

April 23, 1943

Via X

(Out-group Rel.
Parker - Eve.)

Comm.
(Rum.)

Communications
(S.W.)

In Parker merchants refused to sell their goods to the Japs. The road to depot runs along the outskirts of town. If Japanese convoys come to town they cannot get off the truck or other vehicle; if they do the sheriff will come and scold you saying this town is quarantined because of infantile paralysis. Japs give two reasons: (1) a group of young boys went into a gen. merchandise store and shoplifted, caused resentment of owner; (2) this is more plausible: merchants in Parker cannot accommodate the Japanese because their purchasing capacity is limited. At present all the stores have difficulty in purchasing more goods than they have been doing.

A rumor is making its rounds of camp that those who steal lumber will be sent to Yuma for trial.

6,000 Jap. soldiers (via S.W. radio) landed in the northern part of Australia and destroyed store installations and other military objects. Only 300 came back. This broadcast was made by one of the returned soldiers from his hospital bed in Osaka. Incidentally, there are a few in camp who take down the reports verbatim and reads them to a select group of people. These reports are purported to come at nine and 12 in the morning. This meeting takes place every night. Rumor has it that one particular man is very good in imitating the Australian.

April 26, 1943

Attitude
(A.P. eve.)

In the barber shop in block 46 a few people were discussing the Wahasa case in Topaz. One M.P. was taking a hair-cut. He was a member of the newly arrived unit of M.P.'s. He claimed that he returned from Guadalcanal and overbearing the Wahasa case he said: "If there is any Jap who disobys orders I will shoot him without asking any questions."

Some residents go out of camp on trucks to fish. It is impossible to obtain proper permits to do so so they go ~~about in~~ in a round-about way without passing the sentry post. On this day one truck which had gone out fishing had trouble and when the repair was ~~made~~ completed it was rather late. Therefore they decided to take a chance in coming back ~~the~~ on the main road. They came to the sentry - kept the same speed. The sentry had his gun pointed but the Japs in the car pretended the sentry was waving & waved back to him.

April 28, 1943

Humor via S.W. radio: Leading of Jap. troops in N. Australia. Reported that troops numbered 20,000 including 2,000 airplanes. The Jap. command sent a note to the Aust. field headquarters to surrender unconditionally within 48 hours. If they wished to negotiate, they were told, they should communicate with the Jap. headquarters in 36 hours. After the deadline the Jap. would carry on their full work of destruction mercilessly.

About 6 express boys delivered a crated parcel to an Inuit woman. One of the boys presented the invoice and demanded a payment of five dollars as the freight charge. A young girl standing by interrupted and glanced at the invoice which had a notation to refund \$1.62 to the lady. This interloper accused the boy saying: "What are you trying to do? You owe her some money." Boy said: "Let me see the bill. Oh, that's right, isn't it? I haven't got the money to return. They didn't tell me anything like that." and went away on the truck. There is a strong indication that this type of trickery has

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juvenile delinquency.

29. been successful in the rural section of camp.

April 27, 1943

about 10 days prior to this date, four boys at night from block 45 decided to steal stove tops as they were bent and warped. Almost every block in camp has been crying for stove tops since last summer. During the daytime the block resident who works in the warehouse that there was a crated stove on the platform in block 52 (warehouse area). So after midnight the four went (the manager, the former mgr., the night watchman + the assistant chef) went over to the designated spot where the night watchmen were located in 61. One of the night watchmen happened to be a resident of the block. Without speaking to them they walked in one way to the end of the barracks & strolled back the same way. The purpose was to notify them that it was they. They then got on the platform and with a bar proceeded to uncrate the box. They then took out the stove tops and returned home to the mess hall with them.

The next day a few repairs were made. The stove repair man came to the kitchen. The Jap. repairer got into the mess hall, looked at the stove tops and said: "See, these are the best stoves in the whole camp. How did you manage it after all these months of cooking?" No one answered. Meanwhile one of the men who had accomp. the repair man asked: "How about giving me some oranges?" Then the man who was attending to this repair man found this opening & rushed into the store room to get some oranges. Meanwhile the subject was dropped. The uncased stove without tops was loaded on the truck which these repairmen drove. They knew that blk. 45 had stolen the new stove tops.

