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Block
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BLOCK 207:

Kushida, Kazuo
Taketaya, May
Hashimoto, Katsumi
Akiyama, Robert
Matsuzaki, Otokichi
Tanaka, Satoru

Block Manager
Ass't. Block Manager
Clerk
Custodian
Janitor
Janitor
Night watch

BLOCK 208:

Ikegami, Harry M.
Imahara, David H.
Iwasa, Kaoru
Ichiki, Morichi
Nakamura, Minosuke
Honda, Kinkichi
Takahashi, Willie

Block Manager
Ass't. Block Manager
Clerk
Custodian
Janitor
Janitor
Night watch

BLOCK 209:

Ikeda, Albert
Tanaka, George
Matsumune, Hisaye
Kobayashi, Koichi
Shiba, Takataro
Shigimoto, Takeo
Takemoto, Kenji

Block Manager
Ass't. Block Manager
Clerk
Custodian
Janitor
Janitor
Night watch

BLOCK 211:

Tachibana, Zenshiro
Matsuda, John Masao
Tsuyuki, Barbara
Toya, James
Hirozawa, Heishiro
Tanda, Tanikichi
Shinoda, George

Block Manager
Ass't. Block Manager
Clerk
Custodian
Janitor
Janitor
Night watch

BLOCK 213:

Nakaji, George Akira
Toyota, Takichi
Iyemura, Suzu
Okumura, Ken
Yoneda, Akira
Hirota, Masao

Block Manager
Ass't. Block Manager
Clerk
Custodian
Janitor
Janitor
Night watch

BLOCK 214:

Matsushita, Tokio	Block Manager
Yuki, Takeo	Ass't. Block Manager
Takiguchi, Anna	Clerk
Fujiki, Jack	Custodian
Saiki, Chiozo	Janitor
Iwakiri, Henry	Janitor
	Night watch

BLOCK 215:

Yoshida, Kenzo	Block Manager
Yamanishi, Frank Jiro	Ass't. Block Manager
Yamano, Misao	Clerk
Yamano, Ben	Custodian
Shiroki, Tamotsu	Janitor
Murakoshi, Satoru	Janitor
Nakasako, Sawaichi	Night watch

BLOCK 216:

Hashimoto, Masato	Block Manager
Abe, Michio	Ass't. Block Manager
Sukekane, Frances A	Clerk
Koike, Yasuichi	Custodian
Yoshizumi, Hugoro	Janitor
Ide, Kanzaburo	Janitor
Takata, Toichi	Night Watch

BLOCK 219:

Hamada, Minoru	Block Manager
Matsuura, Edwin Takashi	Ass't. Block Manager
Ichikawa, Ryoko Lucille	Clerk
Matsui, Isao	Custodian
Ariyoshi, Toichi	Janitor
Hayashi, Asakichi	Janitor
Sagara, Tokiya	Night watch

BLOCK 220:

Shimizu, Johnson	Block Manager
Takizawa, Kiroku	Ass't. Block Manager
Yamaguchi, Mae	Clerk
Sugidono, Jiro	Custodian
Hashimoto, Tadashi	Janitor
Inouye, Tokio	Janitor
Nakayama, Sozoichi	Night watch

BLOCK 221:

Sakimoto, Yasushi	Block Manager
Mayeda, Kenneth Kenzaburo	Ass't. Block Manager
Yamamoto, Chiyeke	Clerk
Nishimura, George	Custodian
Kamitsuka, Dales Kanichi	Janitor
Matsumoto, Tanizo	Janitor
Tamura, Frank	Night watch

BLOCK 222:

Sakamoto, Setsugo George	Block Manager
Nishioki, Norman S.	Ass't. Block Manager
Mizuki, Tsukino	Clerk
Mizuki, Gakuji	Custodian
Yoshizaki, Chiyosuki	Janitor
Taniguchi, Kuyokusu	Janitor
	Night watch

BLOCK 226:

Kubota, John	Block Manager
Takinaga, Hideo	Ass't. Block Manager
Ohno, Mari	Clerk
Imoto, Nuke M.	Custodian
Harizawa, Suezo	Janitor
Hori, Matsusuki	Janitor
Jo, Shigesuke	Night watch

BLOCK 227:

Sato, Barney	Block Manager
Okawauchi, Kingo	Ass't. Block Manager
Kanagawa, Yaeko	Clerk
Hasegara, Peter K.	Custodian
Kudo, Otohiko	Janitor
Sato, Suematsu	Janitor
Miyaji, Yeichi	Night watch

BLOCK 229:

Mori, Ray Ryoichi	Block Manager
Makishima, Henry Saburo	Ass't. Block Manager
Ogawa, May	Clerk
Yamasaki, Yukio	Custodian
Oganeku, Tokoryo	Janitor
Higashi, Joe	Janitor
Namba, Jim Haruo	Night watch

Unit Two

Block Managers' Meeting
Thursday, July 9, 1942
10:00 a.m. - 215 Recreation

Those present:

John Evans
James D. Crawford
Tomo Ito
George Nakaji
George Nagano
Chikara Iwamoto
John Urabe
Takeo Yuki
Kenzo Yoshida

Dr. A. Tatsumi
Z. Tachibana
Katsuhiro Endo
Sumio Nishi
Frank Shimonishi
George Ono
M. Hashimoto
K. Kuroiwa
Mr. Aramaki

The initial meeting of the temporary block managers for Unit Two was held Thursday, July 9, 1942, and was presided over by Mr. John Evans, Assistant to the Project Director.

