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SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

The meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board was called to order at 9:10 a.m. at the Unit I Conference Room by Temporary Chairman, Mr. Thomas Masuda, on August 16, 1943. He said at this time that as far as this Board is concerned, it will not do the actual work but merely to advise the Administration group, and to give suggestion or recommendations that it may have. He said that the Advisory Board is representing the residents of Poston.

Mrs Kawahara brought up the question of how the administration was questioning the people and when they are to be notified when they are to leave. Mr. Imahara said that these people will be notified sometime today. It was said that the Social Welfare is giving a hearing to those who have answered negative to the 28th question.

Mr. Burge said that in general the hearing was getting along smoothly without any unfavorable action from the people, which shows that they all understand this hearing clearly. He said that here are two groups of people who will be segregated to Tule Lake: (1) Those who have expatriated or repatriated and (2) those who answered "no" to the 28th question and who still maintain their loyalty to Japan. He said that the question that comes up in the first group is the status in the family as there are, in some cases, where the mother and the father repatriated, and the sons and daughters over the age of 20 that do not wish to do so. These families will have consultation with the Social Welfare group. He also said that there are two other questions that are still undecided in regards to the first group--(a) the status of those who applied for repatriation thru the Spanish Consul where there is no record either here in Poston or in Washington, D. C.; (b) and the people who have applied for repatriation since July 15. If these people can present enough evidence that they have tried to repatriate before this date, they may be considered of going to Tule Lake. Mr. Burge said that the repatriates number from 550 to 600 people including the family.

The second group involve the question of loyalty. The instructions say that all those who have answered "no", refused to answer, or answered neutral are to be interviewed by the Board of Review for Segregation, and a recommendation is to be made by the Board to the Project Director, and the Project Director decides who is to go to Tule Lake. He stated that if the Director desires any further questioning about a particular person, he will be held over to the third group. Further hearing for qualified answers and those who have changed the answer since the date of registration prior to July 15 will be held. Mr. Burge said that the Administration had no official approval of any mechanism of changing the answers for question 28; so at the present time they are not accepting any application for changes until further instructions are received.

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Mr. Burge continued saying that the administration is now in the process of giving hearing to the family that answered "no" and meant "no" to determine who in that family will go to Tule Lake. He said that there is one exception to the repatriation and to the "no" list--any family that has applied for Crystal City are not to go to Tule Lake. Mr. Burge declared that he was not positive whether these people will be able to go to Crystal City.

Mr. Burge said that withdrawal of repatriation should have been done before July 1. He said that anyone who had repatriated had several opportunity to withdraw. However, he said that if those who have not withdrawn prior to that date can present enough evidence that they had attempted to withdraw prior to July 1, their application will be considered.

Mr. Burge said that about one-third of the people who had answered "no" have requested their desire to change. These people will be given a very full hearing.

One of the members asked whether the in-laws would be considered as a member of the immediate family, and he said that he did not think so. He said going to Tule Lake is not just like going to another relocation center so the people should consider the future of their children.

Mr. Burge continued to outline what the Administration is doing in regard to this segregation. He said that from this group the administration is compiling a list of all those people who are leaving for Tule Lake from Poston, and he believes that this list will be completed this week. This list will be compiled by blocks so that the Administration will know how many from each block is going. Mr. Burge said that everything in regards to segregation will be done on block basis, such as movement of property, transportation, cars, etc, so the Block Managers and the Block Councilmen will aid in this work. He said in general, the adults will be allowed to take 150 pounds of baggage and the children about 75 pounds. He said that in this 150 pounds there should be enough for 60 days, since the other property will be sent after the people have been assigned to their quarters and ready to receive them. These properties will be sent free of charge to the evacuees and it may include only household goods and some furnitures that the people had manufactured here in Poston, but is not to include any decorative articles such as polished ironwood.

Mr. Burge stressed the point that since everything is done on block basis, the people of one block will not be allowed to go with another; and all housing will be frozen for these people--that is, they will not be allowed to move from one block to another here in Poston.

The Question about the lumber was brought up, and Mr. Burge said that it was one of the details that he could not answer at the

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present time since the administration had not yet decided how the property of these people will be crated--whether the administration will do the crating or the individuals themselves. However, he said that as soon as these small details are completed the Administration would like to present it to the Board for discussion.

A question was asked whether the parolee were required to go to Tule Lake, and Mr. Burge said that they are not and that they are also eligible for leave clearance.

Depending on how many cars are available, Mr. Burge said that there are approximately 400 leaving from Poston to Tule Lake, but he said that no set date as to their leaving is not definite.

One of the members of the Board asked whether the people from Tule Lake will be allowed to come to Poston, Mr. Burge said that they must first go out to another center and then transfer to Poston because of two reasons: (1) the difficulty of Japanese coming into the military zone, and (2) it is the policy of the WRA to relocate these people; so they want them to go to centers where opportunities for outside employment is near at hand. He definitely denied the fact that these people are not allowed to come to Poston directly because the Government is planning to close this center.

One of the members of the Board said that some people hesitate to change their negative answer to the question 28 to affirmative because they are afraid that they might be forced to relocate or join the armed force. Mr. Burge said that no one is forced to relocate if he does not desire to do so, but in regards to the Armed Force the Administrative group has no power. He stated that all those eligible for the Armed force are classed as any other United States Citizen. He also said that he did not know how the selective service will affect those who are going to Tule Lake as they, too, are legally American Citizens and eligible for the Armed Force.

Mr. Burge said that the pamphlets on Segregation both in English and Japanese will be distributed to each apartment in the three units.

The matter about the Information Bureau was brought up, and it was asked whether this Bureau should be set up in each Unit or in each block since everything is done on block basis. The members thought it was not necessary to set up an Information Bureau and have a secretary, so it was decided that the Advisory Board give the correct information to the Block Managers and the Block Managers in turn give it to the residents of their block. It was stressed again by the Chairman that the Advisory Board was to only advise the Administration and not to go into individual problem.

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At this time the Chairman said that a permanent chairman should be appointed and establish headquarters. Mr. Masuda was unanimously elected as the permanent Chairman and Mr. Yahiro as the Vice-Chairman. As Mr. Masuda is not an original member of the Board, he is to be recommended for appointment by Mr. Burge. It was also decided that a weekly meeting will be held every Wednesday morning at 9:00, but if anything special comes up and the Administration wants the Board to discuss it, a special meeting will be held.

Since there was no other discussion the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

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Meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board held on Thursday, September 2, 1943, at Conference Room, 9:00 a.m. was called to order by Chairman Tom Masuda.

Roll Call: All members present with the exception of the absence of Messrs. Fukuda and Kitaji of Unit II.

Report from Mr. Morris Burge, Director of Segregation:

A. Train schedules given as of October 3, 5, and 14 taking residents to Tule Lake have been changed to as follows:

October 4 - Total evacuees -- 467
Camp III (all) -- 101
Camp II -- 366
(Blocks included - 229, 207, 208
220, 221, 222, 226, 227)

October 5 - Total evacuees -- 488
Camp II (remainder 338
Camp I -- 150
(Blocks included - 2, 3, 4, 13,
14, 15, 16, 17)

October 7 - Total evacuees -- 437
Remaining people in Camp I

B. Workers will be hired to crate the household goods to be shipped by freight two or three days previous to departure. Mr. Smith or a member of his office will consult each person leaving for Tule Lake in regard to baggage and property. Baggage allowed will be:

One fare-----150 pounds

One-half fare----- 75 pounds

Other baggage may be sent by express when costs are to be assumed by the individual himself.

Notices have already been received by the Block Managers as to survey to be made of the amount of baggage and household goods to be taken by those going to Tule Lake.

Administrative Instruction No. 100 Supplement I, Section III: Section III-A-3 (c) of Administrative Instruction No. 100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(c) "Persons who have requested repatriation or expatriation and have retracted their request prior to July 1, 1943, and persons who have requested repatriation or expatriation subsequent to July 1, 1943."

