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THE STAFF DIGEST

Highlights of Administration Staff Meeting
December 24, 1942

MUD... With the mud churned ankle-deep around the project it was decided to do something about it pronto. An emergency was declared and all trucks not on coal, food and sanitation were put to hauling gravel.

TRAFFIC... An Emily Post school for truck drivers was suggested as one way to help cut down traffic hazards, especially on the road from the Ad. area to Block 23. Other ideas: One-way traffic; reserve one side of road for pedestrians.

PARTY... The Administration Staff and school teachers will relax at a New Year's Day get-together Friday, Jan. 1, at 3:30 P.M. at the staff dining hall. Tea and crumpets or something will be served and Committeemen George Townsend, Fred Ross and John Bigelow are lining up some entertainment, strictly Major Bowes.

NO HOLIDAY... New Year's Day will NOT be a holiday for WRAers. Director D.S. Myer has issued instructions for regular hours on January 1. C'est la guerre!

INFORMATION... A committee (Townsend, Bigelow, Harold James) appointed to study the dissemination of information on the project reported that in addition to The Irrigator, bulletin boards and block managers, there seems to be a need for means to circulate news on short notice. The committee recommended a mobile public address system, but the meeting took no action on this.

The recommendation that billboards be erected at prominent intersections was carried out. These will do away with the helter-skelter posting of streamers and signs on center buildings.

Adult Education Dept. will develop a series of Town Meetings in the center at which a staff member or an invited speaker will talk on WRA policies, new developments, etc.

ART WORK... The Art Dept. set up under Community Services is available to all departments for posters, showcards, stencil designs, etc. Sign work is still done by the Public Works' sign shop.

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MEALS... In the next week the steward's division will tabulate every resident to his proper dining hall for food rationing figuring. After this has been done a way will be worked out to allow resident workers to eat lunch in dining halls near their jobs. In the meantime they must eat lunch in their own dining halls.

ULTIMATUM... Mr. Stafford authorized Fire Chief Yeager to remove the distributor from any truck or car he finds parked less than 20 feet from a building. Another fire hazard is the storing of sagebrush under and inside buildings.

TRAFFIC... Resident drivers of trucks and cars who break traffic regulations will be dismissed. The 20-mile speed limit and the regulation prohibiting driving between and around barracks are the two principal traffic rules.

RIDES... WRA cars and trucks are for official use only and the WRA is not obligated to haul resident employees to and from work.

STAFF HOUSING... Revised plans for staff houses will be submitted to Washington headquarters. These plans provide more room and comfort in staff quarters without using more, in fact use less, critical materials. Staff housing is definitely going ahead and if the revised plans are not approved construction will be started right away on the first plans.

RADIOS... Staff members having radios on the project must assume the responsibility of seeing that these radios are not equipped for short wave.

48-HOUR WEEK... Beginning last Saturday WRA staffers no longer have the usual Saturday afternoon holiday. The new federal war-work week is 48 hours including eight on Saturday. Compensary pay is part of the new deal. These new regulations and other federal job information about annual leave, etc., will be discussed at meetings to be announced in the near future, probably on Saturday so teachers may attend. Friday, January 1, is not a holiday for the staff, but resident employees will not be asked to work.

BRIEFS... Building 10 in Block 6 will be a hospital annex where invalids not properly hospital cases will be given care... Project Attorney Ralph Moore will handle the Selective Service sign-up of resident 18-year-olds... Residents' visitors must leave their cars at the entrance... Education Superintendent R.A. Pomeroy is lining up equipment for shop classes for high school students and adults.

DON'T MISS THE STAFF NEW YEAR'S PARTY FRIDAY AT 3:30 AT STAFF MESS

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SEWERAGE... New hope that the sewerage treatment plant will be put into operation this month was aroused by Robert Lowe, sanitary engineer from the Washington WRA office, who reported that the necessary pumps were shipped January 2 from Chicago and that inspectors were keeping track of them en route to insure their delivery to this center.

WORKING HOURS... George Townsend, chairman, Leon Krumenaker, R. Sprinkel, Joe Beeson, and Roy Olson make up the committee which will probe the complex problem of working hours on the project in an effort to standardize them.

FULL HOUSE... The center's population (9144 today) is rising steadily toward the peak of 9381 reached Sept. 12. An estimated 150 are still out on harvest furloughs and these plus transfers will tighten the housing situation until additional space for schools and other purposes will be forced to wait until the population declines again as residents depart on indefinite leaves. Persons going out on indefinite leaves may return if necessary.

HEALTH... Emphasis will be placed on a public health education program. The Irrigator, project newspaper, will discuss various phases in a health forum department. Dr. Neher will meet with block managers and the ministerial group to explain health developments. Immediate attention will be directed toward gonorrhea. There have been 20 cases (all women) detected in the last seven weeks in patients entering the hospital, mainly among pregnant women. The infection was not spread person to person. While the source has not been positively determined, among other mediums the pit latrines are suspected. The health education program will explain the situation, describe sanitation measures, try to spike wild rumors about the hospital, etc.

NEW CAMP... Ray Best, transportation and supply, has gone to Moab, Utah, as temporary director of a former CCC camp which has been turned over to the WRA. Marlow Glenn accompanied him as acting administrative officer. This camp might be described as halfway between a relocation center and an internment camp. Sixty leaders of the Manzanar uprising are the first residents. It will not be a large camp. It is probably responsible for the current rumors that residents of Hunt are to be moved farther inland. This is a completely false rumor.

CHECKS... Clothing allowance checks for residents have been received and will be distributed shortly marking the end of a long waiting period.

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DIMES... Thirteen staff members showed up late at the meeting and were fined a dime apiece, the money going to the staff flower fund for funerals, etc.

Staff meetings start promptly at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday and 1:30 p.m., Sat.

MEALS... Leon Krumenacker, project steward, is issuing cards to division heads for resident employees who work at a distance from their own dining hall to eat lunch nearby. All dining halls except Block 44 are open. Meal hours in residents' dining halls are: breakfast 7 - 8, lunch 12:15 - 1:15, supper 5:30 - 6:30. Saturday hours are the same. If any employee in your department reports his dining hall is not conforming, tell Leon.

NEW CAMP... The Justice Department is establishing a camp for the reuniting of families of which a member has been interned. Applications are now being taken by Carl Sandoz, project counselor. The camp's location and certain other details have not been announced.

WORK ORDERS... The Public Works Division has approximately 50 days' work on hand called for in work orders from various departments. Since more than half are rated first priority, many jobs will not be completed for a month or so.

SHOP CLASSES... No. 14 warehouse is being cleared rapidly for the use of the education division in setting up industrial arts classes. Equipment furnished by the State vocational board is expected to arrive by January 15.

INFORMATION PLEASE... An information desk will be set up shortly in Wing 2 of the administration building. This will be only a referral desk for the guidance of outsiders and residents. It will not attempt to answer policy questions and the like and will simply refer inquirers to the proper person or department where the information desired may be obtained. It will be a place having general information about staff members, goings on in the center, and locations of center activities.

STENO POOL... The stenographic pool being conducted at night in the administration building under the auspices of the adult education department is a training program, and work for which there is an urgent need should not be given to the pool. The pool does want work for which there is no rush.

BOUNDARIES... Residents do not need a pass to go outside the fenced center area during daylight hours. They must have a pass to go outside the center area at night and outside the project area at any time. The center area and the project area have the same boundaries at the entrance to the center and along the canal.

RELOCATION... Teachers will help interview applicants for indefinite leave. About 500 residents are waiting and it is desired to get them cleared so they will be ready to take jobs immediately when the opportunities arise.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS... Staff members may patronize the co-op stores and buy anything except the surplus Army clothing which was given to the W. R. A. for the sole use of the evacuees. The co-op, starting from scratch, has had a hard time building up a large stock of certain merchandise and limited production these days in many industries complicates the matter. But if there is a demand for merchandise that is not being carried, ask John Essene.

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NEW BUILDINGS... Surveying preparatory to excavating for foundations has been started at the sites of elementary school No. 1, called the Huntville School, in the area which would be blocks 9 and 11 and for the community building (gym, auditorium, etc.) which will be located in what would be blocks 25 and 27.

JAPANESE CLASSES... In the belief that the more knowledge which staff members have about people of Japanese ancestry, the better the administration of the center will be, the proposed formation of Japanese language classes for staff members taught by a volunteer resident teacher was discussed. The Washington office has oked Japanese language refresher classes for residents who have announced their intention of applying for Army and Navy Intelligence, Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, etc. in which extensive knowledge of the Japanese language is required.

FORUMS... Public forums directed at first-generation residents will begin next Monday under the auspices of the adult education department. The first forum topic will be "Relocation." A staff member will be the forum speaker each week. The forum will be held Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights in four different sections.

FIREMEN... Members of the fire department will be issued identification cards for use especially in seeking entrance to resident apartments for inspection purposes. No one should enter a resident's apartment without the permission of the occupant. The contractor is finally putting doors on the fire station.

FOOD... In keeping with the WRA's national policy this center will try to produce as much of its own food as possible. Garden areas are now being cleared of sagebrush. All food buying is done through the Army quartermaster; there is no local buying of food.

LIGHT BULBS... Hereafter all light bulbs will be requisitioned by the housing department for distribution to block managers who will make an accounting for all bulbs they issue.

SHARE THE TRUCK... George Anderson, chairman, Roy Olson, Joe Bacca, R. Sprinkel, and Phil Schafer comprise a committee to map a system for utilizing to the utmost trucking facilities in making warehouse deliveries. Because of the present overlapping in distribution a central dispatcher will probably be set up.

JOBS... Every department should consider when filing a requisition for an employee whether the job could be filled by an elderly woman or by a physically handicapped person. There is a considerable number of elderly women for whom it is difficult to find jobs. However, there will be no boondoggling. All 4100 persons working in the center are essential.

HOSPITAL LAUNDRY... While not yet in operation, hospital laundry equipment is being installed and will soon be working. Because of stringent requirements for cleanliness and because the hospital laundry will work the equipment to capacity, this laundry will not take any other project work.

DOGS... Complaints of dog and other pet nuisances should be referred to the Internal Security.

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VISITORS... Captain Antonio R.-Martin, representative of the Spanish Embassy in this country, visited the center Friday evening and Saturday accompanied by Bernard Gufler of the U. S. Department of State. Spain is the friendly nation representing Japan's interests in this country just as Switzerland represents the U. S. in Japan. He will make a report on the center in the interests of Japanese citizens residing here.

SEWERAGE... The long awaited pumps to put the sewage treatment plant into operation have arrived and are being installed. Barring difficulties the plant should be working in about a week. The sewage overflow pond west of block 21 should be avoided. Even when frozen, it is unsafe from a health standpoint.

WAREHOUSING... Pending the establishment of division warehouses, the warehouse office will notify a division in writing when a shipment for that division arrives.

STAFF HOUSING... All but 10 or 15% of the building materials for staff housing have been ordered but have not been delivered. Some equipment, principally for heating, also has yet to be procured. The revised plans providing more room without using more critical materials have not yet been approved. The present priority schedule lists the school auditorium (community building) and school work shop first, and staff housing next.

BUS SERVICE... Despite rumors to the contrary nothing definite can be reported regarding the possibility of a change in staff bus service from Twin Falls.

LABOR... Hunt employment problems, principally getting labor for unpleasant jobs, and unemployment problems, chiefly the attitude of those who are not working and the fact that unemployment compensation is only 40% less than wages, will be examined by a committee including Joe Bacca, Joe Beeson, Dick Pomeroy, and Phil Schafer. They will bring in recommendations at the Wednesday meeting, if possible, and not later than Saturday.

THE FUTURE... Fire Chief Bill Yeager polled his crew and learned that 48 out of the 58 firemen plan to leave the center to take outside work as soon as they have the chance. This indicates that the on-project labor shortage will be as critical in the spring as it was during the fall harvest season.

TELEPHONES... Chief Yeager reported that the fire call telephones in the red boxes throughout the center are being jammed by unauthorized calls. These phones are for use in case of fire only, and with the approval of the block manager may be used in other emergencies. Also, needless use is robbing staff telephones of much of their value. It should be remembered that nearly all phones are party lines, and, therefore, should be used for business ONLY and then as briefly as possible. Don't keep a line open; call back if any wait is necessary.

COAL... About 30,000 tons of coal have been received at Hunt siding and approximately 20,000 tons more will be shipped here this winter giving the center approximately a two years' supply. It is a herculean task to unload the cars by hand and truck the coal to the center.

