

Q1.60:3

3 of 3

1945

67/14  
C

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 9, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: BLOCK 42-5-F  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Meeting called to order by Mr. Shintaro Ito, Chairman.

Roll call was made. All managers present except 27, 33.

Japanese Prisoner of War.

Go and Shogi for Japanese prisoner of war was sent to them by express. Express bill paid by Red Cross, sum of \$35.05.

Maintenance & Supply Committee.

Mr. Asawa, chairman of Maintenance committee, asked if any of the block still had trouble getting enough tissue papers. Block 3, 16, 29, 7, 19 needed one more cation than as is allotted now. He said he will see to it.

Relocation to California.

Many people are concerned about travel regulation for alien in California. There has been an article in paper about travel regulation for alien where he must get an approval of his movement from Attorney General when he goes beyond 5 miles of his residence.

Most of us think that one month short term leave without privilege of working is too short and should be lengthen and the privilege of working allowed. Most of us are short of fund and need to work to make expense for investigation and also see if the said work is suitable for a permanent relocation. We believe that easier the people are allowed to go out and look around that possibility of relocation will be greater.

Letters from American friends in coast states that atmosphere is not so good yet and thinks its best not to go back just yet.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: JANUARY 18, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

FREE MOVIE:

Dr. Griswold, brought tickets for free movie to be held this Saturday and Sunday, January 20, 21st. There will be two showings; on Saturday evening, 6:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. on Sunday 7:30 p.m. The ticket for Saturday first showing 6:30 p.m. has a red stamp and the second showing at 9:00 p.m. has a black stamp on it. For Sunday, only those with tickets will be admitted. In order to assure each and everyone a seat. A check up of tickets given out will be made on Thursday to assure that those who really want to go can go. Get names and the time of those that wish to go but are short of tickets. King of Kings is the feature.

Roll call was made and block manager of 11 was the only one absent. Letter of thanks to the block managers from the Community Christmas Committee was read.

It is said a new regulation in regards to the \$25.00 grants is forth coming. Those who have an income of more than \$100.00 or has a bank account of more than \$100.00 or cash are not eligible for said grant. Falsification of statement will be prosecuted with a fine of \$100,000 or so many years in jail. It looks like we are going to be enforced with more hardships.

Many case of person wishing to visit center not getting permit to do so. Too many red tape in getting permit to visit in the time of emergency also. It is justice that we should still be imposed with so much regulations.

Block Manager of 34, Robert Arakawa left the center and Mr. Hayashino former Block manager reelected.

Housing Dept. wishes blocks to have about two units for visistors if possible. This is not very necessary as the soldiers or civilian visitors are usually taken in by friends.

Maintenance and Supply Committee: Shortage of toilet tissue mentioned in last meeting is assured that 2 cases will be delivered.

USO: One representative for USO from each block by next meeting. Let USO know of soldier in hospital. Also report any casualty list so committee could go pay their respect and sympathy.

Rousing Committee: Mr. Hayashino to take place of Mr. Yamaguchi who is leaving for California in near future.

Bring in names and address of person leaving for California so we can ask them to send us information about their district.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN SHINTARO ITO

Meeting called to order by Shintaro Ito, Chairman  
Roll call---Block 27 manager absent.

George Madonaga of Block #15 relocation and Mr. Uyetake is now manager.  
He was introduced.

Notice: Movie scheduled for Dist. 1 cancelled. Film did not arrive. Other  
schedule same. District 2, Wednesday at Mess 15, District 3, Thursday at  
Mess 38, District 4, Friday at Mess 9. District 1, on Saturday at Mess 28.

COAL: Situation not good. Every block have only two to three days fuel  
for Mess and Boiler room. What coal there is at dump is being pass out to  
blocks urgently in need. Administration states that coals have been ordered  
but, due to shortage of cars that it does not know when it will come. Word  
came in that four cars of coal came in and are being distributed.

LUMBERJACK: Rumors that lumberjacks are being terminated are fales. There  
will be no termination of lumberjack as yet. Lumberjacks are working hard  
to get lumber in to block. Sleds with caterpillars are used to take lumber  
out to where trucks are.

There will be a meeting of fuel committee to-morrow, Wednesday, 1:30 p.m.  
at this office.

FARMING: The agriculture committee did not know till told that crops can-  
not be taken from field that the land has been lease. There are many products  
that can be used by us and the committee is taking this matter up with the  
project director. Agriculture committee together with councilmen, block  
managers are taking the matter up in regards to the products, seed and fer-  
tilizer for us as there will be no farm this year and the utilization of  
farm labors.

GARBAGE CAN: The residents are getting careless about separating the garbage  
to be put in X cans. The pigs maintain in this center depends on the  
garbags for food and it reflects on their weight, fat, and quality.

A letter was received from Ernest Yamaguchi now in California stating that  
train was congested with soldiers and that there was no chance to eat at diner  
because the soldier has priority. He states that in Madera there is a short-  
age of labor and that wages are about 75¢ to 1.00 an hour. More for those who  
specialize in certain work. No ill feeling nor resentment toward him was  
encounted. The caucasian neighbors came and welcome him back. He believes  
that nisei may make a go of it now but advise the issei to wait little  
longer. The insurance company for auto or home do not take either the  
nisei or issei. Mr. Yamaguchi was formerly manager of Block 19.

(2)

HEALTH COMMITTEE: Mr. Nozawa states that there are now 82 nurses aid and that everything was running smoothly. He States that committee wishes to express their appreciation to the people of the center for their fine cooperation in this matter. Data on number of cases handled by different department was read. Between the month of August 1944 to Jan. 1945 there was:

27,904	Clinic	103,603	Dental	2,043	Optometrical
--------	--------	---------	--------	-------	--------------

The three delegates representing this center in the all nine center conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, Feb. 16th-23rd, will leave this center on the 12th. Return trip ticket to Salt Lake City is \$72.43.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: FEB. 20. 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: FRANK DATE

Mr. Frank Date, Acted as Chairman in place of Mr. Ito who is away on conference.

Roll called: Block 5, 11, 20 absent.

Mr. Kamiya of fire dept. introduced. Mr. Kamiya states that there will be an inspection of unit in order to prevent reoccurrence of fire such as there have been at 34 and at Block 8. Will ask the cooperation of Block Managers and clerk in making the round of the units. Caution people not to put cloth near the stove. Reports of fire dept. on fire at 8-8-E, is that cloth caught fire by being placed too near the stove but the manager of said block states that it was caused by children who played with box of matches and set the cloth on fire.

Information in regards to a letter sent to Mr. Fujino, one of the delegates to the conference, will be known later.

Letter from Myer to Johnston in answer to the question of insurance not being issued to issei or nisei states that it all depends on county and states and there are many insurance company that will issue. It was a broad statement in general.

Mr. Yasuda the chairman of Resettlement committee was introduced and he states that he came to inform the managers that the reason for the difference in the proposal taken to the conference by the delegates and the one from the first proposal issued out from the resettlement committee is that the proposals were reviewed three times by three different committee before the final selection. Proposals were formulated with the idea that there will be a time when we all have to return to normal life and in order to further this aim what was needed by us. Resettlement committee wants a total of all bachelors over 65 years, children under 18 years and a itemized summary of number of families.

A card of thanks from the three delegates to the conference was read.