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Such persons who come under this heading will be placed in Group 3, where a hearing will be held. It is not certain whether such persons will definitely go to Tule Lake, but depends upon the outcome of the hearing.

COOLERS

On the recommendation made by the Segregation Advisory Board that the War Relocation Authority purchase coolers of the segregants, report was made by Mr. Masuda that the WRA could not do so. Mr. Kato, General Manager of the Community Enterprises, was consulted in the absence of Mr. Belt, who expressed willingness to make attempts to assist on the matter of disposing of coolers of the segregants.

Recommendation was presented that a central clearing house be set up where coolers and other articles may be listed for disposal as well as applications of purchasers may be made there. Transactions can then be handled by the individuals.

This matter is to be taken up with Mr. Morris Burge and with the Community Enterprise.

A telegram was received from another relocation center several days ago pertaining to male citizens who have been in Japan, and who have been instructed as to be placed on the "stop list" during the period of segregation. Since it is not clear as to whom such may apply to and the conditions placing of such individuals on the "stop list", no official statement has been issued. A telegram has been sent to Washington, D. C. requesting further clarification. The implication seems to be that instructions will not apply to aliens or to women, but only to male citizens.

It is hoped that reply to the telegram sent will be received here in Poston within a few days and next meeting received at the latest.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

- I. What procedure will be taken in packaging of household goods and other effects? Would the blocks be required to supply the workers?

Ans.: Crating crews will go around to the various blocks and crate the baggage of the persons going to Tule Lake about two or three days before departure. Although it is not definite as to the number or size of the boxes to be allowed to each family, according to Mr. C. Popkins,

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the crate will measure 2' x 2' x 3' in size and one to be allowed to each family. Lumber and necessary materials will be brought by the crating crews to crate up the larger pieces of furnitures and effects.

Mr. Burge is to be consulted upon for final release on the above matter.

- II. Are there any instructions pertaining to individuals who wish to take own boxes?

Ans: The purpose of having crates supplied was to have packing done in orderly manner. There probably will be no objections just as long as strong boxes are used, but the matter will be checked upon.

- III. Carrying baggage will be limited to 150 pounds per fare, but is there any limitations on the baggage that could be taken with the individual into the cars?

Ans: The hope is that baggage to be taken by the person into the car will be limited to only necessary clothing. However, there will be complete information issued on Monday, September 6, 1943.

- IV. According to regulations, infants less than four years of age will not be allowed any baggage whatsoever. Is it possible to get an allowance of 75 pounds for such infants due to the fact that infants in reality need quite a bit of baggage?

Ans: The regulations are based on the American Association of Railroads. Since the railroads do not receive any fare on these infants, they are not allowed to take any baggage. Every attempt will be made to have such allowances made.

- V. When are the baggages to be inspected?

Ans: It is most likely that inspection will take place when the baggages are being crated. Since this matter is not definite, it will be checked upon.

- VI. Is there any definite information regarding regulations of Pullman cars, and whether they are going to be furnished?

Ans.: Pullman cars will be furnished for those whose health is such that medical certificates warrants it or for other reasons which shows such special accommodations are needed. Arrangements will be made for specific persons only.

- VII. Have notices been given to the individuals themselves who are to leave for Tule Lake?

Ans.: At the present time, lists have been submitted to the Block Managers' offices, but not to the individuals themselves as yet. The lists are being checked periodically and not as yet complete.

VIII What is the purpose of the Joint Board and what are its functions?

Ans.: The Joint Board was primarily set up to act upon clearances to the Eastern Defense Command, and also to clear individuals going into various war industries as employees. Since the military department has interest in the board, their authority has been enlarged to a certain extent

Members on the board consist of:

Representatives of the Provot Marshal from
the Attorney General's Office
Representatives of the Naval Intelligence
Representatives of the Department of Justice
Representatives of the War Relocation
Authority

IX. When will the hearings of those in Group 3 be conducted. Is it possible that some of those in Group 3 be able to go with those leaving the first week in October?

Ans.: Indication of when such hearings will be held comes from Attorney Theodore Haas, Chairman of the Hearing Board. It is definite that individuals in Group 3 will not be among those to be sent to Tule Lake in October of the first week.

Recommendation was made by the Segregation Advisory Board that hearings of individual in Group 3 be conducted as soon as possible.

X. In the case where family have applied for repatriation, but has made arrangements to go to Crystal City, need such family go to Tule Lake?

Ans.: Those who have applied and are scheduled to go to Crystal City internment camp need not plan upon going to Tule Lake.

XI. In the case of family planning to go to Tule Lake who has a some out on seasonal work. The son plans to join the family at Tule Lake upon completion of his leave and work. Since the son has answered "yes" to question No. 28, would he be permitted to leave Tule Lake for relocation once he has gone to Tule Lake?

Ans.: If the son goes to Tule Lake, his privilege of relocation from Tule Lake is not possible. The fact that

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he has answered "yes" to Question No. 28 and had been previously granted leave prior to his going to Tule Lake does not mean that he will be cleared from this center when he desires.

- XIII Individuals who reside in Tule Lake during the war, but at its termination decide to remain in this country, would their having been in Tule Lake permit them to reside in this country or would that fact handicap them?

Ans.: It will depend upon many things and nothing could be definitely said on this question.

Mr. Markley, Reports Officer:

The reason that application for repatriation was discontinued for a short period was not the desire on the part of the War Relocation Authority to interrupt those wishing to make repatriation applications, but due to the inability of the office staff handling them because of the work piling up.

For those making applications for repatriation, I wish them to consider the matter seriously. Applications should not be made just for the reason that friends or family are going to Tule Lake, but after due consideration had been given on the matter.

Also wish to point out that Tule Lake is to be operated different from other relocation centers. There will be an Appeal Board there to review cases in which there are reasons to believe that some error had been made in judgment at the hearing in the relocations centers. It is not going to be a board to clear those who wish to leave Tule Lake when they desire.

Announcement was made that the next meeting of the Segregation Board will be held on Wednesday, September 8, 1943, 9:00 a.m. At the City Conference Room.

Meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Masuda at 10:45 a.m.

M I N U T E S

SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

Poston, Arizona

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The regular weekly meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board held on Wednesday, September 8, 1943, was called to order by Chairman Thomas Masuda. Roll Call was taken and all but the following Unit II members were present:

Mr. Manabu Fukuda
Mr. George Nagano

Guests: Mr. Drennen, Assistant to Mr. Burge on Segregation Program
Mr. T. Haas, Project Attorney.

Report by Mr. Drennen:

"Mr. Popkins has a contract to make 400 crates, each 2 x 2 x 3 feet. Crates will not be sealed until after inspection. One crate is allowed to a family or on a basis of need--I do not know. On September 15, the crating crew (10 of them) will get to work with ten trucks and pick up luggages for storage in Poston to be shipped by freight to Tule Lake at a later date. Each crew is assigned a truck and driver, and will consist of four evacuee carpenters and a foreman from the appointed personnel. The list of those going to Tule Lake will be furnished to Mr. Haverland, Chief of Transportation. I hope to have this list completed by the end of this week. This will be the final list but will be subject to change by late wire from Washington or by the order of Dr. Pressman in case of illness.

Crating will start in order of blocks and train number from 8 a.m. on September 15, with members of Evacuee Property and Project Property Divisions in attendance. The Project Property office will inspect project property and the Evacuee Property will list the number of crates on Government Form 156. Tags, strings, and paint will be furnished by the crating crew and each piece will be marked with the family name, family number, and the number of that piece. This will be done by the evacuee with the help of crews. As soon as the crating is finished Mr. Haverland will be notified and will then be picked up for storage. The camouflage building has been suggested as the storage warehouse but is not definite.

