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The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers held in the Conference Room, Administration "B" Building September 7, 1942 was called to order by Mr. Ichiro Okada.

Block 306 Tom Sakamoto, Block 307 Toru Ikeda, Block 326 Kay Watanabe, Block 316 Dale Okazaki, Block 322 Sam Fujita, Block 329 Yoshio Kamiya were present.

All the members introduced themselves.

Mr. Okada explained that the committee were supposed to elect a Chairman but failed to do so. Mr. Ikeda thought that Mr. Tom Sakamoto would make a good chairman, since he had the most experience.

It was the understanding that Mr. Burge would have this Chairman conduct the meetings of the Block Managers, but the members of the Committee thought that there is much more to a council than that.

It was suggested that it would be best to have a secretary at the meetings taking down the minutes, and have Mr. Burge sign it. That way, in case of any question, we would have the minutes to refer back.

Another suggestion was to have all announcements numbered. The Block Managers announcements will have series of 1 to 100 and the Kitchen 100 to 200, in this way announcements can be filed according to numbers. Also looking at the numbers anyone can tell whose announcements these are.

It was suggested that we have a permanent Chairman as long as this Committee existed, but that the representative from each "Roku" can alternate. That is, alternate one at a time so that at least one member is an old member of the Committee.

Mr. Wumino came to the meeting since Mr. Burge could not attend, and said that they would have a meeting with Mr. Burge at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon.

A problem was brought up about the Red Cross Flag, that some of the trucks would not stop even if we did wave the Flag. Some of the truck drivers do not seem to know anything about it. It was announced that if a truck does not stop even though you waved the flag that the license number be taken.

It was suggested that each committee member take care of certain problems.

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Members from "Roku" I stated that they have extra cots and would like to have a truck pick them up so that Roku III can have them, as they are short of the cots.

It was suggested that the Executive Committee should meet as much as possible and cut down on the Block Managers meetings. In this way, most of the members thought that another Block Manager be appointed, but Mr. Wumino explained that any matter that comes up the Assistant should take care of it.

It was explained that from now on everything will be divided equally in Parker. But, this brought up the subject that Camp I has more things than Camp II or III, so that any equipment they have now should taken into consideration when the supplies are divided. This problem was to be discussed more thoroughly this afternoon with Mr. Burge.

It was suggested that any resident wishing to use hot-plates should turn off their coolers. That something be done about the people getting permits from the Doctor and keeping the hot-plates after the person is well.

It was suggested that all Block Managers have the same schedule, and have the Night Watchman use the office and act as Custodian at the same time.

Mr. Wumino thanked Mr. John Furuya, who is returning to Camp I, He also stated that Mr. Furuya will be going into a different field of work.

Mr. Furuya stated that part of his crew will stay here until another is found for them.

The meeting was adjourned.

RECORDS - MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - *Campbell*
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers, represented by 2 Block Managers from each "Roku" held on Monday, September 7, 1942, at Administration "A" Building at 3:00 p.m. was called order by Moris Burge.

Block Managers on the Executive Committee are:

Roku I	- Tom Sakamoto	Block 306
	- Toru Ikeda	Block 307
Roku II	- Kay Watanabe	Block 326
	- Dale Okazaki	Block 316
Roku III	- Yoshio Mamiya	Block 329
	- Sam Fujita	Block 322

Members present at the meeting were: Moris Burge, Gerald S. Wumino, Ichiro Okada, Tom Sakamoto, Toru Ikeda, Kay Watanabe, Dale Okazaki, Yoshio Mamiya, Sam Fujita and May Tanaka acting secretary.

The suggested procedure to be followed in conducting the meeting of the Block Managers:

1. Announcements and instructions
2. Addresses and discussions of various members from other departments in Poston 3, such as representatives from Maintenance Dept., Steward, Teachers, etc., and other visitors from outside.
3. Questions raised and answers. Questions to be raised are to be handed in on paper at one of the meetings, and answers and clarifications will be made at the next meeting after a careful consideration of such questions.

It was decided that the Executive Committee will hereafter meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays of each week, and to change the Block Managers meeting from three days of the week--Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday---to two days of the week--Tuesday and Thursday.

The main function of the Executive Committee is to act as supervisor of Block Managers and work in conjunction with Mr. Burge, Administrator Poston 3. This body in its present form will be on a temporary basis as to its members and function. There is a strong possibility of having a Supervisor of Block Managers in the future. Mr. Tom Sakamoto of Block 306 was by assent of the rest of the members of the Executive Committee to act as Chairman for the committee.

The authority of the Executive Council only extends to matters within the blocks and has no jurisdiction over any conditions or departments outside of their block. As in the event of Executive Committee desiring supplies or checking on

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supplies in warehouses, this body does not have any right to actually issue supplies or check warehouses, but must bring such matters to the proper authorities.

Mr. Sam Rokutani of the Timekeeper's Department was asked to clarify regulations in regard to timesheets turned into his office and upon which there was some questions in some of the kitchens. To quote Mr. Rokutani: "Definite orders from Mr. Palmer is that all employees wishing to receive the wages under the classifications hired must work a minimum time of 190 hours a month. The point I wish to make clear is that all organizations should turn in the actual working time of the employees, not to report the regular 8 hours when only two, three or four hours of work is actually being done, especially if regard to kitchen timesheets."

Mr. J.L.E. Burdick, Camp Steward, was asked to give his ruling in regard to employment hours in the kitchens and dining halls. He says: "While it is not compulsory, I would like to have employees in dining halls work 44 hours a week, the usual schedule 8 hours a day for 5 1/2 days. In regard to the number of employees, the average is about 45 persons, although I am not setting this figure as a minimum or maximum, I would like to have kitchens crews no more than 50 in number."

The United States Army is putting in a camouflage unit at Poston III. The size of the unit would extend largely on the number of workers available. All Block Managers are to make a survey of their blocks of available workers above the age of 16 and United States citizens and report such findings to Mr. Morris Burge on the morning of September 8 at the Block Managers' meeting.

Mr. Wumino asked Block Managers to get as accurate as possible the number of eligible voters above the age of 16 in their respective blocks. Please turn in such report to Mr. Wumino this evening, September 7, 1942.

The meeting was then adjourned with instructions to Mr. Tom Sakamoto to see Mr. Burge on the morning of September 8, 1942.

RECORDS - MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - *Camp #3*
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers, represented by 2 Block Managers from each "Roku" held on Wednesday, September 9, 1942, at Administration "A" Building at 10:30 A.M. was called to order by Moris Burge.

Block Managers on the Executive Committee are:

- Roku I - Tom Sakamoto.....Block 306
- Toru Ikeda.....Block 307
- " II - Kay Watanabe.....Block 326
- Dale Okazaki.....Block 316
- "III - Yoshio Mamiya.....Block 329
- Sam Fujita.....Block 322

Members present at the meeting were: Moris Burge, Gerald S. Wumino, Ichiro Okada, Tom Sakamoto, Toru Ikeda, Kay Watanabe, Dale Okazaki, Yoshio Mamiya, Sam Fujita and Yone Minami acting secretary.

The Executive Committee made a final check-up on the figure eligible for work in the camouflage factory. Construction of the factory is expected to begin shortly. Requirements to work on this project are: Must be 18 years of age, and a citizen of the United States. Because of school opening the age limit was changed from 16 years to 18 years. The figures showed that there are approximately 500 in Camp #3 eligible to work almost immediately.

The question was asked regarding the new branch canteen to be open in Block 307, Building 1-A. The Block Manager of 307 made a survey in his block which showed that the people do not want the canteen in Block 307. It proved that over one-third of the block population are small children, and mothers expressed that many problems would come up. For instance, if one child sees another with candy, ice cream, etc., all the children would want it. Opening of the new canteen is to be handled and discussed among the Committee and approval will be made by Mr. Burge. Comments were made to open a canteen in a centrally located section. The Committee is to check on any vacancies in other blocks. Mr. Burge expressed the opinion that there should be some convenience made for residents who are located too far from the other canteens now.

Various problems were brought up at this meeting, namely:

Announcements in Mess Halls

All announcements should be cleared before they are announced in the mess halls.

All announcements posted on the bulletin board should be cleared.

Donations

Request for donations should be checked upon.
Religious organizations come under this same category.
An announcements should be made to all Block Managers
on monetary donations.

Arrangements for election

Printed forms on "Regulations for Election of Block
Representatives to Temporary Community Council of
Poston" were distributed to the Committee and other
Block Managers.

It was decided that an announcement would be made for
election of block representatives for the new
blocks on Monday, September 14th.

Cars and Trucks

Mr. Burge stated, "We hope to get more cars and trucks
for this camp. Most of the heavy work is carried on
around Camp #1. I would like to get equipment on this
camp which we need, however, material is very hard to
get. We are the only group that is not wasting equip-
ment, and because of shortages, we will have to be
very careful in the use of our equipment."

Subjugation of blocks

A tour can be arranged some Saturday afternoon to go
to Camp #1 on the bus to inspect their blocks. It
seems that the consensus of opinion in this Camp is
not to use the canal system. This discussion will be
extended to a later date after a report on the water
situation, Camp #1 trip, etc., are completed.

Daily Strength Report

Mr. Wumino announced that he was over to Camp I to see
Mr. Tomo Ito about the forms of the Daily Strength Re-
port. The Form 501 was shown to all the members and
they decided to use this form. This form is to be filed
weekly but everyday must be accounted. Mr. Sam Fujita
showed the form which were used at Santa Anita Assembly
Center and this will probably be used for the monthly
report. Anyone who is working must notify the Block
Managers, and also persons expecting to visit any other
camps.

It was suggested that a board be put up to indicate
whether the family were present or not. This idea
was to be carried out and Mr. Wumino would see to it
that the signs were made. The Building Council is to
turn this report in not later than 8:30 a.m. every morning.

This Daily Strength Report will go into effect Monday,
September 14, 1942.

Daily Log

It was suggested that a Daily Log of the Block Manager's Office should be kept. This will include any happenings, meetings, etc. Any Building Council meetings minutes should be kept in the files.

Block Managers' Party

It was decided that there would be the following committees:

Finance
Transportation
Entertainment
Invitation
Public Address System
Clean-up

Since, it was very hard to select Chairmen for the different committees, it was to be left for the Block Managers' meeting this afternoon.

It was decided that the Block Managers would pay 25¢ and the other members 15¢, and to ask each Mess Hall to donate 1½ cups of sugar. It was also suggested that we ask Mr. Burdick to be honorary Chairman of the Refreshment Committee.

It was suggested that we try to have the Hawaiian Orchestra for entertainment, and the other talents to be picked from the Block Managers' Staff. It was not decided, whether we would have the Dance Orchestra or have recordings.

The party will be informal (Sports Affair).