A letter from the American Citizen League asking for financial help to open offices in many different cities in West Coast to help those returning and campaigning for a better understanding of all evacuees was read. Expenditures of about \$60000.00 for each principle office is needed. Health Committee: Mr. Nozawa asked the cooperation of block managers and the people to catch all stray dogs and cat this Friday and Saturday. The police will call for them on the 24th, Saturday. It's a preventive step against the Rabies disease.

Dental clinic: From March 1st, the dental clinic will only be open in the morning. Detail will be out in Outpost later.

(2)

Red Cross representatives of each block to have picture taken tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at 42-5-F.

George Kaneko Chairman for the older nisei conference to be held this March 2nd, Friday, at 2 o'clock through Sunday wish the blocks to get names of Nisei and any older issei who may be interested. He states that many prominent speaker will be at the conference. Such men like James Sugioka who works under Dr. Hunter, Bill Hosokawa of Des Moines, Iowa, top journalist and headline composer of Des Moines paper, Dr. Sherwood Eddy, International YMCA.

Food Committee: Mr. Date states that meat is getting scarce and from now on there will be more difficulties in getting it. We will be depending more and more on the hogs we have and in order to keep raising good hogs we must feed them proper foods. Last month, about 30 or more pigs died of stomach trouble. That means in order to save these from dying we must watch our garbages which is the main source of their food. Cans properly marked will be issued so asked the people and the kitchen to put the foods in the right cans. Cooperation is urgently asked.

Committee has talked with the project director about the necessity of vegetable for this summer and has its approval for utilizing the land in the center for victory garden and raise vegetables.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: FEB. 27, 1945

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A

CHAIRMAN: FRANK DATE

Meeting called to order by Mr. Frank Date, Vice Chairman.

Housing Committee: Weekly reports to be given to Mr. Hayashino who is taking charge of it.

Health Committee: Probably, the dental clinic on Saturdays will be only for school childrens.

Hospital needs two laboratory technician.

Food Committee: Fish is expected tomorrow and that meat is expected in about two weeks.

About 31 lbs. of vegetable seeds will be distributed to each block. Tomato, eggplant, and other vegetable seeds will be given later.

Anybody having Nasu seed, would like their contribution.

USO: Please have inductee's family notify USO right away.

Delegates: Wire from them read. "Rohwer's proposals receiving favorables." Expect back about Friday or Saturday.

Signs reading "Fire Extinguisher" are ready at Sign Shop but there are only about 250 on account of shortage of boards and this is not enough to distribute 12 each to each blocks. Will have fire dept. distribute what there is and in the meantime will see if more can be made.

As there was no business, meeting was adjourned early.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: MARCH 13, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Roll called: Blocks 5, 20, 27 absent

Mr. Izumi introduced: On March 15th, those over 65 years old will be terminated from lumber jack. Those terminated see Social Welfare Dept. After March 15th, about 25 will be shifted to Public works dept. About 150 will be kept after the month of March but will gradually be shifted to other jobs.

Red Cross Drive is now on. Cooperation asked.

Person wishing to enter this center must have permits from WRA Field officer. Remind residents of this regulation.

Letter was received from Washington that there have received the recommendations of the Japanese people brought forth from the all center conference, and that as soon as Mr. Myer returns the recommendations will be studied and given undivided attention.

At the Community Council meeting it was decided to abolish the raising of chicken by residents on account of being unsanitary and unhealthful for the center. Residents who have chickens are asked to stop raising from this 18th.

Summary of the trip and discussion at Salt Lake City conference by our three delegates will not be given at the Auditorium which is unavailable. The center will be divided into 5 district and the three delegates will speak at the scheduled mess hall. Start from 7:30 p.m.

Schedule:	Block 8-9-24-25-26-23	Mon.	Mess 23
	1-21-15-16-17-29-	Tues.	Mess 16
	5-6-7-10-11-12	Wed.	Mess 6
	3-4-13-14-19-20	Thurs.	Mess 14
Each delegate 1 block	27-28-38	Fri.	Mess

Resettlement Committee: Office at 42-2-F. Will assist relocation problem. Wish any proposals regarding relocation to be brought to office.

Join meeting will be held this Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m. USO hall.

Schedule of free educational movie no being held every day of the week will be cancelled. New schedule will be given by CA every week.

Old Shoe will be give away to any that wants them at the following blocks. Block 41, 10, 4. This Sunday and Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Plowing of grounds for victory garden in blocks will be taken up by the following members of the committee. Mr. Sato, Mikami, Hayashino. Fertilizer for each block will also be taken up.

Housing committee: Report on units used for schools, storage room, office.

USO is giving a free Japanese movie this Saturday and Sunday. Saturday is only for USO members and family. 2 tickets to each member. Sunday is for public. Two showing on Sunday. First showing to start about 6:00 p.m. Tickets at block office. Three star or more mothers will be give token of gratitude.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: MARCH 20, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Roll called: Block 8-11 absent.

Mr. Yasuda of the Resettlement Committee introduced. He made an explanation in regards to questionnaire to be fill by person who lapsed their insurance plicy due to evacuation. This check up has nothing to do with the insurance company or WRA but just as a memorandum for the Resettlement committee to study.

He also gave some information regarding the Wilson plantation from where representatives ware here with an offer for relocation to said plantation. The plantation has 65,000 acres and mostly cotton is being raised with some vegetables like lima beans, irish potatoes, tomatoes. It has its own dehydrating plant, cotton gin, etc. It has its own stores, schools, and houses where evacuee can occupy. The firm is big enough that they can readily help you get started with seeds, fertilizer, equipments and most anything needed. All you have to do is just go and use your farming skill. Detail will be given out later after the 8 representatives from this center has investigated this plantation.

Reports of conditions, sentiments, of the Stockton district is at Resettlement office 42-2-F. Other reports from other district are also available at said office.

McGehee Times Special Edition published with names of person serving in the army or navy from Desha County, Arkansas. Names of Japanese American from this center in the service are printed thereon. Copy sells for 25¢. Cooperation asked of Block Managers, Councilmen, USO members in getting orders for said edition. Only 1000 copies on hand so please try and get orders before Thursday so if more copies are needed, it can be ordered.

Free Educational Movie schedule for this week. Tues. <sup>11</sup>arch 20th, Mess 27, Wed. 21st, Mess 12, Thurs. 22nd. Mess 32, Friday 23rd, Mess 24.

Notice has come from Chief Clayton that drastic measure must be taken unless the rowdiness, and damaging of Auditorium stops. Many widows, doors, walls are damaged. Discussion were made as to what steps can be taken to prevent such occurances. Put notice in Outpost, tell parents in block meetings, posters.

Report of Committee: Hayashino. Fertilizers and Disking of blocks for victory garden. 2 sacks of fertilizers, 300 caps of hot caps, expected to be delivered within 3 days. Disking will be started as soon as weather permits.

Dutch cleanser has not been delivered for quite sometime. Understood that no order has been put in for any cleaner by the administration. Cleaner must be had for sanitary purpose. Mosquito spraying should be started as soon as possible.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: MARCH 27, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Miss Morrow introduced: Spoke about the coming quarterly census to be taken this Friday, 30th., 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call special attention to following: Visitors: be sure to have name of all; mark all person out on short term or trial indefinite. On column #7, citizenship, put A for alien and C for citizen and not yes or no as some did in the last census; family No. and not ID No. Also mark those working at fire dept., warehouse, hospital. Turn in the census on Monday to Miss Morrow.