Families are now being interviewed by the Evacuee Property Office in regards to checkable baggages. During the course of this interview, they will be informed as to the amount each could take. If they feel that there are some necessities which would be too late if sent by freight, the evacuee should take steps to send the articles to Tule Lake at their own expense before leaving Poston. Adults are allowed 150 pounds and children, ages 4 through 11, are permitted half-fare of 75 pounds. The recommendation from this (Segregation Advisory) Board that infants under four years of age be allowed half-fare is impossible.

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On September 30, (this date is tentative) baggage tags will be distributed to family heads of segregants through Block Managers, who had previously estimated the required amount in his respective block. The crews, equipped with paint and scale, will weight and list the number of baggages. All unused tags will be picked up as they must be all accounted for and because every piece of tag has been numbered and charged against that certain block. The evacuee Property Division will arrange for unaccounted baggage, in which cases, Form 156 will be filled out.

Following is the tentative train schedule:

Train Number 31 will leave October 4, 1943---baggage will be picked up on October 2 from 8 a.m.

Train Number 32 will leave October 5, 1943---baggage will be picked up on Sunday, October 3, from 8 a.m.

Train Number 33 will leave October 7, 1943---baggage will be picked up on Tuesday, October 5, from 8 a.m.

(dates are tentative and may be changed by Mr. Haverland in case packing is not completed or by order of Army)

In regards to hand luggage which the people will take onto the train, I don't think any restrictions will be placed upon them. The evacuees should know just what to take, and it will be left to their discretion.

This Board has submitted the following question: "Will it be possible to work out some system whereby the segregants can list for sale, coolers and other property so that prospective purchasers may be put into contact with the seller directly?" I cannot answer that. It should be taken up with Mr. Schmitt.

Mr. Haas: "May be a list of coolers for same may be posted on Mess Hall bulletins so that buyers may be able to see what kinds are for sale."

Mr. Drennen: "The WRA could list coolers for sale, but is that possible from the legal standpoint?"

Mr. Haas: "The Community Enterprises may be able to sell them. I don't think the other plan is feasible. I doubt whether the Government could purchase them. The Community Enterprises has a monopoly of selling merchandise directly to the general public at the centers."

Mr. Masuda: "The Consumer Enterprises has been approached and they cannot buy coolers. They are not in a position to guard motors in the warehouse, and there is a possibility of motors being stolen. But they will be glad to act as a clearing house and will list the articles and place them in contact with prospective purchasers. One method would be to turn it over to Community Enterprises and place them in touch with the seller and prospective buyer. The other is to ask the Community Council, or one or two people especially employed, to register the segregants' coolers which are on sale and then go around looking for buyers and put the seller and buyer into contact with each other. The method of buying outright and then reselling is

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impossible. The clearing house is the most feasible plan. The Segregation Advisory Board recommends the Community Council as an official clearing house and then placing someone on the payroll. Mr. Burge has definitely stated that the WRA cannot purchase coolers."

Mr. Drennen: "Materials now being used may be used for crating purposes. Even if you do your own crating, it will still be subject to inspection."

Question: "What will segregants be officially notified of their departure?"

Answer: "They have already been notified. We are now in the process of sending out the second letter, informing them of the train and car numbers. At this moment, it is official that all of our arrangements is subject to change by the order of Army. The second notice will be out on Friday. The first notices have gone out by now, but we may have missed out on some names. I want to stress that everything is tentatively set and may be changed by the Army."

Mr. Drennen continued with the train classification. Pullman occupants will be those who by nature of health require such a car and those recommended by Dr. Pressman. Family members of those riding on Pullman will be put in immediate cars behind the Pullman. This is because Army may limit traveling from car to car and to avoid confusion when some member of a family may wish to care for Pullman passenger. There will be one Pullman and eight additional coaches for each train, and blocks will be assigned by Pullman.

Question: "What will happen to those who are too sick to leave?"

Answer: "Dr. Pressman has full authority on that, and if he states that anyone is too ill to go, he does not have to leave. He will be held until he recovers and will be sent at a later date."

Question: "In my block there is one person who expected to be sent to Tule and had made plans, but as yet, he has not received official notice."

Answer: "As I said before, his name may have been accidentally omitted from the first list, so I suggest he wait for the second notice. If after that date, he still has not received any notice, I shall be glad to talk with him."

Question: "Has the instructions and notifications on when to crate and when baggages will be picked up been sent out to Block Managers?"

Answer: "No, because the report I am giving today is the result of a meeting held two days ago. As soon as the final plans are made, they will sent out. According to our present schedule, the truck crews are planning to start on September 15. I think the Block Managers will have the information before that date. All freight and baggage information."

Question: "In regards to baggage to be brought onto train, I think it would be easier if a limit is made. For instance, like one big suitcase, or 3 small suitcases."

Answer: "We could, as an alternative, make suggestions instead of limitation."

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Question: "How many people will be removed from Tule Lake and how many will be sent to Tule Lake from other centers?"

Answer: "I cannot answer that. I doubt whether anyone has the exact figures."

Question: "Will there be continuation of segregation after movement to Tule Lake?"

Answer: "There will be no more stop list, but the hearings will be continued."

Question: "I have heard from reliable sources that the hour of leaving has been changed from the afternoon to three in the morning? Is that true?"

Answer: "No. The Army has set the time as 5 P.M., but is subject to change. They will leave 3 p.m. from Parker."

Question: "There is a boy who changed his answer from "no" to "yes." He was called to the office and asked whether he would join the United States Army. The boy answered "no", and they stated that the matter would be referred to Washington. He was informed that if he heard from Washington, he would have to go to Tule Lake, but if he did not receive any notice, he would not have to go. So far, he has not heard anything, and is quite anxious."

Answer: "I suggest that each Block Manager contact each segreant and inquire if he has received notice. All who changed their answers will be given a rehearing at a later date." (refer to later discussion)

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Project Attorney Haas was called upon to give a report on Leave Clearance proceedings.

Mr. Haas: "Pursuant to Administrative Instruction #22, and the first Handbook Release #1, Mr. Head appointed a committee of five as a Hearing Board on Leave Clearance. The investigation for Leave Clearance in doubtful cases is conducted by the Project Director or one or more members of the Board whom he appoints. The details of the Board's work are set forth under subdivision 60.10. Pursuant to this section, Mr. Head appointed the maximum number of members of his staff to this Board. The Board is composed of Associate Project Director Ralph Gelvin, Chief of Employment Giles Zimmerman, *Chief of Internal Security Ernest Miller but who will be unable to participate as he is leaving to become an Officer in the Navy, the Unit Administrators, each administrator taking care of his unit residents; and myself. An Executive Secretary has been appointed to be in charge of the Administration of the Board's work. Prior to the Denver meeting, the Board had received two cases from Washington. Those two cases had been heard and a recommendation was made from the Board to the Project Director. The Project Director has sent his recommendation on the second case will be sent in shortly. A few other cases has been subsequently heard by the Board and a recommendation transmitted to Mr. Head.

I will attempt to discuss the type of cases which the board hears, the procedure to be followed by the Board, and then finally take up the question of when the cases will be heard and when persons who had been heard will receive a notice of the decision from the WRA Director in Washington. As Mr. Drennen

*Mr. Ralph Drennen of the Employment Division was appointed on September 10 to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Miller's resignation.

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mentioned, eventually, at the close of the Segregation Program, every person in the Relocation centers, other than Tule Lake which will be no longer called a Relocation Center but as Tule Lake Center, will be eligible for Leave Clearance if he or she wished to leave on Indefinite Leave from the Project. The mass movement to Tule Lake from Poston is expected to be completed in the early part of October, subject to change from the Army. There will be a series of movements in smaller groups which will be composed of those person whom the Director in Washington has decided should not receive Leave Clearances even if the person desires to Leave.

