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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
MANAGERS, FUEL COMMITTEE, AND COUNCILMEN

Held at P.S. Hall 28

August 31, 1944

Attended by:

Project Director Johnston
Ass't Project Director Rains
and Ballard and T. Coleman.
About 75 representatives were present.

Presided by Chairman Fujino. Meeting was called to
order at 8:10 P.M.

Chairman Fujino stated the purpose of the meeting as
to discuss the fuel problem, because two previous meetings of
our Fuel Committee and Administrative Committee could not reach
any satisfactory conclusion. And that Director Johnston's
personal opinion was welcomed.

Rains, Ballard, Coleman and our two new secretaries
Narita and Ishino were introduced to the body.

Mr. Frank Date was appointed interpreter.

Director Johnston was introduced, who made an in-
formal speech emphasizing on the following points:

1. that labor shortage was universal throughout the
country, and our center was in the similar condition
though somewhat better than outside;
2. that national coal situation and transportation
problem were just as acute as the labor condition;
3. that money was not much considered in getting wood
for fuel: for one ton of coal could be secured at the
price of \$6.00 while a cord of wood cost us somewhere
around \$11.00, and heating power of wood is only about
60% of that of coal;
4. that because we were situated in Arkansas where wood
is plentiful, government would not supply us coal for
heating purpose. We were given 10,000 A. of wooded
land;
5. that our coal supply was only enough for the use of



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the hospital, offices, kitchens, boiler rooms, schools, and other buildings like P.S. Halls where the use of coal is imperative. If we would use coal for apartment heaters during the winter, we would be obliged to use wood in kitchens and boiler rooms to offset the over using of coal;

6. that as this problem was very serious in nature, no one man nor one committee could handle, therefore hearty cooperation of all the residents was requested;
7. that only 46 men of regular wood crew who were working at present could not furnish the whole center with enough wood, so some plan must be worked out;
8. that he would suggest "block basis of cutting" as the best and the most efficient plan after seeing the success of Jerome Center last winter;
9. that eleven trucks could be used every day, or two cutting days each week for every block;
10. that all the possible workers except a few key workers might be released from duty on those wood cutting days;
11. that there was a limit for any people beyond which they could not go. But when there were from 13 to 1600 men working at present we should be able to do something.

The chair urged that all and any question should be brought up in regard to Director's speech.

Mr. Kojima: "Is there any fixed amount of coal to be used?"

Director: "No, there isn't, because we must use coal at the hospital, kitchens and other places all around the year. All the coal we get is allowed by the government contract.

Mr. Kojima: "Is there any agreement between you and local or state officials that we must use wood?"

Director: "No, no such contract exists. State officials have nothing to do with us."



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Mr. Kojima: "Do you have any idea how much wood we have to have for one winter?"

Director: "Between 6 to 7000 cords."

Mr. Kojima: "Have you estimated how many men must be used to cut that much wood?"

Director: "Impossible to answer. Our past experience tells that we must use more labor than it seems necessary."

Mr. Kojima: "If it is not able to get enough wood, do you expect to have volunteers for cutting?"

Director: "There is no volunteer to my understanding. Everybody is paid. If anybody is not on the payroll, he does not have to work."

Mr. Kojima: "There are some who have come back from seasonal work, but do not wish to be on payroll, so we can not use them."

Director: "There are over 400 jobs open, and if they do not wish to work--just sit down and watch other people working--he will not feel himself to be a good neighbor."

Chairman declared a five-minutes recess according to the suggestion made by Mr. Kojima.

Meeting was called to order again at 9:15 P.M.

The chair now sought for suggestions of the plan as to how to get wood. "If there is no other plan than that suggested by our director," said he, "we must take it whether we like it or not."

A few men discussed about the attitude of the administration toward this problem bringing up their experiences during the summer.

Mr. Hanaki proposed that wood crew should be increased in numbers and let them cut, and that if wood could not be obtained enough by them, then coal should be supplied.

Director: "When we have more than 400 jobs open, and nobody comes to fill them, how can we increase the number of wood crew?"



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Several conversations were exchanged in regard to the employment at and after the time of transfer of the people from Jerome. Somebody mentioned that about 400 truck loads of timber were lying on the ground. While somebody accused the administrative staff for having a cold attitude toward this problem.

Mr. Nakayama seconded the motion of Mr. Hanaki adding that there should be no forced labor. Then he explained what he meant by "forced labor" as to be forced transfer of the work.

Director Johnston said, "If that is the wish of the people of the center, the problem will be much more difficult than I have anticipated. I wish nobody will go back with the feeling that I said 'all right'. All I can do is to tell Washington about it, and ask for more coal. It is not meant that we must cut all the wood we need, but that we get as much as we can, and if not enough, then we shall have other plan."

Mr. Kojima asked for the definition of "key man".

Mr. Nakayama added that there seemed to be a wide difference in the definition of key man between what we understood and what the administration did. He gave his own definition as to be those who are important for the maintenance of the block.

Director said that as that was hard to determine he was willing to see the committee and decide who were going to be key man. He added that keymanship should not be judged from the stand point of administration but of the welfare of the people. He also added that there was a limitation beyond which we could not go. Then, there must be something to be done.

Mr. Izumi proposed that all go back to the block and discuss with the people the suggestion of Director Johnston, Mr. Hanaki's proposal, and Mr. Nakayama's addition, and meet again to decide which one we should adopt.

