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FOR
THE RETIRING MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENT
AND FOR
THE NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS

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Mr. Bert Weston -- Chairman

1. Welcoming Address Mr. Bert Weston, Assist. Project
Director, Community Management
2. Valedictory Address Mr. Y. Fujii, Retiring Chairman
of Community Council
3. Obligation to Councilmen. . . . Mr. F. S. Barrett,
Project Attorney
4. Comments Mr. H. L. Stafford
Project Director
5. Address Mr. I. Oyama, Chairman,
Community Council

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THE MINIDOKA IRRIGATOR

Rare, Imported "Tai" Presented To WRA Staff by Block Managers

On behalf of the block managers Tura Nakamura presented a "tai" to H. L. Stafford, Project Director, and Philip Schafer, Assistant Project Director, for the entire administrative staff Monday noon at the staff dining hall.

The "tai" is a symbol of a joyous occasion in Japan. The presentation of the ceremonial fish to the administrative staff was a token of appreciation, Nakamura said, for the part the staff played in making the Army volunteer program such a success here. He pointed out that the Minidoka center was far ahead of all the other centers in having 300 men volunteer for induction and he attributed much of the enthusiastic response to the fatherly and brotherly attitude of the administrative staff which gave the Minidoka men and boys courage to answer the

call to colors.

The "tai" is now rare in this country. The one presented to the WRA staff was imported from Japan before the outbreak of the war and had been kept frozen since.

Mar. 1, 1943

Meeting called to order by Mr. S. Hara at 1:45 p.m. in Block 12 dining hall, Monday, March 1, 1943. Guests for the day were Mr. D. Sheehan, Construction Supt., Mr. Sebbelov, Agricultural Supt., and Mr. Sumida of the Red Cross Chapter.

Mr. S. Hosokawa, Mgr. Block 8, brought up the idea of having a picture taken of all the boys who have volunteered at this time and sending it to the Northwest papers in the cities where these boys originally resided. This would help out in a publicity and propaganda purpose. Expenses could be shared equally by the individual blocks. Mr. Hatate thought that if any person desiring one could buy it for 25¢, it may help defray expenses. However, it was the opinion of some managers that this price was too cheap to carry over the cost. It was decided that a committee shall be chosen made up of a representative from each section. This committee shall find out the cost, size, etc. and report back to the residents at a meeting. In order to have uniform send-off parties in each block for the enlistees, another block manager's meeting will be called to discuss these matters.

Mr. Sumida, War Fund Chairman for local Red Cross Chapter, spoke to the block managers in regard to the war fund drive which will officially open on March 8 and close on March 13. His pleas were that the managers become Block Chairmen and assist in this great cause by making the collections in their own blocks. The quota for the National Red Cross has been set at 25 billion dollars but the quota is not definite here although the Chapter is trying to raise as much as possible under the circumstances. Out of the sum collected, \$200 will be retained for work carried on in this Center which includes the purchase of stamps, stationery for correspondence and deposits on first aid books, nurse's aide books, etc. Mrs. Yone Arai has been appointed Red Cross Chairman with the following persons assisting her: Rube Hosokawa, First Aid Chairman, Dyke Miyagawa, Publicity Chairman, Waka Mochizuki, Activities Chairman and Mr. Sumida, War Fund Chairman. The Boy Scouts will help by putting up posters all over the Project. The Center has been divided into three sections to facilitate easier handling. Section I comprises of Block 1-19, Section II--Blocks 21-32, Section III--Blocks 34-44. The Block Managers as Chairmen may appoint two assistants who may be either isseis or niseis, whichever they think best. All necessary paraphernalia will be distributed to the block offices by Thursday of this week. These will consist of Tags, window stickers, posters, etc. Payment of \$1.00 will be considered a donation. 50¢ and up will entitle a person to a lapel tag and sticker and lapel tags only will be given for any donation under 50¢. The collected sum will be deposited with the Community Services. Deadline for turning in the money has been set as Wednesday morning, March 17th. To simplify the work of the managers, a typewritten instruction will be sent out with the paraphernalia. Nurses' Aide classes have been started under the supervision of Mrs. Evans, Head Nurse for the Project Hospital. The Handi-craft class will be handled by the Jr. Red Cross and Mr. Pomeroy has been approached and he has promised to assist in this project. First Aid Classes will be started as soon as possible as many people have shown a interest. Mr. Sumida was asked what method was the best way of collecting to which he answered that this was up to the blocks but he thought that best results would be obtained by canvassing each apartment.

HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

October 14, 1942

The Joint Session of Block Chairmen
and Block Administrative Officers
Heart Mountain Relocation Center
Heart Mountain, Wyoming

Gentlemen:

I have the letter of October 10, 1942 of your joint committee, recommending the method of selecting an Organization Commission to formulate a plan of self-government for the Heart Mountain Relocation Center.

It is proposed that the Organization Commission shall consist of thirteen members to be selected as follows:

1. Three members from the Block Chairmen.
2. Three members from the Block Administrative Officers.
3. Six members to be selected by a committee of twenty made up of two representatives elected from each of the following ten groups of employees at the center---Maintenance, Mess, Warehouse, Internal Security, Hospital, Community Services (including Housing, Employment, Welfare, Education, Recreation, Information, Religion and Post Office), Community Enterprises, Industry (including Agriculture, Ceramics, Lumber, etc.), Outside Labor (consisting of those on temporary leave to help on the harvest work), and Housewives.
4. A member of the Legal Aid group.

I approve the foregoing plan for the selection of the Organization Commission.

I note your request to be advised of any suggestions that I might have in this matter. In my opinion, an effort should be made to inform all the residents of the center about the plan for selecting the Organization Commission. Also, each of the specific groups concerned should make every effort to secure the vote of as many members of the group as possible in selecting their two representatives to the committee of twenty. The committee of twenty, in turn, may desire to get together and discuss the general problems involved in the formation of self-government in order that the members may become acquainted with those of their group best qualified for the job of drafting a plan of government. It is presumed that the six representatives from the committee of twenty will not attempt to represent any particular division on the Organization Committee but, rather, will represent all economic groups in the center.

Also, I am advised that the member of the Legal Aid Division was to be included on the Organization Division for the purpose of assisting in the technical job of drafting the plan of government; and that the Legal Aid member was not to represent any particular group in the center on the commission. It may be desirable, therefore, for the Organization Commission itself to select the member of the Legal Aid Group who will work with it in drafting the plan of government. Presumably, several members of the Legal Aid Group might be requested to assist the Organization Commission in this work without serving as members of the commission.

Mr. Barber and Mr. Housel will be glad to assist the Organization Commission as soon as the members are selected in accordance with the plan outlined. I will be glad to make additional copies of this letter available in case you wish to distribute them among the residents of the center.

Sincerely,

C. E. Rachford
Project Director

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Jerry Housel
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HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PROJECT
HEART MOUNTAIN, WYOMING

MEMORANDUM

October 19, 1942

TO: Mr. C. E. Rachford, Project Director

FROM: Joint Committee, Block Chairmen and Block
Administrative Officers

SUBJECT: Report to your acceptance letter of Oct. 14,
1942, to our recommendation letter addressed
to Mr. Philip W. Barber, dated Oct. 10, 1942,
in the method of selecting a Charter Drafting
Committee.

In line with our recommendation, and verbal acceptance of same by Mr. Barber, in the above entitled matter, a meeting was held on Oct. 14, 1942, with the above committee's representatives of six and the delegates of ten divisions as outlined in our above stated recommendation.

At this meeting, after discussion of the said subject matter, the delegates felt that they were not properly represented; hence, their proportionate assignment in the Drafting Committee as recommended to you was not satisfactory to them.

Since receiving your above stated acceptance letter, another meeting with the said delegates was held on Oct. 16, 1942. Every detail in the method and procedure of our recommendation to you was gone over with them again, but, they again declined to accept our recommendation by a vote of 8 to 7, and, the meeting therefore, had to be dissolved.

We, the Joint Committee therefore, request leave to withdraw our above stated recommendation. In this connection, through Mr. Barber's suggestion, another joint meeting of the Block Chairmen and Block Administrative Officers will be held on Monday afternoon, Oct. 19, 1942, and, at which time, we trust another recommendation will be presented to you.

Joint Committee, Block
Chairmen and Block
Administrative Officers

Its Chairman

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Heart Mountain, Wyoming
October 10, 1942

TO: Mr. Philip W. Barber,
Chief, Community Service Dept.,
Heart Mountain Relocation Center,
Wyoming.