Unless granted leave clearance by Director Myer, the Project Director cannot authorize leave clearance for person who do not meet the following tests:

1. He applied for leave clearance either on DSS Form 304A and Form WRA-126a, or on Form WRA-126, Revised, during the special military registration in February and March 1943, if he was 17 years old at that time; or if he was not then 17 years old and has since reached that age, he has subsequently applied for leave clearance on Form WRA-126, Revised.

2. His initial answer to Question 28 on DSS Form 304A or Form WRA-126, Revised, was an unqualified affirmative; an answer that has been changed shall not be regarded as an initial answer, even though the change was made during the registration;

3. He has never applied for repatriation or expatriation;

4. He is not a Shinto priest;

5. If he is a male citizen of the United States who has returned from Japan to the United States after January 1, 1935, he has not lived in Japan for ten years or more after the age of six, has not received all or most of his formal education in Japan, and has received no formal education in Japan after the age of fifteen.

6. His application for leave clearance has not been denied, suspended, or returned for further investigation in accordance with the provisions of Section 60.10, and

7. The Project Director believes, upon the basis of investigation at the project, the application for leave clearance, and all other pertinent information, that there is no reasonable ground to believe the issuance of indefinite leave would interfere with the war program or otherwise endanger the public peace and security.

The Director will send the files of doubtful cases to the Project Director, who will refer the cases to the Board on Leave Clearances for its recommendation. The Board's recommendation will be based upon whether the applicant going out on indefinite leave will not interfere with the war program or otherwise endanger the public peace and security. If Mr. Myer determines that a person is disloyal to the present procedure, unless a clerical error has been made, such as when an answer "yes" has been miss-typed to "no", two members of the Board will hear each case. In doubtful cases, the whole board will hear the case and make recommendations to the Project Director.

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After the Unit Administrators have received the Project Files, and confidential files sent by Washington, they will schedule hearings. However, unlike the Segregation Review Board Hearings, these hearings will be exhaustive because Washington has asked for a full report of each hearing. But the individual should not feel nervous. The hearings will be informal--the conversational method will be used. We will attempt to get the true feelings as to the person's loyalty to the United States. The Policy of the Board is to hear these cases as soon as possible. The Administrators intend to have them set for a hearing as speedily as possible.

I don't know when the Director of WRA will decide the cases. He will receive cases from all Projects and it will probably take a long time to decide them all.

Applicants are requested to bring in all letters, documents, etc., so they will be prepared to show their feelings toward the United States. Those who indicate a desire to change their answer at the hearing of the Segregation Board have the burden of proving to the Board that they are loyal.

Question: "Will even one month's visit to Japan after January 1, 1935, be considered for rehearing?"

Answer: "Yes."

Question: "The instructions do not apply to those who returned prior to 1935, do they?"

Answer: "No, it does not apply."

Question: "Are there going to be evacuee observers at Leave Clearance hearings?"

Answer: "No, it does not apply."

Question: "Are there going to be evacuee observers at Leave Clearance hearings?"

Answer: "No. I believe the individuals would prefer not to have listeners, and I think there should not be any because facts may be adduced which the person interviewed may desire kept confidential."

Those in the following six categories will be called for rehearings:

1. Answered "no" to question 28 and have changed.
2. Retracted application for repatriation or expatriation after July 1, 1943.
3. Persons who have had adverse reports by the Federal Bureau of Investigation or other agencies.
4. Cases where Joint Provost Marshall feels that person should not leave.
5. The Kibei who fall in the classification No. 5, contained in Handbook Release No. 2, mentioned in page 5 of these minutes.
6. Persons whose files have been returned.

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Question: "Will Kibels be subject to segregation?"

Answer: "If the Director hold them ineligible for leave clearance, they will be segregated just like any other person who is so found by Director Myer."

Mr. Haas and Mr. Drennen excused themselves at this point.

Vice Chairman J. Ya iro then took over the meeting as Chairman Masuda had business elsewhere.

Discussion and suggestions were offered as to the best method of disposing of the segregants' coolers.

1. For the benefit of residents, and for convenience sake, the Community Council and the Community Enterprises should act as a clearing house as individual workers are too difficult. (These two methods had been suggested by Mr. Masuda)
2. It is too hard for the Community Council to undertake. It is more practicable for Community Enterprise to handle.
3. Advertising by individuals is good.
4. Because of the indefiniteness of the operation of Poston, residents were dubious of purchasing coolers at present. (In spite of numerous assurances from the project Director that Poston will continue its operation, rumors and beliefs that center is going to be closed is still going around)
5. The risk should be taken by the person leaving in this case, as there is no fee attached.
6. Topaz and Granada centers are in need of small fans as it becomes quite hot during the summer and we may be able to dispose of small coolers in those centers.
7. Coolers belonging to those leaving center on indefinite leaves should be accepted by the clearing house.

It was unanimously agreed that coolers and other property of segregants which they wish to sell, as well as those belonging to others leaving center, should be taken care of by a clearing house established by the Community Council or the Community Enterprise. It was decided to refer the matter to the Community Council and recommend the establishment of a clearing house.

A brief discussion on the matter of hand luggages washeld. It was the opinion of few of the members that a limit should be placed on the amount a segregee could take onto the train as some are apt to take advantage and take more than others who are hesitant. It was decided that the Board remain in the background as mere advisors and leave this hand luggage question to the Evacuee Property Office as they are the ones handing out information.

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According to one member, he has heard that a truck is to transport all hand luggages to the train and will not be included on the same bus as the segregants. Mr. Yahiro was asked to inquire on the authenticity of this report.

The Chairman announced that the regular weekly meeting will be held next Wednesday morning from 9 A.M. in the same Conference Room.

Meeting was adjourned by Acting Chairman J. Yahiro at 11:15 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

secretary

M I N U T E S

SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 8, 1943
Conference Room
9:00 A. M.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Masuda. Roll Call.
Meeting was turned over to Mr. Yahiro.

Mr. Drennen, Segregation Office, gave a report on Crating of Household Effects and Checkable Baggage on Train, which was discussed at a meeting held on September 6, attended by Mr. Haverland, Mr. Popkin, Mr. Anderson, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Drennen, Mr. Schmitt, and Mr. Burge.

CRATING OF HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS, ETC.: 400 crates will be manufactured by the Construction Department, 2x2x3ft. To be ready not later than September 15. Crates will be distributed one to a family or on the basis of need. Will be used for the packing of small miscellaneous articles which would be difficult to handle in any other way. Will not be sealed until after inspection by the Property Department.

On September 15, 10 trucks with crating crews will start work crating of furniture and other household effects to be stored in Poston and later shipped by freight to Tule Lake. The crew will be assigned a truck and a driver by the Transportation Department, and will consist of 4 carpenters, and a foreman. The foreman if possible will be a member of the appointed personnel staff. Lists will be furnished to Mr. Haverland by the Segregation Office of the blocks, and the number of males and single females and families in each block in order in which the trains will be made up. This list will start with Train #31, Car A, and follow in order. The crating crew will start working in this order Poston III at 8 a.m. on September 15. There will be members of the Project Property Division and Evacuee Property Staff working with the crews. The Project Property Division will inspect the household effects for any project property, and the Evacuee Property Staff will list the number of crates under each family head on Form 156. Tags, string and paint will be furnished by the crating crews and each piece will be marked with the name and family number of the head of the family. As soon as the crating is finished for the block the block managers will report this to Mr. Haverland who will make arrangements to pick up the freight and store it preparatory to shipment. The Block Managers will be responsible for recruiting the necessary help for loading this freight on the trucks, especially those who are being segregated.