As an introduction, Mr. Evans explained in general the administration of the Relocation Center. The administration of Poston comes under the War Relocation Authority in collaboration with the Department of the Interior and it is directly administered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Under agreement the Bureau is given broad latitude in administrative policies. "Mr. Head and his staff feel that this place is your place and that we members of this staff are only here to help you make it into the kind of place that you want. Here is a real opportunity to make a contribution not only to yourselves in terms of the present emergency and in terms of the post-war period but also to the democracy of America as a whole. There is an opportunity here for you to paint a picture that will be an absolutely undeniable when this war is over - something that American and the world as a whole will be able to look to as one of the finest examples of what Democracy is a living, real thing; it is what we are fighting for; and right here we have a most remarkable opportunity to make a real contribution towards the great goal."

Mr. Evans explained the Block Manager System in theory and how it is working in actual practice in Unit One. The Block Manager System is going to be a very important part of this program. The Block Manager should be the official source of information to the people, and block residents should be trained to know that all questions should be directed to him. It will do a great deal toward establishing a sense of security in the minds of the residents.

Meetings of the group should be held three times a week. Every problem is brought up and discussed. Questions of block residents which the manager cannot answer are brought to the meeting and answered there. If an answer cannot be found at the meeting, it is taken to someone who can give the right answer and the answer is brought back at the following meeting. It is extremely important that those questions and answers reach the people.

It was explained that all appointments so far were only temporary. When things are more organized and the block populations is more or less stabilized, elections will be held.

There are two groups in direct contact with the administration-- the block manager group and the camp council. The council will head the governmental functions and will be purely a political group. The block manager group is not a political group; its status approximates that of civil service administrators and it is completely divorced from politics. On that basis the block manager can render a service which would be impossible for the council to give. As administrators whose major concern is the welfare, the morale, the cleanliness and the general well-being within the block, the block manager will render an important service to the community. For that reason the staff should be a cross-section of all the residents and should represent the entire block.

"Mr. Crawford is in full charge of your town. He is here to do everything he can for you, to help you, not to direct you. As long as you can make your town work, it will not become necessary for anyone to step in and tell you how to do it."

The meeting was now opened for questions from the floor.

Q. Will there be a first aid station established in the block?

A. There will. In the block manager's office a first aid station will be established. Dr. Schnur has agreed to provide the contents. All materials have not yet arrived but as soon as they do, you will be furnished the supplies. You furnish the container.

Q. Will there be first aid instruction? A. Yes. Dr. Schnur is very anxious to get first aid training started. As you know, the doctor situation is pretty tough. We are shorthanded for doctors but from what we hear from other centers and camps we have more than our share of doctors here.

Q. How is the milk situation for infants? A. The milk situation is in the process of being fixed. At first, the authorities would not permit fresh milk because of the great distance from the source of supply and also the tremendous heat. We are going to have fresh milk soon.

A. At the present time is there any powdered milk issued up with difficulty? A. In all openings of blocks we have a time because of the plumbing. Mr. Bowman of Camp 1 who is in charge of maintenance will come here to set up an efficient crew to take care of maintenance. Mr. Crawford: Any requests for plumbing go to our office and from there to Mr. Mori, now in 215 Block Manager's Office.

Q. I understand we are assigned the duty of collecting and distributing mail. This distribution, are we to deliver the mail to the persons in the barracks or are they to come after it? A. The mail is distributed to each block manager's office. Distribution

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will be in the afternoon and someone from the block manager's staff will distribute it to the various apartments. Insured and registered mail and C.O.D.'s will be left in the branch post office and you will get individual little notification slips. You will then distribute these slips to the apartments and the people will call for such mail at the post office. Managers will not handle money. Money order applications will be filled out at the manager's office, but the money will be taken by an authorized clerk.

Mr. Crawford: Mas Miyasaki will be our postmaster. Mail is now picked up at 11 o'clock in the morning and is being handled by our baggage man.

Q. On the staff of the manager's office there is no provision for a messenger boy. Is it permissible to get a messenger boy who will take care of the delivery of mail in addition to other messenger work? A. I think it is a good idea. Until things get started running smoothly and the duties of the staff are relieved somewhat, it would be nice to have a messenger.

Q. In regard to packages, are there any restrictions on the type of articles you can send for? A. No. As far as we know there has been no censoring of packages or mail other than contraband--guns, cameras, and short wave radios. Possession of liquor, as you know, is a federal offense on an Indian Reservation. You can have flashlights.

Mr. Evans: If you import fruit from California, it is advisable to have your fruit inspected at the point of mailing. Mr. Crawford: Discourage people as much as possible from sending for C.O.D. packages. Send cash if you can on orders. It will save you and the post office a lot of headaches.

Q. Will you tell us to what extent services are available at the canteen? A. It is run just as a general store and stock will be increased based on the needs expressed by the customers. If there is sufficient demand for certain articles, the store will handle it.

Q. Right now, are they handling shoe repair and laundry service? A. There is laundry service but no shoe repair as yet.

Q. In regard to the management of Camp 2, is Camp 2 independent of Camp 1? A. As far as the internal workings are concerned, it will be entirely up to the Japanese people. However, the whole thing should be considered as one large community. That is the broad policy that will govern the entire center. As far as the council is concerned representatives from here will become a part of the council of the whole area. There should be no inclination on the part of anyone to feel that Camps 2 and 3 will in any way be orphans. As much attention should and will be paid by everyone to each of the units as will be paid to Number 1. The adminis-

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trative staff is going to see to it that all the various departments will cover the entire area and not just Camp 1.

Q. In the way of improvements if we can submit a better way of doing things, can we go ahead? A. This is Mr. Crawford's place and if you can help Mr. Crawford to make something here that is better than either Number 1 or 3, you go ahead and do it. Put your ideas into effect. Nothing will be controlled by one place.

Q. In other words, as far as the Japanese people are concerned, we are independent. A. Yes; but don't pull away. Try to think of the future benefit of everyone.

Q. In my kitchen may we substitute cafeteria style of feeding for the family style? Can kitchen workers organize their own style of feeding? A. Mr. Best is our Chief Steward and Mr. Back, his assistant. It is the very strong belief of Mr. Best that the family style is superior because it provides better food and more equitable distribution of that food. The main objection to the cafeteria style is that no man is capable of gauging what a person's appetite is, and there is a lot of waste. Mr. Evans thought it wise for the block managers to have a talk with Mr. Best with regard to kitchens. The following excerpt from THE DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BLOCK MANAGER AND OF THE BLOCK MANAGER'S OFFICE was read: "The Block Manager will assume No responsibility for the morale, work conditions, or food conditions in the kitchen. He will, however, bring to the attention of the Block Manager Supervisor all complaints by residents on kitchens or other matters. The Block Manager Supervisor will take up with the Administration such complaints for appropriate action."

Q. How about the garbage disposal? A. We are now in the process of signing a contract with an outside firm who is going to come here and remove garbage. It is very important that the garbage and the rubbish be kept separate. We will have a general cleanup once before long to give the sanitation department a new start.

Q. I understand that all canteens are branches of the main one and all profits go back to the main office in Camp 1 and are used for the betterment of the entire camp. Would it be possible for this camp to keep its own profits? A. The store is on a purely temporary basis. A Board of Trustees of older men has been chosen to advise on problems and the system may be changed. Let's try to think in a broad sense on everything. Let's keep together.

Q. Could you give us an explanation of the self-sustaining system to be in operation later on? A. Any profits shown above and beyond the actual maintenance of the project will go back to the people.

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Q. How far does that extend? What industries will that include?

A. It is only a policy so far.

Q. We are allowed one carpenter for our block. Is he supposed to take care of the mess hall too? A. Yes. At first you will need more than one carpenter and one janitor. Choose your staff depending upon the necessity. When things get slack, you may not need so many. Until your people get acclimated, use as much help as you need.

Mr. Ito asked that the Block Managers caution their people on two things. 1. The use of water. Since we are short of water, sprinkling will have to be eliminated. 2. Electrical appliances. All irons, hot plates, electric curlers, electric heating pads, and so on will have to be checked in and left in the office. The wiring is not strong as it could be. The capacity for each building is 2000 watts. No more than one iron can be in use in one barrack at one time. Transformers are hard to get and ours are 2/3 capacity in the first place and second-hand in the second place. Explain to the people why appliances have to be restricted. The maximum power for coolers is 1/4 h.p. to an apartment. To get replacements on light bulbs you must turn in either the burned-out bulb or the socket.

Q. The water pressure is so low at all times of the day, toilets will not flush out. Is there any way to increase the water pressure? A. A little. We will have that taken care of. It is supposed that the irrigation water will be down here in 30 days which will make a big difference.

Q. How many hours should the Manager's office be open?

A. Keep your office open beyond the regular office hours - eight to five - until your people get settled.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Unit Two

Block Managers' Meeting
Saturday, July 11, 1942
11:00 a.m.--215 Recreation

Those present:

John Evans
James D. Crawford
Tomo Ito
Jerry Endo
Dr. A. Tatsumi
Kenzo Yoshida
Z. Tachibana

George Nakaji
Sumio Nishi
George Nagano
K. Kuroiwa
Tom Takahashi (Camp 1)
George Oki " "
George Okagi " "

Presiding Officer: Mr. Ito, Block Mgr. Supervisor, Unit 1.

Q. On issuing blankets, how are they to be issued?

A. If people have blankets of their own, you are not to issue blankets except in case of emergency.

Mattress covers are being used as window shades and for partitions. Please pick these up and eliminate the use of these covers for such purposes. This property was assigned to the block managers and you are responsible for it along with the persons who signed for them.

Q. As long as they are used inside will they be allowed?

A. I would discourage that. Mr. Crawford suggests that if you see them used for other purposes, collect them because they will be needed later on.

Q. How many blankets to each person? A. If necessary, one to each person.

Q. There are a few cases where people have just comforters.

A. Use your own judgment and if blankets are necessary, give them out.

Mr. Ito explained that Dr. Inouye will not issue permits for hot plates until all electrical appliances such as irons and hot plates have been turned in.

Q. Who's going to be responsible for those articles in the manager's office? Some of them are expensive and they are liable to be damaged or stolen. A. I don't think the block manager can be held responsible for theft. Mr. Evans: You will be perfectly justified in pointing out to the people that the only way for us to handle the situation if we don't do it through the block manager would be to take these things away entirely in order to protect the people themselves from the fire hazard. For the sake of the people we thought of making this material available through the block manager's office. Otherwise, theoretically, we are

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supposed to take these things away. If you point that out to the people, they will not worry about the responsibility.

Q. In some cases where they have babies or invalids, do they have to turn their hot plates in? A. No, if it is understood that they will not abuse the privilege. If you issue more than one hot plate to one building, get those families together and arrange an overlapping schedule. Explain to them why the situation is critical.

Q. People from Salinas brought far more baggage than other people did, especially in the way of bedding and cooking utensils. Is it possible for the block manager to have another room for storage for the people in his block? A. At present I would say no because you are sacrificing one apartment which might house 4 or 5 people. Housing facilities are very limited at the present time. There will be arrangements made later whereby one of the warehouses will be set aside for that purpose.

Q. Is there any limit to the population of each block? A. We plan to have an average of 277 to each block.

There was much discussion relative to housing problems, which seemed to cause the greatest discontent among the residents. Mr. Crawford explained that nothing can be done until the entire camp is stabilized, possibly by the end of next week. He assured the group that conditions will be taken care of as soon as possible.

Q. In some sections windows will not open. Is there a carpenter who can fix those windows right away? A. We have a man who is taking care of that in Block 215, Bldg. 1A. All carpentry, plumbing and repair work is handled there.

Q. Sometimes our kitchen runs short of food to serve our people or children at home. It seems that people from other blocks are coming in. A. Block managers should inform their people to eat in their own kitchen. That is very important. You are given food supply for the number of people in your block only. It is up to you to keep others out.

Q. About medical attention in case someone becomes ill, who is responsible for calling the doctor? A. The manager should be responsible. If he doesn't go for the doctor, he should sign an order for someone else to go. It is his responsibility to see that only one person goes.

The discussion returned to housing problems. It was felt by some that the manager should be allowed to move people within his own block. Mr. Evans explained that everytime a move is made,

sixteen different records must be changed. The burden on the Housing Department is tremendous and in order for them to catch up with their work, all movement must be kept static. The suggestion was made that the Block Managers submit to Mr. Burge of the Housing Department an outline of suggested changes within their blocks.

Q. How is mail to Camp 1 handled? A. The simplest system would be to put a penny stamp on either a card or letter. As time goes on we will work out a better system.

Q. Is it possible to hire someone to clean up the whole block? A. Yes. The janitors are supposed to take care of that.

Q. In regard to light bulbs, how may we get replacements? A. That is one article that must be turned in. You must have something to show for replacement. The same applies to fuses.

Q. In regard to dental work, are there any facilities set up for dental work? A. Dr. Kita went to Camp One today to get equipment.

Q. Is there any possibility of getting our own doctors here by petitioning the proper authorities? A. We would be glad to try but I think it is next to impossible to do so.

The following announcements were made by Mr. Crawford:

1. An outdoor movie will be shown on July 12 at 9:30 p.m. in Block 221. Bring your own chair.
2. Each block manager requested to select two representatives to the community council. Select people as soon as possible so that program can get under way.
3. There will be a meeting this afternoon at 1:30 for everyone interested in education. Mess Hall 210
4. Anyone capable of doing life saving work please put in an application.
5. Next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 14.

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MINUTES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS MEETING

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Tomo Ito. Mits Kaneko of the Housing Department told of the situation they are in and how each application is given careful consideration and approval.

Question: There is a family of ten, all the children being below the age of 12 who occupy rooms A and B. The mother wants to live in the two inner apartments because the children might get into the streets and get run over. Is there a possibility of moving to apartments B and C?

Answer: There is a possibility but there are other families which has invalids. Invalids get first preference and also urgent pregnant mothers who need the latrines.

Question: In regard to housing, have you any new rules for intake? The Salinas group came in and had a hard time adjusting ourselves. Even now some are living in the laundry. We Salinas groups are trying to help the new arrivals so that we may have as little trouble as possible. Please tell the new comers that if any certain group wishes to live next to each other try and keep together.

Answer: The Housing Department appreciates the help the Salinas Group is trying to give, but when there are invalids and pregnant mothers in the families, we must give them first preference. Strange families will soon learn to like their new neighbors. If it is possible, we would like to have the people as close together as possible.

Question: If the Housing Department is taking charge of the applications for change of address, why should we, as block managers try to satisfy our people? Why not tell them to come to the Housing Department and satisfy themselves? First, the people don't appreciate the work we do and second, the Housing Department won't give us the authority.

Answer: We can't give the block managers that authority because if one manager gives certain exceptions to the people in his block, then the other managers will have to do the same.

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Question: Some apartments do not have cots. Will you see that all apartments are furnished with cots?

Answer: The block manager should take the duplicate registration paper and note all equipment taken out, and should see that all equipment taken out is brought back if the family should move to another block. When the block is not filled up there should be more cots left in each block.

Mr. J. D. Crawford introduced Mr. Meacham. Mr. Meacham wished to get some labor to start clearing the land. The sooner the people get started in agriculture, the sooner they can have an income. The plan is to get the land under cultivation by this fall. The people are not expected to get out there and put in full eight hours of work because they are not acclimated. All that is needed is men to go to work. The problem of meals for the workers and transportation was discussed. Toshimi Miyasaka, 214-9-C, is the foreman, and is waiting for men to apply for work at the employment office.

Mr. Ito said that everyone will have to chip in and make this place the best to our liking. As things progress, everything will be much easier for everyone. We are very fortunate to have a personnel as we have in Poston.

Announcements:

Mr. Oda of the Community Store has asked everyone to return all soda bottles on or before Thursday or they will not be given a refund. Checks will soon be issued.

Mr. Meacham announced that each block manager announce to their blocks of the need of men for labor and to go and register at the employment bureau and get a work card.

Swimming hours are: morning 9:00 to 11:30, afternoon 1:00 to 4:40; evening, 7:00 to 9:00. Life guards are: Jimmy Sakamoto, Miyoshi Matsuda, Choji Taguni, and Fred Oda. All swimmers must get permission from their parents. Life guards are responsible only at place where designated.

Meeting Adjourned.

Unit Two

Block Managers' Meeting
Thursday, July 16, 1942
10:30 a.m.--210 Dining Hall

Roll call was taken by blocks. The following were represented:

Blocks 209, 211, 213, 215, 219, 220, and 221.

The following were not represented:

Blocks 214, 216, and 222.

Presiding Officer: Mr. Tomo Ito

Mr. Ito introduced Miss Nell Findley, head of the Welfare Department and Dr. Laura Thompson, friend of Miss Findley, now conducting a study at Poston. Miss Findley briefly explained plans for the Poston Welfare Department. It is divided into three groups; Health under Dr. Schnur, Education under Dr. Carey, and Community Welfare and Placement under Dr. Powell.

Mr. Ito explained the hose situation. Originally five were assigned to each block; two for the mess hall and three for the block manager's office. Through some mistake in the warehouse some blocks received seven and others did not receive their quota of five. The extra lengths of hose issued to certain blocks will be picked up.

Questions and Answers:

Q. The kitchen personnel in 213 has created quite a problem. Two persons over 16 who were responsible for opening the kitchen the first day were rejected by the Employment Office as too young after having been requested by that office to appear for work cards. The question was set aside to be answered later by Miss Mahn of the Employment Office.

Q. Has the block manager any jurisdiction over the kitchens?
A. He has no jurisdiction whatsoever but the people may present their problems to the manager for discussion at meetings. (No. 18 of the DUTIES OF THE BLOCK MANAGER was read again). Kitchens are under Mr. Best, the Chief Steward. However, if you feel that you can settle a certain problem, use your discretion and iron out your problems in that way.

The Cot Situation: Originally 300 cots were assigned to each block. There is a shortage now in nearly every block and the missing cots cannot be accounted for. It was made clear that property cannot be transferred from one block to another without clearance.

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Miss Mahn, head of Employment for Poston, was introduced. The Employment Office was set up with the help of the San Francisco Employment Office and the United States Employment Service. The U.S.E.S. filing system and their definition of jobs and classifications are used. Miss Mahn explained how people are secured and jobs filled. The following forms are used:

1. Requisition for Workers submitted by division head.
2. Work Order for Japanese Personnel filled out from requisition.
3. Interview Record Sheet which gives complete history of applicant. Lists primary job (what you can do best) secondary job (what you will do if first job is not open) and preference.
4. Job Referral Card which is your introduction to the employer.
5. Employer's Card on which is posted action taken by employer.

Identification cards for all workers will^{be} given out when printed cards are available.

Miss Mahn solicited the help of the block managers so that Employment might do a better job of recruiting workers to fill requisitions calling for large numbers of men.

The classification of workers is done by the head of the department in cooperation with the bookkeeping department. It is the employer who verifies the classification given by the Employment Office. The suggestion was made that if the various classifications and the wage scale were explained to the people, everyone would cooperate.

Mr. Tachibana requested that a representative from the head office of each division in Camp 1 come down and set up an office in Camp 2. When each person who receives a card from the Employment has to go to Mr. Crawford, the burden on him is too heavy. Having divisional heads here will relieve the pressure on the administration considerably and speed the work in all other departments.

Mr. Crawford: A series of lectures by divisional heads will take place as soon as there are more in our camp. They will come down to tell us about the various functions of each department and their plans for the future. An effort will be made to get someone to come down for at least half a day to help those who get referral cards. Miss Mahn will be here always on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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All managers were asked to have ready the full names and addresses of those on their staffs so that Mr. Ito might sign their work cards.

Yoneo Gota spoke on the recreational program with special reference to the use of the recreation halls. The only way to make the most use of all the recreation halls is to have them used by the various departments of recreation. Each hall should be set aside for a specific activity such as church, drama, music, nursery, etc. The recreation department will be in charge of the scheduling of halls, but whenever a block manager needs the use of a hall for some block activity. Arrangements can be made.

Mr. Crawford stated that the Recreation hall is in nearly all cases a part of the block and will be under the supervision of the block custodian.

Unit Two

Block Managers' Meeting
Saturday, July 18, 1942
10:30 a.m.--210, 11A

The following were present:

207 - Dr. A. E. Tatsumi	219 - Min Hamada
209 - Albert S. Ikeda	220 - George Yaguchi
211 - A. Tachibana	221 - Manabu Fukuda
213 - George Nakaji	222 - S. G. Sakamoto
214 - George Nagano	226 - Peter Hasegawa
215 - Kenzo Yoshida	Tat Suehiro
216 - K. Kuroiwa	

Presiding Officer: Tomo Ito

The general order of business for future meetings will be:

1. Roll call
2. Special speakers
3. Announcements from Mr. Crawford
4. Announcements from the Block Mgr. Supervisor
5. Question and Answer Period

Minutes will be taken at each meeting and filed in the administration and will be available to all block managers, especially to those who have missed meetings and newly-elected managers.

Mr. Crawford made the following announcements:

1. Passes

The administration wants all units to have the privilege of visiting back and forth. The only problem so far is the problem of transportation. It is hoped that we can have a car going between areas regularly, especially to take care of those going to the Unit One Hospital. Passes are being given out not to control visiting but to discourage any hitchhiking.

The Military Police are here to guard the outside of our area to keep out people who have no business here. Two requests are made:

- a. That people from Camp 1 do not come during intakes because of the burden on the mess halls.
- b. That people do not go through the Signal Corps area. That will prevent any possible trouble with Caucasians working in that area.

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2. Police and Fire Departments.

The police and fire departments are being organized and volunteers have been called for trial. Any suggestions regarding policies and personnel will be welcome.

Caution people again about setting fires of any kind.

3. Swimming.

Our life guards are now on duty at the slough and they report that people are complying with regulations. We hope that the swimming pool will be ready soon. The water will be here sometime during the latter part of August.

4. Fishing.

No fishing will be allowed after five o'clock.

5. Tour of Poston

A tour of Poston for all block managers was arranged for that evening starting at seven o'clock.

6. Lumber.

The contractor is still having trouble securing lumber and therefore is holding on to every piece of scrap lumber until his contract is completed. All available lumber will be turned over to us when contractors leave.

7. Buildings

Some of our buildings are sagging due to the fact that some are constructed on more sandy soil than others and watering with hose has caused the concrete blocks to sink and the building to sag. We will have a crew check those buildings.

8. Payrolls

Many of the people in Camp 1 were not classified properly and their time was not turned in correctly. We hope that those of you who supervise the sending in of time will check your bookkeeping records very carefully so that we will not have instances of workers not getting their full pay.

9. Trucks

We are going to get more trucks and tractors very soon. Our garbage detail will take care of disposal. Debris should

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be cleared up for the men who are picking up the trash.

Questions and Answers:

Q. Where do time cards go? A. The timekeeping Department so far is located in the administration office. Mr. Ito suggested that a receptacle for time sheets be placed on the outside of each block office to facilitate collection.

