford will get a copy for each division head. Mr. Crawford said that he believed the clothing allowance of \$42 per year set forth in the bulletin was in effect now.

Mr. Maeno was asked about the workmen's compensation fund. He replied that the compensation fund was passed by the WRA Board but as yet no decision as to rate has been made.

The meeting was adjourned with the decision that next week's meeting will be given over to the Red Cross Chapter and to Mr. McLaren, Superintendent of Schools.

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Division Leaders' Meeting
Thursday, October 1, 1942

The meeting was called to order by John Maeno.

Mr. Ichiji Motoki of the Red Cross Office was called upon for his report. The policy of the Poston Red Cross Chapter, Mr. Motoki said, is to follow the policies of the National organization and, more specifically, to devote itself to giving all possible aid to those Japanese in need in this center.

The Board of Directors have decided to work on five major problems:

1. Home nursing
2. Volunteering Service
3. International Red Cross Service
4. First Aid and Water Safety
5. Junior Red Cross

At present, only two of those, Home Nursing and International Red Cross Service, are in operation. There are four nurses who visit the sick people in each block every day, after first checking with the Clinic and the block managers. Their work is of a check-up and follow-up nature and to date, they have made 135 home calls.

The Red Cross Office also handles mail going to Japan. It is the only means of communication with Japan for our people here.

Miss Nell Findley, Chief of Community Services, was introduced by the chairman. She spoke of the progress that her department has been making in securing permits and transfers. So far, 18 students have left Poston for various colleges and universities. Forty-five families have gone out on mixed marriage cases. Miss Findley announced that the Family Welfare Department, Housing, and the block managers would be asked to participate in a survey of the number of persons over 65 years of age and of that number the number who are in need of financial assistance.

Miss Findley then introduced Miss Sally Lucas Jean, newly arrived Supervisor of Health Education for Poston.

Mr. Crawford asked each division to submit to him sometime Friday, October 2, a list of materials that are needed by each department and which are available in the Poston One warehouses.

He announced the appointment of Tom Tsuyuki as Special Investigator to work under the Administration and in cooperation with the Fire, Police, and Legal Departments.

Mr. Dallas McLaren, principal of the Poston Two school was introduced. The Poston School, located in Block 210, is a 12-grade school plus kindergarten and nursery classes. No furniture has arrived, among other things, and the staff is working under many handicaps. The curriculum is based on a pamphlet prepared by a special summer school class in Education at Stanford University. "Before many weeks, certainly, many months go by, we will have a school that is operated under the same conditions as in most any other area that the children might be living in," said Mr. McLaren.

The allotment per pupil for texts has been set at \$5.00 in the elementary grades and \$8.00 in the secondary grades. Poston expects to follow the California standard of at least one book per pupil per subject. In addition to books there is money in the budget for science equipment, shop tools and equipment, arts and crafts, home-making and other departments. This money will be spent on a quarterly basis but it is expected that during the first quarter at least one-half of the money will be used.

Mr. McLaren asked the group for their opinions on the proper hour to start school. Nine o'clock for the elementary school and 8:30 for the high school was suggested. However, because of the work program, Mr. McLaren said that it would probably be necessary to start high school at 8:00 or 8:10 to enable students to work half-day.

Mr. McLaren was asked about the physical education program. He said that there would be a physical education program but that it would have to be limited because of the work schedule and the lack of facilities. Sports activities will be related to Adult Education and carried on in the late afternoon and evening.

Mr. Yamauchi asked for a discussion of the question of whether the block has a right to demand any part of the Recreation Hall. Mr. Maeno suggested that, rather than the Division Leaders group, the Council would be the better body to approach on the matter. The Recreation Department was asked to put the question to the Council at Monday's meeting.

Division Leaders' Meeting
September 17, 1942

The meeting was called to order by Mr. George Nagano.

James Abe of the Timekeeping Department announced that the \$16 wage scale definitely went into effect on Sept.

1. He asked that department heads inform those in their departments that the action is not retroactive to August 1.

The first part of the meeting was given over to Hiro Yamamisaka, Manager of the Employment Office. Special points are outlined below.

1. Assignment cards.

Will be issued very shortly to all workers
Issued in quadruplicate:

- a. employment office
- b. employer
- c. timekeeping department
- d. worker

2. Requisitions for Workers

Signed first by division head, approved by Mr. Crawford, forwarded to Employment
Referral cards cannot be issued without requisition on file.

3. Releases.

An average of five releases from various jobs go through Employment Office daily.

4. Referral cards.

May now be signed by division head
Employer should be especially careful to put down EOD or Entered on Duty date on the reverse side of the card.

5. Number of employees.

1738 now working in Poston Two
889 eligibles still not working

6. Outside Employment

With regard to the sugar beet work Mr. Yamamisaka announced that 100 people are already listed to go for outside work. There are about 50 in the first group to leave from Poston Two. The Employer pays transportation both ways, furnishes shelter, and pays the prevailing wage. Evacuees must bring their own bedding and provide their own food. Interested persons may get further details at the Employment Office.

Masami Fujii, Supervisor of the Warehouse Department, spoke next on the various troubles besetting his department. The main complaint was the lack of authority in Poston Two for issuing articles stored in the warehouses. He explained that in order to get any articles released, division heads must get the approval of their Caucasian heads, and then the okay of the Camp One warehouse department through either Mr. Campbell or Mr. Wickersham. Especially in cases of emergency, the matter of getting signatures at Camp One has proved a bottleneck. Mr. Fujii felt that, as the only solution to the problem, there should be a Caucasian head here in Two who would have the authority to release supplies.

Mr. Crawford was called upon by Mr. Fujii for any remarks he may have on the warehouse situation. He explained that a new man, Mr. Townsend, is taking over the division and that he and Mr. Empie, Chief Administrative Officer, are working together on a plan to reorganize the entire department. Mr. Townsend and Mr. Head are anxious that Units Two and Three have their own warehouse organization with independent accounting procedures.

When Mr. Crawford mentioned the fact that complaints have been made that warehouse men do not put in a full day's work yet get credit for 8 hours, Mr. Fujii defended his crew very strongly. At the present time there are about 85 workers, roughly 50 of whom go to the Parker Warehouse each day. Mr. Fujii said that all his men do put in a full day's work; that those who go to Parker work 10 hours a day; and that their job calls for hard, physical labor--the loading and unloading of perishables, lumber, machinery and rails. The Parker crews leave at six in the morning, have breakfast at Poston One, and return just in time for supper each night.

Mr. Yamamisaka asked whether there was any ruling on strikes and whether there was any justification for the mass firing of warehouse men at Unit One. Mr. Crawford answered that there were no rules set up but that the Community Council has plans whereby arbitration boards may be set up to settle disputes before strikes are called. Mr. Maeno, Chairman of the Council, was asked for further details. He said that he would like to see the division leaders group, as probably the best-informed group in Two, work with the Community Council to formulate such plans or recommendations to be made to the administration. "The only way we can accomplish anything is by bringing facts

to the heads of the project. But at present there are too many rumors in this camp. What we need are facts."

In the matter of strikes we could form an arbitration board composed of the department head, striking group, administrative representative and a neutral party, and if it is felt that there is justification, call a strike.

Mr. Maeno asked for the 100% cooperation of the department leaders.

Mr. Crawford was asked if striking parties are blacklisted. The answer was that as far as he knew, there was no restriction made on whether a person strikes or not and that it does not affect the employment record. Since Employment now has a new director, there may be definite policies established regarding strikes.

The following announcements were made by Mr. Crawford:

1. Daily reports, or weekly summaries, are requested from each department. Those who are not yet submitting some kind of report were asked to make up a sample copy and go over it with Mr. Crawford to make sure that all pertinent information is incorporated.
2. Mess Hall 210. Mr. Crawford asked the group to call to the attention of their employees that there are too many unauthorized persons eating at 210. On October 5, 210 Mess Hall will be taken over by the schools.
3. Requisitions. In asking that all requisitions go through the administration office, Mr. Crawford did not intend that already established systems be disrupted. In such cases, as for example in the Medical Department, division heads were requested to send in their requisitions through the proper channels.
4. Closing of streets. The Council and Law Department are now in a position to back up any arrests made by the Police Department for violations of traffic rules and regulations.
5. School program. Block 210 will be the school campus. Mr. McLaren from the Hawaiian Islands will be our school Principal. Notices have been sent out to families that chairs should be constructed for their children. Seven thousand chairs have been ordered and should be here before school starts, but we cannot count on it.
6. Lumber piles & Canal. According to latest estimates, water will be here in three weeks. As canal will be between 208 and 209, leveling will have to be done and lumber cleared off recreation area. If any departments

need scrap lumber, it should be taken now before the clearing is started.