Mr. Hattori added that the decision of the body, which unanimously agreed these two suggestions. It was further agreed that

1. next meeting would be held 8 P.M., Tues., night, Sept. 5,
2. which would be a joint meeting of the Fuel Committee, Managers, and Councilmen,
3. and be held at P.S. Hall 28.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 P.M.

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Minutes of 66th Regular Meeting

Date: September 4, 1944
Place: Community Council Office

Time: 8:40 - 11:00 A.M.

Chairman: Mr. C. Fujino

A. Recordings:

1. The 66th regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Fujino, who made a short address stressing on the followings:

- a. that his firm determination to resign was overcome by hearty and earnest encouragement of the Reinforcement Committee;
- b. that having decided to remain in the chair, he would do his best;
- c. that this great responsibility of leading the community and upkeeping its welfare could not be done by anyone man or one committee. Therefore cooperation of the whole body of the Council and of every member of the center was desired;
- d. and that with this cooperation we could go through almost any difficulty.

2. Following two new members were introduced:

Mr. Kubo, Magataro of Block 2
Mr. Nishikata, Seizo of Block 26

3. Roll call was taken by the Secretary. 23 were present and 6 came later.
Following members were absent:

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| 1. Mr. Okubo, Hiroji | Block 1 |
| 2. Mr. Tagami | Block 15 |
| 3. Mr. Kumamoto, Miyakichi | Block 29 |

4. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. Hanaki, and approved as read.

B. Report of the Committees:

1. Fair Play Committee: Dr. Onizuka

Though I have nothing to report today, we are making our plan.

2. Health Committee: Mr. Nozawa

With all our effort we have not succeeded in getting



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any nurse aides. 16 part time aides will leave hospital before long leaving only 17 regular aides. Of 53 required by quota 34 are vacant.

3. Investigation Committee: Mr. Ito

The warehouses are being investigated and inventory is being taken. So we can not go into them. But I shall make the report on the things which W.R.A. will provide us. (the list of the things is attached.) If anybody wants to have any other thing not found in the list must make special requisition to Director Johnston, who will give out the permission for such requisition. NO-thing is given for personal use. If W.R.A. does not have what it should give out, it will buy and furnish us with such necessary articles.

4. Reports of the Chair:

Du Provence of Washington, D.C. has answered our letter requesting building a swimming pool for the center use. The answer was negative giving the following reasons:

- a. The pool at Poston, Camp #3 had been planned while it was still an Indian Reservation and not a new plan under W.R.A. At present W.P.B. must consent the use of materials, such consent is practically impossible at this time.
- b. Pools at few other centers are not constructed with brick and cement. They are only canals or ponds used as swimming pools.
- c. Relocation Center is only temporary place, and construction of such permanent pool is not wise.
- d. Drainage of such pool is a problem.
- e. And winter is coming very soon. The residents will not use it very long this year. However, construction of 12x11 pool in each block is allowable. If there is any better reason for construction of such large pool, he is willing to listen. The Chairman said that there is space for us to investigate and fight for this problem.

5. Chairman of the Managers: Mr. Ito

There are still found in sewer pipe different kinds of things that we should not expect. We found a flour sack and large pieces of bone, etc. lately. Everybody



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in the center must understand that if they get stuck in the pipe, we have to dig up 12 feet in depth throughout the center along the pipe and find out where they are stucked.

C. Discussion: Now discussion of the hospital problem was opened.

Mr. Nozawa: When 16 part timers leave the hospital, there will be only 17 left. We the Committee members worked all we could, but every plan has failed so far. Now I want your help, your suggestion for this problem.

Mr. Ito (Chairman of the Managers): I shall bring the matter before the managers' meeting tomorrow morning. I shall call house to house in my block and see if there is any who can help this situation. How old the woman must be?

Mr. Nozawa: Any workable age who is kind enough to take care of the sick.

Mr. Ogawa: Is there any reason why the girls quit working as the nurse aide and why nobody wants to do this job? We like to investigate.

Mr. Nozawa: There may be some. Taking care of T.B. patients is one distinct reason. Care after death is another. But according to doctor's opinion care after death must be done by nurses. It's a part of their duty and if anyone can't stand for it she can't be a good nurse. There are many more unpleasant duties for her.

Dr. Onizuka: I have heard that they have forced to dress the dead, and have looked into the question, but that was hardly believable. Care after death is their duty, but dressing of the dead belongs to undertaker's business. If this is the reason for their declining from this work, there is a space for improvement.

The Chair: It is clear that our committee worked hard on this question, but failed due to the lack of understanding the situation on the part of the residents. Did the Health Committee make any resolution about the matter? I heard something like it.

Mr. Nozawa: We made every possible plan and did try des-



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perately; we even asked Buddhist Church for their help. We are making a resolution, but not quite yet. We want to tell the residents how hard we worked, how serious the situation is, and, if necessary, we may have to draft one nurse from each block. If the remaining nurses are divided into three shifts, how can they take care of all the patients?

Dr. Onizuka: If the number of the nurses becomes less than 15, no new patients shall be allowed.

Mr. Sato: Residents lack in understanding the situation. If we have special block meetings and have doctors explain to the people, it may lead the people to understand and have more sympathy for the problem.