Mr. Ikezoe of Coop came to ask cooperation of Managers in refunding of money for soda bottles. Instead of refunding at canteen as it was done before, the coop would like to pay cash refund at the time of pick up of the bottles. It is suggested that person with soda bottles put out the empties in front of messhall and leave sales slip at block office with the manager so that when the coop truck calls and picks up the bottles they will call at the managers office and pay cash for all sales slip for said bottles. Mr. Ikezoe ask the managers for this help and it was unanimously approved.

Mr. Omori of the Christmas Committee came and said that cash donations from outside and left over from Christmas will be used to purchase ice cream for children. Distribution to blocks will be made Saturday or Sunday.

Food Committee is said to get eggs on Easter for children. Coloring will be donated by Coop probably.

Schedule of this week educational movie. March 27th Block 7; March 28 Block 20; March 29th Block 41, March 30 Block 23. It is said that Block 20 will be unavailable on that date so it will probably be other mess.

Letter received by Mr. Reeves to the answer to the letter sent to him requesting all block be disk. He states that it will be done so as soon as possible.

Janitors rubber boots that are worn out can be exchanged at Maintenance.

Letters from different organization to whom the recommendations were sent was received. An answer from Mr. Wirin in regards to the recommendation will be put in Outpost.

HOUSING: Managers asked to make a complete report of units with names, kind of leaves for those on leave, units occupied for other use. Bring to next meeting.

For future reference it was decided to get a census of our own of the population of this center. It is to be summarized in different groups. So many in the ages of 1-5; 6-12; 13-17; 18-38; 39-64; 65 over. Female and male separated. This is to be as of March 30th.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: APRIL 3, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN SHINTARO ITO

Roll called: Block 15, 24, 34 absent.

Educational Movie Schedule:

Tues. Block 10; Wed. Block 5; Thurs; Block 20

April 14th and 15th, there will be a Japanese movie sponsored by C.A. It is to raise money to buy equipments for children. More in detail will be known at next meeting.

Special Edition: MC.GEHEE TIMES: 200 copies still left over.

Maintenance:

There was a complain from many blocks that toilet supplies are not sufficient. It seems that supplies have been cut down about 25% in general and some of the blocks that still have a population as same as before the relocation program started needs just as much now as before.

The mosquitoes are increasing and means of destroying should be started immediately.

Candles are wanted by the residents. Time like we had few days ago when lights went out for many hours, its very necessary. Ask the Administration to furnish us with candles. Jermone center use to furnish so many candles every month and its no reason why we can't get it here.

Notices was received by managers from Mr. Rhyne asking the residents of the blocks of volunteer and clean ditches and etc., as there is a man shortage. We think that its not a case of man shortage but that engineering dept. should create a job for such work. Many lumberjacks and farmers that have been terminated because of discontinuation of said work are available.

Complains have come in that when the electric goes out the toilets are stuck and difficulties are encountered due to stoppage of water. There is said to be a gasoline engine at the pump house which can be hooked up and used in emergency. Ask that gasoline engine be made useable at time of emergency.

Bridges in many blocks are broken and need repair. Its necessary for the maintenance of the center and for the safety of the truck driver who delivers coal. Ask administration of employ men to fix these bridges.

## BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: APRIL 10, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-F  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

### Malaria control:

Have ask the health committee to take this matter up immediately. At present there is only 7 men and this number is not sufficient so are trying to increase the number. Attention is brought to watch the garbage.

### TEEN-AGE CANTEEN:

The teen-age canteen needs two chaperone to be able to open up. The regulation states that it cannot be open unless there is two chaperone to watch the canteen. This is a position with pay and those interested see C. A. There is a complain from the block-19, that boys and girls catering the canteen loiters around the place after closing and make lotsof noise.

### Welfare Section:

The resettlement committee is translating the new regulation in regards to welfare benefits put out by Washington and expects to be ready for distribution to thepublic about the 18th.

### Educational movie schedule:

Tues-April 10th Block 16, Wed. April 11th Block 39, Thurs. April 12th Block 28, Friday April 13th Block 25. Features; "The Crisis" "Handicrafts of India" "Tropical Gardens" "Mickey Mouse."

### Crusader Club:

This club is asking the favors of the Block Managers in getting the names, address, rank of soldiers, kin, kin's address. This club has been sending letters of soldiers and have been doing fine work in helping them to be cheerful and keeping up their morale. Since many transfers have been made from Camp Shelby, addresses or soldiers have been changed and correspondence to right address have become difficulat that the favor is requested, Block Managers all cheerfully agreed to do so.

### HOUSING:

Movements in Block left up to the judgemtn of Block Managers but was requested to fill out forms just like any other transfers.

Inventory of bedings will be made sometime next month.

### JAPANESE MOVIE:

There will be a Japanese movie this 14-15th. Sat. & Sun. two showing on each evening. Tickets at Block Office. Admission 10¢ - Children same.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: APRIL 17, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Roll called: Block 27, 38 absent.

Montgomery Ward Catalog:

Catalogs at McGehee freight office. Came charged, therefore, having freight office write Montgomery Ward to pay for freight so that it can be release to be pick up.

TOMATO PLANT:

Have them delivered this week to every block.

GOLD POLICE BADGE:

Gold police badge was lost quite some time ago and a child was seen wearing it. If any one knowe of this badge and can be reposses please return to I. S.

COMMENTS FROM WRA ON RECOMMENDATIONS SENT TO THEM.

Comments received from WRA was read. Translation of said comments believed to be made soon and be available for residents.

EDUCATIONAL MOVIE SCHEDULE:

Tues. Block 2, Wed. Block 40, Thurs. Block 6, Friday  
Block 24.

Punishments will be dealt to boys who breaks, mar, steal property of the government. Damaging of Auditorium must be stopped. Parents must not bear ill will because of punishment to their son.

Quite a time was taken up with the reading of comments from WRA. As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned early.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: MAY 1, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: FRANK DATE

Roll call was taken to find out who the new managers were for the coming term.

Block 5- Mr. Takata Gichi --- 5-7-B, new anager introduced.  
29- Mr. Frank Yoshinaga---29-7-E, new manager introduced.  
41- Mr. Yonetaro Umeno--41-10-A, new manager introduced.

Other blocks voted for same managers except blocks 8, 9, 32, 33, which were still undecided.

Worker is wanted at old age home in block 39.

There will be a talk by several person about their trip to Los Angeles and their opinion, experience, and situation there, at Mess #20, 7:30 p.m.

It is undecided whether to continue adult education in English so those interested must send in their application. It will be decided by the number of interested applicants.

Dedication of Honor Roll Board will beheld this Sunday, in front of Ad. 1 at 2:30 p.m. If it rains that day, it will be held in Auditorium. Notify at once of misspelled names and those that are left out. Additional board has been put up to care for additional names.

Letter from the chairman of All Center Conference has been received by the Council here, asking if this center will O.K. that is letter be sent to Mr. Myer recommending that WRA offices in the West Coast give better cooperation and help to evacuees regardless of their status. Complains have been brought to the attention that said offices are unfavorable in some matters.

Ice cream is expected to be made soon.