Dr. Kita introduced Saburo Kido of San Francisco, president of the National JACL and Peter Aoki, prominent newspaperman of S.F., upon their arrival at the meeting.

Q. Will you tell us how requisitions can be filled?
A. Requisitions cannot be accepted unless they are on the proper form. Requisitions have now all been filled in and each block will be supplied. Many of the items you are requisitioning are not in stock and are therefore not available. In the future, bring your requisitions to the meetings on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Mr. Crawford: If you need a truck for any purpose in your block, a truck will be furnished if available. The truck dispatcher will see that a driver is furnished.

Mr. Ito announced that the following blocks--209, 211, 213, 214, 215, and 216 have two extra lengths of hose which will be collected by the supply foreman. He again urged the managers to get their people to know that they are the official source of information and that problems should go first to the block manager. That will relieve the burden on the administration.

Dr. Kita announced that the Student Relocation questionnaires should be in as quickly as possible and asked that bulletins be posted so that all interested might take advantage of the offer.

Sid Shiratsuki, head of the Division of Operations, explained the truck situation. Only three trucks are now available in Camp 2.

1. Supply truck for commissary
2. Dump truck which is on garbage detail
3. Stake side for garbage and rubbish

He asked that each block put rubbish containers on each end of the road to facilitate picking up. Also any trouble in wiring should be reported to the block manager and residents should not try to fix the trouble themselves.

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Mr. Crawford: There are two in work programs:

1. School is one of the most important projects. We would like to start actual construction within six weeks.
2. Subjugation of land north of our area. Should have 100 acres cleared before the summer is over for fall planting and winter vegetables.

Mr. Crawford asked for an estimate of the number per block who will be able to work as laborers. The point was raised that medical facilities are so limited that people are afraid to go out in the fields to work.

The food situation: Complaint was made that sometimes supplies do not come in on time. Mr. Crawford assured the members that he will check the mess situation with Mr. Best.

Q. Can persons under 16 be paid later on? A. We will take matter up with Mr. Head and see what can be done about it.

Q. We are still short of kitchen help. Will it be possible to get people from other blocks to help? A. I suggest that you get help from the middle-age women and release the eligible men for the work program.

Q. Are those regulations from Camp 1 made by the Caucasian administration or the people, such as checking in of hot plates? A. That was originally from the administration and is being passed on by the Japanese personnel helping to open blocks.

Mr. Tachibana:

Please ask the Camp 1 people not to boss Camp 2 people too much. It is a problem which may make for future friction between the two groups.

Milk distribution. Is there any regulation as to how the milk should be distributed? A. Mr. Best has requisitioned milk for a ll who came in on half-fares. Milk is hard to get and we hope to have a dairy of 850 cows eventually.

The following were present:

211 - Z. Tachibana	219 - Min Hamada
213 - George Nakaji	220 - K. Shimizu
214 - George Nagano	221 - M. Fukuda
215 - Kenzo Yoshida	222 - S. G. Sakamoto
216 - K. Kuroiwa	226 - John Kubota

Presiding Officer: Tomo Ito

Tomo Ito: There is much confusion on the distribution and collection of requisitions. There should be set aside one day each week for certain blocks to submit requisitions. We will follow the system used in Camp 1 and split the camp into zones for efficiency in getting needed supplies to blocks.

Q. Do we have any special requisition sheets? A. They all have to be written up in a special form. It should be done in a central office.

The matter of requisitions was dropped temporarily in order that Dr. Beatty and Dr. Cary of the Education Division might speak to the group.

Dr. Beatty: The responsibility of building our schools falls on the residents of the camp and we are faced with the fact that the extent of our educational program depends on ourselves. We are getting from Congress enough money to pay half the estimated teaching staff; that is, Caucasian teachers. These teachers can serve only between the first and twelfth grades. Whether we have nursery schools and advanced education depends on the number of qualified Japanese available to staff the program. A letter has been written to Dr. Sproul of the University of California with regard to accrediting college work offered here.

Officially the State of California recognizes its obligations to transfer the per capita state aid fund to these schools. If any legal way can be found to transfer that money to us, it will be done. We hope also to get state textbooks from the state of California. We are working on the formulation of a contract between Poston and the City of Los Angeles by which funds and textbooks may be supplied for California children in Poston. If this cannot be done under existing laws, Dr. Dexter of the State Board of Education is willing to sponsor laws at the next meeting of the legislature to make it possible.

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High Schools. The original plan was to have one large high school on the southern end of Camp 2 to serve both Camps 2 and 3. Since then, it has been suggested that instead of one high school we have two 12-grade schools, one for each community. In that way the whole program from nursery school to college may be run on one site. Dr. Beatty asked for an expression of opinion on the plans.

Dr. Cary, director of Education for Poston, was introduced. On the matter of curriculum, plans are under way to plan an overall program for all assembly and relocation centers. There will be a council of our own on education composed of representatives from all groups--teachers, councilmen, students, parents, etc.

In this educational program there are two phases to stress:

1. The present phase
2. The post-war reconstruction phase.

Both should be considered together. In our efforts to make a rich program for our young people now we must not lose sight of the fact that preparation is needed for the adjustments the postwar period will call for.

Dr. Cary also brought up matter of the high school. The advantages of having a consolidated high school.

1. Richer program possible
2. More equipment available.

The advantages of having two high schools:

1. School is closer to parents and they can join with their children in school activities such as plays, musicals, and so on.
2. More functional vocational program possible. In the vocational program the industries that are going on in the community can be used.

Q. In the making of adobe, what seems to be the trouble at Camp 1? Dr. Beatty: Two main reasons: 1. Not enough labor to be spared from other work which is just as vital. 2. The use of machines. The first men to organize the project approached the problem as a machine problem and I feel that the machines have hampered rather than speeded production.

Q. Can some provisions be made so that those under 16 may be paid in spending money for helping on the adobe project? A. Not under existing regulations but we will try to work out some system whereby these children will be compensated.