Mr. Hattori: Everybody knows everything, but they do not want to work in hospital. Besides, there is no man power in the center. We have to extract from one division to fill another.

The Chair: That they don't work means that they have no knowledge. Therefore, let us educate until they feel they must do. We may make statement in both Japanese and English and deliver to each house. Or we may gather all the girls and women, and ask them to help until they can not refuse.

Mr. Ogawa: I think only one thing that Committee can do now is to draft one nurse from each block. We have tried all the possible ways. Block meetings were attended only by less than a half of the residents. It takes a long time to educate them.

Mr. Hattori: Meetings have never been attended to our satisfaction. I have called house to house asking the people to help in the hospital, but they do not want to work in the hospital.

Mr. Enomoto: Isn't there some other way than drafting? If we ask the family of the patients, they may not be able to refuse to take care of their own family member "giri" may bind them. We may find some nurse by some plan.

Mr. Nozawa: That has been tried in vain. They refuse even



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to take care of their own family.

Dr. Onizuka: We had a sad experience last year. Because no nurse wanted to care T.B. patients, we had arranged a way with their parents that one nurse will come from one family of T.B. patient. We taught everything, they agreed to come on next day. We waited for them but only one responded to our great disappointment and surprise. Only reporting by the Councilman about this serious situation will bring no result; therefore, each block must have a special meeting and must have the problem explained in detail.

Mr. Sato: All must expect to have some medical aid sometime. So everybody knows how necessary the hospital is. There may be some ladies who have sympathy enough but lack in stimulus. So I think if we give them stronger stimulus we may be able to get some response.

The Chair: I have four year experience as a pastor; made many speeches before many groups even before prisoners. Each time there were few who repeated their sin. From this experience of mine our earnest effort will bring some result. I can go and speak even every night about it and do my best.

Mr. Ogawa: I agree with our chairman and Mr. Sato, and that there is a regular channel that we must go through. If we do what Mr. Fujino and Mr. Sato said, the people may understand better. So let them know first, and if we fail we may have to draft.

Mr. Onizuka: I saw one lady who was going to be a nurse but did not. I found the reason that there was no future in that position. Can we do something so that they can get some unit that they can use outside, or certificate which backs the holder in getting job outside?

The Chair asked Mr. Nozawa whether he was willing to take our plan (which meant to have special meeting in every block and educate the people and ask them to work in the hospital, and if we fail, we make some other plan.)

Mr. Nozawa approved.

The Council body unanimously agreed to support this plan.

Mr. Nozawa: This step was taken in June, and was failure,



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but shall do it again, expecting your cooperation.

Mr. Sato: I like to have meetings of individual block, because if many blocks meet together people may feel that they can depend upon other blocks. At the same time I should like to have doctors to explain how to treat contagious cases.

Mr. Nozawa: Because we can hope very little from the younger group, we must see middle aged women. There are something even man can do.

Chairman: Shall we make our own committee to decide the date of the meeting in each block, or shall we leave it to the managers, councilman, and health committee of each block to decide the date?

Mr. Ito: It does not seem practical to leave it to many parties. I propose that Health Committee will decide and notify to each block as to when the meeting shall be held.

This proposal was unanimously seconded and passed.

Mr. Mikami of Block 26 was introduced by the Chair as a new member.

Now the Chair declared that there had been a Committee meeting a few days before for the purpose of creating and strengthening our various committees in order to render better service to the community, that that meeting recommended the followings and that the council would approve these recommendations.

Recommendations:

1. To demand the administrations to inform us of all the new rules, regulations, and orders, and all the changes thereof, with the exception of those that require absolute secrecy. Unanimously approved.
2. The function and limitation of each committees, and the number of the persons in the same shall be decided by the committee itself, and be reported to the regular meeting of the Council to be held on Sept. 11, 1944. Unanimously approved.
3. The Chairman of each committee shall be present at all the regular meetings of the Council whether or not there is anything to be reported on. If it is impossible for him to be present personally, he shall be represented by



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one or more of the members of that committee. Unanimously approved.

4. a. A committee called "Program committee" shall be created for the purpose of examining and determining whether the proposals made by any member of the Community Council are reasonable and worthy for discussion. In order to enable the committee to do its duty all the proposals shall be made one week in advance with the exception of those emergency case in nature.

b. Any proposal which is emergent in nature may be proposed by any member of the Council from the floor at the time deemed reasonable. Chairman or Program Committee shall decide the acceptability of such proposal. Unanimously approved.
5. Public Welfare Committee and Fair Play Committee shall be united and be called Welfare Committee. Unanimously approved.
6. Education and Public Relations Committee shall be united into one committee, the name of which shall be decided by the members of these two committees. Unanimously approved.
7. Segregation Committee shall temporarily be dismissed. Unanimously approved.
8. Relocation Committee, if possible, shall be strengthened by increasing its members due to the fact that the nature of the Committee is very important to our future during and after the war. Unanimously approved.
9. a. All the important business of each regular meeting of Community Council shall be published weekly in a form of a special report to each block both in Japanese and English, on which name of absentees shall appear.

b. Each and all the Councilmen are to attend all the Council meetings. If presence is impossible, they shall be represented by some persons, who may be absent from his regular duty for the duration of the Council meeting - Council will see Director Johnston to secure official release of such substitute persons. Unanimously approved.