It was brought to the attention of this body, that Mr. Horizawa, who made tombstone and help beautify the cemetery of this center has paid out of his own pocket, money for cement which is needed to make the cemetery everlasting. The cement in the warehouse of this center has been wetted and is of no use, therefore, WRA was asked to purchase cement for use in the cemetery and it was refused on the ground that no budget has been made for such purpose. It sure isn't right that WRA cannot furnish such material for such purpose and as we think that it's not right for Mr. Horizawa to pruchase out of his pocket, we managers decided to take out \$3.00 from each block for said use.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

PLACE 42-5-A  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

CHAIRMAN: MR. SHINTARO ITO  
DATE: May 8, 1945

Roll call taken: Those blocks which were undecided who the block managers were for the coming term at the last meeting have elected the managers. Block 8, a new manager Mr. Shimamoto, Naokichi 8-11-F. Block 9, 32, 33 elected the same managers, Mr. Nojiri, Nobuo; Mikami, Juichi; Nakabayashi, Shigekazu.

Schedule for this weeks educational movie. Tuesday Block 14, Wednesday Block 26, Thursday Block 33, Friday Block 6.

Reports from Council meeting; Suggestion from health department that we have center clean up day. Day and time will be announced by Health Dept.

On May 30th, Memorial Day, Memorial Service will be held for 6 recent death of soldier notified by the government. Council, Managers, and USO to make arrangements. Committee from each body to be formed. From the Block Managers' group, Mr. Noguchi of Block 16, Mr. Mizushima of Block 10, Mr. Fujimoto of Block 27, Mr. Kaneko of Block 38, and Mr. Asawa of Block 20 were selected.

Reports of the trip by person who visited Los Angeles will be given at Mess #20, Wednesday night, May 9th, 7:30 p.m.

Ice Cream is said to have started from today.

Complaints have come in from pig's maintenance dept. that certain blocks are still not following the rules of disposition of garbages. It was so continously disregarded that names of the blocks were given and they were cautioned.

Tightening of rationing especially sugar was reported. Whereas, 5 lbs. per person for four months is now changed to last five months.

Election of chairman for the block managers were held today. Result showed that Mr. Shintaro Ito of Block 40 was re-elected as chairman, and Mr. Frank Date, and Eddie Omori as vice chairmans.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

DATE: May 15, 1945.  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: SHINTARO ITO

Roll Called: Blocks absent: 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 16, 26, 34.

New <sup>M</sup>anager of Block 17 --Paul Kanow introduced. 17-9-E

Cooperation fo Block Managers asked in getting applicants for Adult English Class. Application blanks passed out. Bring back next meeting.

Crusaders will sponsor movie this Friday and Saturday, 18th & 19th., to raise fund to send messages to soldiers. Tickets passed out and to be sold for 10¢.

Blocks will be asked to make about 50 flowers for this coming memorial service. Kind of flower will be announced later.

Committee representing blocks managers for clean up day are: Ishii, Sadaki; Nojiri, Nobuo; Umino, Yonetaro.

Members of the new housing committee are: Mr. Hayashino, Blk-34, Mr. Yada, Blk-23, Mr. Nojiri Blk.-9, Mr. Akimoto-Blk.39, Mr. Mikami Blk-32.

Chester Fujino of the Community Council came and reported that many people leaving the center are taking blankets and other government property. <sup>H</sup>ope its only a rumor but caution people that serious consequence will be the result if found guilty, and also the residents in the center will suffer as a result.

Professor Yuasa spoke to us of his view in regards to the problem of relocation.

*copy*

FILE COPY

*Rubner*

1.60

BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Date: May 22, 1945  
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Shintaro Ito

Roll called: Block 12 and 34 absent

Notice from Health Dept. that nurses aid is again short due to many relocating. There are only 15 now whereas there should be 33. Committee are working hard to find help in this department. Letters have been sent to each girl graduates asking for their help to become nurses aid in this critical time.

Notice from Project Director, Ray D. Johnston that private cars are not allowed in this camp but he will be lenient toward this but must ask all those person having private cars to register. Detail will be in Outpost so ask residents to comply accordingly. There is no need to fear or worry about this matter.

In order to replace shortage of men in all departments, will request the employment department whether its possible to utilize the boys of high school age when the school close, Managers to get all the names of boys 15 years old and wants to work.

Memorial service to be held in Auditorium this coming Thursday, May 30th, 1:30 p.m. Blich Managers to be at Auditorium at 8:30 a.m. that day to help make flower arrangement.

Clean up program committee to meet this Thurs, May 24th at 42-5-A at 1:30 p.m.

Appeal for workers from Mess Division. Three needed in delivery dept of butcher. Two in office, Two in the warehouse.

Appeal for workers from Hospital laundry.

Co-op ask cooperation of Block Managers in collection of empty soda bottles. Some residents are backward in producing empty bottles due to lost of refund slips but co-op will now pay regardless of refund slips if the party will leave name and address at Block Manager's office with the empties. With warm weather, demand for soda is great but co-op cannot purchase without the exchange of empties.

Complains have come in from many blocks that issuing of toilet papers are not enough. Also that Mr. Martin of housing dept. goes into ladies rest room presumely to check up on the toilet papers. This is outrageous and must stop. Committee on maintenance to see the Project Director regarding this matter.

*JH*

*66.0111 C.C. Miss Rubner*

FILE COPY

*Rahner*

BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

DATE: May 29, 1945  
TIME: 1:30 p.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
CHAIRMAN: Shintaro Ito

Roll called: Block 1, 12, 14, 20, 32, 38 absent

Announcements:

2 sacks of Fertilizer, 50# lime will be delivered today, in front of Mess Hall

Calcium are packed 100# to a sack so 4 blocks will divide 25# each. 100 lbs. sack will be left at the following blocks and other blocks will call for same at the block designated.

- Block 16 -- Block 1, 17, 29 will share it
- 14 -- Block 2, 3, 15 will share it
- 28 -- Block 19, 20, 27 " " "
- 40 -- Block 32, 33, 41 " " "
- 13 -- Block 4, 5, 12 " " "
- 7 -- Block 10, 11, 6 " " "
- 34 -- Block 26, 38, 39 " " "
- 24 -- Block 23, 25, 9 " " "
- 8 --

Quantity for spraying: 50# of lime to 25# of calcium

Center clean up schedule:

- June 4th Monday Blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,
- 5th Tuesday Blocks 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
- 6th Wednesday Blocks 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29
- 7th Thursday Blocks 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26
- 8th Friday Blocks 27, 28, 32, 33, 40, 41
- 9th Saturday Blocks 34, 38, 39

Hoses and rake will be delivered for said clean up day

Memorial day service at Auditorium to-morrow afternoon, 2:00 p.m.  
Bring flowers at 8:30 a.m. to Auditorium and help on the arrangement.

Nurses Aides: 7 have so far applied for it.

Ambulance driver: 2 needed

McGehee Shopping: Word received from Project Director that complains have come from residents that those who really have to go to McGehee for shopping are unable to go on account of boys and girls going to movie have already applied for it. Asks if some kind of solution can be found to remedy this situation. A discussion was had in regards to this matter. It was found that young children of the age to about 12 wants to go badly and we believe that if the age limit be lifted to said age not needing passes, but can go with parents it will help some. Another thing is that many of the Issei have to have some one to help them, with the buying so

66.011 CC Min Rahner

they wait till said person is found to go with them and then apply that its usually too late. After much discussion it was found that the manager will have to use its discretion and pick the one to go and also ask the residents to make application as earliest as possible.

Mr. Griswold of the C.A. sent a representative to this meeting to state as many people have re~~located~~located, he thought that many of the sewing machine may not be in use and in order to ease the final inventory when the center close, he thought it would be all right to pick up 3 at this time and 3 in September. We, the managers believe that sewing machine should not be pick up now for its needed for all time and with only 12 machine to a block, the demand for its use is still great. The representative stated that if that is the case, he will go to each block and recheck with the manager the number of machine in said block and ask the manager to be responsible for said machine and those he wish to return to be pick up.