The following people were to be invited:

Block Managers Office Staff

Mr. Burge
Mr. Burdick
Mr. Potts
Mr. Head
Mr. Stultz
Mr. Galvin
Mr. Evans
Mr. Tomo Ito
Mr. George Kinoshita
Mr. Roy Furuya
Mr. Tak Nishimoto
Mr. John Furuya
Mr. Kenny Murase

Mr. Kaudy Mimura
Mr. Albert Kaniye
Mr. Charlie Nakamura
Mr. Fred Masukawa
Mr. Gerald S. Wugino
Mr. Ichiro Okada
Miss Lillie Nishikawa
Hawaiian Orchestra

The meeting was adjourned by Tom Sakamoto

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-Camp III

The Block Managers of Blocks 322, 323, 327, 328, 329 and 330 with their respective carpenters made an inspection tour of several Block Managers' offices to get ideas on office arrangements and systems employed, leaving for Poston I on Saturday, September 12, 1942, at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Tomo Ito, Supervisor of Block Managers, Poston I, conducted the group to the various Block Managers' offices. Observations made were:

Block 46 Manager's Office

- Glassed-in bulletin board outside of building
- Mail-drop box inside of door with slot in door to be used after office hours by residents
- Mail box inside of office by counter
- Appliance board same as key board, irons or hot plates marked by slips tagged "Iron" or "Stove"
- Equipment check-out kept on sheets
- Counter with shelves below across the room with entrance gate to side
- Large block plan showing barracks and family name, number in family, and address
- Partitions across back behind which equipment and electrical appliances kept on shelves and racks

Block 53 Manager's Office

- Bulletin boards on each side of building inside the office
- Counter across with shelves below with entrance gate
- Shelves for electrical appliances arranged according to alphabetical order
- Racks for equipment such as shovels, picks, brooms, rakes, etc.
- Desk files
- Key board also used for appliances and equipment check-outs.
- Indications made by tagged paper stuck into board with pins.
- Desk with convenient partitions

Block 13's Manager Office

- Shelves and racks for keeping electrical appliances and equipment
- Equipment check-out through use of listing
- Electrical appliances checked out by use of colored tacks on board--blue for irons and white ones for hot plates
- Key rack or board to keep keys
- Box for mail inside of office
- Magazine exchange stand
- Mail slot racks for residents calling for mail according to families
- First-Aid box

Block 14 Manager's office

Catalog table at left hand side just inside of office
with copy of Montgomery Ward & Co. and Sears Roebuck &
Co catalogs
Bulletin board inside of office
Counter with shelves below across office with center gate
Tables behind counter for staff use
Shelves and racks for appliances and equipment
Appliances and equipment check-out indicated in colored
and tagged flags with pins stuck onto board
Steel filing cabinets

Block 5 Manager's Office

Outside bulletin board
Mail slot in door with box attached to inside of door
Counter across with side gate and shelves below
Tables behind counter for staff use
Electrical appliances shelves according to alphabetical
order
Equipment racks for shovels, brooms, rakes, picks, etc.
Seed shelf with seeds in glass jars and tagged
Electrical appliance check-out indicated by colored
cloth pinned into board.
Daily strength report on wall
Family information sheet indicating address, number in
family, and any other additional information that
may seem necessary or important

The adobe brick project, the nursery and lath house, Wade
Head Park, and the farming experiments were visited as well
in the course of the day. The group returned about 4:00 p.m.
after having spent a very profitable and educational day
gathering in various ideas and suggestions.

Block 42 Manager's Office

Bulletin board inside office and also one outside
Social Calendar schedule for whole month indicated
Mail box inside door for mail drop after office hours
Mail boxes inside office for residents calling for mail
according to family address
Property board with check-out of all equipment and elec-
trical appliances indicated by tagged slips slipped
on nails on board.
Key board kept separate from appliance or equipment board
Racks for appliances and equipment
Counter with shelves below 3/4 way around office with
center gate
Desk for secretary with pigeon holes

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Block 37 Manager's Office

Mail box just outside of door
Bulletin board outside of office
Bulletin board inside of office
Counter across office with side gate with shelves
below and benches for those on duty
Shelves and racks for electrical appliances and equipment
Enlargement of block plan showing family name, number,
and address
Iron board indicated by putting nails into holes on board
where iron is being used
Equipment check-out on lists

Block 21 Manager's office

Bulletin board outside
Mail box inside of office by door
Counter across with gate in center equipped with shelves
below
Magazine exchange racks
Shelves for electrical appliances according to alpha-
betical order
Racks for equipment
Key board for apartment keys
Appliance board of irons and stoves indicated with pegs
and tagged flags
Equipment board of hoses, buckets, shovels, brooms, etc.,
indicated with pegs and tagged flags

Block 13 Manager's office

Bulletin board outside of office
Counter across with center gate to make one section and
another counter starting from right side of door to
the counter across making the second section. Very
original idea used in that counter, is also part of
desk, making three large desks.

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Committee of the Block Managers
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The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers, held on Monday, September 14, 1942, at Administration "A" Building was called to order by Tom Sakamoto.

All members were present.

Mr. Wumino brought a model drawing of a block to discuss the subjugation plan. The following plan was adopted.

1. The irrigation line will run on all side of the block. Irrigation will be controlled by the gates.
2. The furrows will run east and west.
3. The garden will be seven (7) feet away from the barrack--five (5) feet for the steps and two (2) feet for the walk, and also the length of the barracks.
4. The garden will not extend more nor less than twelve (12) feet from the end barrack in the section between the barracks and the community latrines and laundry.
5. There will not be any high walks.
6. Subjugation will start from the Administration Area and then to the new blocks.
7. According to Mr. Burge, sprinkling will be allowed at the side of the buildings.

The meeting was adjourned.

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QUESTION, ANSWERS, and SUGGESTIONS

1. Mr. Sam Fujita asked whether contrabands taken at the Assembly Centers would be returned to the owners. Everyone came with the understanding that it would be sent to us at the Relocation Area.

Ans: Mr. Wumino stated that he would discuss this with Mr. Burge.

2. Will the clothing be issued soon?

Ans: It will soon be underway. Mr. Wumino stated that they are looking for the location.

3. Are the Referral Card to be given back to us?

Ans: Yes. If it was not returned, the Employment Office has it on file.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Wumino asked that all crates and lug boxes be saved for future uses.
2. Mr. Tak Nishimoto will be at the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 1942.
3. Mr. Tomo Ito will be at the special Block Managers' meeting on Thursday, September 17, 1942.

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Minutes of the Executive
Committee of the Block Managers
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The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers held Wednesday, September 16, 1942, at Administration "B" Building was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Tom Sakamoto.

All members were present.

Mr. Wumino introduced a committee from Poston 1 who came to give us some information on the Daily Log of the Block Managers. They were:

Mr. Tak Nishimoto	Assistant Supervisor of Block Manager
Mr. Elmer Suski	Block Manager of Block 42
Mr. Jack Nakagawa	Block Manager of Block 45
Mr. Roy Hanaoka	Block Manager of Block 53
Mr. George Nishida	Block Manager of Block 31

Mr. Tak Nishimoto presented Mr. Wumino with a list of the Block Managers' Staff at Poston 1. He would like to have a similar list from Poston 3.

Mr. Tak Nishimoto explained the Daily Log outline they are now using at Poston 1. The outline is as follows:

I. STAFF

(A) Business Calls

Pertaining to outside call from the office. Ins. Block Manager went to see Mr. Burge.
MGR. TO: Administration Building
OBJECT: See Mr. Burge
RESULT: Nothing definite

(B) Meetings

Specify time, place, and purpose. This is in order to keep a record in the Research Department of all meetings and to keep the people from having unauthorized meetings. This does not include Block meetings.

(C) Survey

Any census, electrical appliances, Daily Strength Report.

II. BLOCK ACTIVITIES

Any actions taken in the block.

(A) Work Reports

Carpenter, Janitor, Gardener, or anything that is not routine work.

(B) Block Changes

Difference in population, roof torn off in a storm, etc.

(C) Block Meetings

Periodical Block Council meetings. Object of

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- that meeting
- (D) Employment
Anything that is connected with the Employment Office, such as referral cards, discharges, new employees, etc.
- (E) Social Activities
Dances, parties, etc.

III. EMERGENCIES

Anything done by the Block Managers' Staff in these cases.

- (A) Medical Dept.
- (B) Fire Department
- (C) Police Department
- (D) Other Emergencies

IV. VISITORS

- (A) Business
Any visits that regards to business.
- (B) Social
Friends that comes from the outside, etc.

V. MEMORANDUMS

- (A) Notice Received
From whom and the subject.
- (B) Announcements
Those that were made public in the Mess Halls or at any meetings.

VI. REMARKS

- (A) Complaint
All regardless of nature. You may think that it is only a small complaint but if all the blocks hand in the same complaint it should be looked into.
- (B) Suggestion
- (C) Questions and Answers
Questions that can not be answered.

VII. MISCELLANEOUS

- (A) Supplies
Supplies that you would like to have
- (B) Requisitions

VIII. MANAGER'S NOTE

This is the most important. Next to talking, this is the way the Block Managers can express himself.

Mr. Elmer Suski explained that all members of the staff were responsible for this log. To quote him, "Block Managers are responsible for the log, but the secretary can type it for him and he can put in his remarks. This log is not to be opened

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for the public. They are to be confidential."

Mr. Nishimoto stated, "Sub-headings can be left out but the main heading must be put in. If there has been no emergencies just write the word 'none'. The log file will be located either at Mr. Burge's Office or in the Block Managers' Supervisors' Office. This Daily Log in use at Poston 1 is not completed as yet and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may have."

The Executive Committee were to act as a clearing house for all problems and questions.

The meeting was adjourned.

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QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Mr. Fujita suggested that the Daily Log of the Block Managers be signed by the Block Managers. Also, not to be countersigned.

Ans: Mr. Tak Nishimoto thought that this was a very good suggestion.

2. Should complaints be given into small details?

Ans: "If it requires many small details, it should be put on to another sheet and turned in. A notation should be written on the Daily Log." stated Mr. Nishimoto.

3. Is the Daily Log to be written that day or can it be left till the next day?

Ans: "It is usually made the next morning at Camp 1, since emergency cases may arise during the night." stated Mr. Nishimoto.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Sakamoto announced the Camp Council Staff to the Executive Committee of the Block Managers.

Chairman
Vice Chairman
Secretary
Treasurer

Harvey Iwata
Kelly Yamada
Sam Rokutani
Ed Takahashi

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Minutes of the
Executive Committee Meeting
✓ September 21, 1942

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Poston 3, held at Administration Building "B" Conference Room on Monday, September 21, 1942, at 10:00 A.M. was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto.