Next week's meeting will be taken up by the Library and the Public Health and Sanitation Department.

The Meeting was Adjourned.

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Department head meeting, Personnel Kitchen at 2:30 p.m. on October 15, 1942.

The weekly department head meeting was conducted by Hiroshi Yamamisaka. The meeting was short and concise. Reports were given by Charles Onoye, Manager of Agriculture and Seizo Kodani, Fire Chief, respectively.

Agriculture reported on the construction of the department. The main division of Agriculture is divided into four parts - production, research, administration, and marketing. Due to insufficient equipment, Mr. Onoye, reported, the department cannot go ahead with production of food. At present the Nursery and Landscaping unit has gone about making pagodas and beautifying the park grounds. The heavy equipment to carry on production would be delivered to us after Camp I is finished, reported Mr. Onoye. Suggestions were made on starting chicken or pigeon raising projects.

Fire Chief Seizo Kubota reported on the activity of the Fire Department. He explained the construction of the department. It is impossible, Fire Chief Kodani stated, to water grounds where different departments request for rules and regulations must be followed. Kodani commended the community on fire control. He reported that telephones will be installed in blocks so that fires could be reported readily. Watch tower plans were submitted and approved by Fire Officers so Camp 2 will have the tower in the near future.

Herbert Yoshida, truck dispatcher, stated that truck schedule was set by Camp 1 and was not necessarily the schedule for Camp 2.

Meeting was adjourned.

October 21, 1942 *Food*

REPORT: TO POSTON II TEMPORARY COUNCIL
SUBJECT: FEEDING OF GRADE SCHOOL CHILDREN
BY: GEORGE NAGANO, BLOCK MANAGER SUPERVISOR

Prompted by an open letter in the Press Bulletin from Mr. Burdick, a special meeting of the Block Managers was called Saturday, October 17, 1942. At this meeting Mr. Burdick, Mr. Stultz, and Mr. McLaren and Mr. Crawford were present.

The group expressed its feeling that it did not reject Mr. Burdick's proposal to feed the grade school children at the 210 Mess Hall. Mr. Burdick's proposal included several points:

1. To have ten to fifteen mothers volunteer their services as waitresses and supervise the lunch period. Volunteers would take turns, enabling one mother to be present about one day each week.
2. Thus, fostering closer contact with the teachers of the younger children.
3. Mothers(volunteers) teach the children table etiquette.

The expression of the block managers was favorable in regard to feeding of the children at the 210 Mess Hall, but unfavorable in regard to asking mothers to volunteer their services. Mr. Burdick explained that there would be six hired help, three cooks and three kitchen help, to prepare the lunch. The question of who would wait on the children was brought up. It was suggested that the Home Economics class of the high school take over the task of waiting, teaching table etiquette, and generally supervise the lunch hour. Mr. McLaren, principal of Poston II schools, was approached on this idea. He strongly favored this plan and stated that he would take this matter up with the Home Economics class and teachers, and stated that he would give us a definite reply Tuesday, at the regular meeting of the Block Managers.

Respectfully submitted,

G. Nagano, Blk. Mgr. Supvr.

8/14/43

Takohashi + Uyeki came to collect
dollar for Sobetsuhai & seabetsu
for Dr. Tanioka who is leaving
for Colorado soon.

~~Supplement 12 to Admin. Instruction.~~
~~22 Rev.~~
~~Pacific Citizen~~

Block Diary

~~Carey Mc Williams~~

~~"Brothers Under The Skin"~~

~~\$ 3.00~~

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Monday

fight at Taheda's presumably over children.

Tuesday, June 14, 1943

- Alh. mgr. announced ~~arrival~~ ^{impending visit} of Dies Comm.
- Saw Mr. Taheda washing walls to erase swastika signs put up by Benny.
- 11 boys ~~incl. left for 2 hrs.~~ ^{left for 2 hrs.}, his brother, Frank,
 - 1 George Kishida
 - 2 Frank "
 - 3 Edward Kiychi
 - 4 his brother, ~~George~~
 - 5 Harry Miwa
 - 6 Kajiho
 - 7 Helen Kajiho's boy friend
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Little Bird dies - grave.

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- black. rep. meeting to plan for anniversary party.

Thursday
Wednesday

meeting of rep. for anniversary party.

- change in sitting in mess hall -
no more family style.

Friday

arrival of Dies Comm. at lunch time.

Alh. mgr. announced at suppertime - boys had reached Nehr. safely & sent best regards.

Saturday

~~Japan~~ Music that had stopped for since Tuesday in full blast again from Taheda's

wed.
Visit of Dr. Cary.

Thursday, June 24, 1943

- Mrs. Ho's query as to departure of F. B. I.
- Building of stage -
- Rearrangement of mess tables.
- Talk with H. Miyata + Mori concerning block mares + leaders.
- Movie, bch. 18 -

Friday, June 25, 1943

Breakfast with Toshiko Horita.

Wild goose chase to Employment Agency.

- Visit of boy from Hawaii (cousin of Phoenix girl).

Saturday, June 26

Block anniversary party.

Sunday

- Bch. mgr. announced distrib. of annals in bch. 18.

Monday, June 28

- all men not employed in warehouse subsistence hospital + mess hall chefs went to adobe works.

Tues., June 29

Block Diary

Ted Hata + George Yamada
left for Cleveland this
afternoon at 4:00

Wed. June 30

Mrs. Koto's obuya in blk. 17 at
8:00 P. M.

Thurs., July 1

Mrs. Koto's funeral in blk. 17 at 9:00 A. M.

~~Friday,~~

Friday, July 2

Conversation with Mrs. Tom Masuda.
who returned Tues. night from
Minidoka + S. L. C.

Wednesday, July 7

- Shoe repair ticket
- Mrs. Sumida leaves for Colorado with baby
son.

Thursday, July 8

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- In the evening I had an interesting conversation concerning the block anniversary party scheduled for tomorrow night with two fellow block residents -- Mrs. Miyata, the wife of a former Seattle newspaper editor, and Mr. Mohri, Issei advisor in pre-strike times. Mohri who is on the Finance Committee informed us that the residents had contributed about \$250 for the affair, the majority of families donating five dollars apiece. Both he and Mrs. Miyata deplored the idea of "high-pressuring" the residents into contributing a third of their monthly income to celebrate the first year of incarceration. Mrs. Miyata could see no basis for rejoicing in a concentration camp and furthermore felt it was an inopportune time to be celebrating when we had no idea which side would emerge final victor. She claimed that many people in other blocks were ostracizing us for planning such an elaborate affair. Her friends had said to her mockingly: "People in your block must be all wealthy to donate 250 bucks for a party." She continued: "If we must celebrate, why can't we do it quietly and graciously as in block 30 and block 19 with what the Steward's Department can supply us? In block 30 they had a feast with the material available in the messhall while in block 19 the manager simply announced at suppertime that it was the first anniversary of the settling of the block and let it go at that. That's the trouble with country people -- they like to do things too ostentatiously." (Mrs. Miyata is very conscious of the fact that she is one of the few urbanites in our block).

When I casually mentioned that Mrs. Ito of the Food Committee had asked me before my departure for Phoenix on June 10 to ~~smuggle~~ smuggle in eight to ten quarts of whiskey for the party, both of them threw up their hands in horror. This instigated a harangue on the

part of ^{the}rs. Miyata on the utter stupidity of country people -- how totally unaware they were of the inconveniences they were causing people when they requested such unreasonable favors. She concluded: "The people in this block are all kuzu anyway. (i.e. scum, dregs, etc.) -- the worst kuzu in camp. ^{They} they just don't know any better. The only reason we don't have any open dissension in the block is because we permit the nitwits to run it as they please. ^{Anyone} anyone who wants to become a "big-shot" in the block is a nitwit to begin with. No sane person would want such a job." She then proceeded to analyze our block "personalities". She characterized ^{Mr.}r. Takahashi, our council delegate, as "tetched" in the head -- "Why he can't even make announcements without glancing at a slip of paper!" She summarized Mr. and Mrs. Ito, two of our worst block gossipers, as "nine-tenths muscle and one-tenth brain".

When I casually informed them that Mrs. Ito had requested me in the morning to go to the administrative quarters to find out whether all members of the Dies committee had really left camp so they could start erecting the stage for the party, Mr. Mohri evinced great indignation. He felt that if they were afraid to go through with the affair they shouldn't give such a "subversive" program. He also wanted to know where the committee had gotten such good lumber to build the elaborate stage. He continued: "If they stole that lumber to build that stage I'm going to object even if I'm the only one to do so and be evicted from the block as a result!"