L. & Ordan
(right)

Lumber which had been ordered for ~~the~~ mess 36 arrived in camp about a week before and had been piled up just on the other side of the platform just mentioned. This was a very unusual procedure as it is their custom to store them in the carpenter shop. Now ^{that} mess 44 had burned down this lumber was to be diverted to it.

Men from block 45 were going there nightly to this pile and each one was getting at least 3 or 4 16 ft. long pieces. ~~At this was kept on~~ These included

Nisei as well as old Jassie + 2 or 3 women. So this practice was kept up for a few days the Nisei boys became brazen and began to steal them during the daytime while it was still light. ~~On~~ This was not only done by block 45 but general among block 36 and blk. 46 residents.

The pile came down so fast that it became conspicuous. Poplin received a report from someone that four or five boys stole lumber and went into blk. 45 about 7:30 P. M. on April 25.

On the 26th in the morning Poplin came to the block and looked around thru the Service court.

On the 27th about 2:00 P. M. Poplin again appeared + caught a young Nisei playing a nine long piece. He said, "Son, where did you get it?" The boy answered: "I got it from the camouflage plant." Poplin said: "They don't have this kind of lumber there." Sonny said: "Oh, I got it from that pile there." "How much more did you steal?" "Oh, not much. This is the only decent piece I got." Poplin knew that the boy was

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lying. If he argued he would have to ~~stay~~ ^{push} the matter to the limit. Instead he sought the block mgr. Together they searched the blk to locate more stolen lumber. Near the oil tank they discovered 5 long pieces. The block mgr. feigned surprise. Meanwhile one man on learning that Poplin had started an investigation in his block rushed to the mess hall with a long piece on his shoulder. Both Poplin & the blk. mgr. followed the culprit into the mess hall but they could neither locate the man nor the lumber. Finally the lumber was located under a table and the man was hiding in the back room. The blk. manager asked the man standing next to the culprit: "Did you see someone come in with a piece of lumber?" The man shook his head so nothing could be done about it.

Poplin then recommended to the blk. mgr. that he return all the stolen lumber in his block.

That nite at dinner time the blk. mgr. made announcement: "I'm going to speak about the stealing of lumber. (laughter on part of blk. residents). Some residents (the younger ones) were brazen enough to go ~~out~~ ^{steal} in broad daylight and bring back the stolen goods to our block. This was witnessed by some residents of another block & reported to Poplin. He was here yesterday and again today. He inspected throughout the block. I had a hell of a time. To my way of thinking there's a time to steal. We all know when is the most appropriate time for stealing. Let's use our best judgment. ~~to~~ I suppose we were caught again it means an apartment to apartment search and would result in a mass evacuation of blk. 45 to the city of Yuma. (laughter). [after that they quit going to the lumber pile except 2 cases which were done bet. 12:30 + one]."

april 30, 1943

An airplane ^{was} seen flying low over Camp I about 2:00 A.M.
april 30. People thought this was queer. Next morning
news came in that a P-38 pursuit plane ~~crashed~~
crash landed near Camp II ~~near~~ near highway leading to
Camp I. When people gathered in the morning the motor
was already gone. Some classes were recessed & small kids
were taken to see this wreckage. However, no one could
approach any nearer than 50 feet. M.P.'s on sentry duty there.
The people were told that the plane left Bakersfield
early in the evening and was headed for L.A. The
camp residents esp. made derogatory comments upon this fact.
Some said: "I didn't know we were still in L.A."
Another comment: "They don't know where they are
going."

"That's how good American planes are."

"I thought they were all good planes & the
newspapers."

Comments like those above were heard thruout the
cross-section of the residents.

Via Tomura:

— "George Yamato went to Santa Anita A.C. with only a few
dollars. but when he was transferred to Alhambra
he had \$2000 with him."

— Mrs. Roosevelt visited Hila. a statement credited to her
and circulated among residents was: "This place is not good
or bad but I myself wouldn't live in a place like this."
Some residents commented: "She should have come to
Boston instead."