In regard to equipment for schools, Mr. Gerald Wumino stated that according to Mr. Hopkins and Mr. Anderson of Poston 1, the government is to furnish lumber and nails. Labor is to be done by three carpenters from each block. Mr. Potts, head of the Education Department at Poston 3 is to be checked with in regard to the information just given. Until such times when permanent equipment will be made or furnished, each parent is responsible for the furnishing his child or children with school equipment

There seemed to be doubts in regard to what should be done with properties of those leaving Poston Relocation Center to go out to Idaho to work on a temporary basis. It was decided upon that:

1. If the entire family is leaving Relocation Center, all properties issued to them must be turned into the Block Manager's office.
2. If only part of the family is leaving Relocation Center, such properties of those leaving will be kept by the remaining members of the family, due to fact that their return is expected.
3. Those leaving who are the only member of that particular family--such as bachelors or single persons--must turn in properties issued to them into the Block Manager's office.
4. No cots or any properties shall be taken with those leaving Relocation Center to go out to work.
5. In all instances the family to whom properties were issued will be held responsible for such articles.

It was brought to the attention of the meeting that those persons moving from one block to another within Poston 3 may take cots now furnished to them with them to their new quarters, but this ruling does not apply to persons moving from Poston 3 to another unit in Poston Relocation Center. In this event, such persons must leave cots to be checked into the Block Manager's office. Suggestion was made in the case of blankets for those moving from one block to another, that persons be permitted to take their own blankets with them, and in return the Block Manager into whose block the residents are moving give unused blankets to the Block Manager from whose

block the residents are leaving. Regardless of what arrangements Block Managers may make between themselves in such cases, they are always to use their best judgment.

According to Mr. Wumino, Mrs. Burge, Mrs. Head and another woman will try to obtain kitchen utensils such as knives, forks, spoons for dining halls doing without such necessities.

The Block Managers of Roku 1--consisting of Blocks 305, 306, 307, 308, and 309--proposed that the canteen at Block 310 be allowed to remain there. This matter is to be brought to Mr. Moris Burge, Administrator Poston 3, for his consideration.

All persons who have not as yet received their freight are asked to turn in their names, with description of articles missing, and whether shipped by express or freight. This list will be submitted to the proper authorities for checking. There was a possibility that some of the freight might have been routed to Gila Valley Relocation Center instead of to Poston Relocation Center. However, this matter is to be checked upon.

Mr. Wumino called attention to the Executive Committee that in the very near future, there probably will be established the office of Supervisor of Block Managers, Poston 3.

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QUESTIONS, ANSWERS AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. Rubbish box--could we have more than 2 rubbish boxes? Persons who are living on north side of the block will have to walk far to throw their rubbish.

Ans.: Yes, it is permissible to have more than two rubbish boxes in each block.

2. How soon do we get the tractor to level the land?

Ans.: Just when it is hard to say, but the Engineering Department has charge of such equipment and it is possible to find out from them when the leveling of land in the blocks will start.

3. Camp #3 doctors--we should have doctors to visit the homes when we have such a sickness as hemorrhage, and others which makes it impossible to have the patient moved.

Ans.: Yes, it is important that doctors should make home calls in cases of patients who cannot be moved.

4. How does the Block Manager know about Santa Anita's Payroll if he does happen to have some residents in his block from Santa Anita inquiring?

Ans.: It is best to get in touch with the Timekeeper's office at Administration "B" Building with Sam Rokutani who can give the necessary information.

5. Are we allowed any victory garden? Should we wait until our land has been leveled?

Ans.: It is most advisable to wait until the land has been leveled before attempting to make a victory garden in the blocks.

6. It is understood that there are cereal bowls in the warehouses. Block 309 Dining Hall desires some.

Ans.: Block Managers are requested to bring matters pertaining to Dining Halls to Mr. J. L. E. Burdick, Steward, Poston 3.

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The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston III, held in the Recreational Hall of Block 306, was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 9:30 a.m., September 22, 1942.

The following were present: 306, 307, 308, 309, 316, 317, 318, 322, 323, 325, 326, 329, and 330. The absentees were of Blocks 305 and 327.

Tom Sakamoto introduced a representative from the Sanitation Department. A few instructions which should be obeyed by everyone in camp were given.

1. Individual eating utensils must not be used to serve from the bowls on the table, as such communicable diseases as trench mouth and diarrhea may easily be transmitted to others; therefore, tablespoons or serving spoons should be used.
2. Recently, a article in the Press Bulletin stated that there were no harmful scorpions in Arizona. Though we do not have the deadliest, a bite from a scorpion may even prove to be fatal. The best treatment is to immerge the bite in ice-cold water; thus, minimizing the flow of the venom to other parts of the body.
3. No one is to wear uniforms or aprons into the latrine. This is to help keep the kitchen workers sanitary.

Bulletins to reinform the people about scorpions and signs to be posted in the latrine forbidding the wearing of aprons and uniforms were distributed to the Block Managers.

When to level the ground was then discussed. Mr. Burge was of the opinion that the ground should be leveled after the present crops grown by many of the residents are harvested. Mr. Sakamoto, on the contarary, felt that the leveling should be done as soon as possible before the planting season is over. Mr. Burge suggested that a definite plan be submitted to the engineers and also pointed out that the cost of the crops produced before proper irrigation is available will be high because of the pumping expense and the inadequate water supply.

According to Mr. Burge, Mr. Anderson informed Mr. Potts that lumber for school furnitures are on the way. Mr. Wumino added that all the Block Carpenters will be asked to cooperate in assembling the desks, and seven hundred chairs have been ordered and will probably be here for the opening school.

The following informations were given by Mr. Burge in regard to some badly needed improvements:

1. LINOLEUM: It is rather doubtful whether it will be furnished in all barracks, but it will be furnished in the

2. INSULATION: No comfort could be given on this matter.
3. HEATING: The army is committed to put heating in all barracks--stoves of some kind using either oil or gas.
4. SCREENS: These are available to almost all barracks, but screens that were sent will not fit these windows. Perhaps improvisations can be made in some way to use them.
5. TRANSPORTATION: Cars will be made available for emergency purposes, but we will be rationed from four to six gallons of gas for each vehicle.
6. FIRST AID: Supplies for the first-aid box will be provided.
7. SANITARY SUPPLIES: These which are for each block have been ordered and should be here soon.

Various question were then discussed and answered.

The meeting was adjourned.

QUESTION, ANSWERS, & SUGGESTIONS

1. Mr. Wumino suggested to the representative of the Sanitation Department that all kitchen workers be given a thorough examination.
2. Could we have more than one rubbish box?
Ans. Yes, as many as you need to keep the place clean.
3. How soon will we get tractors to level the land?
Ans. Fairly soon. A definite agreement will have to be made with the Engineering Department.
4. Do we get more blankets? One per person is not enough.
Ans. Blankets have been ordered for two per person.
5. We should have doctors visit the homes when the patient is very ill.
6. How is the Block Manager to know about the Santa Anita pay toll if he has residents from the Snata Anita Assembly Center?
Ans. Some three hundred checks were distributed, and it seems mostly to the first group; however, until all checks are distributed can we see where we stand.
7. Are we allowed any Victory Gardens? Should we wait till our land has been leveled?

Ans. Some three hundred checks were distributed, and it seems mostly to the first group; however, until all checks are distributed can we see where we stand.

8. Mess Hall 309 asked to investigate whether or not there were mush bowls in the warehouse.

Ans. Mr. Burdick is the man who would know about this.

9. Is the army planning to put exhaust fans in the kitchen?

Ans. Mr. Burge will get definite information in regard to this matter.

10. Is the river water contaminated?

Ans. No, but until the sewage system is completed, there may be some danger.

11. Will screens be put on the windows of the ironing room?

Ans. Mr. Burge will look into the matter.

12. Is the 324 Dining Hall to be used as a diet kitchen?

Ans. No. It will be a place where school children will be served milk and pastries.

13. A special menu prepared by the chief steward should be given to all kitchens for the diabetics and people who need a different diet.

14. It was proposed that one barrack be provided to use as a sort of hospital for the aged and invalids who have no one to care for them. The Block Managers can report the people who need hospitalization.

15. There was a suggestion that a committee work on having certain departments take matters directly to people committing offences; thus, it is felt, better results can be obtained without having the Block Managers ordering the people.

16. Who is responsible to keep the fire-extinguishers filled?

Ans. The custodians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mr. Kennedy of the Employment Department wishes to speak to the Block Managers tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. in the 306 Recreational Hall.
2. Mr. Burge announced that Mr. Townsend is the new head of the Supply Department.
3. There will be a Co-op meeting tonight in the 324 Dining Hall at 8 o'clock.

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Committee of the Block Managers'
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The Executive Committee of the Block Managers' with the Housing Committee of Poston 1 and 2, held at Block 306 Recreation Hall, Wednesday, September 23, 1942, at 4:15 p.m. was called to order by Tom Sakamoto.

Representatives were:

- Camp 1 Mr. John Katano, Mr. Johnny Fukushima, Mr. Elmer Suski, Mr. Tak Nishimoto, and Mr. Mitz Kaneko--Housing.
- Camp 2 Mr. Mori, Mr. Shimizu, Mr. Hashimoto, Mr. Iwashige--Housing.
- Camp 3 Mr. Tom Sakamoto, Mr. Dale Okazaki, Mr. Sam Fujita, Mr. Yoshio Mamio, Mr. Kaye Watanabe, Representative for Mr. Toru Ikeda, Mr. Ichiro Okada, and Mr. Ben Furuta--Housing.

It was decided to be an open discussion.

It was an understanding that the three units would hold a meeting and discuss the various problems about housing. We had an understanding that we would receive flooring and some kind of insulation, and now we are told that we will not have any. It is up to us to get a general appeal directed to Mr. Head and demand that those things be given to us.

At Camp 1 and 2, it was suggested by Mr. Head that we gather all the facts and put this into a letter form, signed by all the Block Managers and also by the Health Department. He then will write to the W.R.A. using this as a basis. Actual problems that exists will have a lot to do. In other words, we will appeal to him and he will write to the proper authority.

Mr. Tak Nishimoto introduced Dr. Powell from Camp 1, who suggested that there should be coordination between the three camps on this matter.

The following is the information and suggestions given at the meeting:

1. Flooring:

- a. There has been many cases of children catching cold because of the cold air coming through the cracks in the floors.
- b. Manzanar has linolium flooring, why can we not have it here? Of course the climatic condition is different, but the cold here is a dry cold and is very painful.