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CHECKABLE BAGGAGE ON THE TRAIN: Each family is being interviewed by the Evacuee Property Department for checkable baggage. During this interview they were informed of the amount of baggage that they were allowed to take, and if they anticipated needing more than this amount on their arrival to Tule Lake they should take steps to ship the additional amount at their own expense before leaving. On September 30th baggage tags will be distributed to the family heads of the segregants through the Block Managers who will previously have estimated how many he required for each family. Segregants will be advised to label baggage with their family name and number and number of pieces or where possible mark this in paint. The crews will pick up any unused tags which will be checked against the list furnished Block Managers. Where no provisions have been made for excess baggage, the Evacuee Property Department will have representatives working with these crews to arrange to handle these baggages either as freight or as express at the expense of the evacuee, in either case Form 156 will have to be filled out.

The tentative schedule for pick up of checkable baggages is as follows: Train # 31, Saturday morning, October 2, 8 a.m. Train #32, Sunday morning, October 3, 8 a.m.; Train #33, Wednesday morning October 6, 8 a.m. It will be impossible for children under 4 years of age to have 75 lbs. of baggage.

(All schedules and arrangements are subject to change by order of Army at last minute).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

1. Will there be any restrictions of any baggage on the train?
Ans: People must remember that the baggage must go on the racks or on the floor near their seat. Pack compact and not too bulky.
2. Family Number?
Ans: The family number to be used is the same as the number registered under when they came to camp.
3. Will it be possible to work out some system whereby the segregants can list for sale, coolers, and other property so that prospective purchasers may be put into contact with the seller directly?
Ans: (Suggestion) Block managers supervisors could receive information for anyone who has for sale coolers in one place and other articles in another. Lists could be placed on the bulletin boards by all Block Managers. Or announcements could be made in Mess Halls for anyone who is interested. Also suggested that the WRA as agents buy the coolers for possible sale to the evacuees. Possibly the community enterprise might be approached.

The Community Enterprise was approached, and the Enterprise cannot buy coolers. They feel it is too great a risk, as they are not able to guard the warehouses, or storage places, and there is a possibility that many may be stolen. They will act, however, as a clearing house, and do what they can to dispose of them. One way is to get the prospective seller in contact with the prospective buyer. It is suggested that the Community Council or the Segregation Committee have one or two people so that the people going to Tule Lake can register what they want to sell and these people go around and try to dispose what articles the people have. The idea of actually buying out and reselling is impossible. It is suggested that the Community Council act as a place for registration. The question of the WRA buying coolers is out. The committee will discuss this subject after the former part of the meeting is over.

4. How and when will baggage and freight be inspected?

Ans: At the time of crating.

5. Can the individual furnish their own crates?

Ans: There is no reason why they can't furnish their own crates. The arrangement for making crates for the people is to furnish those who needed them. But they will still be subject to inspection, and tagging, which will be done at the time that the crating crews go around.

6. When are the segregants getting official notice of going to Tule Lake

Ans: Each segregant should have their first official notices. There may have been some that were missed. A second letter is being sent to each segregant tentatively telling them the Train and Car No. that they are to go on, and the time and date. These letters will be out by Friday. All arrangements are subject to change by the Army. The car lists have been made up of two considerations:

1. By nature of health, all recommendations for pullman accommodations are being made by Dr. Pressman, Director of Health.
2. Members of the family of those who are going on the pullman are being put on ~~the~~ immediately behind the pullman, to be available for any help if necessary.

The army has assigned one pullman and 8 additional cars for each trip.

7. In case of a party who is too ill to leave on the last train what is to be done?

Ans: By recommendation of Dr. Pressman the person will be held here until he recovers and will be sent at a later date.

8. What should a person, who is planning to go to Tule Lake, do if he has not received official notice.
Ans: Contact the Block Manager and if not on the list come in to the Segregation Office.
9. Will instructions and notifications on freight and baggage be given to Block Managers.
Ans: The meeting was held only on Monday, and as soon as possible the Block Managers will have the information. They will have the information before the date of freight and baggage crating.
10. Suggestion was made that it may assist if some limitation was put on the luggage.
Is it the recommendation of the Advisory Board?
Suggestion made as to limitation of how many pieces could be taken.
11. Will there be any continuation of segregation after the people have gone to Tule Lake.
Ans: Everybody that should be segregated will go to Tule Lake, and there will be no "stop lists" at the relocation Projects. The thinning process will continue until all are segregated that should be.
12. A person of a certain block answered 'no', and changed his answer to 'yes'. But when asked if he would serve in the Army his answer was 'no'. He was advised that the matter would be sent to Washington, and if no further report is made that he must go to Tule Lake.
Ans: Hearings will be given again for those people in cases of this kind, and if it is still necessary for him to go to Tule Lake, he will be sent with latter group. Anyone not notified to go to Tule Lake will not go. All changes of 'no' to 'yes' will be given further hearings. If allowed to change they will remain here, and leave clearance is not given to them they will be sent to Tule Lake. Each Block Manager should contact each member of his list individually.

Report on LEAVE CLEARANCE by Mr. Haas, Project Attorney.

Mr. Head, pursuant Administration Instruction #22, Release No. 1 July 20, "Issuance of Leave From a Relocation Area" appointed a committee of 5 under the provisions of this Handbook. The details of the boards' work are set forth at the end of this Handbook under subdivision 60.10 pursuant to this section of the Handbook. Mr. Head appointed the maximum number of the members of his staff to the board. The Board consists of Associate Project Director, Ralph Gelvin, Chief of Employment, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Miller, Director of Police (will not be a member of the Board after Sept. 9), Unit Administrators (when a member or applicant for leave clearance resides in the Unit); and Mr. Haas, Chairman. An executive secretary

has recently been appointed who will be in charge of the administration of the Boards work. Prior to the Denver meeting on Segregation the Board had received 20 cases from Washington. Those 2 cases have been heard and a recommendation made by the Board to the Project Director. In one case the Project Director has sent his recommendation to Director Myer, and the other will be sent recommendation shortly. X

Let me take up the types of cases which the Board hears then discuss the procedure of be followed by the Board and finally take up the questions of when cases will be heard and where and when the person who has been heard by the Board will receive a notice of the decision of the Director in Washington in relation to the clearance. Eventually at the close of the Segregation Program every person in the relocation Centers other than Tule Lake will be eligible if he or she wishes to leave on indefinite leave from the Project. The mass movement to Tule Lake is expected to be complete, subject to change by the Army, sometime in the early part of October. Then it will be a series of movements from other centers in small groups comprising of people who by the Director has been decided should not be given a leave clearance.

Cases which the Board will hear:

In general these are types of cases which the Project Director could grant indefinite leave to the individual but the leave must be granted by the WRA. These cases are set forth in a Handbook Release No. 2, 1st Amendment to the Large Handbook. This correction was received at this Project yesterday. "Handbook has been amended to provide that Project Directors are not authorized to grant indefinite leave in advance of leave clearance to United States male citizens who have returned from Japan to the United States since January 1, 1935, if they have lived in Japan for ten years or more after the age of 6 or if they have received all or most of their formal education in Japan after the age of fifteen". In cases which are not in this category Project Directors can give Leave Clearance. The Board's recommendation will be based upon whether he believes the applicants going out on indefinite leave would interfere with the War Program or endanger public peace and security. The present policy of the Board is to hear the applicant with 2 members of the Board, and if there are any doubtful cases, then the 5 members will make a recommendation to the Project Director. The Board must wait for the files from Washington. The Unit Administrators have received the Project files and interviewed the cases. Washington has asked full reports on these cases. The policy of the Board is to hear these cases as soon as possible. WRA established a #1 priority on the hearings of the Segregation group. There have not been any individual hearings except in Poston II. The Board will try to speed up the work. The Project Director desires this to be the priority. All people should bring any documents, letters, etc, to show at the meeting. Advise anybody who falls in these categories to be prepared with documents, letters, etc, when they are called for interview, or hearings.

If anyone is out on seasonal leave or indefinite leave and the case must be interviewed the Relocation Officer will be sent the files and interview the person.