From next meeting, the meeting will be held in the morning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF THE  
MANAGERS AND THE COUNCIL

Date: June 19, 1945  
Chairman: Mr. H. Fukunaga

Time: 8:40-11:50a.m.  
Place: USO Hall

A. RECORDINGS:

1. Chairman Fukunaga called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.
2. Executive Secretary of the Council took the roll call by blocks. Every block was represented.

B. Special report of Mr. Kagawa, BOARD OF HEALTH

1. It seems that many people are misunderstanding in regard to the new rulings for surgical operation. These rulings were not made at our hospital; they came from Washington D. C. and all the centers received the same regulations.

The purpose of the rulings is to have as less operations as possible. Sick persons are sent outside for operation only when such surgery is recommended by the staff meeting, and such operation is impossible at the hospital, and the case must be the matter of life and death.

WRA's policy is to render the limited service to as many patients as possible; that is to give small service to many rather than intensive service to a few.

2. Relocation of doctors is not yet known in general, but Dr. Kuroiwa will leave us soon, and most of the others will by the first of September.
3. Supply of medicine will be very much limited hereafter, WRA is trying to buy as little as possible. If a certain medicine is plentiful at Rohwer and is needed at some other center that medicine will be shipped to that center.
4. Hospital needs two ambulance drivers immediately. If you can find someone who can do janitor work, the present janitor may drive ambulance.

C. DISCUSSIONS:

1. Of the Change in ruling of Resettlement Assistance grant

The Chair: We have met here this morning in order to discuss the new regulations ruling over the grant of Resettlement Assistance, effective since the first of this month. The restrictions are very severe, and if they are to be enforced just as they say there will not be many of us who can get any assistance from this source.

The Chair then passed the copies of new regulations that Resettlement Planning Commission had prepared both in English and Japanese. Mr. S. Muraoka, secretary of Commission, explained the regulation roughly as follows:

\*\*\*\*\*"EXPLANATION"\*\*\*\*\*

The Chair: As Mr. Muraoka explained us the maximum is too small and the limitations are too strict, and deduction is too much.

As we understand there are only a few relocatees who will be entitled to receive this assistance.

Mr. Muraoka: This assistance was proposed to give to about 410 families in this center. But if all the restrictions are strictly enforced the number of the families that can be eligible for the assistance will be much smaller. How much smaller we do not know. Our Resettlement Planning Commission wishes to take a census as to how many families will be eligible for the assistance if the new laws are enforced strictly. It is not able for us to have the fund increased immediately, but we must do something so that our allotment of \$78,000 can be divided among all those who need help. I want to know whether we should take such a census or not.

Mr. Gomi: If we take a complete census, does it not mean that WRA might take advantage of it and press us harder so that all must be forced out?

The Chair: This census is not official; it is only for the sake of knowing our own situation.

Mr. Muraoka: I expected such questions, therefore, I asked you whether we should take such a census or not. I can't be positive whether WRA will take advantage of it or not. They (WRA) say they will close the center, and we think one or two centers will remain open, but who know the truth? We must be prepared for both cases.

Mr. Noguchi: I believe that this new change is very bad for us. In case we take any census, I hope we take it without name, and the questionnaires should not be handed over to WRA.

Mr. Muraoka: Names are not necessary if we can find the facts which we want to know for further negotiations with WRA.

The Change itself is bad in one sense, but not so in the other. There was only \$100,000 approved at first for all the center, but after June 1, we have \$78,000 for this center alone. Moreover, as Mr. Myer declares, the distribution of the fund was very unequal because the limitations was very loose.

Mr. Gomi: Mr. Noguchi made a very reasonable questions. We must think well about taking census with name.

Mr. Hamano: WRA policy is very severe in general. We must get together and express our grievances. We were forced to evacuate, and now being forced to relocate.

The Chair: Do you mean to protest, and not to negotiate?

Mr. Gomi: I am not particularly against our taking census, but names should not be written on the questionnaires, and they (questionnaires) should not be handed over to WRA. We must get in contact with All-Center Conferences (a special committee created at Inter-Center Conference last February, and located at Topaz Center now) and be united.

The Chair: All-Center Conference at Topaz has sent a letter asking Mr. Myer to reconsider on some of his comments. We are studying about his comments, too. If we have time today we shall discuss about it also.

Mr. Endo: Many people are staying in this center because they can not find any house to live, and still many other can not go out because WRA aid is not enough. If we take any census at all we must take a true census stating the true standings of the residents. If what they state in the census is much different from what they will say at the relocation office, what is the use of spending our time and effort in taking the census?

Mr. Muraoka: All we want to know from the census is how many families need help, and how many can get such help. We don't need the names of prospective applicants for assistance, but if we know we can handle things better and easier. The questionnaires may be destroyed so that they will not fall into the hands of the WRA.

I can hardly believe that we can increase the fund because the Congress has decided it. But if we are to ask the Congress for increase of the fund we need the census more greatly. Our aim is to have the allotted fund divided more evenly among those who must have aid.

Mr. Hamano: I don't think anybody will get any assistance according to the new laws. I see no justification for taking census.

Mr. Muraoka: If you don't believe anybody will get any assistance, the census will be very necessary so that we can negotiate to get the assistance. Only a few got assistance since June 1st.

Mr. Shigetomi: Is \$25.00 assistance (subsistence assistance) included in this Resettlement Assistance.

Mr. Muraoka: Not included.

Mr. Yoda: Assessment of the things we have is not uniform. Some take the value of even the china bowls we have while some don't.

Mr. Muraoka: All depends upon the understanding and heart of those who enforce the laws. But we must ask uniform enforcement at least. Those who relocated to Cleveland, Minneapolis, or St. Louis used to be allowed to have two or three hundred dollars for emergency use, and had some furniture bought. At present if we have \$300 cash, this alone pushes us to the category of ineligible. Even children's property or savings is counted. It will mean that we must sell what we have to live, and it is the situation of most of us. We must negotiate so that we do not have to sell to get cash to meet immediate needs. But when negotiations are made we must know our exact situation. We must take census.

Mr. Shigetomi: As Mr. Gomi and Mr. Noguchi say, if the census is taken without writing the names I support taking it.

Mr. Mizushima: I support Mr. Shigetomi.

The Chair took the vote; great majority agreed to take census on the condition that the names would not be taken in the census and questionnaires would not be given to WRA.

Mr. Muraoka asked that the questionnaires must be brought back to the Council by the coming Monday or Tuesday.

## 2. Of Housing Problem

Mr. Muraoka: WRA urges us to relocate but we always think that there is no house for us to move in. WRA recently began to realize the trueness of our words, and expanded hostels to certain extent, and will continue to do so, but expansion of hostels will not help to solve this problem. It will be impossible for some of us to go out even when the center is declared closed, because there is no house to move in. In order to avoid such a sad case we must tell WRA the true situation; how many of us want to go to Los Angeles, for example, therefore therefore how many houses we need there, and ask WRA to take care of it.

Census is again necessary here. If 30,000 people want to go back, hostels will not be able to take care all of us.

Mr. Yokoyama: Is this census suggested by WRA?

Mr. Muraoka: No, not by the WRA

Mr. Gomi: We have just approved to take the other census, so if Resettlement Planning Commission also need this census we'd better take it.