2. Insulation:
 - a. Plastic board be used for walls and ceilings, since this is not on priority.
 - b. Letters from the Health Departments with facts that it is necessary to have insulations in the building.
3. Heating:
 - a. We are to be given oil burners, but this will be burning day and night to keep the rooms warm. Of course, if we have better insulation and flooring this will aid a great deal.
4. Window screen:
 - a. Screens should be placed to keep insects, mesquitoses, etc., out. Especially those that carry disease.
 - b. Screens are here but they are too narrow and will not fit these windows. It is in the Warehouse and we are waiting for an replacement.
5. Partition:
 - a. Many families are living together at Camp 1, since they do not have the small apartments. They were friends when they first came, but some are not even speaking to each other now. It is not good for anyone on the Project that is unhappy at home. It would be better to have privacy and be crowded.
6. More Houses:
 - a. We will need more houses as time goes on. We do not know how long we must stay here.
7. Suggested that letters from the Health and Sanitation Department, Welfare Department, Medical Staff, and Churches be sent in at the same time; acting as a basis for putting in our request.
8. It was also suggested that the temperature of this locality be given, lowest at 9° as reported by the Agricultural Department. The medium temperature being 32° to 38°.
9. This petition letter is to be in the mail so that Mr. Head will receive it not later than Tuesday or Wednesday. This will be signed by all Block Managers.
10. If we should get any result in this manner, we should keep in mind other necessities of the camp that is needed.

Representative from Camp 1 explained that they have nine representative in their Executive Committee; one from every "Quad". They are divided into groups to take care of certain problems, such as; housing, daily log, daily strength report, etc. Camp 3 explained that they have two from each "Roku" on the Executive Committee, but when they divided into groups to act as an investigating committee, it was vetoed by Mr. Burge and were told that they were to act as clearing house for the Administration. Mr. Nishimoto explained that at Camp 1 they do not act as investigating committee, but nevertheless try to get the correct information.

Representative from Camp 1 explained that those wishing to move to Camp 1 from Camp 2 or 3 were stopped because of the fact that they have 9,500 people now. They do not want to fill it to 10,000 people unless the W.R.A. orders this, and at that time those people from Santa Anita will be given first choice. Those wishing to move from Camp 1 to Camp 2 or 3 may do so.

A brief meeting of the Executive Committee was held in the conference room of the Administration Building B of Poston III. The meeting was called to order by Tom Sakamoto at 10:30 a.m., September 24, 1942.

It was planned by the committee to finish explaining and discussing the remainder of the log, parts 6, 7, and 8, at the next Block Managers' meeting which will be tomorrow; and if possible, it will be adopted.

Mr. Burge related the truck incidents and clarified the matter of who is to drive the trucks and when. To quote him, "I am planning to go again to Mr. Townsend and point out our urgent need for more trucks, but a truck went out of commission yesterday when it was taken out after hours to get lumber. A gasket was blown and a tire ruined. Exactly the same thing happened Sunday--it was also taken out after hours and put out of commission. With such a record it will be hard to get our demands.

"Up to now, we have had a good record; but in the last ten days two tires were ruined and a gasket blown. That just shows the irresponsibility of the people, and we have got to get that across to everybody. The orders are that no one is to take it unless authorized. It has got to be handled properly by the people who are responsible for it and they are the authorized drivers.

"When gas is rationed, it is going to change the entire picture, and only with everyone's help and realization can we get anywhere."

It was pointed out that when the telephone system is completed, it will help the transportation problem greatly.

A suggestion was made for the use of horses and wagons. It is felt that this might eventually come about, but obtaining horses may be difficult because of the tremendous demands for them throughout the entire country.

According to Mr. Burge, a law and order man will come into our camp, mostly for purpose of educating the police force. He is a graduate of the University of California and a former instructor on the San Francisco Police Force.

It was agreed that some ruling should be made so that when a Block Manager resigns, his block will not be without a manager. Some of the suggestions were that prior to resignation a week's notice be given, the council notified, or a mass meeting called for selection; but it was finally decided that

this be brought up in the general meeting tomorrow to make an addition in the code.

It seems that many people have been lost while hiking. Making smoke signals was suggested; but because of the tremendous fire hazard it would create, this point was dropped. No settlement was made on this problem.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of the
Executive Committee Meeting
✓ September 28, 1942

The meeting of the Executive Committee held in the Administration B Building, room 4, was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 10:30 a.m., September 28, 1942.

Mr. Wumino stated that he has been trying to work something out for the old-aged and people who have to depend upon their friends to care for them. The matter was taken up with Miss Finley who thought it was a very good idea; and there will be a meeting with her at Camp I at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Wumino also stated that he is trying to work out something to have the Japanese momioji in camp though the United States does not recognize momioji.

The problem of feeding the night watchmen was brought up as they are usually asleep during the day; but no conclusion was made regarding this matter.

It was felt by some that breakfast at 7:00 a.m. is too early for the old folk and the children, especially in the winter when the mornings will be dark; therefore, a suggestion was made to have breakfast at 7:30 a.m. It seems that as it is, most mess halls are open a full hour; so the matter was left to stand as it is.

A copy of the code regarding the resignation of Block Managers was passed out and studied, and several corrections were made.

Mr. Wumino passed around a copy of the form on which the Semi-Monthly Strength is to be made out and asked that everyone make a complete register of his block and have several copies typed each time. The time that the strength was taken and the Block Managers' own signature is to be included.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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Minutes of the
Executive Committee Meeting
October 1, 1942

The meeting of the Executive Committee, held in the Supervisor of Block Managers' office in the Administration Building "A", was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 10:00 a.m., October 1, 1942.

Mr. Burge informed the committee that the department heads had a very thorough discussion of the need for the reorganization of handling supplies and that in the near future we will have warehouses in all three camps with Caucasian heads, and our supplies may be received directly from the railroad. He also explained that the head administration is at Camp I with parts of the staff in II and III; in other words, Mr. Burge represents Mr. Head; Mr. Potts, Mr. Carey, and etc. It is the various departments' duty to see that the people are supplied and not the administrator who has no control over the divisions except to give pressure. As an example: If the Recreation Department sets up a program which involves meetings with Camp I, they must take the responsibility to see that transportation is available to Camp I through arrangements with the Transportation Department and that the people have all the supplies needed. In such a case Mr. Burge has nothing to do with the setting. The general feeling has been that the administration is not doing enough for the community, but the people do not seem to realize that the project does not have some of the materials and that there is a priority. The shortage of personnel also has to do with the difficulty, but with the reorganization of the Supply Department many things should be cleared up. The allocation of supplies will be one-half for Camp I and one-fourth each to Camp II and III; but we will get more or less according to our needs.

A question was raised why Camp III does not have an Express Office; for as it is, the personal goods are taken back to Camp I when the addressee is not at home at the time of delivery. Mr. Burge asked that the problem be written and submitted to him, and added that it is not known whether or not there is enough volume of express in Camp III to have an office here.

An announcement was made by Mr. Burge that there will be no additional freight or express charge from Parker to Poston.

It was planned to have arrangements made to have Executive Committee meetings together with Poston I and II at least twice each month.

Straws have arrived; but before they are distributed, each Block Manager will be asked to get the number of cots being used in his block as there will be a difference in the amount needed where beds are used by residents.

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It was clarified that Civil Service examinations in forms of autobiographies are to be given to the permanent Block Managers.

An announcement was made that in order to obtain such materials as lumber, nails, and tools, requisitions must be filled out to the Construction Department.

According to Mr. Burge's personal analysis, the whole picture of employment is going to be changed in Poston for the reason that the W.R.A. is looking for four types of labor:

1. Leaders who are capable of running the community, which is a big job among twenty thousand
2. Men for a large scale of agriculture to produce vegetables for both the camp and the outside
3. Laborers for outside farmers
4. Approximately nine thousand camouflage net workers

Though we will have a few industries, Poston will be more of an agricultural community than anything else.

Mr. Burge asked how the people in Poston III felt about the food they are getting; and the general answer was that the food is satisfactory though there is a shortage of vegetables, but much depended upon the personnel in the kitchen. It is understood that a food committee will be organized, and the matter is being taken up by the chefs.

The meeting was adjourned.

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QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Why can't we have an Express Office here in Camp III?

Ans. Mr. Burge asked that the problem be submitted in writing.

2. How can a carpenter verify that he is a carpenter when he wishes to purchase tools?

Ans. Carpenters should write letters of verification and have it signed by Mr. Burge.

3. Are the Block Carpenters allowed to make things for families and people without men folk?

Ans. Most of the resources of the carpenters will be on school furnitures, but the Block Managers should use their discretion upon this matter.

Minutes of the
Executive Committee Meeting
✓ October 5, 1942

The meeting of the Executive Committee held in the Supervisor of Block Managers' office in the Administration Building "A" was called to order by Tom Sakamoto at 11:00 a.m.

Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Ben Furuta, Kay Watanabe, Yoshio Mamiya, Henry Nakaji, Dale Okazaki, and Toru Ikeda were present.

Sam Fujita asked that the committee tell their Block Managers to bring their daily logs for the week and the absentee report.

A problem was discussed involving people who went on hikes eastward to the mountains. For the protection of the residents as well as for the matter of office records, it was decided to discourage any traveling past the eastern boundary line which is the eastern half of the main road east of the warehouse. A suggestion was made that an administrative bulletin to the effect be printed; but as this would curtail the freedom of the people, everyone going east of the boundary will be required to register with his Block Manager and to report on return to the same to make certain no harm had come to him.

An announcement was made that Blocks 330 down through 318 inclusive will receive straws and that the others will receive theirs in the near future.

Through the efforts of the Block Managers, Mr. Burge, and Mr. Wumino, forks and spoons have finally arrived and will be distributed soon.

An effort will be made to have all articles pertaining to Block Managers cleared through the Supervisor of Block Managers' office before printing in the Press Bulletin.

Tom Sakamoto introduced Mr. Head to the committee and various questions were asked him;

1. Will rentals be paid for the use of personal typewriters by the administration?

Mr. Burge answered that Mr. Empie has worked out a rental system for the use of personal typewriters with the understanding that no charges will be made for the up keep which the typewriters will receive. With the name of the owner, the make, and the number of the typewriter, a contract will be made for rental

2. When will tanks be connected for higher pressure?

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Mr. Burge again answered that it is not known just when, but that they are waiting for parts of the valve and the pump itself. The project is still in the hands of the contractors and engineers, not the camp as yet.

3. It is understood that families can be reunited from one relocation to another, but the reunion of those in assembly centers has been frozen. Why is it that no action has been taken for those who have requested long before the freezing?

Mr. Head answered that applications should be sent to the assembly centers, filled out, and signed by the Center Manager with some remark of approval or reason. The final decision rests on Colonel Bendetson, Aide to General De Witt. The term 'blood relatives' refers only to mother, father, sister, or brother; but people not related in any way but who have lived with the family prior to evacuation and are dependant on them may be reunited. In April, 254 requests had been approved for some of the residents of Santa Anita, but the reason for its being turned down by the Center Manager after being approved in San Francisco has never been known.

A letter concerning the recent fire in the Mess Hall 309 has been sent to Mr. Joseph M. Fein by Mr. Burge, and a signaling system has been organized as sirens are almost impossible to get.

Mr. Burge could give no more news about the telephones except that it had been ordered since April and that we are going to have 20 or 30 phones in all. He explained that in order to put through a call to Phoenix, the line goes from Parker, Bligh, San Bernardino, and finally to Phoenix.

Mr. Burge informed that blowers and fans were originally purchased with the intention of making cooling units of them; but as there are no switches, they cannot be used at present. One member pointed out that cool air will lessen the efficiency of the stoves and cool the food. All agreed that exhaust fans were more ideal for the kitchen, especially near the stoves and that the coolers should be installed on the other end.

Mr. Burge has written to the Construction Department for the reason that when the large rooms are partitioned, some of the rooms will be without chimneys.

It was decided that hereafter one Executive Committee meetings will be held each week on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. and the Block Managers' meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays at 9:30 a.m. sharp.

The meeting was adjourned

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Executive Committee Meeting
October 8, 1942

The meeting of the Executive Committee held in the office of the Supervisor of Block Managers in the Administration Building "A" was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 10:15 a.m., Thursday, October 8, 1942.

All members were present.

Sam Fujita read over the complaints and suggestions listed in the logs and clarified when the questions arose that the log is a means of conveying informations, suggestions, and reactions of the people to the administration and that the Block Managers' notes do not have to be in forms of complaints or suggestions. They may add compliments or remarks as well, if they wish.

There have been many waiting for releases to join their fiances on the outside; but as no action has been taken, the matter will be referred to the Council.

Tom Sakamoto introduced Mr. Harvey Iwata, chairman of the Council, who informed the Executive Committee regarding the Council. According to Mr. Iwata, each roku has six issei representatives, two of whom are on the Council as Issei Advisory Board--this as yet is on a temporary basis. The Council has set up the following committees: Law and Order, Finance, Labor and Employment, Education, Community Enterprise, Community Activities, Food, Housing, Supplies and Transportation, Public Relations, Public Health, Social Welfare, Agriculture, Industry and Manufacturing, and Judiciary.

Mr. Iwata agreed with the Executive Committee that a joint meeting of the Council and the Block Managers should be held in the near future to make acquaintances and come to an understanding to avoid any conflicts between the two groups. In this way the Block Managers, who are in constant contact with the people, may also convey ideas and trains of thoughts of the people to the Council.

The Block Managers were asked whether or not they would be able to take care of insured parcels and see that they are delivered to the right parties. Such deliveries should be made before 4:00 p.m. as they should not be left over night. This will be brought up in the general meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Nakaji of Block 323 explained his procedure of handling c.o.d.'s which has worked out very satisfactorily. When the notices are delivered to his office, the purchaser is always requested to pay with the exact amount. The money is enclosed in an envelope made of ordinary bond paper, and the amount of money enclosed and the number of the c.o.d. is written on the envelope and entered into the book. The delivery man is then asked to

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sign for the money which he receives.

At present there is only one doctor in this camp, and the inconvenience which results was presented by Mr. Nakaji in an emergency case where a woman with hemorrhage was unable to get the aid of the doctor who was not available at the time. There was an unanimous feeling that one doctor among 4100 is not sufficient. Mr. Wumino stated that he will try to have one of the doctors of Camp I come to Camp III; but the matter will be referred to the Council.

It was suggested that some form of written answer be given by the Council to the Block Managers when recommendations are made to them to ascertain that action had been taken.

The masonite used in the shower rooms, it was pointed out, is warping; and to prevent its shredding and rotting, suggestions were made to have them enameled, painted, cemented, or water-proofed in some way.

Many people are in the habit of wearing their getas from the outside to the showers, and as a result the dirt which is brought in tends to clog the drains. All agreed that something must be done to discourage the use of getas worn outside in the showers.

A few isseis have requested that Japanese baths be installed; but as these are not practical from the stand point of sanitation, it is very likely that they will not be installed.

The meeting was adjourned.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND SUGGESTIONS

1. To whom should damages to barracks be reported?

Ans. Written reports specifying the damage should be made and they will be referred to Mr. Burge.

*Mr. Fein - Fire Chief
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Minutes of the
Block Managers' Meeting
October 13, 1942

The meeting of the Block Managers of Poston 3 which was held in the 306 Recreational Hall was called to order by Chairman Mr. Tom Sakamoto at 9:45 a.m., October 13, 1942.

All members were present.

Mr. Sakamoto introduced Mr. Fein, the head of the Fire Department of all three camps, who informed the Block Managers regarding the fire hazards.

"On the buildings that have been built in Camp 1, we have tried to make them as fireproof as possible. The roofs of the shades were made of grass, in some places one and one-half feet deep which is bad for fire. It was agreed in Camp 1 to eliminate grass in the structures, and in place use limbs one and one-half inches in diameter and to cover them with mud which should be watered each day by the janitors. The size is fifteen feet from the center-- in other words, thirty feet in width--and forty feet in length. In the event that the location is crowded, we would like to be consulted. No building should be constructed too near the fire hydrant.

"The size of the shades will be thirty feet by forty feet in length and width, and the smallest limb shall be one and one-half inches to get away from small stuffs that may burn.

"Loose straw should not be in buildings--they should be outside.

"If you are short of buckets, we will replace them. Just let us know and we will give you all the buckets you will need. Another thing, in these kitchens we're bound to have fires with the construction we have now. I have conferred with the U. S. engineers to place solid concrete thirty-six inches at the head and end of the stoves. A range hood with blower type suction will draw the heat up the stack. All cross wood from stacks will be removed. Around some kitchens, that is where the stoves are, outside there are some boxes with dishes or rubbish. If the Block Managers can have those removed, you can go to work with the hose right away."

The following questions pertaining to fire were answered by Mr. Fein:

1. Will the look-out tower for the firemen be moved nearer to the fire station?

Ans. There is a plan to have a sixty-five feet tower where men will be all day long. Above the look-out tower will be a glassed-in room with tables, chairs, and a telephone. Mr. Cousins from San Francisco stated that as far as he is concerned the plan is satisfactory.

2. Will the construction of the tower be of wood?

Ans. Yes, with four guy wires and 3/4" cables.

3. Mr. Sakamoto stated that people have been asking for ladders long enough to reach the roof to fight the fire with wet burlap sacks, and suggested that approximately eight ladders to each block be made by the carpenters. Will the 2 x 4's be available for this purpose?

Ans. Mr. Fein, unable to inform whether or not the wood would be available, suggested that Mr. Burge be consulted about the material.

4. Mr. Furuta asked how close to the pipe the remaining space in the lower roof of the barracks can be covered safely with wood.

Ans. Metal should be extended from the edge of the hole to the pipe.

5. Will the Construction Department remove the cross pieces in the kitchens?

Ans. The engineers will probably do that.

6. Are there to be absolutely no leaves on the shades?

Ans. All three camps will be required to remove all easily combustible materials from the roofs of the shades.

7. Just where are the water barrels to be placed? Some of the residents want it placed between the latrine and the laundry room.

Ans. Just where the barrels were placed is not known but instructions were given that they be placed where it would be most accessible to more people.

8. Should the water in the barrels be changed once a week?

Ans. Yes, but do not try to rid the oil in the barrel as it is for the purpose of destroying mosquitoes.

9. Will it be safe to put mud on top of the leaves of the shades already made?

Ans. As this would still leave a bad fire hazard, it would be better to remove all the weeds from the top.

10. Are all the blocks supposed to be equipped with the 2 1/2 gallon water pumps?

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Ans. An order had been placed for three hundred more such pumps but the priority had caught them. Where the pumps were not available, water barrels have been placed.

11. Mr. Nakaji of Block 323 asked Mr. Fein if the Fire Department would permit him to make an incinerator of adobe bricks to burn the combustible trash for the reason that most of the trash men have quit their jobs.

Ans. Incinerators are permissible as long as there is a screen to arrest the sparks, but there is a strong possibility of priority on such materials. They may be built if far enough away from any buildings (35') and well constructed.

The two inches of mud will be to arrest the sparks and should be watered only enough to keep it damp. Mr. Wumino suggested that straw be mixed with the mud to act as a binder.

According to Mr. Fein, the circulating oil burners which each barrack will be provided will have no fumes. The stoves presently used in the mess hall tend to become overheated thus causing a fire hazard; but the type we will eventually get will be the motor blower type thermostatically controlled.

Mr. Sakamoto introduced another guest, Dr. Nakadate who informed the Block Managers regarding his talk to Dr. Pressman and on obtaining first-aid kits for each Block Manager's office.

Dr. Nakadate stated that Camp 1 has ordered 1700 ton of medical supplies for the Block Managers; therefore, he felt that if the right party, Mr. Kelly Yamada, the business manager of the Medical Dept., is contacted Camp 3 may also obtain theirs. As an illustration he pointed out that Camp 3 had the finest dental clinic with all the equipments but had not enough supplies; but after Dr. Hara had joined the staff, he was able to get the necessary supplies by going to Camp 1 and making requests. He then stressed that the Block Manager's will most likely get results if requests are made.

In his talk to Dr. Pressman he was informed that Camp 3 had a very efficient medical staff with sufficient supplies, officers, and medical dispensers, and that in the event of an emergency a Camp 1 doctor would be sent here.

Mr. Wumino stated to the effect that he was flatly refused by Dr. Pressman when he asked if a chiropractor could be had here, but as both Camp 1 and 2 has them, Dr. Pressman agreed that we may also have one here after the clinic is opened.

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Dr. Nakadate's qualifications are: chiropractor, osteopathic surgeon, dentist, pharmacist, and he has also studied 3 years medicine. Though osteopathic is not recognized by the Army, Navy or the National Guards of the U. S. due to the fact that there are not enough schools or doctors of that type to give backing by the government, his dental and pharmical trainings has enabled him to serve the U. S. Navy for ten years.

Mr. Sam Fujita read to the Block Managers several memorandums:

1. To Mr. Burge regarding the covering of the doors of Apt. A and D of each barrack with tar paper
2. From Mr. Burge pertaining to sewage disposal problem
3. To Tom Sakamoto from Mr. Burge regarding the visits of Japanese soldiers to relocation camps--revised circular letter No. 23
4. From Sim Togasaki asking that milk containers be saved for the use of Industry
5. Note regarding inspection of parcels

The present set-up for C.O.D.'s is: To pay for the C.O.D., obtain a postal slip, and then pick up the package.

All electrical appliances purchased are being held and will be redistributed through either Mr. Burge's office or the Supervisor of Block Manager's office.

Mr. Sam Fujita will look further into the matter of the official list of contrabands.

It seems that there had been several cases where the residents were required to go to Camp 1 for their freight. This has happened due to some recent irregularities, for the freight has previously been sent here; however, as each camp should have its own express office, Mr. Nelson and Mr. Townsend will be coming out here to help us out.

An announcement was made that Sears, Roebuck clothings for the Santa Anita group has finally arrived. Mr. Edmonde E. Buisseret has personally supervised the transporting of the clothings, and the packages will be distributed within a week. All Block Managers affected (322, 323, 327, 328, 329, and 330) are to meet at Block 323 today at 3:00 p.m. with a complete list of their residents. Individual packages will be brought in directly from Parker, and the 322 Recreational Hall will be used for the place of distribution.