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SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

Poston, Arizona

September 15, 1943

The regular weekly meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board held on Wednesday, September 15, 1943, from 9:15 a.m. was called to order by Chairman Thomas Masuda. Roll call was taken and all but the following were present:

Mr. Manabu Fukuda of Unit II

Guest: Mr. Giles Zimmerman

Mr. Zimmerman presented the following problem to the group:

"The problem in securing adequate labor for the Segregation Program has come up. We have to have 10 men to start tomorrow who can work on some big semi-trailers to pack up the freight in the various units and take it to Parker where it will be stored in No. 3 warehouse and shipped as soon as the trains are ready. We need 10 men for about 10 days. They should be husky men, for the work will be rather heavy. Originally, we had planned to store this material in the warehouse here, but that will not work out well.

The freight crews will start in Unit III today. I believe there are 10 crews that are going to start in the blocks and build the crates and go into the various homes and help people out. If we can have a truck starting tomorrow and pick up the freight in the homes where it will be properly packed, it can be taken immediately to Parker and put in the No. 3 warehouse. We have enough men on the project to do the crating, but we do need 10 men; and there is no reason why people going to Tule Lake can't do the work. So, we are trying to organize them, and in addition to that, we will have a lot of emergency jobs where we'll need 5 men today and 10 tomorrow, etc. Our pay roll runs about 6500 for all three units. We have 14,707 as of last night for the population on the project, but we have trouble getting the right men at the right time. I'm hoping that with your aid we can begin to solve this problem. We have tried it through the unit employment offices, and we don't seem to get results as quickly as we should. I'm a little baffled as to how to get the right men at the right time. One thing that I should like to get across to the segregants is that it is for their interests that we are doing this, and if we can develop a little team spirit we can get a lot of these jobs out of the way. I hope very much that the segregants, when they leave here, will have the satisfaction of knowing that their freight is all packed and ready. The reverse of the picture would be this: If we retain the baggage on the project, tags can be taken off, a lot of mistakes could be made, and you know how difficult it is to get the freight to the consignee three or four weeks after the person has left. I am here this morning to try to get your assistance in solving this problem.

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I do know that we need 10 men tomorrow to start unloading the baggage. 10 days or two weeks should be sufficient to complete the job. This immediate problem was brought to Mr. Nakai of the Labor Relation Board and it may be met. My hope is that by working through the Labor Relation Board and it may be met. My hope is that by working through the Labor Relation Board we shall be able to obtain the workers when we do need them. We are in need of faster action, and at this point all we can use is the art of persuasion.

Another problem we have been working on is getting 15 men to replace the Indian men, who because we have no more funds for casual Labor, we will be forced to release. We have no permanent employees for the Parker warehouse at this time to my knowledge. Six of the fifteen men working now are volunteers from Unit III.

695 of the 1400-some-odd that are going to Tule Lake are now employed and probably will be until September 25. Perhaps we could obtain some workers within the segregant group to aid in this segregation program, as they will have an interest in this. I would like to set up some sort of a structure whereby we could contact people who would be able to aid in recruiting men. I was hoping that we could put it on a voluntary basis. If you think the voluntary method will not work, then our only alternative will be to go to the branch chiefs and have them designate persons to aid. I believe that we have come to the point where we must go on with this even if it will become necessary to draft men into the work. We don't have two or three months to do this work, and as it is coming along, we absolutely must keep up with our time table. If out of 15,000 people we can't find 10, there is something wrong."

Mr. Burge:

"Whatever mechanism is set up, I would like to stress that if we ask for some men today, we need them today. It is something that must be met with immediately. I suggest that we get out a segregation release immediately and point out that we are in the operating end of this program, and that there will be all sorts of work to be done. Division heads will be requesting certain people to do jobs on segregation which are not their regular duties. We may need additional people; so anybody working on the project must expect to be called on at certain times to aid in this program. These people will not be doing extra work but will be doing something besides their ordinary work."

Mr. Yahiro:

"There are certain groups of young men more or less regarded as leaders among the young people. If these men could be asked to assist in recruiting men, I am certain they will be very willing to cooperate. For instance, we have such men as Roy Kakita and Sam Uchida in Unit I who could be called upon."

It was suggested that a list of persons from each unit who will act as contact to obtain such men be submitted to Mr. Zimmerman.

Report by Mr. Burge:

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"Crating is actually starting in Unit III, and they'll move over to Unit II tomorrow morning. After we get through today, we will know a little bit more of our problem and how it is going to work. I don't anticipate very much trouble. As you know crates have been delivered to families and the carpenter shop is making more of those crates to facilitate the packing of baggage and to alleviate the amount of crating to be done when the crews start working in the blocks. At this time, I should give you the final list of blocks and the trains:

1. Train #31 October 4 Leaves Parker at 3 p.m.
All blocks in Poston III and Poston II 207, 208, 214,
221, 222, 226, 227, and 229
2. Train #32 October 5 Leaves Parker at 3 p.m.
Blocks: 209, 211, 213, 215, 216, 219, and 220
Poston I: 2, 3, 4, 13, 14, 15, 16, 27, & 42
3. Train #33 October 7 Leaves Parker at 3 p.m.
Remaining blocks in Poston I

The above is the final and official list subject to change only the order of the Army. As far as possible we have kept groups together; though there will have to be some adjustments in order to equalize the number of passengers in the Pullman cars.

At the present we are unable to give any definite time as to the time of departure from Poston. On the day of departure there will be a medical examination of every person leaving. The medical department will plan to have doctors in the blocks starting early that morning. A schedule will be made which will be released later.

In the next few days we will get out detailed instructions on the handling of checkable baggage and luggage.

A release from Washington saying that the government would take care of the transportation of such; though according to a release from the Field Office the evacuees must pay for the transportation of pets. Since nothing further has come out in regard to that, as far as we know, Washington will pay for the transportation of pets."

At this time Mr. Burge read the EVACUEE TRANSFER OPERATIONS.

A question and answer period followed:

Question: "What will be done about the food for babies on the train? Will it be possible for the segregants to bring canned baby food for the babies?"

Answer: "A special diet will be provided by the Army for the babies on the train."

Question: "What will happen to baggage which the segregants do not want crated up now, and which will not be included in the 150 pounds of baggage allowed per person?"

Answer: "Any packing which the segregants do not want crated now will have to be shipped to Tule at their own expense if not included in the checkable baggage."

Question: "Is there any allowance made for checkable baggage for children under 4 years?"

Answer: "No."

Question: "Will it be possible for the segregants to bring extra food on the train?"

Answer: "No food will be allowed on the train, as the regulations are strictly made by the Army. The noon meal for the segregants, on the day of departure, will be served as close to the hour of departure as possible. The dinner on the train will be served around 4:30 p.m. The food situation on the train will be much better than that experienced by the evacuees during evacuation, for the food will be fixed right on the train."

Question: "There is a girl who is accompanying her parents to Tule Lake. She is planning to get married to a soldier in the near future. Will it be possible for her to leave Tule soon after her arrival there?"

Answer: "If she is on the segregant list bound for Tule Lake, she will first be required to go there and from there apply for a leave clearance and if her request for leave clearance is granted, she must first return to a relocation center before going out."

Question: "Can a sewing machine be included in the checkable baggage?"

Answer: "I would advise the party to check with Mr. Haverland of the Transportation Department to find out whether the sewing machine could be classified as checkable baggage before actually packing it with the idea of bringing it as such."

Question: "If a Kibei who falls under the group listed in the new instruction issued recently is outside, will he be required to return to the relocation center for a hearing?"

Answer: "Cases such as this will be handled through the relocation supervisor of the district in which the person in question is working."

Question: "Will Kibeis remaining on the project after October 7 be given a hearing?"

Answer: "Yes, by the Leave Clearance Board."