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"A. P."... An administrative notice signed by Director D. S. Myer requests that the word "Caucasian" used to designate W. R. A. staff members as distinguished from the evacuee residents be avoided at all times, and that the term "appointed personnel" be used instead.

DATA WANTED... All appointed personnel are asked to give J. H. Jones in the fiscal accounting office the following information as soon as possible: social security number and marital status.

WORK HOURS... Effective next Monday, January 25, work hours for evacuee resident employees will be as follows: 8:30 - 12; 1:15 - 5; and on Saturday, 8:30 - 12. Division heads will be asked to exercise greater responsibility in certifying wage payments to resident employees as called for in timekeeper's reports.

MEAL HOURS... Meal hours on the project are: breakfast, 7 to 8; lunch, 12:15 to 1:15; and dinner, 5:30 to 6:30. These hours will be rigidly followed to make the work schedule practicable.

ONE TIME... In order to maintain a uniformity of time on the project, a "town crier" will be assigned to contact key points once a day in order that clocks and watches will be the same. He will check timepieces in mess halls, on work projects, in the warehouse district, in the administration area, and elsewhere. This is a temporary arrangement pending the setting up of a central time signal that can be heard throughout the center.

WAR BONDS... Administrative Instruction No. 75 concerning purchase of war bonds by the WRA staff says in part, "The director shares the president's hope that the following goal can be reached and maintained: (1) at least 90% of the staff participating, (2) at least 10% of the total payroll pledged." At present only 85% of the Minidoka staff are buying bonds and the payroll deductions for bonds are only 6.8% of the total payroll. The increase in salaries for overtime will lower this percentage unless greater bond deductions are pledged. Everybody on the Minidoka staff should pledge at least 10%. Help finance the war effort; save for the future, and put Minidoka ahead of the quota! ##

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CHOIR... The Minidoka mass choir of 83 voices will sing at the Jerome high school Thursday evening at 8 p.m. It will make a second appearance at the First Methodist Church in Twin Falls, February 9 at 8 p.m. under the auspices of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, service clubs, and church groups.

CLEARANCE... Any evacuee who leaves the project must obtain clearance of property from the housing division and from divisions in which he has worked. R. Sprinkel will issue information on procedure. Project administrative instructions such as these will be put out in project bulletins.

SCHOOL LUNCHES... Elementary school pupils who live far from school will be permitted to eat lunch close by. The steward's office and school officials will work out a plan. The steward has been swamped by requests for workers to eat close to their jobs and it is taking time to issue the necessary cards. No arrangements can be made for high school students at this time.

STAFF HOUSING... A set of staff housing plans is being forwarded to Washington for approval or rejection. If these plans which provide more living space through the use of stone instead of critical materials are rejected construction according to the original plans will be started. The latter plans are already approved. However, many building materials, heating equipment, and other items are scarce and probably will take some time to procure.

BUS SERVICE... A Twin Falls bus line operator has applied for authority to inaugurate a service connecting Eden and Hunt with Twin Falls via Jerome. He is awaiting ODT approval. Some questions remaining unanswered are the maintenance of the highway between the project and the state highway; the adequacy of equipment to take care of the appointed personnel forced to commute by lack of housing on the project; and excessive costs due to the proposed indirect route through Jerome.

NUMBER PLEASE... A large proportion of the appointed personnel have not yet told J. H. Jones in the fiscal accounting office their social security numbers and marital status. This information is required in Washington soon. Please see him immediately.

PROPERTY... The gap between the warehouse and a division taking out property is rapidly being closed with the burden falling on the division. The warehouse will not release any expendable property unless the division head getting it signs for it then and there.

BUY BONDS... It is up to the appointed personnel to meet Minidoka's war savings bond quota which is 10% of the total payroll and 90% of the staff participating. This quota is not being met now. Newcomers and others who have not yet made arrangements should see J. H. Jones about payroll deductions and everybody on the staff should boost his bond buying to the limit.

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UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS...Project Director Stafford clarified the policy of unemployment benefits distribution on this project with a statement covering seven points: 1. No person is eligible who cannot support a meritorious claim. 2. The burden of responsibility for demonstrating positive eligibility falls upon the applicant. 3. An individual is not eligible just because opportunities of work do not fall within the scope of his special training. 4. Opportunity for employment shall consist of tasks which in general require mental or physical effort or both. 5. Able-bodied persons shall not become eligible for unemployment compensation following their refusal to accept project employment regardless of where or in what department such opportunity originated. 6. Aged, infirmed, or otherwise unemployable persons shall not be eligible in lieu of public assistance as otherwise provided. 7. This statement of policy shall be interpreted as a part of and not inconsistent to Administrative Instruction No. 27 on this subject. In the event the placement officer determines that persons have been placed inadvertently on the unemployment benefit rolls, such situations shall be immediately reconciled to this statement.

PAY CHECKS...Attached to future appointed personnel pay checks will be a schedule of deductions.

SPEED-UP...To make the Wednesday morning staff meeting shorter and snappier, division heads will send in advance to Mr. Sprinkel a short digest of the problems which they wish brought up. These will be organized by him to expedite discussions at these meetings.

BOARD OF SURVEY... The Board of Survey wants complete facts on every case presented. It is not sufficient merely to report the loss, theft, or damage of property. Complete details must be given on what steps were taken regarding the property before and after the occurrence which necessitated Board of Survey action.

MORE ROOMS... Community Services and the Co-op, to mention two, want more room. With the decision by the Washington office to continue school classroom in barracks and with more evacuees in the offing, there will be a squeeze on space now available.

FIRE HAZARD... Fire Chief Yeager has a right to ask any division to make adjustments to eliminate fire hazards. Some leeway has been allowed because of cramped warehouse and office space. But there must be an attempt to comply with fire underwriters specifications.

LIGNITE... Lignite should be used before the bituminous coal when it is possible to segregate the two kinds in the dumps now on the project. Lignite deteriorates and breaks easily. By mid-February or the first of March, the coal rush will be ended and trucks will be free to tackle the gravel problem.

SPOT CHECKER... An auditor will be added to the fiscal department to act as a spot checker of resident workers and payrolls. This is in keeping with the new emphasis on division responsibility in timekeeping. R. Sprinkel has issued information on procedure by which each division head will certify his resident employees' payroll.

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January 30, 1943

- ARMY PROGRAM...Three Army representatives will arrive next Friday to begin the voluntary enlistment of young Minidoka men of American citizenship in accordance with the program announced by Secretary of War Stimson to form a fighting unit of Nisei. Data is also being assembled on Nisei women in accordance with his announced intention to utilize all loyal Americans, regardless of their ancestry, in the armed forces and in war industries. No one knows to what extent this program will affect the project, but it is certain to take many of the young, able-bodied men. For projects as a whole some 5,000 men are to be recruited. Women will have opportunity in vital defense industries.
- HELP WANTED...The leaves section is doing a tremendous job to get approximately 6500 WRA 26 forms typed by Friday when the Army men arrive. Sixty typists and 30 typewriters have been secured through the cooperation of other departments. Continued cooperation is essential.
- SEWAGE SYSTEM...Army engineers are making final adjustments in the sewage treatment plant with the view of turning over the entire system to the WRA within a week.
- LANDSCAPING...Immediate action will be taken on the center landscaping program for this year. Residents will probably plant victory gardens of food crops in and around the barrack areas and trees, shrubs, and lawns will be put in to beautify the townsite.
- SCHOOLS...The latest plan announced from Washington is to build additional barracks for use as school buildings.
- CHECK CHARGES...The fact that residents are charged by the co-op (which pays bank fees) to get government checks cashed is bad for morale. Project Attorney Moore will find out if there is some way for these checks to be cashed on the project without commercial bank charges being levied against them.
- OVERTIME...There is no such thing as overtime pay for resident workers and there is no overtime pay for appointed personnel over 48 hours a week.
- PROCUREMENT...Purchase of unusual supplies or special equipment must be okehed by the project director.
- PRIORITIES...Priority requirement applications for materials to be purchased in the April 1 - June 30 quarter must be in Washington, D.C. by February 10.

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February 3, 1943

BUTTER*-PORK.....There will be no more butter purchased for the project; oleo-margarine will be used instead. Furthermore, no more smoked ham or bacon will be purchased. The distribution problems and scarcity of these foods on a national scale are the reasons.

MORE RESIDENTS....In reply to an inquiry of Director Myer, Project Director Stafford has expressed willingness to accept 177 former Bainbridge Island residents now at Manzanar, and also seven other families at Manzanar who have some relatives here.

SEWAGE PLANT...Inside flush toilets have been put into operation in all the blocks finally eliminating the unpleasant outdoor latrines.

DENVER MEETING....Some highlights of the regional meeting at Denver were reported by Assistant Project Director Phil Schafer and George Townsend, Chief, Community Services:

The Army is not interested in taking over the relocation centers.

No work furloughs will be granted without leave clearance, and there will be no commuting of workers from the center.

While segregation of the disloyal from the loyal is desirable, how to accomplish it is another matter.

While a community council may not be set up for some time yet, a judicial commission to act in cases less than felonies will be formed as soon as possible. To insure protection of the rights of individuals, a written procedure will be followed in making searches.

Other Federal agencies will cooperate with the WRA in the relocation program such as the FSA loaning funds to get farmers started.

The idea of complete dispersion of all relocated residents is being modified, and it is likely that some residents who can be relocated better by being members of a group with certain self-sustaining economic benefits will be encouraged to go out together.

The project's subsistence farm program will be carried out as planned and approved.

Causes of unrest include inherent factors and factors related to the appointed personnel. Inherent factors include the bitterness (and we get most of the blame) following the mass evacuation; social and financial insecurity which gives birth to alarmist rumors; the appointed personnel-Japanese division in the administration creates a caste system; physical conditions and social by-products such as congestion, breakdown in privacy, parental influence, juvenile delinquencies; friction between haves and havenots; conditions of security controls such as fences and armed guards; social controls such as community opinion have undergone changes so that actions looked upon with disfavor in normal communities as petty thefts are no longer out of bounds. Factors related to appointed personnel include the establishment of favoritism frictions; in employment the treating of workers as menials and making empty promises; the growth of caste attitudes unless the appointed personnel have a democratic attitude; affronts to evacuee ideas of propriety, such as slapping an elderly resident on the back; recognition of evacuee methods of working in groups, using a go-between and appointing committees to divide responsibilities; the discussion of differences of opinion among appointed personnel and division of authority, playing favorites and inefficient use of government property.

Experimental hostels have been established in St. Louis and Chicago by the Friends Service Society and the Church of the Brethren where evacuees may go on short term leave to seek permanent employment.

The pattern of congested living which we are observing at first hand is common to all such concentration of peoples. Proof of this may be found in the two articles in the Saturday Evening Post of February 9 and 16 by Joe Aslop on the internment camp for British, Dutch, and American citizens who were in Hong Kong when it was captured by the Japanese.

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NUMBER ONE PRIORITY...The War Relocation Authority is launching a program with the complete approval and cooperation of the War Department to use all loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry in the war effort, either in the armed forces or on the home front.

A group from the War Department, Washington, D. C., personnel of which is headed by Lieutenant Stanley D. Arnold and including Sergeants Carl E. Teurk, Eugene F. Jendrek, and Akira Kato, has arrived here and will carry out the Army's part of this far-reaching program. This Army team will accept applications from eligible citizens for service in a combat unit to be formed of American citizens of Japanese ancestry for active service in a theatre of war.

All residents of this center 17 years of age and older will be registered beginning Monday. Male citizens who do not desire to volunteer for induction into the Army at this time, girls and women and men of Japanese ancestry who are not citizens will be considered for jobs in agriculture and plants producing war materials. Citizens fit for military service who do not wish to volunteer for induction at this time, probably, will be taken into the Army in due time.

It is planned that this combat team will be formed during March. A number of Japanese Americans already in the Army are now en route to Camp Shelby, Mississippi where this all-Nisei team will be trained. They will form the skeleton for the outfit. An estimated 8,400 persons will be registered in this center. It is planned to register one block in the morning and one in the afternoon of each week day.

This program has been given NUMBER ONE priority by the national office which means that nothing must interfere with promoting its success. Students 17 and older will automatically be given excused absence for the half day when they are suppose to register, and workers, likewise, will be automatically excused to be registered.

You will, no doubt, be asked many questions about the voluntary Army induction and about the broad clearance and employment program. The administration and the War Department representatives are anxious that all questions be answered and equally anxious that they be answered accurately. If you can answer questions correctly, do so, and if you cannot, say that you will obtain the answer or refer the questioner to the Army team which is headquartered in the Outside Employment office in the administration area.