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A few carpenter tools are now available in the Supervisor of Block Managers' office. They will be checked out to the Block Managers who must return them after use.

According to Mr. Head, the Arizona state law states that cutting down cacti or shipping out a large quantities of petrified wood is illegal.

The rubbish crew had taken their jobs with the understanding that they were to handle only trash and no garbage, and there has been a great deal of difficulty in maintaining the crew not only for the reason that they haven't any hydraulic trailers but because the garbage found in trash has to be separated by them. The residents will be asked to give their full cooperation in keeping the trash and garbage separate.

Office supplies for the Block Managers were distributed and the meeting was adjourned.

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers held in Room 4 of the Administration Building "A" was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 14, 1942.

All members were present.

Mr. Sakamoto stated that he will talk to Mr. Uyeda of the Carpenter shop regarding the nails and then allocate them to the blocks equally.

It was announced that Mr. Katsumata will investigate the matter of the coolers in the kitchen.

There have been many requests for blankets but at present there are none in the warehouse; however, Mr. Evans has informed Mr. Burge that they will be coming soon.

A question was asked where iron cots can be obtained. The name, age, and the ailment of the person who is to receive the bed is to be sent to the Supervisor of Block Managers who in turn will send it to Mr. Kaudy Mimura of the Supply Department.

Mr. Sakamoto read the memorandum sent to Mr. Burge referring to the need of more straw.

The Executive Committee was informed that the rubbish crew had discontinued their work; thereupon, the problem of how to obtain workers for this undesirable job was discussed. The main reason for the dissatisfaction of the crew is that they haven't the use of hydraulic trailer which would eliminate a great deal of the unpleasantness, because they handle garbage which was contrary to their understanding when they accepted their positions. A few of the boys, it was said, agreed to work again if they are provided with hydraulic trailer, and the residents cooperate by keeping the garbage and rubbish separate.

A suggestion was made that older men be given the job; but as they are incapable of carrying heavy containers, question was made on how to get nisei workers. Only one driver and four helpers are needed; but due to the fact that most of the man power has been lost to the sugar beet farms, such workers will be difficult to find. As this is a vital question from the stand point of health and sanitation, a committee was to investigate.

It was decided to have the boys present at the next Executive Committee meeting to bring about a better understanding of their importance and also to inform them that the Block Managers will back them, help them in any way they can, and listen to any grievances they may have concerning their work. Both Mr. Charles Nakamura of the Transportation Department and Mr. Bill Minami of Student Placement were present in the discussion.

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A message was received from the Employment Department that Mrs. Bonak wishes more workers for the sugar beet farms. A general meeting of all people interested will be held. Those wishing permanent leave may receive quicker action by contacting the regional office while on the outside; otherwise, working through the project will take more time.

Mr. Frank Kagiwata will speak on Delinquent Insurance next Tuesday evening at a meeting in Block 329 at either 8:00 or 8:30 p.m., October 20, 1942.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Meeting of the Temporary Community Council and Block Managers, Poston 3, held on Friday, October 30, 1942, at 9:30 A. M. at Block 306 Recreation Hall was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto, Supervisor of Block Managers Poston 3.

Roll Call: Block Managers all present with the exception of two absent
Councilmen all present with exception of 6 absent.

Mr. Vernon Kennedy was introduced to the meeting by Chairman Tom Sakamoto. To quote him: "I have been talking to a number of representatives in Poston 3 and there seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding about the cotton picking set-up and the Trust Fund.

"Last Monday, there was a mass meeting of Businessmen and residents of Parker. Mr. Gist, Director of Schools in Yuma was also present. The Cotton situation is very serious this year for the Parker Valley farmers, since it is a portoffaall every year by professional cotton pickers arriving by the 15th of October 300 and 350 pickers. This year, only 4 people came in as professional pickers, and unless something is done or someone picks the cotton, there will be a tremendous loss. Most of the cotton growers are pretty much small ranchers, and this year they have a chance to make a little money to offset the previous bad years.

"Cotton is a very vital crop in the nation today, and the only thing that will substitute for silk is long staple cotton. Therefore, the government has purchased all the long staple cotton so that the cotton has to be picked from the standpoint of the national war effort. Have a regular crew to pick cotton throughout the season. Due to the situation in Poston, it seemed difficult to recruit volunteers from the Poston project. The present plan is to recruit people in neighboring towns and cities to pick cotton one day a week--students, businessmen and employees are to work in the cotton fields one day a week. The suggestion is to have the people working in Poston do the same by going out into the fields to pick cotton by the units and in this way their working time basis will go on as usual.

"If we do something like that, I imagine by the time everyone in Poston has picked cotton, we will get the crop picked. Suggested that assignment be made by quads taking turn to go out into the cotton fields--taking one quad one day and the next quad the next day where families and friends can work together. This plan would not seriously disrupt the Poston routine.

"I am sure everyone would want to prove their loyalty to assist in the picking of a national crop to help the nation as a whole."

"5 to 6 hours of work earns wages about \$1.50 apiece. I think the best way to handle that money with the exception of the school children, who are bringing up a school fund, would be to pool the money into a Community

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Trust Fund. The trust fund is simply a joint fund owned by the evacuees controlled by the evacuees. The administration or project has not^d word to say about the Trust fund, which will be deposited to the account of the three trustees of the Work Corps. It will be spent to the benefit of the community or it can be split up between the members of the Work Corps. It is your own money; there are no strings attached to the Trust Fund."

QUESTION--Kelly Yamada: "Certain profits or income derived from the industries would first have to go into the Federal Government Treasury and after the accounting costs have been determined, such profits will be turned over to the Trust Fund. Is that the truth?"

Mr. Kennedy--"Yes, it is true. Any profits from produces sold to the outside or any profits made from enterprises will go into the Trust Fund. The entire thing has to be cleared up as yet.

QUESTION--Jack Ota: Are the agricultural produce not to^{be} marketed?

Mr. Kennedy--"Agricultural produces can be sold to other relocation centers or United States Army at prevailing prices, but the question is whether they will be sold to the project itself. The agricultural produces will not be put on the public markets if they are going to compete with ranchers who are already supplying the market. But if there is a terrific shortage of it, it can be sold on the public markets. It isn't definite that they cannot be sold."

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: "Suppose the profits are put into the United States accounts received and we are always in the red, how are we ever going to get out of the red. What about charges and expenses made against this fund?"

Mr. Kennedy--"I do not know what they will charge as an overhead and what as an expense. The way we can money into the Trust Fund is through cotton wages of which there is about \$65,000.00 in the 2,500 acres of cotton. Mr. Mathiesen and Mr. Head are interested in raising the standards of living of Poston. A lot will be cleared up in a day or so in regard to the Evacuee Trust Fund and what is to be charged against the evacuees in Poston. I hope we don't let the details of what's going to happen to agriculture interfere with cotton picking. It will be assisting the national effort and the ranchers."

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: The first consideration of the evacuees is money and not the secondary since there is a constant drainage of funds.

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Mr. Kennedy: "The total earnings of one person picking cotton will no exceed \$5.00 and will not have sacrificed much. It is not a major sum to one individual and yet \$5.00 is a considerable sum multiplied by many \$5.00 will become to an enormous amount, and also do the community much good.

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: Is it definite that the council chose the Evacuee Trust Fund?

Mr. Kennedy: People who reside on the project and work for a private agency outside may:

1. Keep their wages and pay the project for their subsistence of themselves and their dependents.
2. They may receive the regular cash advances and their surplus earnings go into the Trust Fund. No subsistence charged against them.
3. Any proposal that the Community Council may wish to make.

The councils felt that it was not fair to have a few people make a great deal of money outside of the project without disrupting the Poston routine. There is an opportunity for a number of girls who want to do housework for various administration employees who have small children. Those girls can make the prevailing wages of \$12 to \$15 per week and they are not doing any harder work than those in the mess halls and others. Wouldn't it over a period of time set these group of girls apart and first thing you know you will begin to get a social rift and these few will make a lot of money while the rest of them will be working on the same evacuee level. So the councils decided that we should be fair and fair alike. The only way I can look at this social level in Poston as an emergency created not by ourselves, but more or less on a cooperative basis and if there are any suffering, we all take it. If there are any benefits to be gotten and possible chances of stepping up our living standards, all should have the same opportunity."

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: Why is it that best workers are not charged subsistence to the members of family left here in the project, and why are cotton workers required to pay subsistence for the rest of the family?

Mr. Kennedy: Those who are leaving the project take up all ties and have no responsibility to the project and they are no longer considered members of the Work Corps and are not therefore entitled to any benefits therefrom. They have decided to get permanent jobs on the outside and are not even obligated to return to the project. They are finished with the project and keep all the money they make.

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: What about the subsistence of the members of the family left behind?

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Mr. Kennedy: The War Relocation Authority guaranteed to the people living in the project subsistence, medical care and education.

QUESTION--Tom Sakamoto: What about the members of family living inside the project. Why are not the same rules applying to them in the case of cotton pickers?

Mr. Jack Ota: Is it true that the various people going out to work and residing in the project in other centers only paying subsistence for himself?

Mr. Kennedy: It is a War Relocation Authority ruling that those residing within the center and taking outside work must pay subsistence for himself and each of his dependents. If this is brought up to an issue, probably Mr. Head may make special allowances. I am opposed to the deal for the reason that in all fairness any advantages that may occur in the project will be paid to the merit workers. \$70 or \$80 net money I judge to give the right to the merit workers and they are the key people in Poston. The people on a steady cotton picking job should be the people whose services if lost to the community will be a minor inconvenience--such as some of the older people, some in other jobs. Is it right to permit someone who has not made any contributions to the Community should get a profit of \$70 or \$80 net per month?"

"I offer the suggestion that people volunteer and go out to pick cotton. We are primarily concerned with the long staple cotton, but the short staple cotton are also bringing in a great deal of dough and we will be assisting the national effort and country. I wish to ask the group are you willing to go out one day every two weeks and pick cotton?"

Kelly Yamada: I feel that whatever I earn should keep by myself.

QUESTION--Ichiro Okada: The Block Managers can go out, but how can I get over the incentive to the people in my block to go out and pick cotton. What about some people picking one pound and other picking 50 pounds if they all get \$19.00?

Mr. Kennedy: I don't think it is going to help us if evacuees take the attitude we should not help the national war effort. Our country is at war and we are fighting for a democratic basis. We have to look at it in some very broad and human view. The future of the Japanese people in this country is going to be governed by what you people do in these relocation centers and the history of the Japanese will bear a lot of weight what conduct is taken in these centers. It is very important to conduct themselves in a very broadminded and unselfish manner. It is important when the record goes down to say that the people of Poston in spite of feeling keenly the injustice of relocation conducted themselves in a very fine way and rose to the occasion

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nobly to the national war effort. I don't think it would be hard for anyone to go out 3, 4 or 10 days during the season and pick cotton and the little money they earn wouldn't hurt to be used for the community good. It does not make a lot of difference whether they make 50¢ or a lot of money. It is not a great task for the people of Poston to assume. The people of Parker are sympathetic and wish to help the people in Poston. Mr. Gist, Director of Schools in Yuma, wishes to develop athletic inter-relationships with the school in various other places and Poston.