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The following is the list of men from each unit selected to serve as contact in recruiting men to aid in the segregation program:

Unit I -----	Mr. T. Matsumoto
	Mr. M. Nishijima
	Mr. Yahiro
" II -----	Mr. Uyeno

Unit II -----Mr. Imahara
 Mr. Nagano
 Capt. Kitaji
Unit III -----Mr. Kagiwada

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

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SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

Poston, Arizona

September 22, 1943

The meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Thomas Masuda at the Unit I Conference Room from 9:10 A.M. on Wednesday, September 22, 1943.

Those absent were:

Unit I: Mr. Y. Mohri
Mr. M. Nishijima
II: Mr. M. Fukuda
Cap't. Kitaji
III: Mr. Imai
Mr. Sakow

Mr. Masuda stated that a memorandum had been received dated September 20 stating that on the three trains going to Tule Lake there would be need of a train monitor on each train and a coach captain for each coach. It was asked of the Committee to submit two names for each coach. If possible, these people should be over 21 years of age, fluent in both Japanese and English, and preferably male.

As Mr. Burge entered at this time, he was called upon for a report.

In answer to a question as to whether something could not be done about the picking up of checkable baggage less than 48 hours in advance of the departure of the segregants, Mr. Burge stated that he would explain that shortly.

Following is the report by Mr. Burge:

"I believe that the freight will be completed in Poston I probably tomorrow. The information received would indicate that it has been satisfactory. I don't know whether anyone has any contrary information. There has been a sufficient amount of materials and certainly they've done an excellent job of crating. A few of the crates that were handled in Parker came apart, but that's natural where just nails on the sides were used. I believe wires were used in Camp I which helped that situation. The freight ought to be out of the way very soon. The first load of freight will leave Parker on the 28th of September, which probably means that it will reach Tule Lake sooner than we anticipated. However, I tell you that for your own information, but I don't think that it changes the WRA statement that the Evacuees should be prepared to be without that equipment for a while."

"Plans were that we should pick up the checkable baggage 48 hours in advance. but that was to protect us in not getting sufficient help in handling it. You realize that while picking up the baggage on the first train will not conflict with any other segregation movement, besides handling of freight that same day in Parker, on the second train on the same day we will be handling express and freight and the actual movement of segregants; so there's going to be a lot of work to do. I talked to the Transportation Department and

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explained to them the hardship worked on the segregants in picking up the baggage more than one day in advance; they realized that, and if they could be definitely assured of sufficient help, they could cut that down and not pick it up more than a day in advance. This is the number of workers which will be needed if we pick the baggage up the day before departure: Two 8 men crews at Parker on October 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; two 6 men crews at Camps I and II on October 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7; I presume that means two 6 men crews at each unit. If we can be assured of these crews; then the plan will be to pick up the baggage for the first train at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning. That will mean segregants will be a day and a half without the checkable baggage. According to this plan, the baggage for Train #32 would be picked up 8 o'clock Monday morning, and the baggage for Train #33 would be picked up Wednesday morning beginning at 8 o'clock; but until we are assured of adequate help, we will have to plan to pick up the baggage 48 hours in advance."

"There will be 10 trucks with a driver and appointed personnel who will see about the picking up of baggage at each block. At the time it is picked up an inspection will be made. Starting today or tomorrow the Transportation Department is arranging with the block managers in Camps II and III, and later in Camp I, to have scales in the blocks and to work with each of the families in weighing their checkable baggage; so we have a very good idea of what they will have to take. That will enable them to make certain adjustments, and it will also enable us to make adjustments between a single person who has only 50 pounds and a family who have more than their allowance. This is being done starting almost immediately. The Transportation Department will work with the block managers on it."

Mr. Burge read the first draft on the release on checkable baggage. He announced that the instructions would be passed out in a few days. At this time Mr. Burge asked for any suggestions which might be made to these instructions.

It was suggested that the express rate be added on the release for the benefit of those who might decide to send some baggage at their own expense.

Mr. Burge stressed that the time the checkable baggage would be collected would depend upon the help obtained.

Mr. Burge:

"I assume that the loading of the checkable baggage in the blocks will be no problem. There is the unloading of the trucks on the trailer here and the loading and unloading in Parker."

"I feel that the whole organization of the train will pivot on the coach captains. As soon as the names for the coach captains are submitted to us, and we've gone over them with the Director's representatives; then we will call a meeting of all of them and proceed with the picking of the other evacuees who will be needed to work on the train. The train monitor will be a very close representative of the Director's representative; so the selecting of him will lie largely with the Director's representative. However, your advice on that will be helpful and if the Segregation Board will submit to us two names we would like to have that, also."

"My suggestion on the procedure for choosing the coach captains would be that these lists be broken down and that the members of the Board call a meeting of the representatives from each block and submit to us the names of someone who would be, in their opinion, a representative person and who would get the cooperation of the people. I would like to have those men without fail Saturday, so that we can start immediately next week. It entails picking out some 32 train mothers, 16 kitchen helpers, dining car superintendent, 16 waiters, etc."

"On the day that the evacuees will leave for the train, a monitor who is an appointed personnel, appointed by Mr. Head to accompany each group, each coach full of evacuees from Poston to Parker to assist in seeing that all segregants who should be loaded on a particular bus are there, to see that they get on the right coach at the train, to check the list, and be responsible for that list before the train leaves. It is very important that we do not loose anybody en route. The following are the appointed personnel to assist in the above: Mr. B. Hunter, Mr. A. Cushman, Mr. Paine, Mr. G. Peavey, Mr. Goetting, Mr. C. Taylor, Miss A. Grube, Miss Rhodes, Miss Cheney, and Mr. Campbell."

"The conveyances, busses and trucks, will come to the blocks and pick up the segregants and their hand luggage. Medical inspection will start at 8 o'clock on the morning of the train departure. The medical department will make a quick inspection of all segregants leaving to determine whether or not anyone has a communicable disease. Dr. Pressman will give us a schedule of that as soon as he can work it out."

"Again I would like to remind you that no food shall be allowed on the train. The only food allowed will be candy for the children."

"We have had a few requests on the part of voluntary segregants who withdraw from the list. Up until late Saturday afternoon, we had no authority to accept any changes in our list. I wired Washington for that authority, and it was granted; and our release has gone out on that already. Any person who is going to Tule Lake as a family member may withdraw. However, anyone who withdraws may not apply to go again at this time. We can take people off the train, but we cannot put anymore people on the train."

A suggestion was made that the two six-men crews and two eight-men crews be recruited in the same method as the men now working on the freight baggage.

It was decided that the Segregation Board Members of each unit work in groups and submit names from their camps for coach captains and that this selected group meet and recommend a train monitor.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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SEGREGATION ADVISORY BOARD

Poston, Arizona

September 29, 1943

The meeting of the Segregation Advisory Board was called to order by Chairman Thomas Masuda at the Unit I Conference Room from 9:25 A.M. on Wednesday, September 29, 1943.

Those present were:

Unit I: Mr. Matsumoto
Rev. Kurahashi
Mr. Yehiro
Mr. Hayano in place
of Mr. Mohri
Mrs. Kawahara

Unit II: Mr. Kubota
Mr. K. Uyeno
Mr. D. Imahara
Capt. Kitaji

Unit III: Mr. F. Kagiwada
Rev. Sakow
Mr. Ozawa

Mr. M. Burge, Segregation Director

Chairman Masuda introduced Mr. Burge who gave the following report:

"We are in the last round of this thing. In the first place, your recommendations for Coach Captains were taken by the train representatives of the Director and acted on and were extremely helpful. Out of the list you gave us, they picked the Coach Captains that they thought would do the job best. A meeting was held yesterday of all Coach Captains of the three trains and also the three Train Monitors and three representatives of the Director, to discuss the organization of the evacuees on the train, particularly mess hall helpers, and to give Coach Captains the responsibility of picking four people to help them. There will be another meeting on Saturday morning. That part is going along fine, thanks to your excellent help.