May 1, 1943

Rumor (via short-wave radio): McArthur captured by the Japanese.

May 2, 1943

Relor. Saburo Kido wrote a letter to Elmer Yamamoto in which he stated his difficulty in earning enough to live in Salt Lake. In part it said "If you think it's easy to get 200-\$300 a month you are greatly mistaken. Although I have heard a great deal about high prevailing wages while I was in camp. About the highest the Jap. are getting in S.L.C. is about \$150 which is not quite sufficient to live on account of high living cost. Those who have wild dreams about high wages should remain in camp."

Letter from Jack Nakagawa, former blh. mgr. of blh. 45 from Denver to his mother: "He was fired by a Cav. firm on account of his being Jap. and was working for a Jap. wholesale egg firm but there's no future in that and he's afraid that he might be frozen to that job by an imminent legislation. He is unemployed at present and cannot find any better job in Denver. He is going to Spokane or Walla Walla to find job as he knows some Cav. friends."

Rumor

Current topics in camp: (1) internment camp at Crystal City is ready and internees' families to begin very soon. (2) Isolation camp at Winslow is to be occupied soon.

May 3, 1943

3.W. Via Short wave - broadcast: Chungking fell. 7000 Chinese soldiers taken captive by the Japanese.

Relor. - A letter came to W. Head from friend of his in Chicago informing him that were 2 types of those coming to Chicago who were undesirable for relocation: (1) Those who come out there for jobs & after working 2 or three days they quit. Their employers lose track of these boys

as they will not call for their wages for the time they worked.
2) play boys. These come out of camp with 80-100
in pocket - ~~come~~ and spend them in one or two intes
in night clubs.

May 4, 1943

2 pieces of 2X12, 20' long white pine was stolen from
the school project. These are the lumber specially
ordered to be used for the roofs of the school buildings.
Somebody saw this act and reported it to the Executive
Board and that body spent its Nisei member to retrieve
it.

May 5, 1943

Via Nomura: Mrs. Platt telephoned to Head from Chicago
& talked for 1/2 hour. She offered to take at least 5 evacuee
couples at one time for their resettlement. They are to
stay at her house free of expense until they find work.
She requested to include one elderly couple to take care
of her own place permanently & to take full charge of these
evacuees while she is away.

Via Nomura: Colonel Scobey, secretary to undersecretary
McCloy wired Ishimaru to report to Washington.
The War Dept. is contemplating the returning of some Japs
to Calif. and they want to be certain that they are
sending the right kind of Nisei back. Ishimaru to act as
adviser to group.

Rev. Togabe is a graduate of Koya San Daigaku.
Academically speaking he is a low-ranking college.
If in Japan he will rate about 4th from the bottom.
There are altogether 26 ranks. Info given by
a graduate of another Buddhist college.

Statement by night Watchman in school project: Blk. 30. is the worst
~~not~~ offender in stealing school project materials.

May 7, 1943

Block 46: The Issai and Nisei rep. to I.A.B. + T.C.C.
rep. + all the blk. council members resigned en masse
two or three days ago because of block trouble which began about
Feb. 10.

May 11, 1943:

Shgo Via Nomura: Those volunteer painters who worked in the hospital on Sat. ~~to~~ went home with paint & brushes. ~~and~~ so they couldn't resume their work on Monday.

Via Nomura: ~~は~~ はくじんは日本人ぐらゐと~~す~~

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 15 と 3 30. a recent inventory of the warehouse
~~second~~ goods revealed that the goods ~~was~~ ^{amounting from \$} 8,000 to 10,000
 are missing. This was stolen by convicts in one year's time
 100 men planned a picnic

One Sunday block 3 mess hall crew planned a picnic for themselves and served only 2 meals to the residents.

for themselves and served only 1.
Next Sunday they repeated the same thing altho there was
no picnic for themselves. They served 2 pieces of bread
+ 2 nigiri meshi per person during the day. It seems that
the kitchen crew led by Andy Sugimoto is at odds

With the remaining residents including Nagai.