The WRA expects by the end of May to have everybody in the center 17 or over either cleared or refused clearance. The clearance program is changing from a "retail" basis to a "wholesale" basis. Secretary of War Stimson has announced that it is the plan to use all loyal Americans of Japanese ancestry in the war effort. In a letter to Secretary Stimson, President Roosevelt gave his complete approval to this plan. President Roosevelt's as well as the War Department's message to the center residents is in Monday's issue of the Irrigator.

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February 10, 1943

REGISTRATION....A total of 367 residents were registered in Blocks 1, 2, and 3 Monday and Tuesday as the WRA-War Department program to place persons of Japanese ancestry into the war effort got underway. Of the total, 80 male citizens were referred to the Army team. The registration is now going smoothly and on schedule. Blocks 4, 5, and part of 6 will be covered today; 6 will be completed and 7 registered Thursday. Don't neglect to aid workers and students in being registered.

BUDGET...Estimates for the 1944 budget must be in Washington by March 1. The project budget department will contact certain division heads for information, and it is imperative that immediate attention be given to their requests.

CONCERT...The Minidoka mass choir of 89 voices sang to more than 1,100 Twin Falls residents at the First Methodist church Tuesday night. This is the largest auditorium in Twin Falls and it was jammed. People were turned away. The audience was enthusiastic. Before the concert, the choir members were tendered a supper at the Baptist church which was attended by officials of the Chamber of Commerce, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, ministers and others. After the concert about 300 persons met the choir members at a social hour at the Presbyterian church.

RATIONING...The co-op stores stopped shoe sales Monday in compliance with the national rationing program on that day. Rationing procedure for center residents is coming out of Washington. The advance indication is that they will be issued ration books tailored to fit their needs, i.e., no stamps for sugar and coffee but stamps for shoes. A move was made recently to set up a panel of Jerome county rationing board on the project to provide for issuing ration books to residents leaving the center, and also to pick up ration books of those entering.

HEALTH...There has been no new case of infection reported to the hospital in the last two weeks. The hospital cases are now down to two. This indicates that this bugabo has been licked.

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CLASSES...Warehouse 14 has been turned over to the Adult Education Department for industrial arts classes including farm carpentry, repair and maintenance of farm machinery, and auto and truck repairing.

CREDIT...The Education Department is making progress in its efforts to secure university credit in Idaho for resident students for their practice teaching in the project schools.

RATIONING...Anyone who eats more than 12 meals a week at the same place is not eligible to retain a ration book for sugar and coffee. Appointed personnel as well as evacuee residents who still have their ration books and who are not supposed to should turn them in. The book will be returned to the holder long enough for him to buy shoes with stamps 17, 18, and 19. Messrs. Stafford, Schafer, and Sprinkel form the panel to take care of shoe rationing for the residents. Residents who leave will be provided with books before departure. The Counselors office will be responsible for ration books and all action.

BABY PIX...The matter of providing a photographic service for the residents remains one of the major unsolved problems. The reports officer is permitted by administrative instructions to furnish only funeral pictures. Western Defense Command regulations prohibit the owning or operating of cameras by evacuees, and the Co-op has had no success in interesting an outside photographer in setting up a studio service in the center because of gas restrictions and scarcity of supplies. Appointed personnel may not operate cameras in the center because of a project ruling.

STAFF HOUSING...Lumber for staff housing has been purchased and the delivery date is 30 to 60 days. A small percentage of materials has already been delivered. Action on the revised plans has not yet been taken in Washington.

DOCTORS...The hospital has lost the services of three doctors and two others (one a medical student) who plan to volunteer for Army induction. Home calls may have to be eliminated until replacements have been made.

VOLUNTEERS...The voluntary Army induction program is gaining momentum, but needs the support of all the appointed personnel. Some questions which have become points of resistance may be answered by the following: Parents will be considered dependents even though they live in the center; wives and children of volunteers are dependents regardless of their personal circumstances. While original statements implied that selective service would follow the volunteer program, it is now clear that a draft depends upon the success of the volunteering. The success of the whole new program to place people of Japanese ancestry in the war effort is linked very closely with the volunteering program's success. Lieutenant Arnold of the War Department team plans to meet with high school boys and discuss their situations. Many of the volunteers to date have been men with families, men interested in making a future for their children. These men also are the heads of their households and make their own decisions. There are about 1800 citizen males on the project in the Army age group, 17 to 37. The Nisei combat team will not be used to fight against the Japanese. The families of men who volunteered will be granted privileges. Those who volunteered have already been given passes to shop, have baby pictures taken, etc. Girls leaving to marry soldiers have received their indefinite leave pronto. Those who once filed for repatriation and then later filed a declination may volunteer. Those who were in the Army prior to Pearl Harbor and then were discharged either completely or into a reserve may volunteer at this time. Forms being filled out now in the general registration will be used for clearance purposes.

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CLANG! CLANG!...The Hunt fire department will stage a drill for the benefit of the appointed personnel Friday at 10 a.m. on Main street, Adm. Area.

INDUCTION...The voluntary Army induction program is gaining momentum and the help and cooperation of everybody are needed to keep it rolling.

ADDRESS...All freight and express should be addressed VIA EDEN not Twin Falls.

WAREHOUSE...Divisions must accept promptly deliveries at their own warehouses and not hold goods at the warehouse office. Small emergency purchases should be called for as soon as the warehouse office reports they have arrived. New detailed warehouse procedure will be issued soon by the administrative officer.

PRINTED PAPER...The first issue of a printed Irrigator, supported by the Co-op, is due Feb. 27. It will be printed at Jerome and distributed free on the project. Outside subscriptions will be 5 cents per copy; 65 cents for three months and \$2.50 a year. The staff will not change.

TRANSFERS...The 185 transfers from Manzanar, former residents of Bainbridge Island, Wash., are expected to arrive late next week. Some will move into Block 44 and others will be placed wherever housing is available.

COMBINE...For more efficient procurement certain supplies for all divisions will be ordered by one division, i.e., janitorial supplies--Public Works; stationery--Administrative Officer; food--Project Steward. The Administrative Officer will issue complete instructions.

FARM PROGRAM...In the project area about 500 acres will be planted to alfalfa, barley, clover and peas, the latter under contract for seed production. The cover crops should condition the soil for next year. About 200 acres have been cleared to date. Clearing of the additional acreage, grading and irrigation depend on the weather and labor supply. In the center area it is planned to plant 320 acres in mixed vegetables for project subsistence. A uniform master walks plan has been made and some planting of grass seed, bulbs and shrubs is contemplated.

FOOD...The end of canned food sales in the Co-op stores Feb. 20 because of rationing will place additional importance on the quality of dining hall food, especially for slightly ailing residents. New efforts will be made to standardize the meals at a high level.

RATIONING...Residents and appointed personnel eating 12 meals a week on the project must turn in their No. 1 (sugar, coffee) ration books to Carl Sandoz, counselor, who is handling rationing. Please help him locate all ration books in the center. Shoe stamps will be returned when needed and those leaving the center will be given regular books.

COAL...There are 15,000 tons of coal yet to come, but the pace is slackening. It is planned to shift the coal crew to gravel hauling because of the efficient way in which they handled the huge coal job.

PERCENTAGE OF STAFF BUYING WAR BONDS--100%. PERCENTAGE OF PAYROLL IN BONDS--8%.

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THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST

Highlights of Staff Meetings of Feb. 20, 24, 27.

CLEAN-UP---George Townsend, chairman, Joe Bacca, Earl Ingham, Art Tinker, E. Sebbel-

ov and Dick Pomeroy are the Clean-up Committee which will prepare plans for a spring clean-up in the center about a month from now.

SCHOOLS---Previous authorization to build elementary schools has been revoked and materials which have been earmarked for this construction cannot be used for any other construction without WPB approval.

CLASSES---More than 900 residents are now enrolled in night adult classes, 250 of them in Americanization classes.

SURVEY---A survey is being made in the center to locate residents owning farm machinery.

UTILITY MEN---A rumor that the utility man in each block will be discharged is false.

FUND-RAISING---Procedure for financing groups such as Boy Scouts is being worked out.

DRIVING---Something has got to be done about promiscuous driving of trucks and cars between barracks, over sidewalks, etc. Such drivers will be reported.

STAFF HOUSING---The revised staff housing plans providing more room without using more critical materials have been turned down at Washington and original plans will be followed. Although the original site was overlooking the sewerage the houses will not be built there. The probable site is south and east of the administration area, about 150 feet from the canal. Materials are now holding up start of construction.

SHOVEL---A power shovel has been obtained and when delivered in a month or so it will greatly expedite cinder and gravel work on center projects.

NEW DITCH---A contract to dig a five-mile canal off the Milner-Gooding ditch will be let between March 1-15 if approved by Washington. This canal will irrigate a maximum of 5000 acres. This water will probably be necessary to plant grass and gardens in the center.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT---The heavy equipment motor pool is now in operation under Wayne Crowe. Both maintenance and operation of tractors and other heavy equipment (not trucks) will be under his direction. Chauffeurs now drive all motor pool cars on the project. The improved motor pool service now resembles taxi service.

TICKS---The director of the U.S. Public Health Service's Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever laboratory at Hamilton, Mont., leading authority on this disease, has advised Dr. Neher that because the number of cases in this county has been low in the past mass inoculation is not advisable. He will provide serum for residents leaving the center to go into areas where the disease is more prevalent. Spotted fever does not occur through November, December, January, February and March. Persons working in the sagebrush should inspect their bodies for ticks twice daily; should put their trouser legs inside their boots or socks; should wear hard-surface trousers to make it harder for ticks to fasten onto clothing. They start at the legs and work up until they find access to the skin. Inoculations may be purchased for \$1 per person and may be procured for some residents working in the sagebrush.

WORKING HOURS---Working hours for appointed personnel to take advantage of daylight hours and save electricity are still under discussion.

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STAFF MEMBERS ARE PUTTING CLOSE TO 10% OF THEIR PAY
INTO WAR SAVINGS BONDS, BUY A LITTLE MORE AND PUT
MINIDOKA OVER THE TOP!

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
March 3, 1943

WAACS...Since the recent call for volunteers to serve in the U. S. Army, many girls on the project have been asking about joining the WAACS. There has been reported in other project newspapers and in the JACL Pacific Citizen that enlistment of the WAACS has been started. This is not correct. These are the facts: A WAAC lieutenant will arrive here Thursday or Friday for the sole purpose of making a survey to determine how many eligible girls and women in this center would be interested in joining the WAACS and to determine whether such girls and women would rather have a separate Japanese American unit or go into the WAAC organization as it is set up now. She will not accept enlistments at this time. Joe Beeson and George Townsend will get together a group of about 25 girls and women representing all departments and social groups on the project to meet with the WAAC lieutenant when she arrives.

PASS THE LINIMENT...Able and willing appointed personnel (male, we presume) will be on the business end of shovels and wheelbarrows next Monday morning at 9:30 in Block 23. The idea is to have them dig a 25-foot square pit one foot deep to show resident crew foremen from all the other blocks how to have their volunteer crews do the same job. Two such piles will be dug in each block, one by the kitchen and one by the boiler room, for storage piling of coal. Community Services will line up the voluntary crews and Public Works will stake out the projects and furnish the tools. The work in the other blocks will begin Wednesday morning, March 10. Public Works will put a gravel floor in the pits and move the coal.

DONATION... The Japanese American Civic Club of Spokane has donated \$200 for purchase of athletic equipment for children in this center.

BUS TICKETS...The Co-op office in Wing 2 of the main Administration building is handling the sale of tickets for the new bus service to Eden, Jerome, Shoshone, and Twin Falls. A complete schedule of times and fares is also at this office.

OOPS, SORRY...The erroneous impression was given in Monday's Staff Digest that inoculation for Rocky Mountain spotted fever may be secured at the hospital for \$1. The facts: If an individual secures the serum, the hospital will be glad to administer it. The usual cost of the serum is approximately \$1 per person but the serum cannot be obtained at the hospital.