FROM: Joint Committee, composed of Block Chairmen
and Block Administrative Officers.

SUBJECT: Recommending a method of selecting
a Drafting Committee, of the WRA
proposed and sponsored Charter of
Self-Government for the residents
of this Center.

Dear Mr. Barber:

At a joint meeting of Block Chairmen and Block
Administrative Officials held this afternoon, 1:30
P.M. at 14-25, the following members were appointed
to serve as a Committee on the above entitled subject.

For the Block Chairmen, Messrs: Hayashida, Koide,
Nagamori, Mineta and Ishikawa.

For the Block Administrative Officials, Messrs:
B. Yamamoto, H. Yamamoto, Nishizu, Mitarai and Tomo.

The above named persons having been duly appointed
by their respective body, do hereby as a joint Committee
submit the foregoing for your consideration and approval
as follows, to-wit:

A. That the entire residents of this Center may be as fairly as possible represented, ten divisions or groups were named as follows:

1. Maintenance Division, composed of Electrical, Plumbing, Carpentry, Housing, Trash, and Garbage, and

2. Mess Division, composed of stewards, chefs and all others connected in the mess hall work, and

3. Warehouse Division, composed of all truckmen, warehousemen and coal workers, and

4. Internal Security Division, composed of policemen and firemen, and

5. Hospital Division, composed of doctors, nurses and their aides, and

6. Community Service Division, composed of all employees in the Housing, Employment, and all those who are connected in the Welfare, Education, Recreation, Information, various religious bodies, and Post Office Departments, and

7. Community Enterprise Division, composed of workers in the various stores, and

8. Industry Division, composed of farmers and those now contemplating entering in the ceramic, lumber and cooperative enterprises, and

9. Housewife Division, composed of women interested in the welfare of the Center, and

10. Outside Labor Division, composed of those now out on furlough to help harvest sugar beets, beans, etc., and

That two delegates shall be elected by each of the above named divisions, composed of twenty delegates; and, from this delegation, six persons shall be elected to serve in the drafting committee; and, the remaining fourteen members to act as said division committee's advisors, and

B. That the Block Chairmen shall appoint three members from said group to serve in said committee, and

C. That the Block Administrative Officers shall appoint three members from said group to serve in said committee, and

D. That the Legal Aide Division shall appoint one member from said group to serve in said committee, and

E. That as above outlined, there shall be thirteen members to serve in the said Charter Drafting Committee--

The above going, with the exception of a slight change as to the number of representation to the Charter Drafting Committee, was verbally outlined to you on this date; and, the same, after said change was unanimously accepted by the members of Block Chairmen and Block Administrative Officials on Oct. 12, 1942.

Since the joint approval of the above recommendation, the above committee members have contacted the several above mentioned divisions or groups; and their delegates are to meet at 22-25 on October 14, 1942, at 1:30 p.m.

The above is in line with our verbal conversation and we trust the entire procedure will meet with your approval.

Should there be any modifications or suggestions in the matter, please advise the undersigned before the above mentioned delegates meet tomorrow.

Very sincerely yours,

Joint Committee, Block Chairmen
and Block Administrative Officers

By R. O. Hayashida
Committee Chairman

Approved Oct 14, 1942
C. E. Rachford

Steps that have been taken by the community and the Administration in working out membership in the commission to draft the Charter of the city government of Heart Mountain.

Block Chairmen and Administrative officers were advised by me that they meet in joint session and submit recommendations as to the membership of the drafting commission. Representatives of each group worked out a general plan which was submitted to Mr. Housel and myself late Saturday afternoon, October 10. In essence this plan provided for the selection of 4 Block chairmen selected by them from their number, 4 Administrative Officers selected by them from their number, and 4 members of the community at large, selected from the panel of 20 persons chosen by 10 different work activity groups. This was approved in principle by Mr. Housel and myself.

On Tuesday October 13 this plan was re-submitted with some alterations after submitting in writing. (See Exhibit A) I was verbally assured by the representatives of the Block Administrative Officers and the Block Chairmen that they were proceeding with the processes of selection through elections of the representatives of the work groups. This plan (Exhibit A) was taken by Mr. Housel to Mr. Rachford and his approval was secured.