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10. A booklet shall be distributed to each block stating the aim of the Community Council, name and address of its members, and a list of committees and function of each with the name of the chairman and members. Unanimously approved.
11. C.A.'s Crusaders, a girls' club organized to send over-sea soldiers gifts and comfort bags and letters, asked us to approve their campaign called "Penny collection" to get some fund for its activities. Although the method of collection has not been described, Dr. Griswold has encouraged the campaign. Unanimously approved.
12. Dr. Hunter will leave here on Sept. 15 for Indiana to help us after the war. The workers in all the departments under him wished to have a farewell party, but he asked for nothing the like but Miss Kansuma's dance. C.A. has been working toward it and succeeded to satisfy him. The dance will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9, at the Auditorium.
Expenses will be covered if all the workers of the departments under him will give 25¢ each. So the tickets will be exchanged for 25¢. I want you to get a ticket and pay me later.

Mr. Sato: How about the Block Managers?

Chair: They are directly under Director Johnston, so they are not one of the sponsors of the party. I think, however, they will be invited.

Meeting was adjourned at 11 A.M.



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Special Joint Meeting
of
Managers, Fuel Committee, and Councilmen

Held at P.S. Hall 28

September 5, 1944

Presented by over 80 persons.
Presided by Chairman Fujino.

Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M.

The Chair requested the result of the block meetings held at each blocks.

A. Reports of each block:

- Block 1 All agreed to take either block basis system or center basis. We can send only about 10 men to the forest.
- Block 2 We support Mr. Hanaki's proposal and try to get more lumberjacks.
- Block 3 We support Hanaki's proposal. No one can work to cut wood in my block. We decided that all workers in the block were keymen.
- Block 4 Only 6 can help cutting wood, so we want to have more lumberjacks and let them cut. At the same time we shall do our best to help lumberjacks.
- Block 5 We have only 10 men who are able to go to woods. They can not get enough wood for the whole block, so we like to have the wood cut by center basis. We want to have all lumberjacks paid \$19.00 because this is very hard job.
- Block 6 We like to support Johnston's suggestion, although we can not send out many able men to the forest. And we like to have Fuel Committee and Administration to decide who shall be keymen.
- Block 7 Center basis of cutting is desired in my block, although we like to cooperate with the director. We shall do our best to get more lumberjacks.



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- Block 8 Johnston suggestion was upheld in my block. We demand that the wood that has been cut and lying on the ground should be delivered to each block equally and as soon as possible.
- Block 9 Center basis, not block basis, is requested by my block people, and distribution of the wood already cut is also requested.
- Block 10 We support "Johnston suggestion" and wish to have the wood already cut be delivered at once.
- Block 11 Because only few can work in woods from our block, we approved Hanaki's proposal. We do not want to work on block basis but on Center basis.
- Block 12 We like to cut wood on center basis by increase of lumberjacks, although we send out as many help as we can.
- Block 13 We support Johnston's suggestion, but only while the weather is fine. As to keymen, we like to have our committee meet with Director Johnston and decide.
- Block 14 Increase of lumberjacks and supply of coal are what we want. We demand delivery of the wood already cut and lying on the ground.
- Block 15 We wish to have the wood cut by center basis.
- Block 16 We can not furnish any volunteer. Cutting of wood by lumberjacks is requested.
- Block 17 Center basis of cutting. We shall send out all the workers except keymen to help them. We demand delivery of the wood already cut.
- Block 19 Center basis is only the way for us, because we can not have any man power; every one of us is keyman.
- Block 20 We take Johnston suggestion, and do our best though we may not be able to do very much due to our age. We think that keymen should be de-



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cided by wood committee. We also request that the wood already cut must be delivered to each block equally.

- Block 23 We wish center basis of cutting because we have no manpower. We may be able to help in delivering of wood rather than cutting.
- Block 24 Johnston's suggestion has been approved by my block. Keymen should be decided by administration.
- Block 25 We support Mr. Johnston's suggestion. Keymen should be decided by Fuel Committee and Administration. Delivery of the wood already cut is earnestly requested.
- Block 26 We wish center basis, although we can not have any man power. We believe that keymen should be decided by the Administration, and the wood already cut should be delivered at once.
- Block 27 Support of Johnston suggestion was the decision of our block. We shall do our best though only few men can work. We request delivery of the wood already cut before rainy season comes.
- Block 28 Center basis, not block basis, is our desire. We like to increase the number of lumberjacks in some way. Keyman must be decided by administration.
- Block 29 Johnston's suggestion prevails in my block though we have little man power. We shall try to get more lumberjacks. Keymen should be decided by Administration.
- Block 32 Increase the number of lumberjack. No block block people wish to go to forest.
- Block 33 Increase of lumberjack and supply of coal are hoped by my block people.
- Block 34 We shall support any plan. We can offer only 4 men for this purpose.
- Block 38 Center basis, no block basis, is desired. We



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shall try to get some lumberjacks.

Block 39 We support Johnston's plan and do our best whatever the man block may need must be made keyman. We request delivery of the wood already cut.

Block 40 Johnston's suggestion is upheld in my block, and we shall do our best. Keymen must be decided by Administration and Fuel Committee.

Block 41 We shall leave everything to the Fuel Committee whatever they decide, we shall do. We have no man power unless keymen will work. We, therefore, urgently request enough supply of coal.