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March 6, 1943

- C.O.A.O.R....The entrance of the manly appointed personnel into the coal pit digging business was delayed Monday by the rain. Weather permitting, the work will be tackled Thursday, 9:30 a.m. in Block 23. Wear your digging boots, boys!
- RED CROSS....It is optional for appointed personnel to contribute to the Red Cross where they maintain their residence or at Hunt. But because of the benefit to the project, it is hoped that as many as possible will make their contribution here. A member of the appointed personnel Red Cross committee will call on each staff member this week. Remember that the Red Cross needs for its great work of mercy are greater this year than ever before. While \$1 was the minimum in other years, \$5 should be the starting point this year.
- VOLUNTEERS....The number of Hunt boys and men who volunteered for induction into the Army is still unavailable for publication, but it is understood that Minidoka leads all the centers both in volunteers and in general registration of residents over 16. A series of four banquets from March 15 to 19 will be held for volunteers and their parents and parents of boys already in the Army. In addition each block is planning a party for volunteers of that block. The sewing section of the Community Service division has made an arm insignia for volunteers to wear. It is a blue "V" with a red and white background. Urge volunteers to wear it. They can be secured at Phil Schafer's office.
- CAMP OFFICER....Phil Schafer, Joe Beeson, and Dan Sheehan make up a committee which will analyze the necessity of designating daily someone in authority to be available outside of business hours to give correct information and to act in cases of emergency.
- FIRE PREVENTION....The spring season (if and when it arrives) will mean high winds and other fire hazards. Fire Chief Yeager and his staff will be especially vigilant and must have the cooperation of everyone in minimizing fire hazards.
- TRANSPORTATION....Plans for a travel office with the pass desk nearby are going forward. Such an office would sell tickets, provide for baggage storage, and offer a waiting room for travelers. The two daily bus trips to Eden, Jerome, Shoshone, and Twin Falls are now sold out for nearly a week in advance because of the number of volunteers going out to secure pictures and to make other arrangements before entering the service. WRA transportation will not be used except for transferees arriving after hours and in other emergencies. The motor pool now has a private telephone line.
- FOOD FOR APs....Jerry Light, Mildred Bennett, and another staff member not yet named will look into a plan to set up a small canteen where appointed personnel may buy non-rationed food to supplement their project meals.
- IRRIGATOR COPIES....The Irrigator is now published by the Minidoka Consumers' Co-operative. Under an agreement with the Co-op each member of the appointed personnel will receive one free copy each week. If additional copies are wanted, they may be secured for 5¢ each or on subscription rates by applying to the circulation manager in 23-12-H.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
March 10, 1943

PROMENADE...To take care of the heavy pedestrian traffic between the administration area and Block 23 a broad walk will be constructed out of splashing range of the road. There has been no bad traffic accident yet but the hazards are so numerous something must be done to reduce them. A parking apron will be built alongside Block 23 to take care of cars which now all but block the road when they stop along it.

VOLUNTEERS...The WRA announced at Washington last Sunday the number of volunteers for induction into the Army from this center. The total of more than 300 means that 20% of the eligibles volunteered in this center. Forty-one are married, 24 have children and 11 are non-citizens. The Minidoka total was the only one announced by the WRA. This percentage of volunteers is far greater than any public volunteering this country has ever had in time of war. Many celebrations are planned for the volunteers. The four big events will be banquets on successive nights from March 16 to 19 in dining halls 7, 13, 30 and 36 for volunteers, their parents and wives, and parents of boys already in the Army. In addition a special dinner will be served in each dining hall on March 23 to honor the volunteers in each block.

CONCERT...The Minidoka Mass Choir will present a concert Thursday night in Block 21 dining hall for the residents. It will be an invitational affair because of the limited capacity of the hall. This will be the final concert on the project under the direction of Mrs. I. Hara who will leave the center soon. The choir will sing at Rupert next Sunday afternoon.

CLEANUP...Plans for the community-wide cleanup day are moving forward. A committee of residents will be formed to take the initiative in the voluntary program. It is planned to dismiss schools and halt all but vital community operations for the day to enable nearly everybody to take part. Cleanup Day will not be held for another six weeks or so to make good weather a certainty.

DIGGING...The call to picks and shovels will be sounded at 9:30 a.m. Thursday (March 11) at Block 23 for males of the appointed personnel. The digging of a pit for a coal bunker which was postponed Monday by the rain will take place then, weather permitting.

BOND BUYER...Jim Jones, our bond salesman, delivered two \$1,000 U. S. war savings bonds to Joseph Ozawa, 12-8-B, this week. He has volunteered for induction into the Army to protect his investment.

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Highlights of Staff Meeting
March 13 & 17, 1943

SEED...George Townsend and Bob Davidson have made some contacts in Twin Falls to line up donations of cuttings, roots, shrubs, bulbs, flower seeds, grass seed and the like for beautification of the project. The Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, garden clubs and numerous church groups are taking the initiative. Anyone who wishes to contribute anything of this sort to the project should be advised to take their donations to the bandstand in the city park on Shoshone Avenue in Twin Falls where it will be picked up by the WRA. A lot of this stuff can be used here and it cannot be purchased so don't be bashful about spreading the word around. Mr. Davidson is in charge of this program.

INTERNEES...A boy in the Army or entering the Army from here who has an interned father may request Carl Sandoz to contact the internment camp for a rehearing for the father.

CANALS...The contract for excavation work on a five-mile lateral from the Milner-Gooding Canal to the center has been approved and work will start in two or three weeks. This canal will make it possible to irrigate 1100 acres east of the center area. About half of this will be cleared and planted this year in alfalfa, barley, white clover and field peas. About 320 acres in and immediately adjacent to the center area will be put into table vegetables for project use.

FOOD...A committee appointed to look into the appointed personnel dining hall food (cost and quality) includes Dan Sheehan, chairman, Mildred Bennett, Ruth Major, Evelyn Anderson and Max Wallach. A second committee named to examine the procedure of charging some visitors for meals taken on the project includes Marlow Glenn, George Townsend, Harry Sperber and Earl Ingham.

RED CROSS...The appointed personnel contributed approximately \$300 to the Red Cross in the recent drive. It was a one-woman job with Mrs. Jerome T. Light handling the entire campaign. The residents' campaign is about two-thirds completed and \$1544 is the total at this point.

SHOPPING...The Co-op will make an effort to do more individual shopping for residents, and only if the Co-op is unable to do the buying will a request for a pass for this purpose be considered.

SPACE...There are only 10 vacant apartments in the project which means that additional space needed for certain operations, such as a third shoe repair shop, cannot be allotted now.

PLAYGROUND...As soon as the ground is dry enough to work, playfields will be cleared to further the outdoor recreation program. The area in and around Block 23 is the first one under consideration.

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Highlights of Staff Meeting
March 24, 1943

STAFF HOUSING...The construction of staff housing has finally gotten underway south and east of the administration area. Nearly all the lumber is on hand and other materials are being received. Barring bad weather and other difficulties the first four-family apartment building will be completed in about 30 days. It is planned to complete one building at a time. Steps are being taken by the appointed personnel to have a store in operation when family housing becomes available.

DEVELOPMENT...The arrival of spring weather touched off a burst of activities in many departments. Since the available manpower and equipment are definitely limited, it has been necessary to coordinate such activities. The field farming program in the project area east of the center will give way to victory gardens in the center area, cleaning up of the coal, gravel operations, smoothing off of playground areas and staff housing construction.

RED CROSS...There were 70 contributors among the appointed personnel to the recent Red Cross subscription campaign and a total of \$298 was raised. The residents raised \$2273.72 from 2874 subscriptions.

SPACE ALLOTMENT...R. Sprinkel, administrative officer, will assign all space in the future for administrative functions including Block 23 which, heretofore, has been handled by George Townsend. The Housing superintendent will continue to allot residential housing space.

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March 27, 1943

I.S. REPORTS...Violations of project regulations (such as lumber thefts, traffic misdemeanors, etc.) should be reported promptly and in writing to the Internal Security department. It is a responsibility of all personnel to make such reports.

TRAFFIC LAWS...There are two main traffic regulations in the center--speed and driving on the road. Speed limits are posted. With few exceptions cars and trucks should never leave the road. Reports should be made in writing to I. S.

BARRIERS...Movable barriers have been placed across some streets near schools. If it is necessary to drive through these streets, the barrier should be moved, then replaced, instead of being driven around.

GARDEN PLAN...A model block plan has been drawn and copies supplied to block managers so they can advise residents where to plant Victory gardens without getting in the way of future developments.

VISITORS...The department head concerned should let the Internal Security know when a large group in private cars will visit the center, especially night visitors. Visitors require guide assistance and the I.S. wants to be prepared.

ANIMALS...Rabbits (some of whom carry the infection of tularemia), stray dogs (who could be tick carriers) and other animals are a potential health hazard to the center. The I. S. will act as canine controller and nuisances should be reported to them. If it becomes necessary to outlaw such animals, a menagerie may be set up. Messrs. ^{Winn}Higham and Townsend are looking into this zoo idea. Mr. Davidson will run the dog pound.

TICKS...The U. S. Public Health Service's tick laboratory at Hamilton, Mont., has supplied the project hospital with enough Rocky Mountain spotted fever serum to immunize 510 evacuees with the stipulation that it be given to evacuees leaving the center to go into an area where the incidence of the disease is higher than here. In urging the residents of the center to exercise caution in looking for ticks upon their bodies after being in the sagebrush, the administration has created undue fear and alarm. Actually the incidence of Rocky Mt. spotted fever in this area is very low, nearly as low as it was in the areas on the coast where the residents formerly lived. Only ordinary precautions are necessary in finding the ticks after excursions in the sagebrush. There are not ticks everywhere and on every piece of sagebrush. Most ticks do not carry spotted fever. The percentage of fatality among those who get the disease in this area is low.

TUBS TO RETURN...Because there has been only one new case of venereal infection in the past six weeks, Dr. Neher is recommending that the bath tubs in the women's washrooms be connected again. However, the deep wooden Japanese bath tubs, the ofuros, will not be allowed.

HOURS...A special effort will be made in administrative offices to have resident workers observe the hours 8:30 - 12, 1:15 - 5.

RABBITS...The agriculture section is securing information from the county agent as to how to control rabbit damage to Victory gardens.

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March 31, 1943

WEATHER....Apparatus for automatically recording the daily maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in the center has been set up just east of the power substation in the administration area. It will be in charge of the agriculture section.

OVERTIME....On a trial basis resident workers will be permitted to accumulate overtime (all time worked in excess of eight hours a day) up to a total of 80 hours and this accumulated overtime must be used up within 30 days of the time it was accumulated.

STAFF BUS...Beginning next Saturday (April 3) the appointed personnel will take a half hour for lunch and the bus will leave at 4:30 for Twin Falls. The staff meeting will start at 1 p.m. instead of 1:30. This applies only to Saturdays.

INDUCTION...Word has been received that Army medical officers will be here around April 10 to examine the Minidoka volunteers. Induction will follow shortly afterward.

SWIMMING...An agreement has been worked out with the North Side canal company to control swimming of center residents by developing two protected areas along the canal, out from Block 36 and from Block 2. Availability of equipment to construct the areas will determine when they are completed.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 3, 1943

VOLUNTEERS...Preliminary medical check-ups of the volunteers before the regular Army medical examiners come here next week were to be given Monday at the hospital. The volunteers probably will be called by the Jerome county selective service board in about 20 days and then will go to Ft. Douglas, Utah, for induction.

FUNERALS...In the future appointed personnel will make a more conscientious effort to attend funerals of residents who worked in their division or were related to a worker in their division. Carl Sandoz' office will try to notify division heads of forthcoming funerals.

INTERNEES...Information received here indicates that there is a possibility that in the future fathers who are interned and who have sons in the Army may be given hearings or may even be released or paroled without further hearings if there is sufficient evidence.

RUMOR...The persistent rumor (which discourages relocation) that a resident who leaves on indefinite leave cannot return to the center under any circumstances needs spiking again. A person who has been granted indefinite leave can return to the center if for some reason his relocation effort fails. Indefinite leave procedure has been broadened to enable more residents to leave sooner.

SEWAGE OVERFLOW...The health hazard from sewage overflow near the sewerage will be eliminated by controlling the overflow.

NO COMMUTING...All appointed personnel should adopt a positive attitude on the WRA's decision not to allow commuting from the center by workers, especially during the farm season. Commuting does not fit into the WRA's relocation program. Residents who go outside to work must live outside.

COOPERATION...Courtesy, dignity and respect are the keystones of successful appointed personnel-resident relationships. The warden-prisoner attitude is all wrong. To keep this community functioning as it should it will be increasingly important to secure the maximum cooperation of the residents. And they will do more for you than they will for \$16 a month.