Sugimoto is a strong supporter of Okamoto who was ousted by Nagai from the C. E. C. and since then Nagai & Sugimoto do not get along. Residents complained to which kitchen crew answered that they are not getting fair & equitable amount of provisions from the Subsistence Dept. They accused the favoritism on the part of the Subsistence Dept. & the truck drivers. In this manner Sugimoto tried to serve another purpose.

— To discredit Snelson who is at odds with Jimmy Yokino who is in turn a good friend of Sugimoto.

Residents selected a Committee and investigated the delivery record with Snelson and found that equitable distribution was being made to every block. So kitchen crew got in Dutch with block residents.

May 14, 1943.

The hospital decided to paint its interior. In ordinary time they would not do this because there is acute manpower shortage in camp but since there was a special meeting on the part of the residents to beg the nurses & doctors to stay in camp & expressed willingness to go out of the way to please Jap. people, so the hospital staff, esp. Tanaka, hospital mgr., felt pretty confident of getting the hospital painted without receiving undue criticism from the community.

On May 4, 1943 in the regular weekly blk. mgr.'s meeting Nelson requested the sending of ^{about} 35 volunteer painters to augment the regular crew which numbered only a few. (The foreman is Okamoto, brother of Xian minister, Okamoto. He is the new rep. to the local council from blk. 46. He is also acting as emergency blk. mgr.) To this call only 2 or 3 blocks responded. At the meeting on the 11th mgr. of blk. 14 amusingly stated: "What happened to the hospital painting. I have been sending 2 volunteers every day from my block and they are ready to quit because there is no cooperation from other blocks in camp. What's the matter with you people?" After all this is our hospital. Let's do something about it. It's not fair. When a call comes in from the hospital we should all take part in it." The speech by this Jap. mgr. was made in ^{such} impassioned tone that it drew comments from the young Jap.

Labor Problems

managers. One such comment came from the mgr. of 39:
He said sneeringly: "Oh, good old fight talk."

There was a statement in a whisper: "So what?"

~~It shows~~ There was one or two blocks which claimed
that they were sending out volunteers too. Finally
the cause of the difficulty was traced to the fact
that the May 4th meeting was attended by only a
handful because this was the 15th meeting after the time
had been changed from the afternoon to the forenoon.

The manager of blk. 3 suggested the calling in of the
L.R.B. meetings because he had heard from Fukuda
that L.R.B. was negotiating with the Shibai group
to recruit a part of it for this purpose. Hence Fukuda &
Yanai were called in. There was accusation from the
floor that the whole difficulty from the inefficiency of
the L.R.B. They should at least read a memorandum to
each block asking for such participation by volunteers.
Ed Ouchi's accusation was that the blk. mgrs. could not be
responsible for the L.R.B.'s request when they failed
to consult said mgrs. in such a matter & tried to
"shove it down the throat": after a great deal of discussion
it was agreed that the L.R.B. would read memos to
for this printing work as by the verbal request of the
blk. mgrs. (Insert memo from L.R.B. to blk. mgrs.).

The result of this action on the part of the L.R.B. was
typical of Poston — no response from the blks. except 2 or 3.
Finally the L.R.B. got aid from the Subordination crew
which was pinch hitting here & there whenever the
necessity arose. They also demanded strongly and
received aid from Camp II and III which heretofore
had refused by saying that they also were short-handed
in help to their respective camps & could not send
any aid to camp I. Their argument was the same —
"This is your hospital too, isn't it?"

Two ^{of the} policemen on night duty became drowsy after midnight and decided to seek some excitement to wake themselves up. They drove the police car to the block 5 park about 1:00 A.M. As usual they found one couple in the midst of sexual intercourse. When the policemen snuck up & flashed their lights they sprang up. Naturally the policemen were seeking this kind of entertainment so they tried to rob it in. They began interrogating the couple. The policemen said in a slow deliberate tone: "Well, I have to make a report of this. Will you give me your name & address?" The couple said in a haughty tone: "We are married." The policeman said: "Well, as far as I'm concerned, I don't care whether you're married or not. We have to keep the police record complete. When the police obtained the name & address he said: "Well, I have to take you to this address. Get on the truck." The couple hesitated. The policeman asked: "What's the matter? If you don't get on, I have to throw you in." (The police were husky fellows). The man finally broke down and said apologetically: "I'm sorry. To tell the truth we aren't married. Won't you excuse us?" I didn't mean to deceive you. The police men answered ~~swaggeringly~~ : "Believe this all the time. We'll tell you something. This girl here is on the police record. We know her name & address. You better be more careful next time when you talk to us." (When this policeman was asked later, "Why didn't you arrest them?" he answered: "Why the hell should I catch anyone fucking?")