Result of the reports was read by Sec. Narita as follows:

- 19 blocks supported Hanaki's proposal.
- 11 Blocks supported Johnston's suggestion.
- 5 blocks were undecided.

B. Chairman now opened the floor for discussion to make it clear what is meant by "block basis" and "center basis".

Block 5, Mr. Sato: We meant by "block basis" that each block will cut its own wood for its own use. By "center basis" we meant that lumberjacks will cut all the wood for center, and block people will help if demanded.

Block 6: We did not mean as block 5 people meant. We meant that all the possible people in the blocks (other than lumberjacks) go to the wood block by block in turn, and cut wood for the community pile. We know that block people can not get all what the block need. We thought Director Johnston meant that we would cut the wood block by block (not whole center on the same day). In this sense we support his plan. We do our best, and if we can not get enough wood we would like to ask Mr. Johnston to help us.

Block 7; Mr. Izumi: Block 7 means the same thing as Block 6. All except the keymen will go to the wood two days a week and work alongside of the lumberjacks, and cut all the wood we can for the use of the center. We shall do our best before we ask any help of Director Johnston for this fuel problem.



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Chairman: It seems to me that there is hardly any difference between so called "block basis" and "center basis". Then let us forget Johnston's suggestion and Hanaki's proposal or any other plan if there is any. Let us come to two conclusion:

1. Each block will furnish as many workers as possible outside of the keymen two days a week, and work alongside the lumberjacks, cut the wood for the center pile, and divide it equally among all the blocks.
2. No workers will be furnished by the block except lumberjacks. Let all wood work be done by them.

Vote was taken: 29 blocks voted for the first.

The Chair expressed his desire that as this conclusion (plan) was agreed upon by a large majority, the minority would heartily cooperate with the rest.

The Chair, furthermore, said that the wood already cut and lying upon the ground must be delivered as soon as possible. Shall we leave the matter to the Fuel Committee? Unanimously approved.

The Chair now opened the discussion as to the meaning of "keyman". Saying that "majority of the blocks have expressed that they would leave it to the decision of the Administration and the Fuel Committee, but they will appreciate it if they can hear your opinion. Let us start with the workers within the block."

Mr. Gomi: Because some block must have the help of keyman, I desire that there is allowed certain degree of elasticity that the keymen may also work in "wood getting" if they so desire.

Mr. Izumi: Let us take a good care when we discuss this problem. Canteen workers belong neither to the block nor the center.

The Chair: The floor is open only for the workers of the block. We must see Administration about Canteen workers.

Mr. Nakayama: Mess workers, janitors are reduced to the minimum. We can not have any one working for the block go to wood cutting. That is all the block workers should be on the list of "keyman workers".

Mr. Hattori: I want to speak a few words as a member of the Fuel Committee. We can, as committee, make all kinds of plans and make you work accordingly. But as it was not very successfully last year, we asked



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you to elect one representative from each block with whom we can discuss the important matters. Tonight we like to hear your opinion regarding to keyman.

Mr. Hiramoto: I wish to tell you a few words representing Farm Division. Our quota is 240 men, but at present only 180 are working, of whom only 90 are men. I like to call your attention that month of September is harvest month. We are very busy, and can let no man go away from farm work. In October, however, we may be able to release some of them for wood cutting. If any block depends upon farmers, there will be disappointment.

The Chair: Here are suggestions that keymen within the block shall be:

1. Mess hall workers and janitors (janitors mean boiler men and those who clean showerroom and toilet.
2. All the workers except manager.
3. All the workers of the block (including manager and yardman.)

Of these three which shall we recommend to the Committee as our opinion?

Vote was taken and unanimously voted for the first suggestion.

The Chair: Shall we leave to the Administration and Fuel Committee to decide the keyman among those who are working for the center?
Unanimously approved.

Mr. Endo of Block 26: We are used to free labor in this country of freedom. In case there is anyone who opposes to work against his will, that is if there is any one who does not want to go to the forest and cut wood, can we force him to work? Is there any way of punishing him as to deprive him of his job? When we work in the forest, we must expect some accident because we are really unskilled in this particular work. What then?

The Chair: Any true Japanese can not refuse to cooperate,



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I suppose. In case of accident there is insurance provision.

Mr. Endo: I shall tell the people about the existence of insurance, but if any accident takes place, it is a big problem as our experience tells us. I urge your sincere consideration.

The Chair: And there is not rule that keymen should not go to cut wood.

Block 23: In case of mess workers, they must do their duty, and if they cut wood it will be their extra work. Is there anyway that they can get extra pay for that extra time?

The Chair: Extra pay seems impossible.

Mr. Kojima: Those who are not on pay roll, and does not help are said to be poor neighbors by Director Johnston. But if any accident happens to them they can not get any compensation. I think we must arrange that they are on payroll on those particular days that they work.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 P.M.

Things to be done by Committee or Council:

1. Status of Canteen workers.
2. Make sure of insurance.
3. Arrange so that those who are not on payroll can be on payroll on those day that they help woodcutting.
4. Who should be keymen among the workers of the center. See if there is any ruling that keyman should not go to the forest to cut wood. In case of accident, how is the compensation.
5. Keymanship.



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Minutes of 67th Regular Meeting

Date: September 11, 1944
Place: Community Council Office

Time: 8:30 to 10:50 A.M.