Originally, the plan was to pick people up by coaches in blocks, but transportation has worked on it and found that this would make too much of a bottle neck in blocks. There has been a revision, and our plan now is to pick up people from each block regardless of the coaches. In same busses, there may be people from three different coaches.

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The appointed personnel will be in Parker before the arrival of busses and they will be there to help the evacuees. There will be a five foot stand with the letter of the coach, and the segregants will line up behind that. I still would like to follow the original plan but that is impossible due to our transportation resources.

I am now working on instructions to evacuees who are leaving and to Block Managers who will have certain responsibilities at the time of departure. The Block Managers will fill out forms on checkable baggage, and will be responsible for seeing that the people leave on the busses. We will have an emergency truck in each unit, and if anyone is left behind, it is up to the Block Managers to see that the segregant gets to Parker.

If there is any particular point you wish to have covered, I would like to get them today. One of the points we will have to clarify is the eating on trains. The original plan was to eat in coaches, but the instructions have been changed, and there will be diners. The revised list is out and any changes that were made in the assignments have been sent out today. When the organization of the evacuees is completed on Saturday, we should be ready to roll." Instructions will also cover medical examination on the day of departure, the method by which the people will be taken into Parker, instructions to find coach letter, how to get to coaches, duties of Coach Captains so they will know what to do."

Mr. Kubota: "Will excess freight be sent at Government expense?"

Mr. Burge: "Yes, if sent by freight. If sent by express, the evacuee will have to pay."

Mr. Kubota: "When will the freight leave?"

Mr. Burge: "I cannot give you that, but it should be in Tule Lake within 60 days."

Mr. Kubota: "In block 213, there is a one year old child who requires special milk and special type of food. Can they take those on the train?"

Mr. Burge: "No. They will be provided on the train. There is a special diet kitchen for children and I presume that most baby diets are the same. But if a special diet, different from others, is needed, Dr. Pressman should be notified."

Mr. Kubota: "There is a block manager who would like to see the people off at Parker on the day of departure. Is that permissible?"

Mr. Burge: "No, only the officials needed at Parker will be allowed to go."

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Mrs. Kawahara: "Are the seats determined for individuals in each coach?"

Mr. Burge: "No, that will be under the direction of the Car Monitor. He will be responsible for getting the people settled and checking the number of people. The Car Monitor will be a member of the appointed personnel. In many respects, this will be a "deluxe" journey because everyone will have his meals and seat, which is rare these days."

Mr. Kagiwada: "Who are the Car Monitors? I thought there were to be only Train Monitors from the evacuees."

Mr. Burge: "I will give you the list of officials. The Director's Representatives, (appointed personnel) are Mr. Lyle Warnock for Train #31, Mr. James D. Crawford for Train #32, and Dr. John Powell for Train #33, who will accompany the segregants to Tule Lake. The Train Monitors from the evacuees will act as assistant to the Director's Representatives. The Coach Captains will take care of their particular coach. In addition, there are Car Monitors from the appointed personnel for each coach who will go from here to Parker and as soon as the evacuees are settled, they will return to camp."

Mr. Kubota: "A Block Manager wishes to know if checkable baggages could be packed now, or will they be inspected?"

Mr. Burge: "I think I have answered that before in a Segregation Release. The baggage may be packed but not sealed before inspection, which will take place when they are picked up the day before departure."

Mr. Imahara: "What time will the baggages be picked up?"

Mr. Burge: "On 8 A.M."

Mr. Kubota: "Can card tables be taken as checkable baggage?"

Mr. Burge: "It is pretty hard for a card table to look like a suitcase. I doubt it--it would be best to refer the matter to Mr. Haverland. It really does not come under the description of checkable baggage. If folded into two, it may get by."

Mr. Matsumoto: "In the instructions you gave us, you mentioned that card tables may be taken if folded into pieces."

Mr. Burge: "I don't think I have ever expressed my opinion on card tables. Checkable baggage should be suitcases, trunks, boxes with handles, etc."

Mrs. Kawahara: "On the day of departure, will the segregants go directly from blocks to Parker? If so, we will have to bid them farewell at the blocks."

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Mr. Burge: "Yes, there will be no stops, so farewells should be made at blocks. All the blocks will leave simultaneously."

Rev. Kurahashi: "Who will be responsible for the people?"

Mr. Masuda: "That will be the car monitor's duty--the appointed personnel."

Mr. Burge: "We would like to have the people go to Parker to see them off but that is impossible. Yesterday, a question was asked if the M.P.'s would be there when people got to trains. The Military Police will be in every coach and the evacuees will be under their jurisdiction on the train."

Mrs. Kawahara: "How many sitting will there be for each meal?"

Mr. Burge: "I cannot answer that---probably two or three. I do know that there will be plenty of food and good food. It will be different from the Evacuation trains, where you didn't have any food to speak of. If you wish, I will read the list of Coach Captains for the three trains. This list is tentative and may be changed:

Train #31 WRA Representative - - - - - Lyle Warnock
Train Monitor- - - - - Dave Imahara 208-9-D

Coach A Kazuo Kushida - - - - - 207- 2-D
B Fred Hamamoto - - - - - 325-14-A
C George Yamatani - - - - - 329- 7-B
D Hanichi Taketaya- - - - - 207-10-D
E Sam Imai- - - - - 208-14-D
F Tomio Takeshima - - - - - 214-11-A
G Iwao Tamura - - - - - 221-11-B

Train #32 WRA Representative - - - - - James Crawford
Train Monitor- - - - - J. Nakamura 213-5-D

Coach A George Matsumoto- - - - - 209-10-D
B Andrew Sugimoto - - - - - 3- 5-D
C Takeshi Inokuchi- - - - - 27- 3-D
D T. Hisatomi - - - - - 209- 7-C
E J. Matsuda- - - - - 211-14-D
F Jas. T. Mitsuda - - - - - 215-12-C
G H. Harada - - - - - 216-13-C

Train #33 WRA Representative - - - - - Dr. John Powell
Train Monitor- - - - - Keiji Kaku 12-6-B

Coach A Harry Hiraki- - - - - 17-1-B
B Masami Sadakane - - - - - 6-8-B
C Henry Hiraki- - - - - 17-1-C
D Shigemi Kosako- - - - - 19-4-B
E Takeshi Sato- - - - - 26-11-D
F Henry Honda - - - - - 37-3-B
G Noboru Yanagatani - - - - - 43-5-C

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Mr. Kubota: "What happened to Coach H?"

Mr. Burge: "The trains originally were made up of 8 coaches and one pullman, but it was found, when final list was compiled, that the total number of passengers could be put into seven coaches. We are under obligation to use only the necessary equipment, so that is why Coach H is not being used. We were able to get an additional Pullman for Train #33."

Chairman Masuda: "Will this be our last meeting?"

Mr. Burge: "I was thinking that after the first movement, we may have another meeting."

Mr. Masuda: "But since we have the list of members, we could notify them in case an emergency meeting is to be called."

Mr. Burge suggested that a meeting be called after the final movement to Tule Lake to talk things over. He expressed his appreciation for the members' help. Although the Board members may have thought that they did not do much, to Mr. Burge, they were a great help to him and others to go over the points with them. It was decided that the calling of a meeting would be tentative, and when the date was definitely set, the members would be notified. Chairman Masuda stated that if any of the members felt that an emergency meeting was necessary at any time, he should contact either Mr. Yahiro or him.

It was Mr. Burge's opinion that the Segregation Advisory Board should continue to exist for future segregation problems that may come up. He was of the belief that the next movement will present bigger problems as compared to the present segregation, as the majority of the people going next month are doing so of their own desire, while those in the next group may include a great many of evacuees who are no desirous of going.

Chairman Masuda explained to the group that the committee will not disband, but will continue to exist for future segregation.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary