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INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Date July 3, 1943

TO Mr. George L. Townsend DEPT. Chief, Community Services
FROM Vernon P. Shook DEPT. Associate Counselor

The Sub-Committee which was appointed for the purpose of obtaining members representative of the various organizations and factions and therefore, the entire resident population of Hunt Relocation Center, wishes to report the following members to the Advisory Committee for relocation:

YWCA

Mrs. Paul Shigaya President of Older Group
Miss Hiroko Kawasaki 31-11-C Representing Younger Group

P.T.A.

~~Mrs. Sakai~~ *Left center* ~~7-6-D~~ ~~Huntville~~
Mrs. Terakawa 35-8-B Stafford

Churches

~~Mrs. Francis Chiujo~~ 10-1-B Catholic
~~Rev. Tsutomu Fukuyama~~ 28-12-C Protestant *Left*
Rev. Shozo Hashimoto 1-5-A Protestant
Rev. Joseph Kitagawa 4-8-F Protestant
Rev. Kenneth Nakajo 4-2-D Protestant
Rev. Jennosuke Shoji 28-12-B Protestant
Rev. H. Sakuma 26-11-A Protestant
Rev. Thomas Machida 16-6-C Protestant
Rev. Naomichi Kodaira 2-3-A Protestant
Rev. Y. Arakawa 29-4-E Buddhist
Rev. G. Y. Kimura 34-7-B Buddhist
Rev. T. Terakawa 35-8-B Buddhist
Rev. Terao 10-10-B Buddhist
Rev. Sugimoto 22-1-A Buddhist

Co-op

Mr. Jack I. Chikata 4-10-D Board of Directors

Parent Soldier Association

Mr. Keisho Ishii 16-1-C Social Analysis

Steward Division

Mr. Yasuo Kamei 30-1-F *11-E* Supervisor
Mr. Seichiro Soeda 30-9-F Supervisor
Mr. Kentaro Kahara 36-4-F Supervisor

Block Managers

Mr. James S. Nomura 10-9-C
Or as alternative

Mr. Seichi Hara

(Mr. James S. Nomura is now serving on the Planning Committee and will give his seat on the Advisory Committee to Mr. Hara if the two are conflicting)

Adult Education

Mr. Nakagawa 26-4-A
Or as alternative in case Mr. Nakagawa cannot serve for
any reason
Mr. Nakashima 34-3-F

Community Activities

Mr. Tom Chino 41-~~12-G~~⁸⁻⁷ Coordinator of Section V

School Teachers

Mr. Tatsuro Hayasaka 40-2-B
Or as alternative
Miss Mary Toribara 28-11-G

Senior High School

Mr. Frank Kawahara 39-9-E 10th Grade
Mr. Frank Muramatsu 34-4-C&D 11th Grade
Miss Tokiko Senda 36-3-C 12th grade

Rep. for Self-Government Affairs group

Mr. Dick Kanaya 19-7-A

Alternate for Shin Sect Church

Mr. Masaru Harada 16-1-B

Rep. for Blks 12 & 13

Mr. Frank Ozawa 13-7-A

~~Rep. for Blk 38~~

~~Mr. W. Sato 38-4-A~~ *resigned*

~~Rep. for Blks 43 & 44~~

~~Mr. Y. doi 44-1-F~~

Miss Lillian Fujihira 40-9-B.

You will note that there are thirteen members representing churches, whereas, it was considered that there would be twelve representing the churches. However, as it was also said in the meeting of the Planning Committee that all ministers should be present and all churches should be represented, it is thought that this list should remain as presented.

Instructions were given at the time of appointment to the Advisory Committee for relocation so that if a meeting of this Committee will be called within a week's time, each member of the Committee will have had an opportunity to gather opinions, suggestions, and ideas pertaining to better methods of relocation as result of having had either a meeting of the faction they represent as a body or a meeting of a representative committee from that faction. It is believed that they will be prepared to offer definite plans at the first meeting of the Advisory Committee and will be prepared to discuss in some detail those plans which they may present.

Miss Pauline Takahashi 5-9-E

THE PLAN AND THE PURPOSE FOR THE TRAVEL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
AND THE RELOCATION LIBRARY

The purpose of the Travel Counselor's Office. This office assists residents with their travel problems such as planning their trip, making reservations for the train. Much attention is given to Isseis who are not able to understand English in planning their train or bus schedule and assist them in any manner possible in making their travel easier.

The purpose of the Relocation Library. The Relocation Library is the central point where all information pertaining to relocation are gathered. It is the aim of this Library to inform residents regarding areas where they are planning to resettle. Information includes descriptions of cities, public sentiments, living costs, and housing conditions, friendly organizations which assists the evacuees, newspapers from various cities, and other pertinent facts on Relocation.

We already have folders including informational materials on most of the states. Although it is far from being complete, these materials will assist the residents in answering the majority of the questions concerning the particular area in which they are planning to resettle. We intend to make the Library as complete as possible on relocation information and the residents are urged to use this Library.

ASSIGNMENT OF BLOCKS

Blk 1 Rev. Hashimoto

2 Mr. Hara
Rev. Kodaira

3 ~~Mr. Soyeda~~

4 Rev. Nakajo
~~Rev. Kitagawa~~
Mr. Chikata

5 Miss Takahashi

6 Mrs. Shigaya

7 ~~Mrs. Sakai~~

8 Mr. Nomura

10 ~~Mrs. Chiujo~~

12)

Mr. Frank Ozawa

13)

14 Rev. Terao

15 Mr. Harada

16 Rev. Machida

17 K. Ishii

19 Mr. Kanaya

21)

Rev. Sugimoto

22)

24 M. Nakagawa

26 Rev. Sakuma

28 Rev. Shoji
~~Rev. Fukuyama~~
Miss Toribara

29 Rev. Arakawa

30 Mr. Kamei

31 Miss Kawasaki

32 Mr. Nakashima

34 Rev. Kimura

Blk 35 Rev. Terakawa

36 Miss Senda

37 Mr. Kohara

~~38 Mr. W. Sato~~

39 Miss Fujihara

40 Mr. Hayasaka

41 Mr. Chino

42)

Mr. Y. Doi

44)

HELPFUL HINTS FOR SUCCESSFUL RELOCATION

Minidoka

You are leaving the Minidoka Relocation Center to resume life in a normal American way in a community which has expressed a willingness to include you as one of its residents.

Life in America today is not the same as when you withdrew from it a year ago. A year of war has increased public tension and has brought about rationing in many goods and foods including shoes, tires, gasoline, sugar, coffee, canned fruits and vegetables, canned fruit and vegetable juices, canned soups, raisins, dry fruits, meat, and many other things. All goods and foods are scarce. Don't complain about war-caused inconveniences. Don't buy more than you need and don't hoard. Be sure to secure your ration books before you leave the center.

Always bear in mind that your actions will help or hinder others at Hunt who also want to return to a normal way of life.

Don't speak Japanese in public places or when people are around who don't understand this language.

Don't gang up in large groups on side walks and in public places to inconvenience and antagonize the local people. Don't be loud or boisterous in public places.

Don't patronize honky tonks, night clubs, bars and other such places that might reflect unfavorably on all Japanese Americans. Furthermore, persons who are under the influence of liquor are subject to emotional upheavals and lose all reason. They are likely to "lose their head" and commit violence against a Japanese American. It is not good for public relations for Japanese Americans to be conspicuous when drinking, playing slot machines and the like in public places.

The public is slow to recognize your status as an American especially now that we are at war with Japan. Keep this in mind when prejudices and discriminations hurt you. Always remember your ultimate desire, a free and equal life in America. To attain it may require sacrifices on your part during these trying times.

Make an extra effort to get along with your employer. Try to make a favorable impression on everyone you meet. Consider yourself working to promote a better understanding of all Japanese Americans in this country. Don't change jobs without giving serious thought to such a move. Don't let it appear that you "used" your first job just to get out of the center.

There are many people who want to help you if you let them. Don't withdraw into yourself; make friends with non-Japanese.

Don't be ashamed of or apologize for your Japanese ancestry but be sure a distinction is made between the aims and philosophies of the militaristic Japan we are fighting and the admirable virtues and customs such as courtesy, industry, and family love which are inherent in Japanese Americans.

You must assume responsibility for certain reports. More complete details of these responsibilities and of other requirements are in the booklet "When You Leave the Relocation Center". Read your copy carefully.

WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY
COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION

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COMMUNITY ANALYSIS SECTION *Barber*
Embree

INTRODUCTORY NOTE REGARDING TRAVEL INFORMATION
TO THOSE LEAVING THE PROJECT

There have been many inquiries regarding the treatment of evacuees during their travel to their destination.

The following is an excerpt from the Advisory Committee for Evacuees' Report on Relocation based upon interviews with persons already relocated which should answer this question.

"Fears of mistreatment on the outside which evacuees acquire while still in camp are largely exaggerated, unwarranted, unjustified. Evacuees should be encouraged to shed California notions of prejudice and discrimination."

....."most evacuees, on leaving camp, gingerly wonder how Service Men--soldiers, sailors, marines---will treat them on train. Counsellors may advise evacuees, on the basis of the combined experiences of hundreds who have already come out, that they ought to expect normal, pleasant---certainly not unpleasant---encounters as a matter of course. "The soldiers on the train were swell; they carried my bags for me," one attractive young lady recalled. "We came across with a couple of marines; we're corresponding with one of them," another couple said. Are these exceptional cases? Not necessarily. Relocation is being discovered as enjoyable by normal young men and women who regard themselves as Americans and expect to be treated as normal Americans. It is in reality, an Individual Challenge."

Travel hints have been compiled with the hope that it may be of some assistance to those leaving the projects with their various travel problems. It is by no means intended to be comprehensive. It merely includes answers to some of the questions asked at the Travel Counselor's Office. For general and specific information pertaining to travel, consult the Travel Counselor's Office.

TRAVEL COUNSELOR'S OFFICE
MINIDOKA PROJECT, W. R. A.
HUNT, IDAHO

TRAVEL HINTS

(1) Due to wartime conditions the transportation systems are being strained to its limits for fulfilling civilian and war needs. Naturally the service will not be comparable to the one to which you may be accustomed during peace time travel. Be patient and cooperate by adjusting your travel habits accordingly.

(2) Reservations for trains should be made well in advance. Earliernotice means better chance of securing berths. In no case should the request be made less than three days prior to date of departure. On such a short notice, the chances of securing a berth is practically nil.

(3) Be definite about the date of departure and your reservation before making your request. Once you have made the request, do not cancel it unless the circumstance is such that it necessitates the cancellation. Too frequent cancellation will mean the jeopardizing of interests of other residents who may later leave the project, since they may not be able to secure reservations. However, if it is absolutely necessary to cancel reservations, please notify the Travel Counselor's Office or the ticket agent at Jerome, whichever place you made the request, as soon as possible so that they may be so advised. Otherwise, you may be depriving another person of a berth. It is possible to make arrangements to transfer your reservation to another person leaving on the same date.

Payment for ticket should be made at Shoshone at the time of departure.

(4) Definition of railroad terms;

Standard ticket---1st class ticket entitling the holder to all the privileges on the train. However, the berth is extra and additional amount must be paid. The berth reservation means seat reservation, since the seats are made into berths at night.

Tourist ticket---2nd class ticket which is honored in both the Tourist and Coach car. The holder of this ticket is eligible to purchase tourist berth. Berth reservation in this class also amounts to seat reservation, since the seats are made into berths at night.

Coach ticket---This ticket is honored only in the Coach car which is a regular chair car without berths. Reservation cannot be made for Coach.

Stopovers---Stopovers will be allowed at all points within limit of 30 days in addition to the date of sale in case of

one way fare, upon application to conductor without deposit of ticket.

Baggage maximum---For passengers presenting adult ticket, 150 pounds; children's half-fare, 75 pounds. Free allowances subject to tariff stipulations as to contents, weight, value and size. This does not mean that passengers cannot bring more than 150 pounds of baggage. This can be done provided the passenger pay for the transportation of the excess baggage. It should be further understood that the 150 pounds is exclusive of the hand baggage which you personally bring on the train.

Pullman--Standard and Tourist sleeping cars operated by the Pullman Company.

(5) An economical way of traveling tourist class, for two persons is to purchase one lower tourist berth and sharing it. The berth is large enough to accommodate two persons. However, the person not purchasing the berth must have a tourist ticket.

(6) Purchase ticket to your final destination even if transfer of train is made to another company's line. In most cases the ticket for the whole trip can be purchased from the ticket agent at your initial point of departure.

(7) Be familiar with train and bus time table. Consult your ticket agent at the train or bus depot regarding the latest schedule. The published schedule may not be correct, since it is subject to change without notice.

(8) Travel is less crowded in mid-week. Best travel days are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Worst days are Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. By avoiding the busy week-ends, you ease the strain on wartime transportation and travel better.

(9) Travel light. Check all necessary baggage to your final destination and include only the very necessary articles in the hand luggage you bring with you on the train. At the time you purchase the ticket, check your baggage to your final destination and do not worry over it. It will be sent accordingly even if you make stop-overs.

(10) Storage charge for baggage free for first 24 hours; hand luggage and small pieces of baggage--1¢ after 24 hours for each piece per day or fraction thereof until a maximum of \$1.00 is reached. On trunks and other large baggage--25¢ after 24 hours for each piece for the first day or fraction thereof. There will be a charge of 10¢ per each additional day until a maximum of \$1.00 is reached. Baggage left over 30 days will be forwarded to the Unclaimed Department and will be subject to charge. For instance, if one piece of hand luggage is stored 2 days after the first 24 hours, the charge will be 20¢; 10 days it will be \$1.00. After 10 days the charge will still be \$1.00. The same rule applies to the large baggage except that the

charge will be 25¢ for the first day after 24 hours, and 10¢ additional for each day till a maximum of \$1.00 is reached.