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Dr. Beatty went on to explain the actual construction of adobe bricks, the progress made at camp 1, their problems and offered suggestions for solving those problems.

With regard to the wages paid, it was felt by Dr. Beatty that all adobe labor should be classified as "Skilled." The suggestion has been made to Mr. Head who will submit it to San Francisco.

Mr. Tachibana: The older people should be considered first in any such project. With their cooperation the school buildings can be built.

Dr. Beatty: Summer school will start the first of August. The work done in Poston schools will be acceptable in California through the Indian Service. For the first two years all transfer credit will be accepted without question by the State of California.

Q. What good will teaching at Poston do after the war? A. Any Nisei who teaches in the Poston Schools for two years (paid experience) will be eligible to take civil service examinations in Indian Service.

Q. How many bricks are needed for each building? A. Ten-thousand bricks are needed for a building of four classrooms.

The discussion returned to requisitions. Mr. Ito requested that all managers refrain from asking for office supplies until further notice.

A request was made to have a standard meal time throughout the camp, but it was decided that it was a question for the stewards to settle.

Q. By what laws and regulations is this camp governed? Mr. Crawford: Mr. Haas of the Legal Department will meet with you at the next meeting and explain the council, its organization, and the entire program. Mr. Evans: There are no laws or rules other than what are perfectly obvious ones. Mr. Head is anxious that this place be run by you people. Until the council is set up we must comport ourselves in the best possible way so that no incident might occur that would make it necessary for any outside authorities to step in and take over. The pressure on the outside to have guards and watchtowers in Poston is tremendous.

The opinion was expressed that a council would be desirable immediately immediately to take care of many of the problems that

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cannot be handled by the block managers. Mr. Evans answered that process of living should be established first on a block level and then on a political basis. However, if the blocks are sufficiently established, elections can be had. He cautioned that it is extremely important that the very best men are elected and that it might be wiser to wait until all the people have become better acquainted with each other.

The following announcement was made by Mr. Crawford. Do not have your block mechanic adjust the boilers but report any trouble to the office because if the adjustment is wrong, the contractor will not accept any responsibility.

The complaint was again registered that the kitchens are not getting their supplies on time. Mr. Crawford will take it up with Mr. Best.

Block Managers' Meeting
Saturday, July 25, 1942
10:00 a.m.

The roll was taken by blocks. All the blocks except 211 and 216 were present.

Presiding Officer: George Nagano

Announcements were made which are as follows:

Housing--No moving from apartment to apartment can be made now. If there are any empty apartments keep them locked up. Report to Mr. Crawford if any moving has been done without authority.

Mr. Evans regarding dust storms. Tell the people to get into their apartments as soon as they see a dust storm come. At this time all available containers should be filled with water, especially in the kitchen.

George Nagano--Question was brought up yesterday concerning disinfectants. The supply of Hypro has been discontinued because it evaporates readily and becomes too concentrated and would have more harmful effect than athlete's foot. Evans suggested that we use wooden sandals in the showers.

Discussion on the methods by which the use of water may be controlled was made.

Evans: Some blocks have more pressure than others due to friction of the pipes, i.e. the way they are laid. Water for washing the floors by hose should be restricted. Use buckets for hauling the water instead.

Stop issuing the hoses until further notice. It was discussed that people will use their personal hose if hoses are not given out. It was decided that people should have that much personal honesty not to use their hoses. Methods as to scheduling the time to take showers and shutting off the water during those times when showers are not in use were also discussed. Also suggested was that we use the staggering system for each block. Decided to restrict the use of the hose hereafter until further notice. Consideration for the showers should be given to the invalids and very small children as they feel the heat the most. We have to be very careful of the use of water. After the second well there will be sufficient supply of water for everybody to use.

The army has asked that we keep count of every person in the project. They also want a physical census as of July 31 which has to be in the regional office by the fifth of August. It was asked how the Salinas Assembly Center went about this matter. Reported that they had volunteers who went around checking the people. The following suggestions were made as to how to keep the Daily Strength Record.

1. The night watchman check up on the people when he goes on his rounds.

2. Have the people report to the Block Manager's office before they go anywhere. Will be protection to that individual.
3. Have them register in the Block Manager's office and have that list accessible to the night watchman.

Decided to have the people report to their block managers before leaving camp.

Announcement was made by Saburo Kido that the Legal Department will open on Monday, July 27. The hours are from 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00. Saturday, the hours are from 8:00 to 12:00. The office is located at 210-9-A. We will take care of legal matters that were not completed when we had to leave. We will also help to write letters to leave camp or to bring in relatives, families with heads in the internment camps. Also any suggestions for rules and regulations for this camp will be welcomed.

Dr. Kazato is using his own supply of medicine. His supply is running out. Is there any way to get him some supply?

Mr. Crawford: Ans. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ tons of medical supply has been shipped. Should be here soon.

Question was brought up in regard to the baggages stored in the WCCA warehouse. The baggage will be sent free of charge. If the goods were privately store, the articles will have to be sent on the expense of the prty sending for it. There is some possibility that those who have stored their belongings and sent for them privately will be reimbursed for the amount the freightage cost them.

We would like the mail service to be remedied. Seom merchandise are missing from packages. Also some of the packages have been opened.

Mr. Crawford--I will take this matter up with the Postmaster at Parker. Fruits shipped in here should be well-inspected at the source of shipment before they are sent here because Arizona is very strict about fruits, etc. coming into this state from California.

H. Ikegami--Will we able to get back the knives that were taken away from us at the Assembly Centers? Yes.
Are flashlights contraband? No they are not contraband here. Cameras are still contraband. We will have have a photographic studio here soon.

We would like to have iron sheets to be placed on the ironing boards for an iron rest. Are the iron guards going to be furnished us? Will it be possible to get them?