After he left, Mrs. ~~Miyata~~ Miyata remarked: "Mr. Mohri may talk grandiloquently in private but he has no guts in public. He is slightly tetched in the head, too."

6/26/43 Block 31 held its first anniversary party in the mess hall at 8:00 p.m. The program was entirely in Japanese except for some recorded music played a few minutes before the entertainment actually

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got started. The program included Japanese nursery songs sung by pre-school children, fancy fan dances in Japanese kimonos by teen-age girls to the accompaniment of samisen music, Japanese athletic stunts by teen-age boys dressed in white judo blouses and pleated skirts, and naniwabushi singing and comical dances by Issei. I was amazed at the "Japanesey" atmosphere of the party. Nisei sitting near me appeared restless and uncomfortable and kept looking at their watches since refreshments were announced for 10:00 p.m. "Why don't they serve the cats so we can git?" they kept on repeating at 10-minute intervals. One high school girl sitting next to me confided: "I didn't realize how Japanesey this block was." I could not help but reminiscing as the program rolled on: "So evacuation is exacting its price already from little children. When I first came to the block last September those same children now singing "Momotaro", "Otete wo tsunai de", etc. constantly annoyed me by sitting on my doorstep and singing lustily such American hits as "Rose O'Day", "Deep in the Heart of Poston", "God Bless America", and "On the Shores of Tripoli". Come to think of it I haven't heard those songs for months. Also, they speak nothing but Japanese now. The backward step in ~~Amnik~~ Americanization is already well on its way."

June 25, 1943

~~Block 31~~ Block 31

I met Toshiko Horita on the point of tears as I went to wash my face in the latrine about 7:00 A.M. and upon inquiry learned that she had ^{had} quite a verbal fight with her mother the evening before and wanted to ~~talk~~ ^{discuss} the matter with me desperately. Since I frequently have breakfast at home to get away from the rest of the block residents at least for one meal I suggested that she have breakfast with me ~~and~~ so we would not take up too much of her working time. I learned during the course of the meal that she had become a Christian after her arrival in Poston much to ~~the mother's disgust who is~~ ^{disgust} of her mother who is a devout Buddhist. (Her father, incidentally, was interned in the ~~Tenta~~ ^{Fort} Lonsburg sometime in March and is expected in Poston within the next 2 weeks.) ~~He~~ ^{He} recently she has "fallen ~~into~~ in love" with a young Christian boy in block 14 whom she admires greatly because "he is so Americanized and has beautiful manners." It developed that the night before ~~it~~ he had escorted her home from ~~some~~ ^a party and her mother was furious because ~~she~~ was being seen around camp with "a boy." She feels that being seen with any male before marriage will lower her chances on the marriage market. Toshiko on ~~the~~ previous occasions had consulted me as to the advisability of going out, working a year and then enrolling in some University in the Midwest or East. Her father's desire is that she remain with her mother until the war is over & then he ~~would~~ ^{will} see her thru college. Toshiko, who is 18½ ~~now~~ wants to get out when the going is good because she has recently discovered that her

mother has intentions of marrying her off to a Kikoi
~~follow~~ and "a Buddhist, at that," in Camp 2. She dislikes
her prospective husband immensely and wants to dash
out before her mother starts negotiating for her marriage.
(She has always wanted to go to Oberlin ^{College} because she
has heard so much about it but the ^{tuition} fees there
are too expensive for her. I and I suggested a state
university since the fees ^{there} are usually considerably
lower and since she is planning to work a year
anyway in the vicinity of the college ~~and~~ ^{to} make
up her entrance requirements we figured that
a year's residence will entitle her to state residence.
After perusing all of the catalogues in the Student
Relocation Library we suggested Iowa State Teacher's
College or Ohio State University since she was set on
going to Ohio.) Since she seemed pretty desperate
and anxious to "run away from home" immediately
I took her to see Tats Kuslida, the head of the
Outside Employment ~~type~~ Division and after there was
decided that domestic work would probably be the
most feasible since the money to be expended on
room & board could be saved. Also she will not
have to expend much money on clothing. For second
choice Tats & I recommended work as a librarian
clerk since her ambition is to become a librarian.
Tats promised to write a letter to Vernon Kennedy,
former Employment Chief here and now head of
the Kansas City WRA Employment Office ~~and~~
whose ~~jurisdiction~~ territory covers Iowa since
she decided to attend Iowa State Teachers College.
~~She was~~ Toshiko was to write a ~~personal history~~
her life history and hand it in to Tats at the
earliest opportunity.

~~After tea~~

Coming out of the mess hall at lunch ~~as usual~~
I glanced over the Employment Offers on the bulletin board
as usual and was interested in seeing an offer for
domestic work for ~~one adult~~ at \$16 a week, room +
board and only one adult in the family at in Columbus,
Ohio. I casually mentioned this to Toshiko when I
met her a few minutes later in the latrine and
she immediately jumped at the offer. Apparently her
heart was still ~~set~~ set on going to Ohio State
University (which, incidentally, is the university where
Dr. Carg received his Ph. D. and which he recommends
to anyone planning to attend college. Toshiko is
one of his secretaries and holds great admiration + respect
for him) ~~and~~ but Tats and I had "railroaded" her into
going to Iowa State Teacher's College without our knowing
it. So we shot back to Tats office, ~~and~~ requested
him to cancel the Iowa job and sped to the
Employment office in block 27 to look over the
particulars concerning the Columbus job. It turned out
that a man with a three-year old daughter wanted
a Jap. girl to work for him for \$16 a ~~month~~ week with
free room + board. Toshiko felt that ~~she~~ it was
risque to work for a man (although I was certain
there was a ~~man~~ ^{wife} somewhere since ~~it~~ the offer
claimed that he did little entertaining) and decided not
to take the job. By this time my ~~adv~~ ^{advice} to ~~save~~ ^{aid} Nisei -
who wish ^{desperately} to re-locate against the advice of their parents
~~could somewhat~~ but who do not have sufficient gumption
to make the break cooled somewhat + I suggested that
she write to her uncle in Denver, who has been
persuading her to come out to attend Denver University
for advice + possible financial assistance. When I left
her at 3:30 she was busily engaged in composing a
letter to her uncle which she was going to mail
special delivery.

Toshiko's plight exemplifies the desperate situation in which many Nisei find themselves today ^{concerning} relocation. Many of the ~~teen-age~~ girls in our block in their early 20's would like to go out but face strong opposition on the part of their mothers who feel their daughters might go wrong as soon as they ~~leave~~ escape parental gaze. Mrs. Ito, whose daughter wishes to relocate very much told me in the shower the other night that it's bad enough trying to keep an eye on their daughters in camp. If their daughters run away the mothers will have to follow them. Since ^{all} the girls who wish to go out in our block have the greatest gossipers in the blocks for their mothers I suggested to one of them that it might be a good idea for all of them to escape simultaneously so that their mothers would not have a chance to gossip about the ~~antics of~~ ^{other people's} daughters.

After Toshiko left one of the three Hawaiian boys ~~jailed~~ in the Phoenix jail ~~last~~ March 8 for stealing food from a mess hall in Camp III dropped in to see me. During the course of conversation I learned that ~~two~~ of the boys had received some powdered poi from home and since they needed some relish to go with it they went into the mess hall in quest of meat. While there they chanced upon some eggs and decided to cart away $\frac{1}{2}$ a crate (11 doz.). This led to other foodstuffs including a bag of bread, jams, butter, etc. All in all the stolen goods amounted to about 35 lbs. While they were frying eggs later in the apt. they were caught by policemen and sentenced to 60 days in the Phoenix county jail. There the food was so lousy — only 2 meals being served, that they became hungry toward 7 in the evening & had to buy canned goods

Toshiro Horita

My ambition is to be a librarian, and my intentions are to work one year in an American home to earn enough so that I can enter Iowa State Teachers College. I have no experience in domestic work and would like to do it very much, because I feel that it will benefit me in more ways than one.

I am eighteen years of age, and will be 19 in December; height 5'2", weight 114 pounds, and have the regular Japanese features--dark hair, brown eyes, and a medium complexion. My birth-place is San Bautista, California, on a far, where I lived with my parents for five years. Later we moved to Gilroy, California which is about 25 miles from San Juan and 28 miles from San Jose, California. There my father first had a hotel for a few years. From about 1930 and previous to evacuation father had a laundry, I am used to work, and have done all types of work because father thought that I should get a taste of everything; I ironed and pressed clothes, also did some delivering. At present I am bookkeeper-typist under Charles Sawabe, Business Manager of the Education Department of which Dr. Miles E. Cary of Hawaii is Director. Dr. Cary has consented a letter of recommendation and I hope that it will be satisfactory. As for other letters of recommendation from Gilroy I am anxiously awaiting the replies.