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April 7, 1943

VOLUNTEERS...Four doctors and several enlisted men from the Butte Induction Station will begin medical examinations of Hunt volunteers next Tuesday morning at the hospital. This will take about two days.

MEAL HOURS...Meal hours in the residents' dining halls are now: breakfast, 6 - 7; lunch, 12:15 - 1:15; supper, 6 - 6:30. The breakfast hour has been set earlier and the supper hour set later to enable workers, especially field workers, to put in a full working day.

BAND VISIT...The Kimberly High School band of 60 persons will play a concert on the project April 18 at 2 p.m.

STAFF MEETING...Every division head and heads of independent departments and sections are expected to attend the Wednesday morning staff meeting. These people and any other appointed personnel who can do so should attend the Saturday afternoon staff meeting.

PHOTOS...The Reports Office is now prepared to take identification photos, both of the appointed personnel and residents departing on indefinite leave.

DOG POUND...The dog pound has been built near the water tower by Block 35. The Internal Security will pick up dogs that are considered a community nuisance.

BASEBALL...Steps are being taken to have one or more Hunt teams participate in a baseball league of town teams which is in the process of organization.

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 10, 1943

POPULATION... Saturday, 8995

Week Before, 9081

STAFF HOUSING...Project staff housing facilities as completed will be assigned to those whose 24-hour presence on the project is deemed necessary. A list of 24 positions in the tentative order of their necessity for living on the project was drawn up as follows:

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| 1. Fire Chief | 13. Community Activities Supervisor |
| 2. Asst. Fire Chief | 14. High School Principal |
| 3. Asst. Fire Chief | 15. Agricultural Supt. |
| 4. Supt. of Maintenance | 16. Elementary School Principal |
| 5. Chief Engineer | 17. Warehouse Supt. |
| 6. Chief Internal Security | 18. Housing Supt. |
| 7. Asst. Chief Internal Security | 19. Employment & Leaves Officer |
| 8. Asst. Project Director | 20. Administrative officer |
| 9. Project Steward | 21. Counselor |
| 10. Chief Medical Officer | 22. Community Services Chief |
| 11. Motor Pool Supervisor | 23. Supt. of Education |
| 12. Director, Adult Education | 24. Evacuee Property Officer |

Housing facilities will be offered to the holders of these positions in this order and if proper housing for the employee's family size is available, he must accept it or relinquish his commuting privilege on the WRA bus. No single persons will be given apartments until families are taken care of. The first four-family housing unit is expected to be completed within 30 days. No definite schedule for completion of other units can be forecast because some materials and equipment have not yet been delivered. There will be 13 four-family buildings and three more dormitories built. Each building has a three-bedroom apartment on the ends and two two-bedroom apartments in the middle.

WORKING STUDENTS...There are 286 high school students working part time on project jobs. In order to equalize their work, students who have been working in the afternoon will work Saturday morning in order to get in six half days work a week.

MEAL HOURS...The project steward has decided not to change the breakfast hours and they are 7 to 8, not 6 to 7 as reported in the last Staff Digest.

RATIONING...The appointed personnel should make a continuous effort to inform the residents on WRA policy matters and on matters in general which affect them. A good example is food rationing. While the majority of the residents have been told through the project newspaper, through outside newspapers and over the radio about food rationing and although many realize that the project is on a point rationing basis, still it is difficult for many to see that the food situation is rapidly developing into a squeeze that may affect the center's food supply. Therefore, it is important that our farm program be given whole-hearted support by the residents to raise 350 to 400 acres of vegetables for project consumption. Farm workers will be needed and to get them, the residents must have an understanding of the significance of the farm program.

BOND DRIVE...The \$13,000,000,000.00 second war loan drive begins Monday. Remember: They give their lives--we are only asked to lend our money. The extra bonds bought by Minidoka appointed personnel and greater payroll deductions for regular bond buying will help to put over the nation's greatest war financing. The drive will be a continuing one, but the next three weeks will be emphasized. Let's do our part willingly, without being asked. Jim Jones in the fiscal office is our bond agent. If you want to buy an extra bond or two in the next few pay periods, see him. The amount of deduction for bonds can be changed from one pay period to the next.

No. 27 (For the Information of the Appointed Personnel-- for publication.)

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 14, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Tuesday, 8924; Week before, 9015; Indefinite Leaves, 542;

Group Leaves, 431; Short Term Leaves, 104.

CLEANUP DAY...Tuesday, May 4, will be Cleanup Day in the center. School classes will be dismissed and all other regular project activity except essential services will be halted so that all residents and appointed personnel can devote the entire day to the cleaning up of the center. More detailed information on the plans for the day will be forthcoming.

FARMERS...A total of 214 farmers have been located doing other work in various divisions: Stewards Division, 84; Public Works, 80; Transportation and Supply, 22; Community Enterprises, 2; Community Services, 3; Housing, 2; Medical, 1; Fire Department, 3; Motor Pool, 9; Internal Security, 6; Project Reports, 1; and Motor operation, 1. It is planned to transfer them from these jobs to farm work. A job has been offered everyone on the project, practically eliminating unemployment compensation. Other steps to secure project farm workers include discussions with various groups and forums.

STAFF DINING HALL...Cafeteria service will be inaugurated in the staff dining hall because of the growing shortage of waitresses and to reduce cost. The 25¢ price for staff personnel was not intended to be a permanent rate. It simply was made to eat up the profit which had accumulated and which had to be disposed of in this manner. The meal price will be the cost figure and will not be set arbitrarily by anyone.

ENLISTMENTS...Victor McLaughlin of the high school physical education department has been transferred to the position of Leaves Officer succeeding T. B. Williamson, who is leaving for government service in Panama. Mac will take care of Army business for the evacuee residents. The residents can still volunteer for induction and anyone interested should be directed to the Leaves and Furlough office. Mac will also register for selective service boys on the project as they reach 18.

AID OFFERED...The project facilities have been offered to John A. Keith, OCB commander for Lincoln County at Shoshone for flood relief in that area. The situation is serious. Shoshone schools were dismissed Tuesday and all school bus schedules cancelled as the Big and Little Wood rivers continue to rise and threaten highway bridges. Cots and blankets will probably be the biggest contribution by the project in the event families in the Shoshone area are made homeless by the flood.

POST OFFICE...Efforts are being made to arrange meals for post office workers so that the place can be kept open during the noon hour.

WAREHOUSE...The division warehouse system is out. All warehouse space will be allotted by George Anderson. There will be a storekeeper in each warehouse working for the Property Control Section.

VOLUNTEERS...Volunteers were given physical examinations Tuesday and Wednesday. Preliminary indications are that 12 to 15 percent will be rejected, many for bad eye sight. Next the Jerome Selective Service board will be notified which volunteers are acceptable and they will be called for induction at Fort Douglas, Salt Lake City. They will be offered a seven-day furlough after induction, after which they must report back to Fort Douglas from where they will travel to Camp Shelby, Mississippi. The seven-day furlough will not be deducted from their annual furlough since they will not actually be in the Army until they reach Camp Shelby. The Twin Falls USO and Twin Falls merchants will present each departing volunteer with a packet containing books, stationery, pencil, etc.

BRIDGE...Hansen bridge speed limit and other regulations should be strictly observed

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 17, 1943

TARDINESS...The Saturday staff meeting begins promptly at 1 o'clock. Latecomers hereafter will be fined.

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 8841; Week Before, 8995; Indefinite Leaves, 612; Group Leaves, 489; Short Term Leaves, 94.

INTERPROJECT CORRESPONDENCE...All correspondences with other projects except that pertaining to the transfer of individuals and their property should clear through the Denver field office. The excepted correspondence should continue to go direct.

FARM...The preparation of land for project farming continues. From time to time volunteer crews from various departments, such as public works, schools and carpenters, will be asked to lend the farm crew a hand. The administrative staff also should be prepared for a weekly workout following the successful sagebrush-burning party Friday. The Stewards Division may serve a non-rationed snack next time to overcome the 4 o'clock letdown.

STAFF DINING HALL...The committee has made a report recommending a manager to prevent waste of food and thus reduce cost. Cafeteria service will be started only if necessary. The evening meal instead of lunch will be the principal meal.

WATER...Irrigation water will be turned into the old canal about April 25. After that a strict watch will be kept on the well water supply to prevent its usage in watering gardens and trees. The domestic water supply continues to approach a shortage.

BATTLE OF IDEAS...Dick Pomeroy, reporting from the Denver school superintendents' conference, said it was brought out at this meeting that we should not lose sight of the fact that we are on the front line in the battle of ideas, a front line as important as the battle front in North Africa. "Unless we win recognition of minorities at home in this battle of ideas, the battle of guns will be of no avail and will have to be fought over again."

NOTICES...Notices of bulletins, announcements, etc. should be distributed to block managers through the head block manager, S. Hara, whose office is 23-2-A, telephone 014. By taking such matters to him, better results can be obtained.

SHOE REPAIRS...Ration slips for shoe repairs at Co-op shop hereafter will be available at each block manager's office.

PLACEMENT...The placement office is securing more complete information on jobs which they are asked to fill and thus will make better placements. They are contacting personally those registered and not working in an effort to place them. Transfer of farmers from other divisions to the farm division will take place this week.

MAIL...The post office is routing mail which appears to be personal direct to appointed personnel. If such mail turns out to be WRA business, please return to Mails and Files for routine handling.

STATISTICS...The central statistics office keeps a record on every evacuee resident in the center. Information of any sort pertaining to an individual should be routed to this office so that a complete file can be built up. This file is used for many purposes by many offices and is the one central place where all information about every resident can be compiled.

TORCHBEARERS...Residents leaving the project should be impressed with the importance of living up to their contract or agreement with their employer. Evacuees who go out and flit from job to job lower the chances of other residents to relocate and hurt the whole program. They should not expect special consideration in labor matters.

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THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 21, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Tuesday, 8723; Week Ago , 8924; Indefinite Leave, 642; Group Leave, 567; Short Term Leave, 99.

POLICY...Victor McLaughlin, Dick Pomeroy, Joe Beeson and Carl Sandoz will meet with members of the community government planning commission and representative parents Thursday morning to formulate a policy governing the departure on group work leave of high school students and other residents in the 16-17 age bracket. Existing regulations govern the issuance of indefinite leave to these residents; they cannot leave except with parents.

MORE FARM WORK...Administrative office staffs will take to the sagebrush again Monday afternoon to burn off another strip of land at the airport site. It appears now that the water will not be turned into the old ditch until May 1. This means that the time for planting will be shortened and plenty of volunteer help will be necessary.

STENO SHORTAGE...With the indefinite leave program just gaining momentum some departments have already lost valuable secretaries and other personnel who cannot be replaced. An analysis of project employment is going on to find secretaries and stenographers who are working on other jobs. Division heads should determine with the aid of the placement office whether employees have experience and qualification for more necessary jobs.

UTILITY FORCE...Joe Beeson and Walter Craig are organizing a utility force of Army volunteers to work wherever they are needed on the project until they receive their call for induction.

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(For the information of the appointed personnel--Not for publication).

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 24, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 8620; Week Ago, 8841; Indefinite Leave, 690; Group Work Leave, 617; Short Term Leave, 105.

FLAG DEDICATION...Hunt Boy Scout Troop 123 will stage a dedication of the project flag Friday at 4 P.M. The Boy Scout Drum & Bugle Corps, the Minidoka Volunteers and the Schoolboy Safety Patrol will march from the garage area to the flag-pole at the west end of the Administration Building.

EXTRAVAGANZA...Escapasia, a variety revue, will be staged Saturday at 7 P.M. Appointed personnel and families welcome.

M.P. CANTEEN...The appointed personnel are free to patronize the M.P.'s canteen as long as they are welcome. Evacuee residents do not have this privilege and appointed personnel should not make purchases for them especially of such rationed items as pop, candy and gum which are not available to all the residents and are intended for the consumption of the soldiers.

POLICY...Residents in the 16-18 age bracket must counsel with their parents and the high school counselor before their applications for leave will be considered. This does not apply to under-age persons leaving with their families. No one under 16 can leave without his family.

WINNERS...Two Hunt high school boys and a girl won three first-place awards at the Southern Idaho High School Music Contest at Blackfoot April 23. They are Yosh Uchida, bass, Masashi Hashida, violinist, and Susie Takimoto, soprano. More than 300 competed.

VOLUNTEERS...It is indicated that the first group of volunteers (about 37) may be called by the Jerome board this week.

HOSPITAL...Sixteen older women are now working in the hospital in line with the policy of using older people wherever possible. An appointed doctor will be added to the staff.

PLACEMENT...Because of the critical shortage of many kinds of labor for project jobs division heads are asked to make adjustments within their divisions to take care of essential jobs as assignment of new workers is practically nil. If you hear of an unemployed resident give his name and address to the placement office.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
April 28, 1943

APPOINTMENT...George Townsend, Chief, Community Service division, has been appointed acting assistant project director. Philip Schafer has been commissioned a captain in the division of military government and will leave sometime next week to attend the School of Military Government at Charlottesville, Virginia, for four months on leave from the WRA. This branch of the Army administers civilians in occupied zones in theatres of war.

POPULATION SUMMARY...Tuesday, 8494; Week Ago, 8723; Indefinite Leave, 734; Group Work Leave, 673; Short Term Leave, 132.

VOLUNTEERS...The first group of 37 will leave by bus Friday night to arrive at Fort Douglas Reception Center, Salt Lake City, Saturday morning for induction. There probably will be another group called very soon by the Jerome County Selective Service Board.

TRIP TO TOWN...Division heads may request passes for employees who have never been out of the center since coming here. One truck goes in daily and can take 20. The order of going will be governed by this transportation. Residents will be taken in the order of their making reservations on this truck. No division trucks or other project transportation may be used.

NEW STAFFERS...New additions to the appointed personnel especially teachers should be brought to staff meeting and introduced. Those who have been on the staff for some time but have not been to a meeting should be introduced soon.

TRACTORS...Two Ferguson tractors have been damaged and a tractor-drawn seeder was thrown out of kilter the other night by unauthorized drivers. Because this vandalism is hurting the farm program, it must stop. Mr. Stafford has issued an order to the Internal Security to seize the next offenders and lodge them in the Jerome county jail. ^{Also} /advise residents to stay out of seeded areas.

SICK LEAVE...Pass the word along that doctors at the hospital can't sign sick leave certificates for a resident unless he has had previous medical attention. The doctors are being bothered by numerous requests for unauthorized signature.

OVERTIME...The May 15th payroll for appointed personnel will be made up on base pay with no overtime compensation unless Congress takes action to extend the legislation which expires April 30.

EFFICIENCY RATINGS...Civil service efficiency ratings for all appointed personnel on the staff prior to March 31 are now being made by supervisors. Each person will be told what rating he received.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
May 1, 1943

MORALE...The attitude of residents who gathered together to bid Godspeed to the first contingent of 37 volunteers who left at about 10:30 Friday evening, April 30th was of a very high order despite the sorrow that accompanied many partings. Lt. Davis, of the language school at Camp Savage, indicated that he was deeply impressed by the evidence of fine morale at this occasion as well as at the Flag Dedication Ceremony. It was pointed out that this situation is probably the results of a continuing policy of taking everybody into the confidence of the administration wherever possible.

PUBLIC RELATIONS...The fact that three members of the American Legion were present as official representatives at the Flag Dedication Ceremony represents a distinct improvement of public relations in this area.

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 8351; Last Week, 8620; Indefinite Leave, 797; Short Term Leave, 126; Group Leave, 762.

OLD TIMERS...Following the request of the staff at the previous meeting several teachers were introduced as the first step in a program of getting to know them. Most of those introduced are really old-timers.

FULL TIME WORK FOR YOUTH...Mr. Beeson and Mr. Light reported that they had agreed on the practice of having school officials counsel with all children under 16 and their parents before they are placed on a full-time job on the project. It will be the school policy to let the people concerned make up their own minds after making sure that they understand all of the factors in the situation.

FOOD RATIONING...Instruction in food rationing for individuals is being provided in the high school, and it is being planned in such a way that it will be spread to as many other people as possible.

CLEAN-UP DAY...The afternoon of Tuesday, May 4th, is to be a project-wide clean-up day. Plans have been laid and all arrangements made to provide trucks and tools for the residents of each block to care for their own home surroundings. Elementary schools will participate in their respective blocks; and part of the high school students will work in Block 23 and the rest will be dismissed to work in their home blocks.

NEEDED LUMBER...The need for picking up the rather large amount of lumber that is now being used as walks was discussed with the result that the matter was deferred until residents could be consulted and gravel walks completed.

"THANKS TO THE PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION"...Mr. Ingham expressed his gratitude that some partitions had been built and this in part the housing situation had been relieved. Progress is being made in releasing rooms for the use of the elementary schools.

RESERVING HOUSES...Residents should be made aware that it is not possible to reserve an apartment while they are out on a short-term leave. Household goods may be stored on the project, but due to the fact that so many of these short-term leaves become extended it is not the policy to store them in the apartment in which the people lived. Mr. Linville is in charge of the storage of such belongings.

BAGGAGE...Mr. Linville, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. Ingham, and a representative of the motor pool will work out a scheme for keeping track of baggage from the time it leaves the apartments on the project until it is delivered into the hands of the public transportation agencies. Residents who are leaving should be cautioned, however, to be sure that their bags get on the bus when they do, and that they are with it again at the railroad station.

SAFETY CONSCIOUSNESS...Dr. Neher urged that a safety campaign be promoted on the project even though the accident rate is relatively low. About 250 potential man-days were lost to the project due to accidents in a short span of time on Saturday.

OVERTIME...While the appointed staff is not assured that it will be paid for the overtime put in on Saturday, May 1st, it is expected that Congress will pass legislation to continue a practice similar to the one in effect since December and that it will be retroactive as was the last one.

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THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of The Staff Meeting
May 5 and 8, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 8176; Week Before, 8351; Indefinite Leaves, 892;

Group Leave, 858; Short-term leave, 123; From these figures it appears that there will be 3,000 residents out of this center by the end of June. The labor situation on the project is becoming increasingly acute. Division heads should take the initiative to work out problems in their own divisions as much as possible by shifting workers around.

ROOM POLICY...Residents departing on indefinite leave and on seasonal work leave sometimes want to keep their apartments in case they return. This cannot be done. All we can guarantee is that we will store their goods and assure them a place to live if and when they return. All persons leaving must relinquish their bedding. The Irrigator of May 8 was in error on this point.

ASSISTANCE...The WRA can offer financial assistance to residents going out on indefinite leave to take employment if they need such assistance. The schedule is as follows: \$50 for the wage earner plus \$25 for one dependent or plus a total of \$50 for two or more dependents accompanying the wage earner on indefinite leave; coach fare for each member of the immediate family and \$3 per person for meals for each day of travel. This grant can be made only the first time the wage earner goes out on indefinite leave. His family does not have to go the same time that he does and their portion of the grant will be paid when they leave. Some residents appear reluctant to leave the center if this \$100 maximum assistance is all they have. They should be advised that for evacuees who become stranded there are agencies of assistance which operate through local public welfare offices.

NEW DOCTOR...Dr. Asa G. Deloach, formerly of the Rowher, Arkansas, center has been transferred to Minidoka as associate medical officer and will assure the residents of adequate medical attention despite the growing shortage of evacuee help.

PTA MEETING...The first meeting of the Stafford School PTA on May 7 attracted 211 mothers and fathers.

ESTIMATES DUE...Estimates for supplies and equipment requiring priority rating which will be purchased in the July-September quarter are due at the procurement section. For an enlightenment on priority regulations, it is recommended that Supplement I of the Administrative Instruction No 27 be read by all appointed personnel.

TRAVEL ADVICE...The travel counselor located in the Leaves office has a wealth of material at hand for giving quick service on inquiries about time tables, travel routes, accommodations, etc. Refer all travel questions to this desk which is run by Yukio Nakayama.

BAGGAGE...Baggage service for outgoing residents is functioning smoothly. Leaves office calls Motor Pool which picks up the resident's baggage in time to get it to the bus. The baggage must be ready on time at the resident's apartment. The departing resident does not get on the bus until he sees that his baggage is on.

VOLUNTEERS...Another group of volunteers will leave Wednesday night. The procedure that is followed is this: After the boys signed up, their applications were sent to Washington for complete investigation. Washington then notified the Jerome Selective Service Board as to the acceptability of each volunteer. Upon receipt of this notice the Jerome Board sends to the volunteer's original draft board for a transfer of his papers. When these papers are received at Jerome, the volunteer is called for induction. Some selective service boards in Seattle have been slow and this is holding up the induction of some boys.

RECOMMENDATIONS...Recommendations of any nature by a member of the appointed staff which concern the residents must be made by division head to the project director and not directly from one person to a resident. There is a danger of establishing a policy or a precedent when the proper channels are not followed.

CERTIFYING OFFICER...Jim Jones has been made a certifying officer which means that he can okeh the endorsement of war bonds for redemption.

CAPTAIN SCHAFER...The date of Phil Schafer's call to the colors was changed and he is now awaiting further orders.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
May 12, 1943

INDEFINITE LEAVE....As of May 12 indefinite leaves from the Minidoka project totalled 1,001. Minidoka is leading all other centers by a wide margin. The population on May 12 was 8033. This reflects the work of the administrative staff in encouraging the residents to relocate and in taking steps to remove obstacles in their way. More than ever relocation is our prime objective and all efforts should be pointed toward this.

WEDNESDAY MEETING OUT....For at least a month there will be no Wednesday staff meeting. The Saturday afternoon meeting will assume greater importance and attendance of division heads or at least a representative from each division will be practically compulsory--each division must be represented or have an excused absence. Greater efforts will be made to confine discussion to pertinent matters affecting policy.

THANKS....Mr. Stafford extends a big thanks to the high school faculty and other school people who braved one of the dirtiest afternoons on record to pick up and burn sagebrush in the farm area last Monday. He said their work is certainly appreciated.

BORDER PERMITS....Resident workers who are issued border permits because of the necessity of their making frequent trips out of the center will be issued badge permits as they leave by the Internal Security office at the gate and these badges will be surrendered when the workers return. These badge passes will be kept in the Internal Security office at the gate. The motor pool head will write out the trip ticket which the Internal Security office at the gate will recognize as evidence of the need for the truck's trip and for issuing border badges to the workers assigned to the truck. These border permits should not be confused with daily passes.

BAGGAGE....Because the bus companies are often unable these days to carry 150 pounds of bulky baggage on the same bus with each departing resident, the baggage committee will look into the possibility of having these travelers split their baggage so they will have what they need with them all the time, the remainder to follow at the bus companies' convenience.

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT....With the project facing a diminishing supply of motor equipment and tires closer control of this equipment will be established. To insure its proper maintenance and efficient utilization, the plan is to keep all motor equipment in a fenced-in yard from where it will be dispatched. Division heads will ask the motor equipment pool to do a job instead of requisitioning the equipment as has been done.

DRIVERS....Virg Barron will work up an eye test and other examinations for resident drivers to insure the safe operation of trucks and cars.

CLIPPINGS....Current newspaper clippings of articles pertaining to the WRA are at the Reports Office desk for A. P. to read.

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
May 15, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 8019; Week Before, 8176; Indefinite Leave, 1009;

Group Leave, 927; Short-term Leave, 97.

MR. S. GOES TO WASHINGTON...Mr. Stafford will leave for Washington, D. C. about Wednesday to attend a conference of project directors. Each division head and heads of independent sections should give him a concise statement of the division or section's operations and status and also policy questions and problems. Hold these to two typewritten pages.

TRIPS TO TOWN...The truck that goes into Twin Falls every day except Saturday is for 20 residents who have never been outside the project since arriving here. These persons either individually or in groups can request a day's pass to go to town. The truck is booked ahead to around June 10. If such persons want to go to town sooner they may buy tickets on the bus. No day passes are issued on Saturday because of the crowded condition in Twin Falls on that day.

FOOD...The budget estimates for the WRA for the fiscal year 1944 as approved by the bureau of the budget include \$11,350,000 for food purchases for the evacuees, based upon the assumption that a total of approximately \$5,000,000 worth of food will be produced by the centers for their own use and for shipment to other centers. It is estimated by the Washington office that the Minidoka center will produce this year food valued at \$253,000. "If your production falls substantially below this figure, we will be unable to provide a ration of the quality and quantity now planned," says a letter from D. S. Myer to Mr. Stafford. At the same time he urged that the residents as a whole be given the responsibility of the farm program because appointed personnel will be limited and individual leaders among the evacuees probably will be relocated. This illustrates the necessity for active support and cooperation of residents and appointed personnel in producing as much food as possible from our own farm.

HIGH SCHOOL MANUAL...The high school students are staging a drive to secure enough advance subscriptions at \$1.50 to publish an annual which would not only be of interest to high school students but also to other residents and members of the appointed personnel since it would include pictures and historical data of the center.