Mr. Asawa: Community Analysis Division asked us to take a census of this sort, but the result was very poor. People don't know what to do and where to go.

The Chair: Housing problem has been discussed by all center Conference, and a new proposal is being made by our Resettlement Planning Commission to Mr. Myer. It is proper that the Commission should want to know the exact situation. I can't imagine any trouble arising from this census.

Mr. Yokoyama: I don't think it necessary for us to take a census like this. WRA will take it if it thinks necessary.

The Chair: Many people cannot go out because there are not houses. If we could depend upon WRA's action there would be nothing to worry about. If we want to relocate we must take our own action toward housing.

Mr. Muraoka: The Council organized this Resettlement Planning Commission because relocatees need help, and all of us must sooner or later relocate. I believe the duty of the commission is to help those who go out. We may act after we get the order to close the center, but if we must act we'd better act at once.

The Chair: Only taking census will not help us much unless some direct action is taken to suggest something to WRA. We shall negotiate with them (WRA) to help relieve this housing problem. We need exact situation that how many will go what part of the country, and then we can work on WRA to let them work for this specific purpose.

The Chair took the vote. Majority agreed to take such census. Mr. Muraoka explained how to fill in the paper, which was passed to Managers of each block.

Mr. Narita made a report on the recommendations suggested by Rohwer Community Council in addition to those of Topaz Council asking Mr. Myer for his re-consideration on some of the suggestions made by the All-Center Conference held at Salt Lake City last February.

The body unanimously approved the recommendations and agreed to ask the Resettlement Planning Commission to make all the necessary negotiations.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Narita  
Executive Secretary  
Community Council

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: July 24, 1945  
Time: 8:30 A.M.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Eddie Omori

Roll called: Blocks absent--6, 12, 17, 33, 38, and 40.

New managers of block 4 and 24, Mr. Kubota, 4-5-D and Mr. Yasumura, 24-8-C were introduced. Also the new secretary of the block managers' office, Dorothy Yonesawa.

Gate passes for the special train leaving for California were given to both managers and block councilman.

Cooperation of block managers in getting volunteers for center farm work asked by Mr. Watanabe. Schedule for the week:

Group I	Tuesday and Friday
" II	Saturday
" III	Wednesday

Schedule to be announced every Saturday in the Outpost.

C.A. announcement: scarf and rug missing. If misplaced, return to C.A. office in Block 32.

Workers needed in: Ice crew  
Bridge crew  
Coal crew  
Relocation office--up to 4 vacancy

Red Cross Books available at Red Cross office for 35¢ a copy. If possible, would like to have individual blocks sent out the books to the relocated members.

Mr. Higashino reports no arrangements have been made yet for the distributing of sewing machines in blocks 4 and 42 for wider use. Mostly relocating people are using it for last minute preparation.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: August 7, 1945  
Time: 9:00 A.M.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Eddie Omori

Roll called: blocks 9, 12, 17, 39, and 40 absent.

New manager of block 6, Miss Motoko Yui, was introduced by Mr. Gomi.

Relocation bulletin--Mr. Hyde from New Orleans will be in the center the 20th-25th of August. Anyone interested should see him.

Wanted workers--6 person for ice crew.

Stewards asked block managers to have one person from each block volunteer until crew assembles. Block managers complain no male available or capable in block to volunteer for such heavy work.

Workers wanted--hospital kitchen crew.

- 2 cooks
- 1 pot washer
- 1 dish washer
- 1 vegetable cleaner
- 1 waitress

Hospital calls--phone only emergency cases. Remind people not to have ambulance come for minor cases as hospital is busy with lack of Drs. Have Dr. designate what is and isn't emergency cases.

Volunteers for hospital awning--materials supplied.

Mr. Kagawa announced for volunteers to put up awning for the wards. He asked each person to bring a hammer and a short ladder about 10' long. (1 ladder between 2 blocks.)

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: August 14, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Eddie Omori

Roll called--29 blocks present. 23, 25, 32, and 40 absent.

New Managers: 12 Akiyama  
17 Nakada  
20 Tomiyama  
7 Ohta

Minutes of joint meeting read.

Hospital Donation Committee  
Mr. Koro  
Mr. Yoshinaga  
Mr. Endow

Election of Chairman and 2 ViceChairman

Candidates: Hayashino  
Nakayama  
Takata  
Koro  
Umino  
Shigetomi  
Koyanagi

New Chairman: Mr. Koro  
ViceChairman: Mr. Hayashino  
Mr. Nakayama

Farm workers--Thursday District II  
Saturday " III

Housing report--have steward give Hudson total residents and number of visitors each week.

Passes for special train.

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: August 21, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-1  
Chairman: Mr. Koro  
Mr. Hayashino

23 Blocks present at meeting

Committee on Hospital Donation--report read and approved

Hospital

Workers needed--cooks

ambulance driver (grave yard shift)

kitchen crew--dish washer, waitress, etc.

If no cooks are available, hospital might have to close and the patient will go home or to outside hospitals. Suggested closing mess 42 and have the 3 cooks go to hospital. Police and firemen (night crew) go eat at the hospital.

Ice crew--one worker needed

Mr. Hudson states in the near future only 9 mess halls will be opened in whole center. 1 mess hall for 4 blocks.

Block Managers' fund--\$29.85.

Mr. Letts, officially connected with Seabrook Farms, spoke to the managers. Housing available--60 families.

Seabrook Farms offers 3 things:

I. Plenty of work

Year round work--all types of jobs. (electrician, farm labor, mechanics, carpenters, clerical, painter, nursery, truck driver, etc.)

Base pay--60¢ hr. for men

55¢ hr. for women

Year round crew of 1800 people

1250% Japanese people--800 workers

Would like 3 workers in each family. 2 workers under 60 yrs. old

II. Good housing

Housing--1 bed room \$12.00

2 bed room 20.00

3 bed room 22.00

Dormitory--room and board \$8.00 month

Sept. 1st--60 apt. will be ready

No rent paid yet--not until completed--electric refrigerator

Water and electricity furnished. Trying to get oil ranges.

III. Good schools

Grammar and nursery school in village.

Bridgeton high school--transportation to and from free

Buddist and Christian services held

Good hospital in Bridgeton. 2 Dr. everyday and 6 Dr. on call--infirmery

Mr. Hyde, from New Orleans, at Relocation

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: August 28, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-B  
Chairman: Mr. Hayashino

Meeting called to order by Mr. Hayashino, Chairman of Block Managers.

Roll called: Blocks 1, 26, 39, and 41 absent.

Miss Midori Yamaguchi, Manager of block 27, was introduced.

Managers asked to return all unsold Red Cross booklets or the money.

Ambulance driver wanted: grave yard shift--12 midnight to 8 a.m. If there's emergency call between these hours, call I.S.

Donation Committee: Mr. Koro, Mr. Endow, and Mr. Yoshinaga  
Meeting today at 1:30 p.m. with the Co-op.

School starts September 3, 1945            3 Caucasian teachers and 4 evacuees.  
Grades 1 and 2 held at Auditorium  
Grades 3 to 6 at Block 31  
Grades 7 to 12 at Block 35

Chairman of Block Managers to see if something can't be done about the inconvenience on Special trains. (water, 3 meals a day instead of 2, etc.)