Feb. 10, 1943

Block #5 Eviction Case

Via X - 4/25/43.

Man is about 50 yrs. old. Former manager of Lucky Lager and Hawaii Sake in downtown Los Angeles. Has 4 children. Wife not legally divorced. ^{in Blk. #4} In 45 he is living with common-law wife and 2 infant boys. As soon as he came to camp he was complaining about everything - e.g. food in mess halls. He complained so much that Albert Kame who was then Blk. mgr. told him that Earl Best had said that he would take care of chronic grumblers like him. So they had a big fight. After that he refused to eat in mess hall & everything was taken home by his common law wife. When there was shortage of help in kitchen he was approached & he refused arrogantly. Once he complained that the coffee did not have enough sugar in it & ordered the chef & waiters to come to his apartment & account for it. His explanation was that coffee was to be fed to his babies & it should have more sugar in it. As days went by people began to take notice of his complaints. Blk. mgr. changed & new manager (Jack Nakagawa) and he in turn tried to get him (Nakagawa) to work in kitchen but failed.

One day we were doing dust control work and there were about 30 working with shovels. But he was conspicuous by his absence. Everyone took notice of it. So when it came to working in front of his apartment they all refused to work saying, "Let the bastard come out and do his own work." They skipped his lot & went on with the work. Half an hour later he came out & worked in front of his apartment.

New mgr. came in and tried to put him in kitchen again. His answer was: "~~エ~~ お.れは せ"ら せ"ら 12 エ せ せ せ せ せ せ せ せ せ せ 12 (せ せ)." He gradually disappeared and confined himself all day long in his apartment.

When block council members after Nov. incident decided they had held their positions long enough & wanted to turn reins into other hands, this man was first to be chosen for dirty job. At least he came to meetings. When Mizushima resigned as Coop delegate from block (block 45 is anti-Coop) a young lad nominated Nadaoka among 2-3 others. Judging from atmosphere of meeting he was overwhelmingly elected as tho' it was a grand joke. This man had other idea and felt he was an emp. ind. & went to every Coop meeting taking it very seriously contrary to blk. attitude.

On Feb. 3 block 45 had gen. meeting in which the Nisei councilman & Issei advisor hot badr adobe participation proposal since no blk. was willing to vacate for the high school site and the erection of school bldgs. was the only course open. So it was rec. to send at least 2 volunteers daily from each blk. ~~This~~ Nadaoka stood up & ~~said~~ asked: "If anyone refuses to participate what are you going to do?" Nomura answered bluntly: "If anyone refuses he is refusing to cooperate with other blk. residents. We can evict such a person from the block." Nadaoka said nothing.

At that meeting Dick Nishimoto was elected new blk. mgr. Proposal to send 2 volunteers daily to adobe works was accepted by blk. How to make assignments was left up to blk. mgr. Nomura offered himself as 1st volunteer. When I went up to notify Evans that he was elected Nishimoto among other things he said that he had to evict a party from blk. shortly. Evans reply was: "Don't do that. That's something you should always avoid. I hope you don't have to do that." They started from 1A & Nadaoka lived in 4D.

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Within a few days Kadaraka's turn came. Two days previous to his assigned day Dick approached him & implored him to go. He said: "But it is not to go. There's a reason I can't go." The mgr. asked the reason & he replied: "Anyone who refused to participate is to be evicted. That's a threat. And those threatening words should not have come from a responsible man like a councilman. We are all here as Japanese and it is un-Japanese like to treat another Jap. in such a way ~~unless that~~. Unless those words are retracted by the councilman I refuse to go." The mgr. answered: "It's not wise to take that & make an issue out of it. After all even if he's a councilman he is not a perfect man. Besides he has a perfect right to say what he wishes to say on the floor of the meeting. That is the ~~top~~ form of self govt." His answer was: "No, I won't go unless it's retracted."

Dick thought time for showdown finally came. But as a courtesy to his very close friend in the bldg the mgr. explained to him what had transpired & said to him: "If you wish to advise him you are free to do so. I intend to push this matter to the limit. I'm capable of handling this affair myself. And I don't need anyone's help but if you wish to act as his friend you are free to do so." His answer was: "No, I won't involve myself in this. Please do as you see fit."

Then the mgr. notified Nomura who said: "Well, I would resign if I retract." So the mgr. said, "Hell, who told you to resign anywhere. Let me handle the whole affair anyway. We're going to have a meeting tonight & we'll show him we mean anything when we say it." Then mgr. called in chrm. of block council and then Nomura tagged along mgr. mgr. explained situation to blk. council chrm. Mgr.'s idea to settle it for once & all. Then council ^{chrm.} said: "Well, if that's your

At this time Nadaoka told Mgr. that admin. had no authority to evict anyone from the block and he was pretty confident of the fact.

conviction "I can't stop you. The course is clear for you." Then during the afternoon two former blk. mgs. were notified of the situation & the plan. Few other groups of block were notified also. (Noda, Takamoto, Kanno, etc.) They all knew what was brewing and pledged their backing. Meanwhile before these 6 were notified the second meeting with Nadaoka took place in afternoon. Mgr. said: "You requested retraction otherwise you said you won't work. I must see to it that you participate in this assignment but I have no authority to make retraction for Nomura nor do I have power to order Nomura. That statement was made in an open meeting so retraction must be made in an open meeting where the up. are present. Therefore the retraction must also be made in an open meeting. I have ~~no~~ authority to call such a meeting so I'll call such a meeting to give you an opportunity to demand such a retraction." He said: "That isn't necessary. All you have to do is to ask fellow like Mynoshima to ask Nomura to get his retraction & report back to me." Mgr. said: "That is not the way to handle things fairly. This kind of thing must be done aboveboard because that statement was not aimed at you alone but other persons in blk who might refuse to work." He had to give in & say he would be at meeting. Meeting called at 7:30 & there was a large turnout. About 73 present. Mgr. ~~explained~~ presented history of the case. Before meeting opened Nadaoka approached mgr. & said: "I don't want anything like election or vote-taking on this matter. If we take a vote & decide yes or no that will put Mr. Nomura on the spot. He might feel the responsibility & might wish to resign. I don't want anything like that to happen. He's a good man and we like to have him as the council man." Mgr. answered: "I'm merely acting as the chm. Whether they desire to take a vote or not is up to the residents. I must abide by the wish of the majority."

after the clam. presented the history Tanaka stood up & presented his side of the story. In part he said: "I have never refused to contribute towards welfare of the block. For instance, when we were doing shovel work I came out also & ~~worked~~ did the manual labor with a shovel in the scorching sun. I was unaccustomed to this kind of work. But I couldn't bear to stay in my apt. When others were working outside. When the blk. needed funds and came around for donations I always donated much, much more than any other person. When you elected me as a blk. council member I did my best ~~again~~ again when you elected me as the Coop delegate I attended every meeting to do my duty. I have never shirked my duty as a ^{blk.} resident. Now, when this adobe question was ^{blk.} brought up I asked of as a matter of principle that question: "What is going to happen if anyone refuses to go to the adobe works?"

Mr. Nomura answered: "We'll kick him out."

That "kick out" is used only for cats or dogs. It's not the word for Japanese. I'm a Japanese and according to International Law we don't have to work. That is an insulting word. ~~That is~~ I am not saying I'm not going but I'm willing to go but if I had gone without any protest that would appear that I had been intimidated. That would set a bad precedent. It is not nec. to have an election. All I request is just a word from Mr. Nomura.

Nomura wanted to talk but the mgr. eyed him & told him to calm down. There was a long silence. Then the mgr. said to the audience: "Will you advise me how to proceed with this meeting since the question is a delicate one."

Mejima: "This we must find out exact by what Mr. Nomura said." Chairman said: "That information must nec. come from the man who was presiding at that moment. I'll call on Mr. Tanaka."

Tanaka went up to Nadoha sat and said with an
accusing fist: "You は た" まつてもんくをゆは
お"に いきやいんた: <"お" < ぬかすた。
Komura か" たにを言つたてと alright た:
You は 行つて仕事をせ。 Nadoha was stably:

"Don't get excited. Don't get excited." Someone in
audience interrupted: 何んたこのやろう。た"ま
た"してしまへ。 Another called: Bakayaro.

Another: Yagare ga. Another: Dase Dase.

Big commotion. The mgr. should have stopped it but
made no attempt to curb the insulting flow of words.

Another blk. mgr. took the floor and began
issuing scathing accusations. このきんぶ"に
入つて来ては 皆な ~~同~~ じにんげんだ。
きんこのとうどりもこじきも ~~同~~ じけんり
をもつて居る。ナダ"オカくん、きみはこゝもんだ。
やめたまへ。あつゝえんてんの中で
シヤブルで"仕事をしたと云うけれど"も
じつははかい者が"きみの所を skip
していつたからしかたが"なく出て来て
仕事をしたのだ。きみは食べ物
もんくは"かり言つてしよくど"うに出て
来て食べた事は何いじやないか?

ミセスが"ものはこにミど"ミど"の"ごはん
を入れて歸へるのを見るとなみた"か
出るような氣もちが"した。

"From the floor someone yelled: えうた" <
た"ま出せ < "from all the corners.

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Nadaoka asked for floor but Nomura for the 1st time interrupted: "You have been talking ~~for a long time~~ an awful lot. I haven't said a word. Let me talk now." "I won't retract. I won't retract anything. I don't care what you say. I meant it then and I mean it." Then sat down.

Nadaoka took the floor. "The reason I don't come to the mess hall is ~~that~~ because I have two small girls who do not know any table manners. They are liable to stick their hands in the next persons' bowls of rice. They are that bad. I could not bear to have these children in the mess hall bothering my co-residents. As I listen now there are many & in this hall taking this serious matter flippantly. To pick out a Japanese is not a thing for fellow Japanese to do. Alright, if you wish to evict me: do as you please."

Then Nada (one of yushii) stood up and said: "We heard enough from both sides. We understood the situation. Now we want to decide among ourselves. Will the chrm. please ask the two men to leave the hall." They left.

Discussion continued. Majority was outspoken. One fellow who had been evicted last Sept. from blk. 2 stood up, "Well, won't you give him another chance?"

Albert Kanipe stood up: "He had more than one chance. He had more than a score of chances. I had great difficulty with him when I was blk. mgr. Since then he has shown no sign of cooperating with blk. activities. ~~He~~ I object to giving him another chance."

Discussion con't in similar vein. Blk. mgr. called 10 min. recess. In groups of 10-12 they started gossiping. About 15 min. later blk. mgr. called a vote. Result was 68-2 in favor of eviction. Blk. mgr. refrained from voting. On the ballot were such phrases as "Bahayaro, $\text{tr} > \text{E} \text{E} \text{I} \text{C} \text{E} \text{I} \text{E} \text{I}$ " and "sh h t₂ ya ~ 1 2 日本人的はし" t₂."

Blk. no kemushii wo dashte shinae. After balloting sent messenger to get these 2 men but Nadaoka refused to come. Nomura came.

after the meeting one fellow approached the black mgr. in the latrine: "Who is going to notify Nodacha?" He answered, "I am." This man asked again: きもちわ"わるゝ事は

His common-law wife was standing outside the mess hall door listening to the conversation after he left.

Next morning Mgr. notified Kadasa. Especially the mgr. put emphasis on the result of the election. He took it coldly. But now his argument was: "Admin. will not tolerate such a thing. I don't think it will work." Mgr. replied: "This is a blh. decision. I'll see that you will observe the decision of the blh. You needn't worry about the admin. ~~side~~ side."

Admin. ~~side~~ side.

Mgr. went up to see Evans. He said: "I can't sign ^{an} eviction order. That will have a great repercussion in other blks. These things must be done on the basis of the camp at large. Eviction at least should have the sanction of the T. G. C."

Mgr's argument: You seem to have forgotten that a good camp comes out of solid unified blocks.

This is the first indication that blk. 45 is solidly united and that the people have shown for the 1st time to cooperate with the admin. If you refuse to honor our blk. decision I'll tell you the consequences. There's no self-goat in the block. It is just a subterfuge. You'll accept the blk. meeting only when they are useful to the admin. And when the blk. passes a resolution which may embarrass you you have no backbone to honor the decision of the people. There are two courses remaining for me to take. (1) As the admin. refused to cooperate with the blk. blk. will pass a resolution refusing to abide by admin. requests and to refuse to cooperate with them. (2) There are ways of getting rid of this party without ^{the} aid of the admin. For instance, completing ignoring them or say beating them up —

Evans looked up with surprise. Mgr. replied: "I mean it. 5-
you know me well enough by this time."

Evans: Yes, but you aren't going to do that. If you can't
send a party like that to another block. Suppose you are
on the receiving line, how would you feel?"

Mgr: "alright, since you mentioned that, I'll tell you.
you sent a party to our blk. who had been evicted
by blk. 2. Without any knowledge of the blk. mgr's
office. you had this party occupy the apt. which
had been promised to a resident of our blk. to
relieve ~~the~~ a congested apartment. you didn't care
then. The admin. owes us one eviction."

Evans: This is a housing problem and I haven't any
authority. You'd better see Ben Yabuno first
and then Miss Findley. I don't think you'll
get anywhere with Ben.

Interview with Ben: Mgr. explained the situation to

Ben Yabuno and ended: "I want an ~~eviction~~ ^{transfer} order to
Camp II." Ben replied: "Let's go see old lady Findley."
He was very cooperative. They went to see Findley.

Komura joined the party in the corridor.
Explained the situation to Findley - that blk. had
passed resolution & wanted transfer order.

Findley reacted characteristically: "alright then,
you make out the paper. I'll sign it." after that
she said: "sit down, tell us how you did it."

Mgr. explained everything to her. Mgr. came back
& gave Kadasaka slip of paper saying carrying the
usual transfer form: "Your request to
move to Camp II is 207 is ~~here~~ - TA from
45-40 is hereby granted. Transportation
will be furnished at 10:00 A.M. next morning."

"Well, if the admin. orders me well, I'll have
to go."

At suppertime mgr. made the following announcement:
"Mr. Nadocha is moving to Camp 2 tomorrow. Will
his friends please help him pack."

Comment after supper was: "仕事は 事 to
 1st 2nd 3rd. Attitude of alb. residents was
 "Well, they had done a pretty good job."

Next morning there were about three men helping him pack.

(After the meeting in which resol. for exaction passed, Mr. went up ~~to~~ to see Kadohiki.

Mrs. was standing by. After giving results of
stating he told Nadoka that it only concerned him
and that his wife & children were not involved.

or. I what I understand you are applying for
 permanent leave for Denver and intending to leave
 your wife & children anyway. If you desire to
 leave them in our block we are glad to take
 care of them but you must go. Wife interpreted
 that she would want to be permitted to accomp.
 her husband.) When truck came along he
 simply put on his hat & walked nonchalantly to
 truck & let his wife & friends load his
 baggage. or. I reports he is a model resident
 in Camp II.

in camp. Reports from residents other blocks are inquiring how they had succeeded in evicting undesirables from their block. Block 45 are bragging - "We did it this way -" This has set pattern for other sections in camp.

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BLOCK 45 -- DAIDY LOG

Complaints

Sept. 11, 1942

Complaints: Complaints with regards to lack of sufficient soap of right quality. The brown bar soap is too greasy and sticky. If it is allowed to gather on dishes or pans it will cause a serious case of diarrhea.

Sept. 12, 1942

Complaints: A complaint registered by several young mothers and generally by people bet. ages of 27 to 35 that camp lacks social activities and facilities for them.
: Suggestion made by gardener that quad gardeners meet to schedule requisition for irrigation water.

Sept. 13, 1942

Continued complaints against Mrs. Honda for inciting dissension among kitchen helpers. It has been going on for three months and every means possible have been done to warn her. It cannot go on forever and some harsh step will have to be taken.

That the administration is not distributing baby food altho it has the instructions from WRA to do so

That Mr. G. Kawasaki should be committed to the hospital for special observation. Mr. Kawasaki is reported to have refused to be hospitalized but the family demands that special diet be provided for him, which is almost impossible due to lack of supplies. There are symptoms of tuberculosis.

A series of complaints have been coming in about the dietician playing favorites with certain families in the block. It is true, but it is not entirely the fault of the dietician, who is a resident of the block. The situation arises from the fact that the people who complain the most are taken care of. Because of lack of supplies those who are more modest in making complaints are left out. If everyone (the sick and children) were to be taken care of equally, the more verbal groups would make life miserable for the dietician and her family.