MANUAL OF OPERATION...Each division head and heads of individual sections will be expected to write a manual of operations for his job before long setting down the work, administrative responsibilities, philosophy and other factors.

PUBLIC RELATIONS...In order to provide accurate information to persons interested in the WRA program, several leaflets have been issued and most of them are available at the Reports Office.

HELP WANTED...Many of the staff of The Irrigator have left the center and others will go in the near future. In order to continue the printed newspaper it will be necessary for the appointed personnel to lend a hand by taking the initiative in seeing that their news reaches The Irrigator either to the office in 23 - 12- H or to the Reports Officer's desk in the administration building.

ROOM RATES...The rate for the rooms in the dormitories, all of which are furnished, has been set at \$6 a month, effective May 16. The rate for two persons sharing a room is \$3.75 each and for three persons, \$3 each.

OVERTIME PAY...Overtime pay retroactive to May 1 for appointed personnel has passed. In general it provides that those receiving more than \$2,900 and less than \$10,000 will get an increase of 25 per cent of the first \$2,900 of their salary. Those making up to \$2,900 will get an increase of 25 per cent of their base pay.

ORIENTATION...It is important for new persons joining the staff to receive some of the philosophy and knowledge which the rest of us have acquired over a period of several months. To help in this orientation and indoctrination a portfolio of information and reports is being compiled and will be available to anyone in due time.

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Highlights of the Staff Meeting
May 22, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 7887; Last Week, 7985; Indefinite Leave, 1111; Group Leave, 978; Short-term Leave, 95.

OVERTIME PAY...Official schedule for overtime pay has come through and it is not quite as presented in the last Staff Digest. Those with base pay of \$600 to \$1140 inclusive will receive an increase of 25 per cent of their basic annual salary. Those with base pay of \$1200 to \$1380 inclusive will receive an increase of \$300. Those receiving more than \$1380 base pay will receive the same rate for overtime as previously. Those receiving \$5000 and more also will participate. This overtime pay is retroactive to May 1.

BORDER WORK PERMITS...Division heads should carefully review the necessity for resident workers to have a border work permit before they request that one be issued. No trucks can leave the project without being given a trip ticket by the motor pool.

MOTOR POOL...Requisitions are still required for motor pool service. Because there are so few cars available for taxi service, division and section heads should plan in advance when they will need a car and should use good judgment in requisitioning and using cars. Because some cars still have to be used to go to Twin Falls, Jerome, and Eden at night, these cars have been ordered to report back to the motor pool at 4:30 to be serviced.

TRANSPORTATION OF WORKERS...Ten Broeck Williamson has worked out a system for transportation for workers in order to save time and equipment from the present unsystematic method. Division and section heads have received sheets to list workers needing transportation. The following will not be transported: persons living within five blocks of the place of employment; residents of blocks 1 to 12 employed in the hospital; residents of block 21 through 28 employed in the warehouse area. Employees of public works, agriculture and similar divisions who work at distances from the center will be unloaded at designated points for transfer to trucks operated by the employing division. It is planned to issue identification badge for employees eligible for transportation.

MR. STAFFORD LEAVES...Mr. Stafford left Friday for Washington. He was very pleased with the status reports prepared by division and section heads and compiled by Mr. Williamson.

MANUAL OF OPERATIONS...Mr. Williamson will prepare an outline for the guidance of division and section heads in writing a manual of operations.

H. S. ANNUAL...Gladys Gilbertson will take orders from the appointed staff for the high school annual. The price is \$1.50 in advance.

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FIRES...Because fire observation posts are now being manned, the fire protection department should be notified whenever a controlled fire is built in the project area so that the fire protection department can notify the fire observation posts.

CENTER CLOSING...Several stories have appeared in the newspapers implying an early closing of the Minidoka center and the other centers. This is misleading and is causing great concern among the residents. In answering questions about the closing of this center, point out the responsibility of the government to provide for the evacuees, length of time that will be required to relocate the evacuees and the fact that many of the evacuees will not be able to relocate because of age, no wage earner in family and other factors.

ADVISORY COUNCIL...The community organization commission has recommended to the Congress of Delegates (two from each block) a code of organization and charter providing that an advisory council of seven men be elected by the residents of the center 18 and over. This council would meet with the project director once a month or oftener if necessary. This would not be a legislative body. Also recommended is the election of a coordinating commission with one member from every block. Both Issei and Nisei may hold elective office under a revision of administrative instructions. The code of organization and charter will be submitted to the residents soon for ratification.

BABY TUB...The housing department will requisition galvanized tubs now at the warehouse and will issue them for use as bath tubs for babies under 18 months old.

BLOCK MANAGER...For the present Earl Ingham will continue to meet with the block managers.

PERSONAL CALLS...Remember, personal calls cannot be made through the switch board unless the charges are reversed. The phone booth is for personal calls.

MAN POWER...The project labor situation is steadily growing more acute and divisions must assume more responsibility in cooperating to solve it. The agriculture division is having a hard time getting men to irrigate the fields. This is a critical time for the farm and not enough workers are cooperating. The poultry farm is operating and the hog ranch will get started soon.

LATE BULLETIN...The following telegram was received Monday morning:

Rumors concerning closing of Minidoka shortly entirely unfounded. While WRA goal of relocating people outside is progressing rapidly, it is not expected to proceed so rapidly that project will close down immediately. Rumors of this kind must not be permitted to interfere with production of food crops for current year.

D. S. Myer
Director, WRA

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THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
May 29, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 7833; Week Ago, 7887; Indefinite Leave, 1190; Group Leave, 970; Short-term Leave, 84.

DIES COMMITTEE...Thomas L. Cavett and Gene Hagberg, special representatives of the Committee on UnAmerican Activities, visited the project Thursday. After a tour of the center with Phil Schafer, they took testimony from Mr. Schafer, George Townsend, Dick Pomeroy, Dan Sheehan, and three evacuee clergymen. The pair spent only most of one day here instead of several days as planned. Investigations of this sort are to be expected and it is the administration's policy to find and correct any bad conditions before someone calls them to our attention.

RELOCATION...The relocation policy of the WRA has shifted considerably. Formerly only those with specific clearance to go out could obtain leave. Now only those specifically detained cannot go out. In other words almost anybody can go out if he doesn't like the center, to look for a job, to take a job, etc. The center will not close tomorrow but the administrative staff should energetically encourage relocation. The relocation program is meeting with success and it is the only way now to end the present situation.

LABOR...The time is approaching when project jobs must be divided into categories such as essential, vital and desirable in order to allocate the labor available. The Washington office before long will tell each project and each division on the project just how many employees may be on the payroll. This means that some divisions will be cut and the terminated employees will be assigned to essential or vital jobs. If they do not choose to take these jobs, they will not be employed on the project. Unemployment compensation has been eliminated except for convalescent workers. Each division should begin sizing up its necessary labor needs before the job is done for them. Objective methods will have to be used in cutting down payrolls in order to avoid any feeling that there is anything personal in the reduction. Forget that anybody is indispensable. To accelerate the relocation program it is planned to interview individuals on the project to learn what sort of relocation plan they have in mind. Then the relocation offices will be asked to take such information and fit it to a relocation opportunity. Up to now the relocation program has worked from the other end, fitting the evacuees to the job offers. Now relocation offers will be found to fit the evacuees, especially in special situations such as large families, skilled persons, etc.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL...Gladys Gilbertson is taking orders from the appointed personnel for copies of the high school annual, \$1.50 in advance. This annual will be

a written and pictorial record of the center. It will be published in July.

Copies may be secured only by advance reservation.

CHARGES...Administrative Instruction, No. 61, has been revised to provide that visitors of Japanese ancestry, except residents of another relocation center, be charged 20¢ per meal and 20¢ for each night's lodging provided by the center. The plan is being set up to make these charges at the gate in advance.

DITCHES...It is imperative that the residents do not swim in the big irrigation canal. We have an agreement with the canal company to permit us to use two barrow pits along the canal. Until these are completed, the residents must stay out of the canal. If one should be drowned, the water in the canal would have to be shut off and many crops would suffer. This would reflect unfavorably on the center. The residents, especially the children, also should stay out of the irrigation ditches which are now going into many blocks. The school will publicize this. The Internal Security will arrest any violators.

MOTOR POOL...Future reports to divisions will give the name of the person requisitioning each car as well as the date and length of the trip.

TALKING JAPANESE...The Twin Falls Kiwanis Club has passed a resolution aimed at evacuee residents for speaking Japanese on Twin Falls streets and in stores. A way to convey to the residents the importance of speaking English in public will be tackled by a committee of Light, Williamson, DeYoung, Mink (Twin Falls relocation officer), and Bigelow.

NOTES...No. 2 Fire Station has been closed because of lack of personnel... Four Hunt artists won honorable mention in the recent relocation center art exhibit at Cambridge, Mass. Their pictures will be shown in the basement of the Twin Falls public library soon...The hospital has reached a critical point in its need for nurses' aides. These must come from the older group.

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THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
June 5, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Saturday, 7799; Week Before, 7833; Indefinite Leave, 1262; Group Leave, 947; Short-term Leave, 84.

LANGUAGE...The committee appointed to consider the problem of excessive speaking of Japanese in Twin Falls held a preliminary meeting and then met with representatives of all the groups on the project. It was agreed that some residents were guilty of indiscriminate speaking of Japanese on the street, in stores, and in cafes. It was realized that for a number of reasons the older people spoke Japanese among themselves and that it was not a question of getting them to speak English all the time but simply of getting their cooperation in being more discreet by not speaking Japanese loudly or when persons were present who did not understand Japanese. It was agreed that an educational campaign should be carried on to achieve this end. It was felt that the speaking of Japanese by the younger people was one of the chief irritations and that efforts should be made to get them to speak American. Because many of the offenders in this latter group are seasonal farm workers living outside the jurisdiction of the center, steps will be taken to acquaint them with the campaign. On the other hand an attempt will be made to acquaint the Kiwanis club of Twin Falls, which recently adopted a resolution condemning the speaking of foreign languages in Twin Falls, and others with the problems involved to get them to realize that many of the elderly center residents do not speak English well, and that they mean no offense when speaking Japanese.

BLOCK 22...Block 22 which is to be the new center of project offices outside the administration area, is being vacated and the odd-numbered buildings will be ready for occupancy in a week or so. R. Sprinkel has the proposed space assignment chart.

NYA...The NYA has cancelled its agreement with the WRA to take students from the relocation centers (due to pressure from the Dies Committee, according to unofficial sources). WRA will try to place former NYA students in the fields in which they were training.

PROJECT LABOR...The adjustment of the project evacuee payroll continues in the effort to utilize the labor that is available. Divisions are urged again to take the responsibility for making adjustments in their own departments. The aim is not only to increase efficiency on the project but also to try to develop good working habits so that evacuee residents will have a better chance for successful relocation.

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EYE GLASSES...Because there is no optometrist among the evacuee residents, the residents must go outside for eye examinations. Efforts are being made to get an optometrist to visit the center one day or a half day a week.

VISITORS...Visitors to the evacuees are being charged for meals and lodging in advance when they get their pass. The rate is 20¢ a night. It is estimated that these collections will amount to \$1,500 a month.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUAL...The high school annual staff has more than reached its goal of 1,000 advance subscriptions at \$1.50.

COOKS...Some cooks are being reclassified to C(\$19) rating. There will be about four in each kitchen.

LEAVE...Residents are departing on indefinite leave at the rate of about 50 a week but seasonal work leaves have fallen off due to the bad weather and to the fact that the labor supply has about been exhausted. Those on indefinite leave are going to new places in the midwest and east. Lack of housing is a big factor in deterring many others from relocating. It is expected that families will soon start rejoining the head of the family on the outside. As many as 1200 more residents may leave in the next 60 days. There are still 900 persons on the project who went outside to work last fall. If WRA continues its policy of offering relocation to everybody not expressly forbidden to relocate, the relocation movement will continue at a brisk pace. If investigating committees and certain other groups have their way, relocation will be set back.

HELP WANTED...The Irrigator is facing a shortage of personnel. The help of all divisions is requested to find persons interested in journalism to work on the paper in one capacity or another, either full-time or part time.

BROADCAST...A transcribed interview with Director D. S. Myer will be broadcast over Station K.T.F.I. at 8:30 p.m., Saturday, June 12. Tell your friends to listen.