Chairman: Mr. C. Fujino

A. Recordings:

1. The 67th regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Fujino at 8:30 A.M.
2. Roll was called by Secretary. 21 were present. 7 came later.

Following members were absent:

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| 1. Mr. Tsutaoka, Toshimatsu | Block 10 |
| 2. Mr. Hatada, Magesaburo | Block 13 |
| 3. Mr. Takemura, Ichiro | Block 14 |
| 4. Mr. Mikami, Juichi | Block 32 |
| 5. Mr. Okano, Taikichi | Block 39 |

3. Minutes of the last meeting was read by the Secretary and approved as read.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Two dollars was donated to the Council by Mr. Ozaki (41-1-D) for remembrance of his sons' induction to the army. I like to express our thanks.
- b. I have seen Director Johnston about the special release of those persons who represent Councilmen or Committee Chairmen in Council meeting. He consented such release. All such representatives will do is to report to our Secretary their name, address, and the division to which they belong. The Secretary will send the list to the director.
- c. U.S.O. was taking care of inviting Pfc. Higa, but they want us to take care of it now because U.S.O. is too busy. It was found that J.A.C.L. will defray expense.
- d. Dr. Hunter's farewell party was successful, but it



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may not have been satisfactory to every one. I hope that the people will understand how busy we were last week.

- e. Now I want to have reports from committees. We shall discuss about the functions or members, etc. later. So please report other things than those.

2. Mr. Nozawa, Health Committee:

According to the resolution of last meeting, we divided the center in five districts. Had meetings last Thursday evening and last night. We shall continue other districts tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday nights. I hope your help.

3. Mr. Aoki, Labor Relation Committee:

I hope your understanding in a few things relating to this committee. There are often times something I can not report because absolute secrecy is required in order to maintain a good feeling between disputing parties. Or sometimes things happen all at sudden, and I have no chance to report to you. In many of such cases I find the situation already acute. But I always get connection with Executive Board of the Council.

Now, I want to make a report on what we did last week. Motor pool made a change in its ruling. It now has two shifts in dispatcher system. Some drivers did not like this change. So we met with the boys and Executive Board, settled down the difference by advising the boys to follow the new system, and calling the attention of the personnels in regard to future change of rulings.

4. Mr. Endo, Public Relation:

We wanted to have a meeting with Education Committee members to unite these two. But the fact is that there is no member left in Education Committee. We do not know what to do. We have made our plan but expect to have changes in it if we take in that of Education Committee. Let us have one more week to do something.

5. Mr. Hiramoto, Farm Committee:

Mr. Hiramoto made a report on the quantity of the following crops harvested during the period of July 17 and August 30,



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Tomato	966 boxes
Egg Plant	1433 boxes and 532 bushels
Pepper	430 boxes
Shiro-uri	89 bushels
Beans	77 bushels
Japanese	
Egg plant	190 boxes
Watermelon	306 pieces or 98880 lbs.
White radish	103 bushels
Nappa	102 crates
Cucumber	11 bushels
Corn	240 sacks
Okra	40 bushels

The amount of the crop in dollar is \$7195.15. "Although", he said, "rain has destroyed a great deal of our crop, and labor is very short, we have done our best to serve the people of the center." He heartily hoped to the residents to save the containers of the vegetables which are delivered to the mess halls. Lettuce crates were especially in need in delivering nappa. He urged all the Councilmen to tell the people to save them.

6. Mr. Hattori, Fuel Committee:

I can not tell anything specific this morning because the committee is going to see Johnston, at 3 P.M. to day to talk about the result of the last special joint meeting held on Sept. 5. We may have to call another joint meeting of the same nature. I like to make it clear why we could not deliver the wood cut this spring and lying on the ground. Until the middle of June trucks could not go in due to the rain. Then Jerome transfer began and all the trucks were used. After the transfer was over the weather became too hot for anybody to work in the woods. At present more than ten trucks are in the garage waiting for repair, and besides the rain makes us unable to go into the forest; there is two or three inches water all over. Even when we have no rain, we shall not be able to deliver at least two or three weeks yet.

C. Discussion:

Chairman: Now the floor is open for discussion, but before we go into functions of various committees, I want to get your approval on two things.

1. As the weather has become much better, we may meet Monday afternoon instead of morning. The time is 1:30 sharp.

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Unanimously approved.

2. We must create Program Committee as we decided last week. Do you have any proposal as to who are suitable for this new Committee?

Mr. Aoki: I want to move that the member of Program Committee shall be the member of Executive Board.

Mr. Hattori: I second the motion.

The Chair: As I reported a few minutes ago, U.S.O. want to have us sponsor Mr. Higa's lecture. Shall we accept their request?

Mr. Saito: Has U.S.O. done anything?

The Chair: Due to the expense, U.S.O. was rather cold at first towards this problem. But after finding that all the expenses will be paid by J.A.C.L., they are willing to have him come, but they are too busy. Mr. Higa is a Kibei and speaks very good Japanese.

Mr. Doi: Is there any other center that has heard him?

The Chair: Yes, Granada and a few others, I heard.

Mr. Doi: Do we have to decide whether we invite him or not?

The Chair: Director Johnston and Dr. Hunter had much interest in this problem, though I haven't spoken anything about it definitely.

Mr. Doi: I agree in inviting him. And I know that popularity of J.A.C.L. is not very good anywhere. If they do some good thing like this, their good activities shall become known sometime.

Mr. Matsubara: I heard from a friend at Heart Mountain that he spoke about the life of soldiers in camp. I like to hear those things.

The Chair: J.A.C.L. is supposed to pay all the expenses; but it is sponsored by Army and W.F.A. (War Food Administration).

Mr. Tani: Why by W.F.A.? I can see the reason why it is sponsored by Army.



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The Chair: I don't either.

Mr. Onizuka: I agree to invite him if the expenses are paid by J.A.C.L.

Mr. Ogawa: That who pays expenses or who sponsor is not the question. We like to hear about our sons in the camps and in the front. I like to hear him.

Mr. Fujiyama: By inviting him we may know J.A.C.L. better, and Council as a whole may come to better understanding with that organization.

Mr. Aoki: Our real aim is to hear him. So let us decide whether we want to have him come or not and then let us talk about the expenses.

Mr. Nishikata: I returned from Santa Fe about a month ago. While I was there, he came to the camp without any invitation. He did not say anything about expense. He spoke in a good Japanese.

The Chair takes vote that invitation should be extended. Majority voted for it.

Mr. Mr. Kumamoto: They will not let us pay later, I hope.

Mr. Aoki: It is said that J.A.C.L. is paying, but I suppose government is, so we should not pay anything for this particular case.

Mr. Sudo: I want to hear even at our own expense. I like to hear about the hardship of our boys in front.

The Chair: We don't have to pay anything as the expenses, but we may give him some token of our appreciation. Shall we pass a hat around? Of course, it is not compulsory.

Mr. Sudo: We better not decide such a thing.

Mr. Haraki: Does he have any regular income?

The Chair: Yes, he is wounded in action, so government must provide him a certain regular income to live. Let us leave this matter to the decision of Welfare



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Committee, which should look after these things.
Unanimously agreed to the Chair.

The Chair: Now, there are four soldiers, formerly the residents of this center, and killed in action. It is proper that we should have a memorial service in order to honor them.

Mr. Ito: The Manager have discussed about it and have elected four members as the Committee to handle this matter. We have sent you a note giving the names of the Committee. Please get contact with them.
I want to have the service during this week if possible. I heard some other organization was going to do something about it.

Mr. Onizuka: I had to do something toward this as the member of Welfare Committee, but as you know, we were very busy and since our union with Social Welfare last week we are not in the shape of doing anything yet.

The Chair: It is rather important, and comes under the activities of Welfare Committee. Let us hope that the Committee will work out to have the service on the earliest possible date.
Now, as the time is getting late, let us discuss about the function of our committees.

Mr. Nogawa, Health Committee: Health Committee will perform the same function defined in the Constitution. Number of the members is 33, that is one from each block. I assume the chairmanship.

The Chair: The Function of Health Committee defined in the Constitution is as follows: "To study and investigate health need of the center and make recommendations to the Council for the purpose of promoting public health."
Vote was taken. Unanimously approved.

Mr. Aoki, Labor Relation Committee: Due to the nature of duty of this Committee, it is hard to state the exact function in writing. But as a whole we shall continue the same function as described in the Constitution with an addition that Labor Relation Committee will not handle any individual



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case (personal or private) case not affecting the group as a whole) unless such case hinders the activities of the Committee, or gives an undesirable impression upon Administrative personnel, or when the Committee considers it necessary to take the matter up.

The Chair: The function of Labor Relation Committee according to our by-laws is following: "To study and investigate labor programs and issue and make such reports and recommendations to Council so as to best insure harmonious labor relations throughout the center."

And now you want to add something like this?

"This committee shall not go into private and individual case unless when the committee feels that such private case hinders the activities of committee, gives undesirable impression to Administrative personnel, or deems it necessary to intervene."

Mr. Aoki: Yes.

Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

Mr. Aoki: There are five members in the Executive Board of the Committee at present. We shall get one more and report to Council.

Mr. Hattori, Fuel Committee: I want to take out the part of the function that belongs to Food Committee and we will take all of our parts.

The Chair read the function of Food and Fuel Committee from By-Laws of the Constitution as follows:

"To study, report and recommend to Council any desirable changes in the food and fuel program, without jeopardy to the government, so as to best meet the needs of the resident."

Mr. Hattori: Oh, there must be a great change. Please wait one week. I shall draw our own function. Number of the committee members will be 33, one from each block with 6 Members in Executive Board.

Chairman, Resettlement Committee: I have been very busy lately, and could not do much for re-constructing the committee. But I want your understanding that this committee does neither encourage nor discourage



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resettlement. We study the plans and system of W.R.A., about the places where people are relocating, and about the problem after the war, all from the point of view of evacuees. I shall make written report at next meeting.

Mr. Ito, Investigation Committee: I have made a written report which I am going to explain if somebody will translate this into Japanese.

Chairman translated it and unanimously approved.