The only possible solution to the case would be to exchange dieticians with some distant blocks so that residents of the block could not pester the party or her family.

Sept. 14, 1942

Continued laments on kitchen help not conforming to all the rules of health and sanitation. Complaints that rice is not being used economically by the chef.

Suggestion: That water softeners be bought by the administration for kitchen use. My personal belief is that the said article will pay for itself by the savings in soap. That it will further the sanitary conditions in the kitchen by the lack of scum. That it will further the economy by saving soap and the materials from which it is made, which are so essential in war materials.

Sept. 15 -- None.

Sept. 17, 1942

Suggestion: That the block start cutting poles for the block shade soon. It will be done soon but I do not believe that shade will be erected till some time until January when a shade made of live vines will be started. Personally I don't like shades made of dead arrow-weed because they are messy and constitute a fire hazard.

We did not receive blankets, toilet paper, or straw. This office is "stuck" because we promised the residents the second blanket and we are now told that there are more available in the warehouse.

Sept. 18, 1942

Mosquitoes are getting to be a problem.

Sept. 19, 1942

Concern was expressed over the fact that we still haven't sufficient flooring, ceilings, or wallboards to protect us from winter weather. Complaints lodged against block managers for pushing subject to administration in more forceful manner.

Sept. 21, 1942

Complaint against blok. mgr. that he is such action against those who might "dump" persons in the block. Their contention is that some of the beatings are justifiable -- that those persons had it coming to them. I contend that my order still stands and if anyone is to be beaten we reserve the rights to do so. -

Sept. 22, 1942

Dust on window sills and screen of kitchen. Passed it on to head waiter of the kitchen.

Complaints that the "prevailing wages" in the Nebraska contracts for outside employment are too low.

Complaints that water from coolers may be responsible for the increase in mosquitoes. My opinion is that it is mainly due to the stagnant water in the irrigation ditch.

Sept. 23, 1942

Complaint lodged against T. Tanimoto for being so audacious as to announce himself to some of the residents as being an informer for an intelligence agent. Mr. Tanimoto is a resident of our block. If his claim that he is working as an informer for Mr. James is true -- ~~sgiyxxxxxx~~ should select his agents with greater care. To select such people or any one to such a position without some consideration is not a benefit to the morale of camp. More so it fortifies some of the residents' idea that Poston is a bona-fide concentration camp. There is no doubt in the last two days that whole of Camp I has heard of him now.

SUBJECT: Opinion on the attitude of the harvest workers toward their jobs.

I am writing these paragraphs without complete knowledge of all the workers attitude who are leaving the camp for the harvest fields but I have heard enough to venture an opinion. I hope that my opinion is entirely wrong on some things.

The people having residence here thru no choice of their own relish the fact that they enjoy the chance to see the outside world. Majority of them have never wielded a sugar beet knife. Those that have unless driven by economic necessity would rather enjoy environs of Poston. Most of the workers are saying--"I'm going to take it easy till I get used to it." I might add a word on that quotation that--one never get used to the sore backs, aching leg muscles and general fatigue caused by the work. One must drive himself--disregarding the physical discomforts. It is the code of ethics among the beet workers. It is the main reason why the beet harvest is one of the lowest of field labors. Those who come from the city are going to "see what it is like." Those who worked on the farm are going "for the ride." And few are really honest in their contention that they are going to survey "the prospects." And although the majority do say that money is the thing it does little to convince me. If that be really the case then they must hear the discomforts. It is the question to be answered after Nov. 15th.

It is mostly the younger group who are going. The people with families could not unattach themselves on such short notice. The majority were digging in for a long stay. Others say that they are beginning to "like Poston." (It is not an isolated quotation--their followers are many). There are others who are waiting for the reports to come back and try next spring.

Some are quite annoyed over the quotations heard on the radio that we are not loyal because we are not rushing out to help the harvest. It must be that the commentation is not acquainted with the program of the projects going on in camp--and that we are not regimented labors yet.

There are several persons awaiting positions in line with their training. It is my hope that they do find an opportunity to follow their training or vocation. No doubt with the rising demand for labor and experienced help that they will be able to relocate themselves in communities friendly to them.

NOTES: BLOCK 45 LOG SEPT. 24, 1942

SUBJECT: Housing--completion of house fixture.

Pursuant to the programs of wartime U.S.A.--the program of better housing facilities with an eye to promote healthful living conditions should be carried into Poston.

The purpose of the plea for adequate flooring, interior walls and ceiling is not only one to keep up morale but to promote health. Drafty floors with knot holes, and cracks between boards with weeds pushing its peniscope like heads will protest that the health program is on in Poston. Without inside walls or ceilings to hold in the heat generated by the stoves it will be of no avail except to those who will have a chance to hug the heater. Such a practice will not be hand on those who are strong and healthy--but to those who are yet babies, young children or the old it will be particularly distressing. Such conditions should not exist in America today.

The evacuees should not be made a problem. They can be. A decision must be made either to keep as a liability as they are now or promote them as an asset. Disillusioned, low moraled people cannot be considered as an asset. The distressing fact that the young or old be exposed to sickness through mere mechanical matter should not be allowed to exist.

America is in need of labor in which the evacuees one particularly experienced and adept, America should use them. The fields should not be left idle, the harvest should not be left to rot in want of labor. Everyone should lend a hand to keep the country and the Allies fed and nourished. The evacuees should not be exposed to illness by negligence. Give them the chance they deserve.

Weeks and months have passed since the populace have taken up there residence and with the passing of time the loyal and the indifferent have been distinguished. They came into there abodes thru no choice of their own. Those who are faithful the majority should be protected from the elements, so that they may be able to join with the rest of America, in producing for American. There should be a practice of American ideals. None should be allowed to live in Squalor but all on a higher plane to set a picture for the world to see--that America practices what she preaches. Nothing should resemble the camps of Nazedom. After all--all is asked is protection from the frost, wind, and the insects. Luxuring will not be vague but resemblance of substantial living quarters will exist.

Sept. 27, 1942

A complaint registered by some residents (non-workers) against the chef. Complaint that food is ill-prepared. My opinion -- it is well prepared. Will carry complaint to Mr. Stults if they will sign complaint.

Water boiler in the women's latrine leadking. Will file maintenance sheet Monday. Leak caused by over heating of women's latrine boiler thru some fault in the automatic contacts.

Sept. 28, 1942

Chef complains that some cooks use too much sugar in kitchen. That his authority is not being respected and unless he is he would like to resign his position to someone else. Commitments deferred for investigation.

Oct. 1, 1942

Complaint was made about chef who is a little too temperamental. A suggestion was made by one of the morning cooks that the chef stay at home to rest in the morning till at least 8 a.m. The morning crew can manage the breakfast in very satisfactory manner.

Oct. 3, 1942

No complaints today.

Oct. 4, 1942 : No complaints today.

Oct. 7, 1942

One of the residents complained about putting up the basket ball hoop for the reason that it makes too much dust. But it was settled with understanding that boys would control the dust.

Oct. 9, 1942

One person accused Mr. Matsuura 12-C, having baby's clothes dried in front of his apt. But such a person is putting his nose too much into other people's affair and do not mind his own business.

Oct. 10 -- Oct. 14, 1942: Complaints none.

Oct. 15, 1942

People complain especially those with many small children about having no soap supplies.

Oct. 15 -- Oct. 23: Complaints none.

Oct. 24, 1942

Janitor made a complaint that someone possibly a small child burned papers in the men's latrine.

Oct. 26, 1942

Scorpions have been found by many residents in the block. It was asked whether it would be possible to get some chemicals to kill the scorpions.

Oct. 28, 1942

One of the residents in the block complained that Unit II is getting an oil heater ~~which~~ when is Unit I going to get it and he also complained that other units get paid before Unit I.

Blk. Mgr's note: Oil heater must be supplied quickly as weather is getting terribly cold in the evening, and especially more consideration should be given to night watchman. Our night watchman caught cold and laying off for a few days. Today he approached office & threatened to quit job because it is so cold and can't stay out all night. Some kind of a heater must be supplied to night watchman right away so he can stay in Mgr's office bet. time he goes out to patrol around block.

Nov. 1, 1942

Our chief made a complaint that after the Halloween Party held by Excelsior Club on Saturday night a clock in the kitchen and some canned foods were missing.

Nov. 7, 1942

Mr. Tomita 10-B complained that not enough varieties of baby foods available and the dietitian is more or less reluctant to serve baby foods to his baby whenever he asks.

Nov. 10, 1942

Mr. Carol Matsumura 12-C made a complaint against Medical Dept. in regard to the poor operation his wife received about two months ago when her baby was born.

Nov. 14, 1942

Some parents of boys who did not receive matters came into office & complained; the situation was explained to them.

Nov. 16, 1942

Chief threatened to quit unless he is given more support by the black people.

Nov. 30, 1942

No complaints.

Jan. 11, 1943

- Mrs. Murokami made a complaint on housing — too many families in one barrack causing friction. She asked for partition at an early date.

Jan. 15, 1943

Complaints received from several people because of living in quarantined apartment use laundry and latrine.

Jan. 21, 1943

- Received many complaints on lack of stores, since weather was quite cold.

Our mess hall floor is still bare and cold air comes in from the cracks and holes on floor.

Jan. 22, 1943

The walks are messy with mud. Complaint from residents because of slippery walks. (Concerning the complaint, ~~there~~ ^{was} the suggestion was made that gravel be put on the walks.)

Feb. 16, 1943

Complaints of partitioning: Yoji Uyeda: to be taken up in next block gen. meeting.

S. Tomita — his request to keep his apartment untouched was denied.

Mrs. T. Muto: her request to partition her room in advance of others was denied.

DAILY BLOCK LOG OF BLOCK 45

(Record of block meetings and block activities)

Sept. 12, 1943

The gardeners requested that volunteers be called to furrow the gardens in the block. A good crew turned out because of Saturday afternoon.

Sept. 13, 1943

Gardeners planted radishes in the space between barracks 9 and 10.

Sept. 14, 1943

Planting of spinach between barracks 11 and 12.

Sept. 15, 1943

Maintenance dept. installed slap sinks in latrine.

Block meeting:: discussions of schools, gardening, poisonous insects and reptiles, sanitation, block fund and outside work.

Sept. 17, 1943

The block residents are working on a block party for young and old. It is something we have never had before.

Sept. 19, 1943

Volunteers from block assisted the block gardeners in furrowing the gardens. All the people are quite anxious to have fresh produce from the block garden and are cooperating to hasten the day.

The kitchen crew was bean by the block's "old men's" team and the former had to treat the latter to ice cream. Such activities help the morale of the block considerably. More time is spent laughing and discussing the games and similar subjects than in griping about small complaints.

Sept. 21, 1943

Seeding of swiss chard bet. barrack 14 and kitchen. Seeding of turnips on plot bet. kitchen and road.

Block council meeting to nominate Issei representative. Dr. Mizushima, Mr. M. Noda and Mr. R. Nishimoto nominated and their acceptance signed.

Sept. 22, 1943

Gardeners planted napa and mustard greens bet. barracks 1 and 2. Volunteers cleared the ditches in the evening to clear the way for water which is scheduled to arrive on Sept. 23.

Dance practice held in Rec. Hall in conjunction with a party held for some boys leaving on a work furlough.

Sept. 24, 1942²

Received irrigation water for first time and gardeners flooded all plots in the block.

General block meeting: Pints of discussion: block party Saturday, consumers cooperative study group. Introduction of Issei's nominees. Explanation of election procedures as pertaining to election of Issei representative Sept. 28th.

Sept. 25, 1942

Scrap lumber gathered for block use.

Sent Arthur Kaniye to the carpenter shop wqreshouse to assit in the construction of school furniture.

Sept. 26, 1942

Block party for first time. Gathering of Issei and Niseis. Donations took care of refreshments. Believe that such parties are good for the morale of the people. That harmony bet. young and old will bring greater cooperation bet. the two.

Sept. 28, 1942

A party held for some of the boys who are leaving on Sept; 30 for Gering, Nebraska.

Sept. 29, 1942

General block meeting held in evening. Nomination for Issei delegate.

Oct. 3, 1942

Had seven volunteers to get some fresh vegetables from block 2 for our kitchen, which were donated by block 2 manager.

Oct. 5, 1942

Block meeting held in mess hall in evening. Dr. Mizushima was nominated as temporary delegate to Coop congress and also chosen ~~xxxxxxx~~ member of Block Advisory group of 10.

Oct. 7, 1942

Had fifteen volunteers search for a man from block 46 who had been lost overnight.

Oct. 8, 1942

Adobe workers had a farewell dance in our mess hall.

Oct. 9, 1942

Advisory council helad a meeting.

Oct. 10, 1942²

Interpretation of Japanese drama by Masaki.

Oct. 13, 1942

Held a meeting in mess hall re partitioning of rooms.

Oct. 21, 1942

Gardeners sprayed vegetables.

Called a meeting of block advisory group to procure two more helpers in the kitchen.

The class on paper flower making made a couple of wreaths for the funeral of a resident in block 15.

Oct. 24, 1942

The class in paper flower making made a beautiful floral wreath for the sumo tournament.

Oct. 25, 1942

About a dozen individuals from this block went to get timber for the shade but because of auto trouble returned without any.

Oct. 26, 1942

The Fujin Kai held a meeting in the mess hall at 8:30 p.m. They discussed the following:

1. Left over rice is be used ~~for starch in~~ as starch in the laundry.
2. Too cold to use shower -- want bath tubs.
3. If help needed anywhere e.g. in the kitchen, making flowers, etc. wants people to come to ask for help without hesitation.
4. Will buy mirrors for women's latrine.
5. Will have instructor for Japanese slipper lessons this coming Friday in Rec. Hall, block 45.

Must appreciate food in this block. Stop making remarks about poor food, etc.

Daily Log: Block 45

(Record of Meetings)
and other Block activities.

Oct. 29, 1942

The following matters were discussed at meeting:

1. Coop: Had 27 people signed up for Consumers' Cooperative.
2. Cotton picking: About 35 people are willing to go out to pick cotton voluntarily.
3. The following were elected as temporary rep. to P.T.A.:
 - a) Mr. Noda for high school group.
 - b) Mr. Togawa for elementary school group.

Oct. 30, 1942

A meeting of advisory group and barrack heads.

- Purposes:
1. To get two more kitchen helpers.
 2. To discuss how mattresses should be distributed among residents when they come in.
 3. To ask them to cooperate with block manager in checking up tools.
 4. To discuss how the two washing machines (the personal property of two families) should be used by block people.

Oct. 31, 1942

El Cussettes Club held a Halloween party in the mess hall.

Nov. 3, 1942

- Meeting of advisory group, barrack heads and kitchen crew was held to discuss change of meal hour and its possible reaction by people. New hour was agreed upon by all.

Questions asked: Do the residents want a Shikai in our mess hall sponsored by Unit 3 group?

: Is it possible and agreeable to collect 25¢ donation from those who received August pay to buy a few articles needed in the kitchen?

Affirmative answers to both.

Nov. 5, 1942

Chf worked extra hours and made sandwiches for boys who took part in the Sumo practice held in blk. 35.

Nov. 6, 1942

- A crew came over to repair sewer pipe by patting cement on it.
- Mrs. Yaye Nishimoto and Mrs. Shizume Kitabayashi ~~made a~~ gathered ~~collection~~ donation to buy kitchen utensils.

Nov. 7, 1942

Block gardeners picked 5 ~~gtr.~~ crates of garden vegetables for own kitchen use.

Nov. 12, 1942

- 29 mattresses which came in at 5 P. M. were distributed to the old + the Sick.
- Block council held meeting in block manager's office at 7:30 P. M.
Purposes: 1. To get the following kitchen helpers: 2 women helpers, 1 dishwasher, 1 pot + pan washer.
2. To purchase the following articles with money donated by residents: 6 washpans, 12 frying pans, 20 strainers, 3 doz. tablespoons, 1 doz. large forks, 6 enamel pans, 1 mop wringer, 2 doz. dish towels, 1 doz. aprons.

Nov. 13, 1942

Distributed 192 mattresses which came in today.

Nov. 14, 1942

Distributed 2 screens apiece to each apartment.

Nov. 16, 1942

- Electrician came and placed a new socket in 14B.
- Six young boys received the remainder of the mattresses.
- Block council held a meeting in blk. mgr's office in order to solve the kitchen problem. It was necessary for them to call a gen. meeting and all decided to have it on Nov. 17, 1942.

Nov. 17, 1942

Took a survey of beds, blankets and mattresses. They are as follows:
Steel beds - 258; blankets, 378, mattresses, 221.

Dec. 1, 1942

Planted trees around block.

Dec. 2, 1942

Planted trees in afternoon.

~~Dec. 4~~

~~Dec. 8, 1942~~

~~Meeting of advisory Committee held to discuss ^{plans for} Xmas party.~~

Dec. 4, 1942

Block Advisor's meeting held to discuss shortage of kitchen help.

Dec. 7, 1942

Gen. block meeting held to discuss plans for Xmas party for children. Also discussed how new block advisory group was chosen.

Dec. 8, 1942

Meeting of advisory Committee to discuss plans for Xmas party.

Dec. 11, 1942

Block council meeting held to nominate block rep. to T.C.C.
Mr. Nomura was only nominee.

Dec. 14, 1942

Repaired boilers in wash room, ladies' latrine, etc. Hired 3 gardeners.

Dec. 15, 1942

Held election.

Received 25 pipes and 6 elbows, 3 kerosene stoves & 4 oil drums.

Dec. 16, 1942

Prepared stockings for Xmas party with ladies' help.

Dec. 17, 1942

Pay day for quad.

Dec. 18, 1942

Collected donation for Xmas party.

Dec. 22, 1942

Boys went to get desert holly with truck.

Dec. 23, 1942

Boys started work on basketball court.

Dec. 24, 1942

Very busy working on Xmas party. Kiddies had good time with distribution of candies, nuts + presents.

Dec. 25, 1942

Had moving picture "Son of Navy" and comedy for block residents + their friends.

Dec. 28, 1942

Received 52 elbows and 44 pairs of connection pipe. Distributed a few stores. Received pay check for everyone.

Dec. 29, 1942

Distributed pay check, stores. Hauled broken adobe bricks to make stove for mochi.

Dec. 30, 1942

Funeral service for Koyumi Matsuura at 2:30. Made stove for mochi. Pounded mochi from 8 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Installed all stores and distributed oil.

Dec. 31, 1942

Went to block 32 for Shingiku and to 44 for green onions to use in New Year's feast.

Jan. 4, 1943

Boys worked on basketball court.

Jan. 5, 1943

Friends gathered for a farewell party for the Charles Kinoshitas who are leaving for Denver soon. Party was held in Rec. # B.

Jan. 6, 1943

Held a block advisers' meeting to discuss a New Year get-together this Saturday. (This was cancelled until further notice).

Jan. 7, 1943

Distribution of kerosene stoves and installation.

Jan. 8, 1943

Got truck and hauled a load of firewood.

Jan. 11, 1943

Father Clement got permission to sue Rec. A for stationary altar for Maryknoll church. The knitting class was moved from Rec. A.

Jan. 12, 1943

Held a meeting of block members affected by the partitions to be put in -- after two hours discussion a plan was hit upon which seemed satisfactory to all concerned.

Jan. 14, 1943

Block carpenter started to work in our office, getting readt ti arrabge sgekvesm etc, ti get readt fir oartutuibubg ready to arrange shelves, etc., to get ready for partitioning. Our office will be two rafters smaller.

Jan. 16, 1943

Block party was held ~~at~~ in mess hall at 7:30 p.m. All the old and young people had a very enjoyable evening.

Jan. 18, 1943

There was a block meeting at 7:30 p.m. to explaing the set-up of net plant to residents. Dr. Mizushima who is a rep. to Issei Council and also to Coop resignrd as Coop rep. because he cannot handle two jobs. Mr. Nadaoka was elected.

Jan. 19, 1943

Election held to decide on net project. Ninety votes were cast. Basketball court was completed. . Boys decided to name it Maryknoll court.

Boys of this block interested in basketball, all chipped in to buy materials.

Jan. 27, 1943

The walks were so muddy that several people slipped down. Got the block gardeners and some volunteers to haul sand and cover the walks -- they worked in the rain.

Jan. 28, 1943

Worked on clothing allowance slips and distributed them.

Jan. 29, 1943

Started to work on Oct-Dec. clothing allowance. Block meeting: Read Mr. Head's letter ~~atxxx~~ in mess hall and at 7:30 block meeting held. concerning camouflage. Explained the camouflage setup to people and answered all questions. It was unanimously voted that camouflage plant be opened and councilman, Nomura, negotiate with contractor.

Jan. 30, 1943

Helped at 36 block manager's office paying clothing allowancee.

Feb. 2, 1943

Working on clithing allowance and census office report. Installed oil heaters in the apartments.

Feb. 3, 1943

Received pay check for November which was distributed to workers.

Sent our men as requested by Mr. Evans for school construction, but the men returned saying the work was too heavy.

Held general meeting of block -- decided that two men be sent to school project every day. These two men to be picked by block manager. Election of new block manager was held. Dick Nishimoto was unanimously elected. Ima Yoshimura was appointed as assistant mgr.

Feb. 6, 1943

Government pay checks were cashed at block 36 manager's office.

Feb. 10, 1943

General block meeting was held to decide the question: "Should Kensaku Nadaoka be evited from the block, as he has been adjudged a detrimental and destructive influence upon unity of the block?" The result was as follows: Yes -- 68; No -- 2; Undecided, 1. The blk manager and the councilman refrained from voting.

Feb. 16, 1943

The mess hall accomodated the entire residents of block 36 for breakfast and 80 of them for every meal thereafter.

The block gardeners wwere sent to block 43 garden for vegetable supply.

Pay check for the month of Dec. were received and distributed.

Selective service registration appointment slips were distributed.

Feb. 15, 1943

On Feb. 14, valentine party for children 3-12 yrs. of age conducted by a committee of young people in the block.

Fire in block 36.

Feb. 20, 1943

Registration of male citizens 17 years of age or older by army team headed by Lt. Bolton at 10:30 a.m. in the mess hall, block 31.

Feb. 22, 1943

The following subjects were discussed at block council meeting on Feb. 21:

- 1- to collect ten cents per capita from the residents to defray the expense of kitchen utensils.
- 2- to make available to residents iron boards in the ironing room.
- 3- a comiittee was selected to contact a few prospects to fill the vacancies in the dish washing personnel occasioned by the opening of the garnishing plant.

Block council meeting (Feb. 22): The Housing dept. referred the protest of Yoji Uyeda in re partitioning of his apartment to the block council. The protest was heard from the complainant. After due deliberation and on advice of council, the complainant withdrew his protest voluntarily.

John Kawasaki and Cecelia Kawasaki were reported missing from noon.

Feb. 26, 1943

Female citizens 17 or older were instructed to read WRA 126 revised bet. 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at block office.

Meeting for aliens to explain questions and answers of WRA 126 revised.

Feb. 27, 1943

A party of volunteers went out to cut cotton wood trees for making shade for mess hall.

Councilman, Nomura, remained in the block office to answer any questions regarding WRA 126 revised.

~~Feb 27~~

March 1, 1943

First day of registration of female citizens and aliens.

March 3, 1943

Survey: Census of residents with respect to employed and unemployed per request of Executive Board.

Third and final day of registration of female citizens and aliens.

March 5, 1943

The Women's Club donated a whole set of curtains for the windows in the mess hall.

March 6, 1943

Cash advance payments for the month of January at block 36 office.

March 8, 1943

- Block council meeting -- March 7, 1943:
- 1- Tomita's resignation as a delegate to the Cooperative Congress was accepted. Sakamoto was appointed to fill the vacancy.
 - 2- Drive for Red Cross fund was approved.
 - 3- Collection of block assessment was suspended for month,

March 9, 1943

Representatives of the Women's Club solicited donation for the Red Cross drive. The result was \$70.70. Same was delivered to the Red Cross Office.

Block council meeting to discuss ways and means of filling the vacancies in the kitchen. A committee of three was appointed to handle the situation.

Population - April 1 - 251

Relocation - Blk 45

Subject	Date of Departure	Destination	Type of Leave	Age	Sex	Local or near City
FO	4/2	Nebraska	Seasonal	28	M	N
TY	"	"	"	24	"	K
LY	"	"	"	26	"	N
SH	"	"	"	18	"	"
GK	"	"	"	20	"	K
MH	"	"	"	21	"	K
IH	"	"	"			
GI	4/10	Arizona	"	48	"	I
JSM	"	"	"	18	"	N
ST	"	"	"	45	"	I
HW	4/28	Utah	Indef	38	"	I
FW	"	"	"	35	F	I
RW	"	"	"	6	M	N
TW	"	"	"	3	F	"
SW	"	"	"	1	M	"
MN	5/5	Chicago	"	21	F	"
JK	5/12	Montana	Seasonal	18	M	"
FN	"	"	"	20	"	"
SS	"	"	"	19	"	"
YN	"	"	"	24	"	"

(over)

SM	5/31	Illinois	Indef.	20	F	N
KM	"	"	"	22	"	"
SK	6/8	Detroit	"	26	M	"

MN, SM, and KM for secretarial work

* The family left to join HW's brother, who is engaged in farming.