The man is about 40 - either a hibei or a young Issei. Speaks fluent Jap. The girl is about 25 - a Nisei, wife of a man who went out to a Nebraska sugar beet field on 3 year term leave. Her name is on the police list as a prostitute.

May 14 (cont)

Block 46: There is no blh. mgr., no asst blh. mgr., no sec. The former blh. mgr. Morioha left for outside employment on May 12th and ~~with~~ the blh. meeting failed to find his successor. No one wants the job in that blh. The blh. mgr.'s office is closed and mail is delivered by a couple of grammar school kids.

May 15, 1943

The residents are informed that the grapevine that Mrs. Saito of blh. 59 and Mrs. Otani of blh. 46 are "doctors" for illegal operations. Mrs. Saito, an evacuee from L.A. worked in this hospital for a short while at the early stage of the project. Mrs. Otani (both are Issei) also a L.A. evacuee is an old haggard looking Issei woman. She is about 5' 6" tall, about 50 or 55 years old. She has been supporting her husband who is a cripple.

Both women claim that they were trained as nurses in Japan and both were midwives in L.A. The hospital record revealed that there are at least 4 peritonitis cases resulting from illegal operations allegedly performed by these 2. The doctors are indignant but they are afraid to persecute these 2 reflecting the prevailing sentiment of camp that they don't want to produce criminals from their co-residents & they don't want to squeal on their fellow countrymen. It seems that the admin. too has some knowledge of this as Mrs. Saito's application for indefinite leave has been denied by Wade Head personally. The statement is credited to Head: "She is a discredit to the Japanese."

These two women are seen in unexpected places as the result of their roaming around camp it is understood that she is selling contraceptive gadgets at exorbitant prices.

Last fall an Issei doctor was raided around midnight in block 30 (?) on a tip off that he was operating on a girl in his apartment. But nothing was found. Rumors were rife then that doctors were receiving lucrative fees in such operations.

Hospital

As a result of petition to ask the doctors to remain in camp there was some opposition from some quarters in camp. They felt that these doctors are too fresh & too overbearing. Why should they beg them to stay they felt. One man reported that a doctor on night duty refused to answer an emergency call. This doctor was with his girl friend.

Communication
Private telephone
S.W.

On May 15th after the insistence of members of I.A.B. & the T.C.C. and the Judicial Committee, Fraublyn and a few policemen led by the Chairman, Fraublyn Sugiyama raided Misaki's apartment and got an order to close his stone polishing business on the afternoon of May 14. Rumor

Rumor via S.W. radio: The Jap. troops landed on the Am. continent somewhere 350 miles south of Dutch Harbor (this is interesting in that the newspaper headlined: "Invasion of Alaska by American Troops")

May 16, 1943

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Private Enterprise

The joint council about 10 days ago selected a committee to investigate the profits of Nisechi from the stone polishing business. This comm. when they visited Nisechi was turned back discourteously ~~and~~ ^{and}. Subsequently from the comm. appointed a man (delegate from block 44) was appointed to interview Nisechi. The interview revealed that the expenditure for the machinery claimed by Nisechi amounted to be \$540 and the income up to date amounted to \$375. It was essentially removed in camp that Nisechi is income from the business was around \$2,000 as he was charging \$2.00 to \$4.50 for little stones. This investigation stated that no bills of the machines were available. Only evidence shown to him was check & stubs without cancelled checks. It is also reported in the camp that the polishing machine should not cost more than \$150. This is a repudiation of the old T.C.C. - C.E.C. feud. Nisechi was defiant. As reported statement by Nisechi, "so the council is trying to close me down, eh? All the councils put together can't do anything anyway. Try and do it." The trial for Nisechi charging him with engaging in private enterprise is set for May 17.