(11) Limits on train tickets---all standard, local and interline one way tickets will be limited to 30 days in addition to date of sale.

Limits on bus tickets---bus tickets are good for 60 days from the date of purchase and round trip tickets are good for 180 days. Reservations of seats will not be made.

(12) Consult the Travelers' Aid desk at important railroad stations for appointment arrangements for persons meeting you at the station, also in case of emergency upon arrival. It is glad to be of any assistance.

(13) To check hand baggage at station, while visiting the town, the most economical and convenient method of checking is to use the locker sets which you find in most train and bus stations. Baggage can be checked with a deposit of 10¢.

(14) Tickets unused or partially used, will be redeemed under tariff regulations at proper value. Consult your ticket agent for refund procedure.

(15) There is no tourist east of Chicago. Only coach and standard trains operate in the eastern section of the United States. The most economical and the least uncomfortable way of traveling if you are going to points east of Chicago is to purchase a tourist berth to Chicago and coach ticket beyond.

(16) In Chicago your train ticket will entitle you to a limousine service between your arrival and departure stations. Your baggage will be transferred to the departure station without your notification. However, the hand baggage should be taken care of by yourself. Company will not be responsible for unchecked baggage left at the station. If you should desire to visit in Chicago between trains you may on arrival in Chicago, deliver the hand baggage to Parmelee Company's agent and secure claim check for it. The baggage will be transferred to the parcel room of the station from which departure will be made and should be claimed on presentation of the claim check. The charge on presentation of transfer coupon, including the parcel room fee for the first 24 hours, is 10¢ for each of the first 3 pieces and 35¢ for each additional piece over 3.

(17) Do not carry on conversation in the Japanese language as it may arouse suspicion and cause unfavorable reaction among other passengers.

(18) Some Safety Suggestions:

(1) Thoughtfulness for your own welfare increases your safety; courtesy toward your fellow travelers enhances

the pleasure of your journey.

(2) Don't try to get on or off a moving train; let the trainmen stop it for you.

(3) Keep hand baggage out of car aisles; all except very heavy parcels may be put in the overhead racks. You may ask the trainmen to handle your baggage for you. This will add to your convenience, and remove a cause of annoyance, possibly of accidents to others.

(4) Don't put your hands or head out of open windows or throw articles therefrom. If you raise your window see that it is securely latched.

(5) Walk carefully when entering or leaving train; high heeled shoes are sometimes a cause of tripping or stumbling on car steps.

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MINIDOKA PROJECT

INTER-OFFICE MEMO

Date July 19, 1943

TO Mr. Joseph Beeson DEPT. Sr. Employment Officer
FROM Vernon P. Shook DEPT. Associate Counselor

We, the Sub-Committee to the Planning Committee for Relocation, wish to report the results of our meeting to appoint a Chairman of the Advisory Council for Relocation.

After due consideration of those people whose names were recommended for chairmanship and of those people who are members of the Advisory Council as a whole, we have considered Mr. Keisho Ishii as being the most likely to carry the responsibilities of Chairman with a great deal of success. It has been pointed out that Mr. Ishii is regarded by most people of the Project as a scholar, a person whose interest would be non-partisan, and who has had experiences which should enable him to meet the requirements of this office. We, therefore, recommend Keisho Ishii as Chairman of the Advisory Council.

The following is a suggested agenda outline for the next meeting on Tuesday at 1:30 p.m.:

1. May it be suggested that meetings of the Advisory Council be held once every two weeks, or alternate weeks at a time which is not conflicting nor coinciding with the regular meeting on Tuesday at 1 o'clock of the Community Services Staff. That the meeting of the Planning Committee for Relocation be held on weeks which are alternate to the weeks on which the Advisory Council meets. This suggestion is made in order that recommendations or proposals made by the Advisory Council may be considered without undue delay by the Planning Committee.
2. That there be a continuation of the discussion of travel grants.
3. That there be a discussion of the library by Yukio Nakayama and others.
4. That a time not to exceed one hour be allowed for suggestions and ideas to be thrown on the table for discussion at the next meeting of the Advisory Council; and that such ideas or suggestions may be made either verbally or in writing, the latter of which may be read by the joint committee chairman.
5. That suggestions be made for the procedure of formulating an agenda of the Advisory Council in its succeeding meetings.

July 19, 1943

We, the Sub-Committee, hold these suggestions as tentative, and recommend that the Chairman of the Planning Committee change them or modify them at his will and discretion.

For the Sub-Committee:

Mrs. Yone Arai
Miss Helen Amerman
Mr. Vernon P. Shook

by

REPLY REQUESTED: _____ SIGNED: _____