USO donation for memorial monument. Soldiers' families        \$6.00 per block

Supplies--request for supplies on or before Saturday morning. Deliver on Tuesday. Supply committee--Mr. Nakayama

LIST OF BLOCK MANAGERS

Matsui, Masanaka	1-12-F
Tenma, Masako	2-3-D
Nakayama, Tomojiro	3-8-A
Kubota, Eisaburo	4-5-D
Takata, Giichi	5-7-B
Yui, Motoko	6-6-A
Ohta, Hiroye	7-10-A
Nozawa, Ben	8-2-B
Nojiri, Nobuo	9-6-B
Mizushima, Mitsushi	10-12-B
Koro, Kosaku	11-2-E
Akiyama, Einesuke	12-
Fujimoto, Setsuji	13-7-D
Shigetome, Tomejiro	14-2-E
Kono, Buhei	15-5-F
Noguchi, Gizo	16-4-A
Nakada, Kishiro	17-2-F
Ishii, Sadaki	19-11-D
Tomiyama, (Tem.)	20-
Yada, Albert Kazuo	23-11-A
Yasumura, Yasujiro	24-8-C
Hiramoto, Yukiye	25-12-A
Endow, Teruji	26-6-A
Yamaguchi, Midori	27-12-F
Ogata, Saiichi	28-6-F
Yoshinaga, Frank	29-7-E
Toyota, Hidemitsu	32-7-F
Okinaga, Shinichi	33-8-B
Hayashino, Shigeaki	34-3-F
Koyanagi, Byron Satoru	38-5-A
Akimoto, Yutaka	39-1-A
Umino, Yonetaro	41-10-A

Clerks

Miyamoto, Mary Y.
Hashimoto, Himi
Awaya, Mary
Tokumura, Alyce
Sekikawa, Tsuyuko
Hachiya, Yoshiko
Nishioka, Sawaye
Nojiri, Phyllis
Kurokawa, Betty
Fukumoto, Shizuko
Kaneyichi, Hamae
Takemoto, Ayako
Ideta, Taeko
Haruta, Yukie
Nakayama, Mitsuye
Arakaki, Fumiko Rose
Ishii, Shiyoko
Sakurai, Hatsumi
Tominaga, Irene
Nishima, Fusaye
Mirikitani, Belle Anne
Yamakawa, Mabel
Morishita, Mary
Yamasaki, Taeko
Narita, Aya
Sato, Sumiko
Nishinaka, Michiye
Hayashino, Tokiye
Umeda, George
Sasaki, Emiko
Tsutsumi, Shozo

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: September 11, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-B  
Chairman: Mr. Hayashino

Meeting called to order by chairman, Mr. Hayashino

Roll called: 29 blocks present. Blocks 19, 25, 26, & 27 no managers.

New managers were introduced: Fujimura, Fusaye Block 20  
Yamaguchi, " 40

After much debate and discussion, the discision made was as following:  
Instead of having one yard man and one block clerk for 2 blocks, leave  
up to the individual blocks to cut one person from the block labor.  
(6 person to 5 person) After September, eliminate all block clerks.  
The block managers think the janitors and boiler men are much more  
essential then the block yard man.  
This matter effects all blocks who's population is under 125.

Fire Department

Do not burn trash or rubbish at night

Special train

Many people take drinking water in bottles. Suggested large families  
take 2 or 3 gal. of water. When the water runs low, the monitors  
can put it in the tank between the time the train leaves and reaches  
the next station. Lost of ice in the tank, just no water to melt the  
ice.

The matter of meals were brought up. Mr. Johnston suggested two meals  
a day on the train to accomodate all the people.

8:00 to 11:00 breakfast and lunch

12:00 to 4:00 lunch and supper

School program--Co-op donated \$300.00

Red Cross taken over by Mr. Zeigler at the Relocation Office

Free Movies--Every Friday at the auditorium. Daytime--for children  
Nights--for adults

Saturday and Sunday--Japanese show sponsored for the school fund.

Mr. Smith  
Reports Office

[The following text is extremely faint and largely illegible due to the quality of the scan. It appears to be a multi-paragraph report or letter.]

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: September 18, 1945  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: 42-5-B  
Chairman: Mr. Hayashino

Meeting called to order by chairman, Mr. Hayashino

Roll called: all blocks present.

New Manager of block 4, Miss Michiko Awaya, was introduced.

US Mail--no mail on Saturday because of the 40-hr. week work schedule.  
A temporary condition--something should be done about it.

Special train--scheduled to leave on September 28, 1945

October 1st, Monday, at 6:30 p.m. the census will be taken. The  
Caucasian workers will do the checking up.

Stove collectors--managers asked to watch these workers who pick up  
all stoves from the empty units. They take things from the units and  
put them inside the stoves.

Block labor--out of 4 workers (janitors and boiler tenders) one person  
will be eliminated. Either the block clerk or the yard man must also  
be terminated. Instead of being terminated, Mr. Johnston would like  
these people to transfer to other jobs. Short of workers elsewhere.  
Population down to 50 people--1 man and 1 woman janitor.  
Down to 30 people--cut off entirely--just cold water and toilets open.

Barrack lights--would like to have managers or block police put on the  
corner lights at night.

Board of Health--meeting Thursday

Ambulance drivers--WANTED at least 2 or 3 (workers) persons.

School program--teachers wanted

To Mr. Smith  
Reports Office

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: September 25, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-E  
Chairman: Mr. Hayashino

Roll called: 5 blocks absent. 9, 24, 33, 40 and 41.

New Managers	Endo, Mankichi	Block 25 and 26
	Nishioka, Sawaya	" 8
	Ikeda, Alice (sec)	" 24
	Murakami, Kaoru	" 23

Census cancelled till further notice.

Mail will not be delivered on Saturdays--short of workers

Board of Health

Meeting Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at the Council Hall. Election of Board.

Supplies

Mr. Martin short of workers. Managers volunteered to deliver toilet papers. Time: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday

Chairman, Mr. Hayashino, relocating back to California on the special train. Gave a short speech and turned the office over to the two Vice Chairman: Mr. Nakayama and Mr. Koro.

To

Mr. Smith  
Reports office

Mr. Smith  
Reports Office

### BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: October 2, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Mr. Nakayama

Roll called: Blocks 8, 11, 14, and 33 absent

New manager of block 34, Teruko Yamaguchi, was introduced

#### Clothing Allowances

Due to short of workers, clothing allowance checks from A thru middle of S's were made out. From S on, every one will be payed in cash. The Co-op will cash all checks up to Saturday. Checks should be in Thursday or Friday announced Mr. Moulton.

#### Supplies

Blocks with requisitions in didn't get their order filled. Five managers volunteered to deliver supplies. In order to avoid further trouble, managers agreed to fill and file requisitions at the block managers's office. Requisition must be in by Friday morning. Deliver supplies every other week.

#### Farm

One person from every opened mess asked to help pick vegetables grown on lot north of block 40. (white radishes)  
Time: Thursday morning at 8:30 a.m. Since the ground is soft after the rain, every one asked to bring boots. Vegetables have to be picked about 4 times--2nd time might be Monday.

No more housing reports needed

Miss Mary Brooks from the St. Louis WRA is expected here October 15 thru 18. Welcome Party scheduled. 6 men from the Council and 6 from the managers will form the committee. The managers are:

Terna, Masako	Block 2
Awaya, Mich	" 4
Yui, "otoko	" 6
Fujimura, Fusaye	" 20
Yamaguchi, Teruko	" 34
Tominaga, Kaoru	" 23

Council will let you know the details.

Ambulance driver--wanted 3 drivers  
Boiler man--4 workers wanted  
Laundry man--2 workers wanted

Total population of Rehwer around 2153 (October 2)

To Mr. Smith  
Reports Office

[The following text is extremely faint and illegible due to low contrast and scan quality. It appears to be a multi-paragraph letter or report.]

BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: October 9, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Mr. Koro

Mr. Moulton read the notice regarding relocation. Questions were asked and answered. Since Mr. Moulton was busy, discussion followed after he left.

School

Since there is no janitors in the school, the parents of the children were asked to cooperate and clean up every Tuesday and Wednesday. The schedule for the blocks were announced as following:

Date		Blocks for #31		Blocks for #35
October 9	.....	17, 29		
"	12	..... 1, 16	.....	5, 12
"	16	..... 2, 15	.....	6, 11
"	19	..... 3, 14	.....	7, 8, 9, 10
"	23	..... 4, 13	.....	23, 24, 25
"	26	..... 20, 19	.....	34, 38, 39
"	30	..... 27, 28, 32, 33	.....	40, 41

Also, this Saturday morning, the parents are asked to help repair the school buildings and grounds.

On October 20-25th, a special day coach for Chicago is scheduled to leave. If interested, notify Mr. Kawanaga of 41-3-A by Friday.

Farm -- Monday morning, 8:30 a.m., the mess workers are asked to help pick "napa"

Block Labor

Mr. Johnston asked the chairman, Mr. Nakayama concerning the block labor situation. It was said that Mr. Hayashino was told to inform Mr. Johnston regarding this matter but because this was not done, an inventory was taken at the meeting and copy of the inventory was sent to Mr. Johnston.

To Mr. Smith  
Reports Office

1941

Dear Mr. Smith:

Item	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
100	10	1.00	1.00
200	20	2.00	4.00
300	30	3.00	9.00
400	40	4.00	16.00
500	50	5.00	25.00
600	60	6.00	36.00
700	70	7.00	49.00
800	80	8.00	64.00
900	90	9.00	81.00
1000	100	10.00	100.00

Very truly yours,

John Doe

123 Main Street  
New York, N.Y.

Enclosed are the reports for the quarter ending 12/31/41.

Reports Office

BLOCK MANAGER'S MEETING

RELOCATION OFFICE

Date: October 16, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

NO. 21111

Place: 42-5-B  
Chairman: Mr. Koro

Roll called: 26 blocks present

The Poston project was closed on schedule but the procedure of the closing has stirred up quite an excitement. It is understood that the people forced from that center were living under bridges and in tents. The discussion committee on this matter will meet tonite at 7:30 p.m.

Farm--helpers are asked to pick "napa" every Monday morning at 8:30 a.m., until further notice.

Miss Mary Brooks from the WRA at St. Louis spoke to the managers. She told them what kind of help and how she was helping the relocatees. Miss Brooks says Sentiment, Housing, and Work is very good in St. Louis. She also gave a list of names of former Rohwer residents that have relocated to St. Louis. Miss Brooks will be here until Thursday, Oct. 18, and will see people at their homes or at the Relocation Office.

Tea party for Miss Mary Brooks will be held Wednesday, October 17, 1945, at mess hall 15--7:30 p.m.

Orphan

Last year, a baby girl (orphan) was put in the care of a family in Block 7. The family has planned to relocate back to California and wishes to take the child with them. After all arrangements were made, the Welfare Section will not let the family take the child. Instead of letting the family who has given the unfortunate child a home take her, the Welfare insist that they will put her into a home in either Chicago or New York. After raising the child from the time she was just a little baby and have gotten to love her as one of their own, the family does not want to give the child up. Askes that the Block Managers and the Community Council made a appeal to Mr. Johnston.



BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING

Date: October 23, 1945  
Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: 42-5-E  
Chairman: Mr. Koro

With Mr. Johnston's approval, the Block Managers and Community Council will be combined at the beginning of the month.

Mr. Narita read the letter being sent to Mr. D. S. Myer, Washington, D.C. by the Community Council and Block Managers. The text of the letter is on the following points:

1. To provide housing and some kind of security for the people being forced out of the center.
2. Los Angeles WRA couldn't handle the situation so people were living in tents and under bridges.
3. Understood that Poston and Gila center people were forced out without definite provisions for housing.
4. Rohwer last center to be closed and during the winter. Want to be sure housing is available for everyone--if not, let people stay here till the weather gets warmer.

Mr. Narita read a letter from Gila Relocation center. It went into details about the closing procedure used there.

Letter from Poston was also read. The two centers were in many ways quite different.

Committee saw Mr. Johnston about the orphan brought up in the last weeks meeting. Mr. Johnston would like to help the people and has stated he will go see the Welfare section about the whole thing. To date, no answer has come.

Hospital short of workers--won't be able to keep running if this keeps up. Drivers and cooks received notice to leave Nov. 9. Out of 3 drivers, only 1 ambulance driver will be left.

Committee of Managers and Councilman will see Mr. Johnston --if the notices for key workers in the hospital and mess can be arranged to be cancelled to a later date. That is, if the person wished to work till the last for the good of the people left here.

Wednesday--date to pick "napa"--1:00 p.m. and asked to bring knife.



*Wey*  
*Rohwer*  
Block MANAGER - COUNCIL MEETING

Date: November 6, 1945  
Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: 42-5-A  
Chairman: Mr. Koro

First combined meeting of Block Managers and Councilmen called to order by manager chairman, Mr. Koro.

Manager's farewell party expenses announced and approved.

Dr. Griswold to speak at the meeting about the sewing machines left in each block. Since he didn't show up, chairman asked each manager to get a receipt from the person picking them up. Managers signed for them and are held responsible for it.

List all names and old and new addresses of relocates in each block. The list goes to the Post Office as it is the only way the mail can be forwarded to everyone after the evacuees leave.

2 ambulance drivers and laundry foreman working till the last group leaves. Mr. Bethune has hired workers from Little Rock as boilerman for the hospital.

Hospital appreciation donation for the month of October and November should be in. 21 blocks have already done so. Thursday is the last meeting of the Board of Health.

Mr. Omori, former chairman of the Block Managers, wrote to Mr. Koro about the housing and freight situation in L.A. The letter went into details.

Mr. Narita and Mr. Gomi went to see Mr. Hudson about the rice shortage but a truck load of rice came in that day so the matter was dismissed.

Council members received a letter of appreciation from Mr. Johnston for their service.

Last Friday, November 2nd, was the last day of school. Buildings were cleaned and up in order.

CA has fund of \$150 to \$200. Committee of Messers. Koro, Narita, and Gomi to see Dr. Griswold if this fund couldn't be used for the up keep of the center cemetery.

Mr. Gomi, Mr. Narita, and Mr. Okubo to decide what should be done about the minutes of the Council meeting.

Japanese books to be sent half to Los Angeles and half to Stockton Buddhist church. Mr. Yamaguchi to take Stockton books. Mr. Gomi and Mr. Koro will take 1 box each for the Los Angeles half.

Mr. Narita and Mr. Gomi went to see Mr. Johnston about the Old Man's Home furniture donated to them by Mr. Finch. Would like the furnitures (sofa and 4 rockers) sent to Gardina Buddhist Church where an Old Man's Home is going to start. Have to have the carpenters crate the furnitures up.

*JB*  
*Rohwer*  
66-0111 CC Min