As far as with the participation of work in Gila, it has not been very good. Either it was the fault of the residents, or the fault of the workers, or what, I do not know. In Gila, the man was allowed to keep what they earned with the 15¢ charge for lunch.

I don't pick cotton for wages, but I would pick cotton for a cause and do it willingly for some particular benefit.

QUESTION--Kay Watanabe: Just what is the concensus of opinions in Parker regarding evacuee labor?

Mr. Kennedy: The opinion was very good toward the residents of Poston. 20 people who pledged to pick cotton on the condition that they would not work for that particular person who spoke against the evacuees saying: "I thought 20,000 people could get out of their cans and go to work." This man happened to be one of the growers from Dudley. People in Parker do not know the Japanese, in fact we are total strangers to the people here in this area.

QUESTION--Jimmy Takashima: Do the workers who go out to pick cotton be enlisted in the Work Corps?

Mr. Kennedy: No, not under this present voluntary basis.

QUESTION--Jimmy Takashima: Would the workers be benefited of the earnings made in the cotton picking or do they have to be enlisted in the Work Corps?

Mr. Kennedy: Those who work in the cotton picking will either be workers in the project or families of workers so they would one way or another benefit by going cotton picking.

QUESTION--Kay Watanabe: In the case of bachelors who are not able to find work, but members of the Work Corps. Will the cotton picking benefit them?

Mr. Kennedy: Anyone who is registered and can't find work and is willing to work, are members of the Work Corps. Anyone in Poston who takes a position becomes a member of the Work Corps. Anyone who has not taken any work, but goes out to the cotton picking does not benefit, such as in the case of house wives going to pick cotton for a few days.

QUESTION: When can the money in the Trust Fund be distributed, or when can

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the participants get their benefits from the Trust Fund? Some people have the idea that Trust Fund distributions will not be made until after the war.

Mr. Kennedy: Distribution of the Trust Fund is determined by the Board of Trustees and they can distribute anytime they wish to do so, in fact, you may make a distribution every night after each day's work.

Mr. Kennedy left the meeting and discussion held in regard to Trust Fund and other matters between the Councilmen and the Block Managers.

Announcements made by Sam Fujita to Block Managers.

Housing Committee consisting of Kely Yamada, Roy Koga, Jimmy Takashima of the Council asked to attend meeting in Poston 2 at 1:30 P.M., October 30, 1942.

The meeting was then adjourned by Chairman Tom Sakamoto.

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Block Managers, held in the office of the Supervisor of Block Managers in the Administration Building "A", was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 2:00 p.m., November 4, 1942.

Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Ben Furuta, Toru Ikeda, Yoshio Mamiya, Henry Nakaji, Dave Seki, Kay Watanabe, and Gerald Wumino were present.

The general preference among the people regarding the subjugation plan is to leave the sections between the barracks as they are and have only the center of the block, i.e., between the latrines and the laundry, leveled and the main ditch made by the engineers.

Soap will be sold in each block at 5¢ a bar, two bars for 9¢, or four bars for 17¢. Beginning next week, one case of soap will be delivered to each block daily; and for each case sold, the Block Managers are to turn in \$4/25 to the Supervisor's office.

A supply truck will be needed by the Block Managers not only for the use of delivering the soap but to have it on hand when all the Block Managers must be contacted in emergency cases.

A suggestion was made that as the Block Managers are making the actual sales for the canteen, the Community Enterprise furnish a truck.

A recommendation will be made to the Community Council to make arrangements with the Community Enterprise to sell soap and other necessities at cost prices.

The meeting was adjourned.

NOVEMBER 11, 1942

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The Executive Committee of the Block Managers of Poston III held a meeting at Administration Building "A", Room 5, Wednesday, November 11, 1942, 10:00 a.m. was called to order by Tom Sakamoto.

All members were present.

Mr. Sakamoto announced that blankets will be distributed this afternoon starting from Block 330 and ending with 305. As there are some families with two blankets, those who have not received two blankets will be issued first.

Mr. Seki stated that he has had some trouble with the distribution of the mattresses. Mr. Watanabe suggested that they put them into the laundry room, and have the Custodian or Assistant Block Manager check them out, and at that time, have the residents sign their name saying that they have received so much.

Mr. Sakamoto mentioned that Honorable John Collier, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, would speak to the residents of Poston III at Block 310, 2 o'clock, Thursday, November 12, 1942. Everyone is requested to listen to his speech, and during that time of his speech, the Block Manager's offices will be closed. Everyone will receive credit for that time.

A memorandum from Mr. Matsumoto, Agriculture Department, asking all Block Gardeners, and the Block Managers or their Assistant to be present at a meeting to discuss general planning of the block was read. It is to be held November 16, 1942, Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

It was decided that Mr. Fujita would see the Canteen Manager to see whether the Block Managers could try the system for selling soap another week.

Charts made by the Sociological Research was shown to all the members of the Executive Committee. It was noted that Roku I is considerably above those in other Rokus. Many of the charts were made from the Daily Logs of the Block Managers. It was decided that these charts would be shown to all the Block Managers and their secretaries in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned.

NOVEMBER 18, 1942.

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 10:00 a.m., November 18, 1942, in the office of the Supervisor of Block Managers in the Administration Building "A".

Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Ben Furuta, Toru Ikeda, Yoshio Mamiya, Dale Okazaki, Dave Seki, and Kaye Watanabe were present at the meeting.

Mr. Sakamoto stated that he had spoken to Dr. Wada and brought to his attention the danger of allowing people with a case of Chicken Pox in their family to mingle freely with others, but Dr. Wada has received orders from Dr. Pressman not to quarantine the whole family, but only those afflicted.

The need for more doctors in this unit was discussed, as one doctor in a community of over four thousand is insufficient. This problem has been aired before and referred to the council, but as yet no action seems to have been taken.

Mr. Sakamoto, at the meeting he attended with Miss Findley, learned that clothings issued prior to October 21st will not be charged, and those issued after that date will be deducted from the allowance.

The following were the opinions of some of the Block Managers in regard to relocating themselves on the outside:

Mr. Watanabe, "One should not take out his family until he is well established. It would be a problem if one is going out at scratch--he must have some financial status to fall back on."

Mr. Furuta, "It's pretty hard to take out a family without knowing what they will run into."

Mr. Sakamoto, "In case you do find a job, you must earn twice as much as you would have needed before to break even now that living costs are higher, and there is constant danger of abuse from narrow minded people; but here, though the schooling facilities are poor, the children are safe."

Mr. Fujita, "Remaining in these centers will reduce the people's funds and eventually everyone will be broke."

The meeting was adjourned.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers was called to order by Sam Fujita, Wednesday, December 2, 1942, at 10:00 a.m., outside of the Administration Building "A".

Sam Fujita, Kaye Watanabe, Ben Furuta, and Toru Ikeda were present.

Mr. Fujita announced that stoves have arrived and that each block will receive fifty-two stoves for the large apartments and one for each latrine. Kerosene burners for the small units and larger stoves for the mess halls are yet to arrive. Although the other parts are not here, the stoves in cartons will be distributed to the apartments.

It was suggested that linoleum be laid in each roku at the same time with the block carpenters as volunteer workers, provided the Construction Department can furnish the tools to carry on the operations.

According to Mr. Watanabe, preparations are being made to print notices of the bazaar in Japanese. He requested that the Block Managers be notified to appoint a committee within the blocks to collect the donations of goods, and also have the cardboards and ropes ready for pick-up.

Distribution will be made of the daily strength plates (64 for each block) at the next Block Managers' meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

JANUARY 6, 1943

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers of Poston III was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 6, 1943.

Present were Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Seyichi Kiyomoto, Yoshio Mamiya, Dale Okazaki, Dave Seki, and Kaye Watanabe.

It was planned that hereafter all matters of importance to be discussed at the regular Block Managers' meeting would be discussed in the Executive Committee meetings.

Mr. Sakamoto stated that he had discussed with Mr. Burge the injustice of citizens being evacuated while enemy aliens of other nationals are permitted to be free without a curfew; and as Mr. Burge feels the same way, he has agreed to bring this point to the attention of the meeting to be held in Unit I.

Mr. Snelson, Chief of Subsistence, will be here Friday, January 8, 1943, to speak to the chefs, head waiters and waitresses, and Block Managers of Unit III.

Mr. Empie will be asked to speak to the Block Managers in the near future, and specific questions to be asked him will be prepared. Mr. Burge added that it would be a good idea to give any plans the Block Managers may have for the distribution of the pay to Mr. Empie at that time.

Mr. Kaye Watanabe explained the difficulty teachers have in collecting their allowances when they have classes at that time. After much discussion of making exceptions for various essential departments and of arrangements to have them paid at some convenient time, it was finally decided it would be only fair to have no exceptions. Those missing their turn will be compelled to wait at the end of the line. The clothing allowances are being distributed according to numbers, and approximately 106 people are paid per hour.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Burge that permanent number be given in forms of identification cards with the names, addresses, and signatures. This will be discussed further at the Block Managers' meeting.

Although the churches of Poston have taken upon themselves to thank those organizations who sent Christmas gifts, many of the Block Managers also wish to write letters of thanks; therefore, Mr. Fujita will get the names and addresses of the organizations from the Social Welfare Department.

Mr. Burge announced that five gallon cans with spouts and handles are coming in.

A message was received from Mr. Mathieson that nine hundred mesquite fence posts for the hog farm between Poston I and II have disappeared and would like any information as to the whereabouts of the posts.

At the next Block Managers' meeting the rotation of members of the Executive Committee will be discussed and some uniform arrangements will be made for oil distribution and a fire fighting crew in each block. Mr. Mamiya and Mr. Watanabe will each present a fire drill plan.

The meeting was adjourned.

FEBRUARY 4, 1943

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers of Poston III, held in the supervisor of Block Managers' office, Room 3, Administration Building "A", was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 1:30 p.m., February 4, 1943.

Present at the meeting were: Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Supervisor and Assistant, respectively, Jay Nishida of 308, George Kawano of 309, Dave Seki of 322, Fred Katsumate of 330, and Robert Hiratsuka of 317.