May 17, 1943

Preservation
Tanimoto
Riv. Estab.

The bel. mgr. Supervisor requested to supply a part time clerk for bel. 46 manager's office as there is no one to take care of it and is closed all day. (Tanimoto is public health inspector for mess halls). Several complaints in from various kitchens against his insolent + overbearing attitude + was reprimanded by Tanimoto. The dept. head, which Nishimoto, is having difficulty because he will not take orders and he "does as he damn pleases." Trial for Nisechi was attended by his supporters en masse. Case was continued for 2 weeks. Trial was held in Kelvin's office.

One of the supporters approached Judge Nomura to soften him, and was told harshly, "Don't ask me anything. Ask the Legal Dept. They know what to do in a case like this."

May 18, 1943

Blank form of petition to Wade Head was circulated to each blk. mgr. in blk. mgr.'s meeting.

Nobuchi revealed that the idea of circulating petition originated in the L.R. B. office. Fubuda was the initiator. He felt that it is nice to thank Wade Head in the form of asking him to stay on the job. He was certain that no petition can change his decision or that of WRA. But they believed that it is nice public relations idea to put prestige on Wade Head as he has certainly done his best in the past year. The petition was brought back to the block. The residents were non-committal. If they reacted they were lukewarm, and some were contrary-minded.

"Head didn't do anything here."
"We might have a better man next time."

"Any man is all the same to us."

In blk. 44
Signatures were obtained only after the mgr. explained to them that it's better to have ~~the~~ ^a harmless project director whom we know rather than an unknown one. We know that our petitions will not keep him on the job. This is just a matter of expressing our appreciation. Even at that about 60 signatures of common residents were obtained.

Nisei were more hesitant or reluctant than Issei men.
(Original form is available).

Election of Constitution. ~~18~~

A.P. (Head)

May 18, 1943 (cont.)

Harry Yamato, brother of Ed. Yamato, and George Yamato, ~~moved~~ ^{smuggled into} Poston from ~~Seattle~~ ^{Heart Mt.}. He is yodan-shogi, which is just a feat. He is a big time professional gambler connected with Tokyo Club of L.A.

As soon as he arrived here he opened a hand-gambling place and charged dough as a house commission. It is reported that he is making at the rate of \$100 a month. (He had shot-traps ^{leave for Denver and sneaked in to Poston. The next morning he just reported to the Camp Office & they could do nothing}).

May 19, 1943

(ratification of Constitution)

Result of election on May 18: Block 45, 91 yes, 1 no. Most votes cast in Camp I were block 59 - some 154 votes. (check with Press Bulletin). Block 39 came next: 114 yes, 7 nos. Only 2 votes voted no in camp I (block 28 - 11 yes, 19 - nos. and block 30 - 27 yes, 30 nos.) Best 2 figures available in Poston Chronicle - verify with same :) Camp II, about 1000 to 70 in favor; Camp III about 5000, & 400 yes.)

In blk. 59 Masuhara had the ballot box in the mess hall at lunch time and asked everyone to cast his vote as he was going out. In block 30 Ed Ouchi and his gang objected to the clause that we were governed by WRA regulations. He didn't like this ~~statement~~ ^{statement} stating that there would be no freedom of action for these councils. Even his strenuous objection the result was not the way he liked.

May 20, 1943

The volunteer system of sending 2 or 3 workers from each block to the school bldg. construction project failed. The blocks gradually failed to fulfill their pledge and it finally became such that there were only a handful of regularly employed workers. This retarded the progress of the construction.

For instance 45 was one of a few blocks which was sending their requested volunteers to the last moment but because of the growing criticism from residents that other blocks in camp weren't participating, the residents decided to drop it in the block general meeting. The L. R. B. spurred by the Construction Dept. felt the necessity for counteracting in order

to find a solution. Chrm. Sugiyama called a 'joint emergency meeting for the next day.

~~May 21, 1945~~

Rumor

Rumor: 3 men were arrested by the F. B. I. a few days previously in the S. W. section of camp for ~~all~~ ^{It is} alleged that they were some informers who reported their possession of shot - were shot by these 3 men. The people in some quarters were very indignant and expressed that they wanted to beat these informers.

Juvenile Delinquency

A gang of 6 boys headed by Kobayashi of block 54 was gambling in a half-completed school bldg. When they were chased by a night watchman they ran away cursing him with profane words. They ran away leaving imprints all over. They finally got on the roof and produced excrement and rubbed it all over the roof of the bldg.

Rumor

Rumor: Fred Ota was reported to have been investigated by WRA officials & O. P. A. officials for irregularity of transactions while he was gen. mgr. of Community Enterprises. The investigation by the Coop Congress has been revealing constantly that the store was paying higher prices than the market price. It is also reported that those merchandise sold directly to the consumers in the warehouse was never turned in to the office.

Wade Head left for Washington today. He said, "I'm going to Washington for the welfare of the people of Poston."

F. B. I. took mimeographed tests of the Jap. language classes.

Communication

S. W.

Rumor by S. W. radio: Japan has not used all its strength & resources yet. Now she is ready to use her might.

Table III..... Age Distribution of Unit II population

Table I..... Age Distribution of Unit I population

Population

Tables and Charts

Labor Problems

Emergency meeting of joint councils held for adobe crew. There were many suggestions. Some felt just working in morning was sufficient. Others felt that these buildings should be completed as soon as possible so we should ship in full day's work. Some suggested that each block take responsibility for construction of one adobe building. Many other similar suggestions were turned down because of their unfeasibility. They finally agreed to assign one day to each block having all the workers out. From this assignment the kitchen crew, the mess hall crew, the hospital crew, the fire dept. except office workers, the subsistence warehouses crews were excluded. A mimeographed memo in this decision was sent to each block. (Memo available).

May 21, 1943

A story was going around like wildfire that 6 boys out of a group of 10 boys were killed in Utah by some crazed man who had lost his son in the South Pacific. These boys are from Camp II + III. The narrator of the story said, "I heard it over the radio last night". The same story was repeated again & again. Some said 5 boys instead of 6; with some it was Idaho, not Utah.

Late in the afternoon one boy telling the same story said, "I read it in the newspaper". But looking over the newspapers there was no such article.

The news reached the administration late in the afternoon. Henry Kawahara vehemently denied the story. "There's no truth in it." The admin. wants to know how the news spread & who started it. The Red Cross wired Salt Lake City for verification. No answer till few days later.

But they also denied it. The Leave Office came out with the statement that any such unusual local is reported to the project director within 2 days & no such news came in. I see parents were saying to younger people: "See, I told you so."

Communication
Rumor

~~May~~

May 22, 1943

Election of local council members: The project refused to certify the nomination of those Issei who had applied for repatriation and those Nisei who answered "no" to question 28. In line with this regulation Kahita of the former Yawata - Kahita Co. of Los Angeles (Kibei of blk. 35) was disqualified.

In blk. 46 where 2 factions were pitted against each other 6 candidates were selected but everyone refused to accept the nomination.

In blk. 11 there was no nomination because there was no block mgr. In three other blocks there was no nomination because they could not agree. In Camp 2 all the nominees in 207+24 were disqualified.

At the time when there was ^{a great deal of} dissatisfaction with the rank and file Jimmy Yabiro, then the assistant Chief Steward, called all the chiefs of Unit I (cf. Poston Chronicle - May or April). By consolidating the chiefs Yabiro attempted to form a united front of dissatisfaction vs. Chief Steward, Jackson. In this manner Yabiro attempted to oust Jackson. The project director hearing of this attempt called Yabiro into his office and told him to stop the agitation. Head went as far as to say that in case Yabiro should not heed the warning he would be placed in the isolation camp. (source of info. - Komura). Incidentally, Mieske, Yabiro, Okamoto, El Ouchi + Nakamura are the nucleus of one minority group.

May 24, 1943

Rumor via S.W. radio: Americans were driven out of the leaving 5,000 dead + wounded behind. In this battle America lost 2 battleships, one cruiser, etc. This was the day for adobe work for blk. 14.

This was the day for adobe work for the Agric. Dept. 20 residents of the block who belong to the Agric. Dept. refused to participate saying that the white onion crop must be picked. Compromise was made bet. the workers, the block + the L.R.B. that these men will work in the adobe works in the afternoon of the next day. Blk. 14 had no rep. for election to Perm. Community Council.

In blk. 54 most votes were cast. 174 for 4 candidates: Tato was elected by 76 votes.

Local Council (Election)

Personalities
of Yabiro

S.W. (Communications)

Labor Problems

May 26, 1943

In blk. 35 Matsumoto was defeated by Asao 33 to 35. Asao declined. In blk. 46 ~~all~~ candidates refused to accept resignation + O Hamoto was elected unopposed. In block 17 Nakamura was elected unopposed by one vote. ~~at~~ M. Okamoto was elected unopposed from blk. 30.

Local Council election

In blk. 3 Nagai was defeated by Fubuda by 5 votes. Nagai was placed on the ballot to oppose Suginoto who was put up by the kitchen clique but subsequently Suginoto was disqualified by his neutral answer + the opposition was unnecessary. There was no election in 11, 14, 28, 5-3.

Trouble was reported in blk. 28 but J. Uchida's faction and Young kids. George Fujii married the day before + moved out to blk. 27. Jimmy Yahiro was defeated in blk. 37. First was Sugita, foreman of the Adobe project, second was Tsuneyoshi. Sugita declined so Tsuneyoshi was elected.

Blk 45 will be reported separately.

In blk. 11 the residents were trying to persuade Mitani to accept nomination but was refused.

May 29, 1943

(Before examination material) In the Tokyo Hill they invested \$16,000 for remodeling. They operated for about a year + got back about \$3,000. Sold to Jewish people. People are not sure whether they got the money for the sale or not but they say the proprietor was pretty worried because on the date of sale they did not receive the money.

Traveller's Lounge

Barber shop on East First St. next to the Nanka Printing Shop sold their equipment for \$190 cash. There were 2 chairs each costing \$200 when new + mirrors costing \$250 when new besides other equipment such as sinks, etc.

Block 45

There was a drinking spree at blk. 45 in the evening to celebrate their 1st year of incarceration. This was the first time liquor flowed in quantity (8 qts. I paid \$6.50 apiece. Brok in in 2 ship ments. The hospital boiler room man took them in. 8 qts. were consumed by about 40 men. Fried shrimp, peas, carrots + chicken (chicken stolen by workers in Poultry Project). ~~garden~~ onion mutton.

June 1st 1943 ~~May 31 (cont)~~

June 1, 1943

The American press carried news of fall of Attu.
People said: "Ah, that's alright."

Someone remarked the newspapers have to say nowadays it's a Jap broadcast before they believe in the story.

An anonymous letter came to the police station stating that the police dept. should pay attention to block 3, apt. 9 B bet. 1:30 + 11. So a squad went there ^{about 3 in afternoon}. Heard sound of chips down there. The door is on the fourth side. One of the policemen knocked at the door + said in a familiar tone - "Oi, akeya." Then the fellow inside opened the door without looking outside. "Oso hatta no." thinking it was regular customer. Then whole squad went in. They saw them playing hana with large amts. of chips stacked up.

The leader of the squad went to the table + said: "What are you people doing." One of them said: "We're just playing for fun." The same policeman said: "Aren't these chips money." "Ok, no." So the policeman gathered all the chips into the center so that they wouldn't know each one had how much. "Kimi ro yame tamae."

In the early part of the evening the police was called for a fight in the bachelors' quarters in block 14-^{apt. 13}. 2 men were wounded - both about 60. One had a cut in the wrist, alleged to have been cut by a pruning scissors. It was said that this man held a hammer + struck the other in the side of his head. The head was swollen + the eyes were black + blue. The nose was bleeding + the eyes were closed, + lying on the floor. The explanation elicited was that these were playing hana with 10¢ stakes. One of them lost and refused to pay his loss in cash. He said when the other demanded his cash, "I lost, so what?" So the winner took up a hammer + at the same time the loser picked up a pair of scissors + both went at each other. The boss of the joint was so summoned and at the same time the injured parties were taken to the hospital. Then the boss said to the police:

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