Ans. I don't know. Till we do getthem, if we do, put the respon@ sibility on the ironee.

Q . When is the ironing rooms going to be opened?

Ans. Will be opened as soon as it is wired.

Q. Will irons be given back to persons when ironing room is opened up? No, they might use it in barracks. The limit of wattage in the barrack is 2000 watts.

Complaints would go to the Division of Operations if the fuse blows out.

The problem was discussed as how to lock the refrigerator doors so that no one could get into it. Some blocks have used locks. Found that it works very well.

Are there any requisition forms available for our use? No. All requisitions are made out in the Block Supervisor's office. The Block Managers have to turn in the list of articles they want to the Block Supervisor's Office.

Some blocks have block carpenters. Why is it so? They have selected them. However, now all the carpenters should report to the employment office.

Are there any ways to get screen for the windows of the mess halls? They will be supplied.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting is adjourned.

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RECORDS - MINUTES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS' MEETING
MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS

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The meeting was called to order by Albert Kaniye

Roll Call: 305-John Yamamoto, 396-Tom Sakamoto, 307-Toru Ikeda, 308-Jay Nishida, 309-George Kawano, 316-Dale Okazaki, 317-Robert Hiratsuka, 318-Terashi Ibara, 325-Minoru Sakamoto, 326-Kay Watanabe

Mr. Burge, Director of Camp #3, stressed the importance of smooth-running of activities depended almost entirely upon the cooperation of the various individuals in the camp. In order to have the support and cooperation depended upon the Block Managers and the enormous importance of an organized staff to assist these Block Managers.

Lumber is to be distributed first to the various blocks for use in making the necessary equipment for their offices, and whatever may be left in balance to be distributed to the individuals.

Mr. Burge explained there are three (3) sections of six (6) blocks each within the camp, and at present each section would be referred to as "roku".

Mr. Kaniye explained there are two forms of councils for each block. He also explained the difference between a block council and a camp council--the former a council representing a block as a unit and the latter representing the camp as a unit. The two forms of block council are: one member of each family or room is appointed as member of the council to represent that group, and the other is the selection of one member from each barrack as barrack captain. It was pointed out that the appointment of one member of each family or room to the council was the most representative method and also presented better means of having close discussions. It seems the objection to the barrack captain idea is that there is not a fair and unbiased representations. In regard to representation of bachelors in the various blocks, it was suggested that both issei and nissei delegates be selected to the council. This seemed to be the only solution in order to avoid any disagreements of opinions and ideas.

Each Block manager was asked to take the ideas given in regard to the two types of councils and to find the most desirable method and any discussions or questions brought up. It was recommended that whenever possible, the Block Manager should make as many personal contacts as possible in order that he may serve the needs of his block to the best of his ability and to also receive the maximum cooperation.

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MEETING OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Block Managers are to pick any extra cots not in actual use for sleeping in his block to be turned into the block manager's office. Many of those who have brought their own beds by freight are to be requested to voluntarily turn in their discarded cots.
2. It has been confirmed by the authorities that Camp #3 will be supplied with fresh milk daily after the necessary approvals and signatures have been attached to the order.
3. The cooking school course will take six (6) weeks to complete during which time the students will be paid the regular wages. It does not necessarily mean that only those working in the Kitchens will be permitted to attend, but those interested in diet and nutrition work are encouraged to attend as well.
4. Addresses of various divisions are:

Barber Shop and Beauty Shop	318	7A & 8A
Post Office	310	13A
Maintenance Department	310	4A
Doctors	310	3A, B, & C
Mr. Burge, Director	310	14A
5. Wednesday, August 13, Camp #1 will be over to put on a dance on Block 318 at the Recreation Hall at 9 P. M. All are urged to attend.
6. Friday, August 15, Dr. Powell will conduct a recreational meeting in Recreational Hall, Block 318, at 10:30 A. M. to discuss organized recreational program for Camp #3. All those interested in athletics and would care to participate in recreational program, please sign up at the Employment Department.
7. There will be interviews for school teachers at Camp #1, the date and time, as well as transportation facilities to be announced later.

QUESTIONS, ANSWERS, AND SUGGESTIONS:

1. Is the government to furnish office supplies and stationery to the various departments and block managers?

Ans.: Requisitions have been made, but at present there is a lack of supplies and expected to come soon.

2. Is it true that the government is to furnish coolers for the kitchens and dining rooms?

Ans.: No. Exhaust fans will be furnished by the government for the kitchen behind the hood to take out the hot air from the kitchen. In other words, the government will not furnish coolers.

3. Can individuals go ahead and install coolers in living quarters, or must they wait for permission?

Ans.: Individuals may go ahead and install coolers in their living quarters, but must at first have equipment and connections checked by the Maintenance Department. This is necessary in order to avoid any fuses blowing out and destroying the facilities of this camp.

4. Will anything be done about the drainage of water from the faucets?

Ans.: It is up to the people themselves to handle the drainage of the faucets. Water may be used for gardening or chlorine and lime may be used to avoid any menace of breeding mosquitoes.

5. How many coolers will be allowed to each building?

Ans.: It will depend on the horsepower and the wiring used. If necessary, the Maintenance Department will make the adjustments so that eventually everybody will have an opportunity to use a cooler. A 1/3 horsepower cooler will probably be permitted in dining rooms.

6. Can doorways be made between two apartments in the case of relatives or close friends?

Ans.: Yes, provided those occupying these quarters will not move for duration.

7. Does the Block Manager have any control over the Chef in the kitchens?

Ans.: The Block Manager's duties in regard to the kitchens is to receive the complaints of various individuals and

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and to take the matter up with the Steward and try to remedy the situation. It is definitely not his duty to try to manage the kitchen or any of its help. The Steward is granted the sole privilege of managing the kitchens. The important thing to remember is cooperation between the Block Manager and the Steward.