Mr. Fujita presented the following plan for the emergency fire-brigade, part of which was submitted by Block 329, for the approval of the Executive Committee:

I. Organization and Duties

- A. Fire Chief: Organizer
- B. Rescue Squad: Composed of younger and stronger men (applies to rescuing people only).
- C. Pump Squad: Responsible person to remove pump from the hook and take it to the scene of the fire.
- D. Messenger: Someone who has a bicycle. As soon as the fire is known, he is to inform the fire station.
- E. Guards: To guard properties salvaged.
- F. First-Aid: Composed of people with basic knowledge of first-aid. The Block Manager's office will be the station for this purpose; but, in case barrack No. 1 is afire, the mess hall will be used for the station.
- G. Hose Squad: To attach the block hose to the nearest hydrant.
- H. Bucket Brigade: Composed of older men or any others not designated to the above mentioned groups.

II. Procedure in Case of Fire

- A. Ring bell continuously.
- B. Send messenger boy to the fire-station.
- C. Fill laundry trays.
- D. Inform chief to form rescue squad.

III. Suggestions in regard to Immediate Formation of Fire-Brigades

- A. At the next block meeting designate certain individuals to the necessary squads.
- B. Conduct a survey of all privately owned buckets, hoses, and ladders.
- C. Leave the block hose in the boiler room of the men's latrine (unlocked) at nights instead of the block office.
- D. If sufficient lumber is not available for the building of ladders, instruct carpenters to build them out of cotton wood or willow timber.

- E. Appoint a responsible person other than the Block Manager to act as fire chief of your block.
- F. Designate at least two persons to every water pump and caution them to check the pumps periodically.
- G. Hold periodical fire drills in your blocks, preferably one each month.
- H. The above outline and suggestions may be altered to fit your needs; however, it is desired that the entire camp be more or less on a uniform plan.

The plan was unanimously approved by the group.

According to Mr. Ebright, there are still a few more coolers available, and the residents will be given another chance to order them. Mr. Ebright guarantees that every purchaser of coolers will be able to buy pipes and other fittings. He has assured us that where there are coolers in each unit of barracks No. 13 and 14, the fuses will not be blown as long as the electrical appliances are not all turned on at the same time; in other words, if and when the power is turned off, the residents must be instructed to turn off all electrical appliances and not to turn them on at once when the power is resumed.

Mr. GERALD WUMINO stated that eventually there will be gravel walks between the trees and the barracks, and the residents will be permitted to grow flowers between the walk and the barrack (no vegetables) in order to save the foundation. Wherever possible the lawns and gardens will be saved. He suggested that every block adopt the plan to have uniform gravel walks which will enhance the beauty of the block appearance.

The meeting was adjourned.

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MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers of Poston III, held in the Supervisor of Block Managers' office, Room 3, Administration Building "A", was called to order by acting Chairman Sam Fujita at 1:30 p.m., February 17, 1943.

Present at the meeting were: Sam Fujita, Asst. Supervisor, Jay Nishida of 308, George Kawano of 309, Terashi Ibara of 318, Kaye Watanabe of 326, Dave Seki of 322, and Fred Katsumata of 330.

The following was the order of business:

1. It was generally believed that two screens, size 3'x9' will be required for the construction of each mess hall cooler.
2. Slats will be available as soon as the Army releases the order.
3. The reason given for those blocks which did not receive their tar papers is that their offices were closed at the time of delivery.
4. The latest report is that wives without children under the age of fourteen will not receive clothing allowances unless they are working; therefore, Dave Seki, Terashi Ibara, and Fred Katsumata were appointed as a committee to investigate this matter in Unit I, their aim being to make possible for those people to receive their allowances as they are very essential to the upkeep of the households.
5. A memo will be written to the Block Managers' staff regarding the handling of U.S. mails in the offices.
6. As suggested by one of the Block Managers' in his manager's notes, it was agreed that the express and parcel post offices should be open on Saturday afternoons during the fresh fruit seasons and also should keep better hours.
7. Mr. Gerald Wumino would like a list of people whose stored goods, either privately or government stored, are damaged.
8. After much discussion of how to give each family a fair chance to have their shoes repaired (for as it was reported the shoe repair shop will be able to handle only a certain amount at a time) the following was decided:
 - a. Each block will be issued slips, one to each family.
 - b. Families wishing work done will make their requests at their respective B.M.'s office.
 - c. Each block will have a given time for shoe repairs.

Further details will be arranged after a report is received of the number that can be handled and the period of time required for the work. Jay Nishida was to report at the next Block Managers' meeting after

a consultation with Mr. Ichiuji, Manager of the Shoe Repair Department.

9. Mr. Fujita was to write a letter to the Community Council regarding a watch repair shop in Poston III.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers of Poston III held in the Block Manager Supervisor's office, Administration Building "A", Room 2, was called to order by Chairman Tom Sakamoto at 1:30 p.m., March 10, 1943.

Present at the meeting were: Tom Sakamoto, Sam Fujita, Kaye Watanabe, Yoshio Mamiya, Terashi Ibara, Jay Nishida, and George Kawano.

The Executive Committee recommended the following procedure to be followed in the issuance of permits to allow ironing in the barracks:

1. Write a letter addressed to the Supervisor of Block Managers' office stating fully the reasons for the exception.
2. An investigation into each individual case will be made by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee.
3. Permits will be issued on a permanent or temporary basis according to the nature of the case.
4. If the reasons are found not to be substantial, the permits will be denied.

Permits to iron in barracks will be issued under the following conditions:

I. Permanent Permits

- A. People who are caring for invalids and paralytics needing constant care, wherein no other adult is available for the care of the said person.
- B. Those afflicted with chronic ailments and are able to produce a medical certificate, pending approval by the committee.

II. Temporary Permits

- A. Quarantine Cases
- B. Pregnant Cases
 1. Last two months of pregnancy
 2. To terminate three months after child birth

III. Any other cases or situations not indicated above will be considered and determined by the Executive Committee. All parties desiring exceptions to ironing in the ironing room must submit a letter stating their reasons to the said committee.

Sample of an ironing permit:

IRONING PERMIT

To _____ Block Manager _____

You are hereby requested to allow _____
Barrack _____ Unit _____ to iron in her apartment.

This permit is granted according to the provisions set forth in the regulations governing ironing in the barracks,

Section _____.

The bearer of this permit agrees to iron only the clothes belonging to her own family. Any abuse of the priveleges will invalidate the permit.

Void Date _____

Tom Sakamoto
Supervisor of Block Managers

Mr. Burge stated that as far as the WRA is concerned, any orders bearing the signature of either Mr. Head or Mr. Calvin is equivalent to a WRA order.

Compensation for the use of carpenters' tools was discussed, and Mr. Sakamoto is to write to the Supervisor of Block Managers of Manzanar Relocation Center for details and steps to be taken.

Mr. Burge has settled the transportation question for hospital visitors from Unit III and the following is the general outline of procedure:

The Poston III Clinic will advise the Transportation Department on the limitations which it wishes to set on visitors, both as to time and number of visitors per patient.

It will also keep the Transportation Department currently informed on patients from Poston III who are in the hospital.

The Transportation Department of Poston III will see that buses are available to take visitors to the hospital, and that a system is worked out, either through registration of passengers or the issuing of tickets to see that visitors conform to the limitations set by the Medical Department.

When this system is worked out in detail, a notice will be sent to all blocks in Poston III in the form of a directive which will be an authority for the Transportation Department.

Moris Burge

The meeting was adjourned.

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Executive Committee Meeting
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The meeting of the Executive Committee of Block Managers, held in the conference room of the Administration Building "B", was called to order by Chairman Dale Okazaki at 9:00 a.m., July 22, 1945.

Present at the meeting were Dale Okazaki, Chairman; Ichiro Okada and Toru Ikeda representing Roku 1; George Ikuta and S. Shirasawa, Roku 2; T. Yabuta and T. Nishi, Roku 3; Gerald Wumino, Assistant Administrator of Poston 3; and Mr. Uyeda of the Construction Department.

The purpose of the meeting was to find a solution to alleviate man-power shortage of the Block Managers' staffs if a forty percent reduction of the staffs is effected.

A brief explanation of the man-power situation was made by Mr. Wumino, according to whom 10% of the present workers must be cut down by the end of this month, and by the first of September 30% are to have been reduced. For emergency cases, there will be an allowance of 10% overage. At the last meeting of the man-power commission, Mr. Crawford disclosed that aside from the Block Manager and the clerk, an additional five men will be allowed on the block staffs for janitors, carpenters, or gardeners. Under this system the blocks of Unit 1 and 2 which have been operating with staffs numbering from two to four may add workers, whereas the staffs of Unit 3, each numbering eleven (because of a different method employed in operating the blocks) must release 40% of the workers. He conferred with Mr. Burge of having a staff of eight in each block; but when asked his opinion, he stated that he doubted very much that Unit 3 will be granted the extra percent.

Mr. Wumino felt that the most effective way would be to allot certain number of jobs to each unit according to population and with a unit board solve its own unit labor problems; however, having no support, his suggestion was turned down at the meeting. Mr. Nelson believed an over-all reduction should be made of all the departments. Mr. Wumino also talked to Mr. Popkins and brought to his attention the fact that the Unit 3 adobe plant began its operation five months later than the other two units' and therefore cannot be expected to complete its schedule by September if the number of workers is reduced in the same proportion as Units 1 and 2. According to Mr. Rupkey, the school must be re-modeled; and as far as employment is concerned, they will be shorthanded.

Mr. Ikuta's opinion was that if both the overstaffed and understaffed departments must cut down the same percentage, the overstaffed would be at an advantage; and therefore, he felt that reductions should be made on the essentiality rather than the percentage basis.

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Mr. Ikeda believed that all such important matters should be informed the Block Managers who are ~~supposed to be~~ the information centers, for many times the residents seem to know more and sooner than the information centers.

Mr. Wumino agreed that no official statements have been made. He offered the following suggestions for the carpenters and gardeners; that the carpenters be transferred to the Construction Department but yet have them work in their respective blocks whenever they are needed; and that one head gardener should remain in the block and the other two transferred to the Agriculture Department with similar arrangements. He also suggested that each block obtain a receipt from the Agriculture Department for whatever is produced within the block.

Mr. Ikuta stated that from the stand point of the blocks, they have withheld reporting to the Ag Department fearing that it would be distributed to other blocks. He felt there should be coordination between the Ag Departments of the three units, for they have been raising the same types of vegetables at the same time, resulting in wastage. Block gardeners have more incentive to raise things for their own block and spend much time on their work, whereas the Ag Department works by the clock.

The committee asked Mr. Uyeda if the carpenters could be shifted to his department, and the answer was in the affirmative; however, when asked if he could guarantee that the carpenters will be allowed to remain in the blocks, he could give no assurance.

The committee reached the decision that the minimum number required to continue the functions of the block is eight, and the matter is to be brought up at the next man-power meeting on Monday to to be presented to the meeting in Unit 1.

The managers asked Mr. Uyeda if a small hole, large enough to reach the receiver from the outside, could be built in the walls of the block offices with phones. Mr. Uyeda answered that they will be made.

The meeting was adjourned.