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
June 12, 1943

MR. STAFFORD REPORTS... Project Director H. L. Stafford reported on the conference of project directors at Washington. Here are some of his comments: The broad aspects of relocation are still the policy of the WRA despite the storms of criticism and malice. The trend is toward further development of means to facilitate relocation.

The relocation program has turned out to be a youth program, and not ^{applicable} to the older people. As far as lining up employment, housing, and community acceptance, WRA has accomplished this; now the problem is convincing the evacuee residents that they should relocate. The entire project staff must be schooled in the details, psychology, and objectives of relocation.

There are several reasons why the evacuee residents are not inclined to move out of the relocation centers. The Nisei feel their citizenship is jeopardized and offers no security or guarantee of rights. The Issei have lost their economic foundation, are too old to start again, and have retired to the security of the relocation center. The Nisei look to the parents for guidance, and Issei control is reaffirming itself on the projects. Relocation is contrary to normal social developments in that it takes persons away from their friends and familiar surroundings. The evacuee residents are discouraged by incidents and opposition on the outside. They hear that housing is not to be found, that wages are not so good, that the relocation centers will be closed, that segregation is just around the corner. There is a need to familiarize the population with the facts of the relocation program in an effort to overcome this feeling of insecurity.

It is felt that there has been too much emphasis on mass relocation and that we must get down to a case basis and individual counseling. The trend is away from seasonal work leave. The thinking is to get a person out on indefinite leave, and if his first job is seasonal, to give him a chance to use his own initiative with WRA help to find another job and continue to live outside. The majority of opportunities are appearing in certain areas, which is contrary to the ideal policy dispersing the relocated Japanese so no Little Tokyo s will form again. The responsibility of releasing any person is entirely upon the WRA.

Project employment is connected directly with relocation as overstaffing of any division defeats relocation efforts. As the population diminishes, the project will be on an institutional basis with employment in each division cut to the bone and the rest of the labor supply put in a central pool of manpower to be utilized principally in food production and food preservation.

The WRA is not too much disturbed about the Dies' Committee accusations although it is admitted that their activities will slow down the rate of relocation. In this regard these attacks do more damage inside the center than outside. Most of the public thinking and actions of pressure groups along these lines arise from the fact that no distinction is made between the residents of Japan and the residents and citizens of the United States of Japanese ancestry. Shallow thinking people are inclined to brand as questionable anybody working with the Japanese-Americans. Keep in mind that we are working for the Federal government and that we have been given a job to do by the President and the Congress. In looking out for the constitutional rights of this minority at this time, we are helping the government in time of war discharge a great responsibility, and we are contributing as much to the total war effort as if we were in military uniform. Drew Pearson in the Washington Merry-go-round said in effect: Now that the Comintern has been officially dissolved, this cuts the ground out from under the Dies' Committee and it appears they are chasing the Black Dragon around the stump for appropriation purposes. Don't be disturbed about administering a program of fairness and decency to this minority.

The chief concern is food. The enormous demands for Lend-Lease, the armed forces, and people in conquered territory mean that less and less food will be available for the relocation centers. We now have the job of subjugating as much land as possible, and this work takes priority over everything else. New construction, assignment of labor, and everything else on the project will be related directly and indirectly to the production, processing, and conservation of food. Root cellars and bakery will be built; school buildings won't. Each project will have canning equipment, and canning of tomatoes will be emphasized because citrus will probably not be available much longer and likely not at all next year. The Army Quartermaster will continue to buy meat for a short time only and will no longer purchase our bread. In the line of food processing dehydration is being investigated.

The Department of State is concerned with the adequacy of relocation center rations and the conduct of the projects in general in view of our nationals held

in Japan. The State Department feels that the WRA rations are adequate. This Department believes that Japan is trying to live up to the Geneva Convention in the treatment of our nationals interned there. It is largely up to individual camp commanders whether rice and fish provide all the calories, or whether food to the occidental or oriental taste is served. Japan has even copied some of our terms, such as "assembly center." There is no doubt that Japan would be quick to retaliate if WRA standards got too low.

The whole project staff must be mobilized to carry out the relocation program. The Minidoka staff has a good record to date. Project-wide meetings will be launched to sell the evacuee residents on the idea of sacrificing--sacrificing of school buildings for root cellars and bakery, of easy jobs for farm work, etc. We are confident that the residents will cooperate insofar as they understand the necessity for such sacrifices. The big task is to convey to them the fact that in many ways life in the project is not different from life on the outside, that we must adjust the project to the food shortage, to rubber and gas conservation--in short, that we can enjoy no privileges denied the outside public. The evacuee residents are in a bad position to assimilate this information with their background of evacuation and restriction. The education program will show that what we do will support the war effort and help the future position of Japanese-Americans in this country. Nothing would infuriate the public more than to assume that we have land, manpower, water, and seed and yet fail to produce our own food, and thus deplete the nation's food supply this much. To say that we must either produce food or we won't eat may be putting it in the extreme, but we have no assurance of food a year from now except what we produce and what other centers ship to us.

The program of relocation will depopulate the centers. It stands to reason that if ten centers were built to house 110,000 people, inefficient management and non-utilization of space will result when the population drops to 70,000. The centers located adjacent to better relocation possibilities will be the last to close. Because Poston, Gila River, Manzanar, and Tule Lake are in or next to the evacuated combat zone, it is difficult to move the evacuees out; and these centers are branded as least desirable. It is expected they will be depopulated first. The Rohwer and Jerome centers in Arkansas are not as well situated as other centers. There is nothing definite, but it is expected that after the far west centers are depopulated, the southern two may be next. The government can use the centers for other purposes. Following this reasoning, Granada, Heart Mountain, Central Utah, and Minidoka would be closed last. In view of the fact that there will be a residual population of persons who cannot be relocated while the war lasts, it is likely that at least these four centers will continue for the duration. The future is really unpredictable, and this is simply a logical guess at this time.

Any immediate prospect of relocating evacuees on the Pacific coast is remote.

The Attorney-General will rule soon on the legality of the government's providing transportation for the appointed personnel from their homes to the project. In view of rulings on similar cases, there is a good chance that the appointed employees will have to start providing their own transportation.

While segregation was discussed at length, nothing definite was arrived at. It was emphasized that the isolation center at Loupp is not a dumping place for project problem children.

Appropriations for the next fiscal year were cut but not drastic in view of actual expenditures last year.

THE MINIDOKA STAFF DIGEST
Highlights of the Staff Meeting
June 19, 1943

POPULATION SUMMARY...Population Saturday 7715, week before 7748; Indefinite leave, 1376; Seasonal work leave, 948.

HOUSING ...The Washington office asked for a housing survey and this showed 93 vacancies. If the present population were adjusted according to the minimum of 80 square feet per person and an average of 105 square feet per person we would have 110 large-size apartments vacant. This is a mathematical ideal and probably could not be achieved. When one or more members of a family leave indefinitely those remaining are moved into a smaller-size room as rapidly as possible. Those on seasonal work leave, except bachelors, are still considered residents as far as housing goes. This housing inquiry recalls the similar request made prior to the transfer of 193 former Bainbridge Island people from Manzanar in February.

LABOR...The project-wide labor analysis has been completed and the committee will report soon. A labor reserve will be set up to enable vital functions such as the farm, irrigation and sewage disposal to get sufficient workers. The committee has set up a labor priority rating for all divisions, sections and units on the basis of vital, essential and desirable and these will govern transfer, etc.

REINDUCTION...Not many residents relocated on indefinite leave are returning, but enough to create a problem. Some are asking to be reinducted simply to evade the visitors' charges. The proposed plan is to set up a committee to pass on the reinduction applications. This is a problem which must be handled carefully, principally on a case basis. If we lock the gate to keep them from coming back we will also be locking it against those who might otherwise go out. We want to stop the return of those who retreat when the wind gets a little strong or when the job gets tough or when housing isn't just what they would like.

STOP ORDERS...A committee has been set up ^{by} the project director (Schafer, Sandoz, Featherston, McLaughlin, Barclay) to investigate doubtful cases which have stop orders against them. The committee will report to the project director who will make a recommendation to Washington.

ELECTION...The residents voted 2375 to 1568 against the charter for a community advisory council. Many reasons have been found for the way the vote went: Lack of information on the charter, lack of interest in it, opposition of the block managers to it, personal antagonism toward persons connected with the matter, etc. Block delegates will meet next Wednesday night to discuss the results of the election and what will be done next.

KEEP OFF THE GRASS...Only trucks which have a legitimate right to run into the block areas should leave the highway. Report offenders.

BLOCK MANAGERS...All notices and other matters for block managers must be channeled through the Central Block Manager, S. Hara in Block 23. He contacts all block managers at least once daily.

BEAUTIFICATION...It is up to the residents of each block to beautify the area between the barracks and the road. For awhile this was done by block beautification crews, but the labor shortage has eliminated them.

INCOME TAX...Jim Jones will try to give each employee T.D. Form W-4 by Saturday, June 26, for information governing income tax exemption. This form must be executed and returned to Jones by July 8. If not returned no exemptions can be allowed and no adjustment can be made at a later date on the amount already deducted.

THE STAFF DIGEST

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WHY WE'RE BACK...This is the first STAFF DIGEST since last June and consequently this little sheet of news and information is unfamiliar to staff members who have come on the project since then. When the general staff meetings were dropped, so was the DIGEST which was primarily a summary of those meetings. There appears to be a need for a news bulletin to help new staff members become acquainted and to inform the whole staff of matters which cannot be brought to their attention any other way. The Irrigator is the evacuees' newspaper. The STAFF DIGEST will be issued every week or so by the Reports Officer (of which we have two at the moment---Angus Acree, newcomer, and John Bigelow, pioneer of August '42 and soon of the USN). If you have appropriate news for the STAFF DIGEST bring it to the Reports Office, Wing 3, Main Ad. Bldg.

COMMUTERS' BUS...As announced by H. L. Stafford, Project Director, at the general staff meeting last Saturday in Rec. 22, commuting by staff members in government cars parallel to a common carrier line will cease April 1. On April 1 (and it's no joke) the Sun Valley Stages will inaugurate a week-day schedule as follows: One bus will leave Twin Falls at 7 A. M. for Hunt via Hansen Bridge and a second bus will leave Twin Falls at 7 A. M. for Hunt via Jerome, making the pickup of Jerome passengers about 7:25. Two pickup and dropoff routes will be set up in Twin Falls to offer the greatest possible passenger convenience. These routes will be announced later. Two busses will leave Hunt at 5:20 P. M. daily, one going to Twin Falls via Hansen Bridge and the other via Jerome. It takes about a half hour to reach Jerome and about an hour to make the run to Twin. Fares will be: Commuter's book for 26 round trips from Twin Falls, \$10; commuter's book for 26 round trips from Jerome, \$9; commuter's book of 20 rides (10 round trips) from Hunt (for staff members living on the project) to Twin Falls, \$3.40, to Jerome, \$4.20. All these prices are subject to addition of tax, if tax is found applicable. THIS SCHEDULE WILL GO INTO EFFECT APRIL 1 (SATURDAY) AT 5:20 P. M.

HOUSING AVAILABLE...No doubt more staff members will be interested in project housing accommodations as a result of the above announcement. The new apartment buildings and dormitories will be ready by April 1, says the Operations Division. Fred Minnesang, AP landlord, reports that seven apartments and 16 dorm rooms are available and other vacancies are in sight in the course of personnel changes.

FUTURE OF WRA...At the Saturday staff meeting Mr. Stafford reported on the Washington conference of project directors, including a meeting with our new boss, Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes. No major changes in policy or program are contemplated in the near future.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL...The new seven-man community council and coordinating commission of 35 members (one from each block) are now functioning and are expected to provide valuable and esteemed service to both the community and the administration. Contacts between WRA staff members and the council must be made through the project director's office.

VICTORY GARDENS...OPA Chief Chester Bowles warned Sunday (according to an INS dispatch) that a food shortage is a definite possibility and asked Americans to plant 22 million victory gardens this spring. Bowles said that food needs for the armed forces have increased 50 per cent, and shortage of manpower to grow food commercially makes the home-grown crop especially important in 1944. Therefore, all staff members living on the project are requested to return to Bill Maxey, irrigation engineer, the questionnaire he sent out recently asking for commitments for victory gardens in the area between the staff houses and the warehouses. As soon as these questionnaires are returned, Maxey will call a meeting of AP victory gardeners at which plots will be plotted and the plan of irrigation worked out. Maxey is also working on plans to beautify the Ad area with flowers through voluntary donations of seed money.

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