Function of Investigation Committee:

- a. To supervise or actively compile data on, or compile findings or gather information required for the proper and more efficient function of Rohwer Community Council.
- b. It shall be directly responsible to Rohwer Community Council, which in turn shall be responsible for the Committee's operation.
- c. The Committee shall have the right to judge with the advice and council of the Executive Board of Community Council whether or not the requested investigation is necessary, or it is a matter of idle curiosity. To safe-guard this possibility, the committees shall be vested with the powers to appoint whomsoever it deems necessary as a member or members of a sub-committee to carry out the function of Investigation Committee.
- d. Due to the nature of its work this committee shall consist of two members who shall share the chairmanship. The work will be carried out by them and temporary committees as appointed until such a phase of investigation has been made. Also reports will be made as soon as it is possible. Any requests for data or findings shall be specific and in writing.

Mr. Hiramoto, Farming Committee: We haven't decided who is to be the chairman Mr. Ishimaru or myself.

The Chair: We have received a note from Mr. Ishimaru stating that Mr. Hiramoto would assume chair-



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manship.

The function of Farm Committee is not clear.

Mr. Hiramoto: We have nothing to do with poultry or hog division.

The Chair: They may be under Food Committee in the Constitution.

Mr. Ito: I think Production Committee is a better name than Farming Committee.

Mr. Gomi: You must have in your committee the forms of hog, chicken and other divisions of production, because there are very many transactions among these different divisions. Once there was very high rate of death of pigs and chickens, although at present the rate is much lower.

The Chair: Please see Mr. Ishimaru and decide members.

Mr. Gomi: One more thing I like to tell is that you have to have a close connection with Caucasians. They are raising hay, feed corn, wheat, seeds, etc. which we do not have much to do with. If you add their product, I think, the amount will be much greater.

Mr. Syde: I like to know name of those four soldiers killed in action.

He was told as follows:

Mr. Shimazu, Akira	Block 1
Mr. Saito, Calvin	Block 14
Mr. Sugiyama, Togo	Block 15
Mr. Masuda, Zenichi	Block 26

Mr. Ito: Were the Managers invited to Dr. Hunter's farewell party?

The Chair: Yes.

Mr. Ito: I want to express our thank for your kind invitation.

Now, I have brought here two personal letters which tells about the freight and express charge on shipment of evacuee's property from the Pacific Coast to the place of resettlement. We understand that



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that W.R.A. would pay everything; but in fact evacuee are paying at least partly. We have many cases like them in this letters, so we want to investigate this matter.

The Chair: According to W.R.A. ruling, the government pays all the charges and expenses arising from such transfer of evacuee's property. In the city they bring the property to the railroad station, and then to the residence of the relocatee by other means like express, or auto delivery. But in the country where there is no such means of carrier, evacuee may go after them to the railroad station. I want to have more evidence of evacuee's paying express charge.

Mr. Ito: Some of my friends relocated to country but they had W.R.A. pay such expresage, by sending the bills and requesting W.R.A. to pay for them. So what they have to do is to pay such charges and then send the bills or receipts to the Leave office of the center from which they have relocated.

The Chair: It seems that our return to the West Coast seems possible as it is to Hawaii. There are many applications being sent to California at present. I think we may go there, probably early next year. There is definite procedure in applying for return to California like that to Hawaii. It will be published in detail by the 'Committee of Studying of Relocation Problems' in the near future.

Mr. Kunamoto: How is about the expenses?

The Chair: All those who are in the center will be paid by the government. Those who are out on a seasonal leave must come back to the center if they want to have government ^{pay} expenses. Those who have relocated at government expense must pay his own expenses for going to California. I shall also write about it on Outpost.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.



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SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF
MANAGERS, FUEL COMMITTEE, & COUNCILMEN

Held at P.S. Hall 28

September 16, 1944

Attended by about 50 persons.

Presided by Chairman Fujino. Meeting was called to order at 2:15 P.M.

Chairman opens the meeting and gives the purpose of the meeting as to hear reports from Fuel Committee on the negotiation with the administration regarding our fuel situation and to discuss anything necessary in this problem. He wishes to have the committee report on the outcome of the negotiation.

Mr. Hattori: I brought here a list of keyworkers. This was made by Director Johnston, Rains, Ballard, Coleman after discussing with Messrs Fujino, Ito, Izumi, Iida, Saga, and myself.

Due to ^{acute} shortage of manpower, we advised them more use of machinery this year, which was agreed upon by Administration to our satisfaction. But in regards to keymanship, I can hardly say that it is satisfactory.

You have advised us to make all the mess workers and janitors to be keymen. Director Johnston said, however, that those people could hardly be recognized as keymen from the point of view of the center. But if that was the opinion of the people, ^{we} they could treat them as keymen although he could not officially approve. The keymen as recognized officially are all those who work in:

- a. hospital,
- b. garage, blacksmith shop, motor pool,
- c. fire department.

There are many employees coming in and going out of these departments all the time. Although the names of the new employees are not enumerated here in the list they may well know that they are keymen.

In addition, a part of the workers in the following divisions:

- a. Warehouse #1
- b. Mess warehouse
- c. police department.

Please see if there are any people who should be be keymen in your block who are omitted in the list. You can make adjustments.

Due to the shortage of man power we want to use machines as much as we can. I think this phase of the problem will be satisfactory.

Bridge building is one of the most urgent problem at pre-



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sent, because we can not haul anything out of the forest unless bridges are complete. But bridge crew are working hard, and if they need more men, lumberjacks may be transferred temporarily to that job.

The Chair: I suppose you have now understood who the keymen are and who are not. I just added the number of the keymen; they are as follows:

- 8 men in Internal Security
- 1 man in Reports office
- 19 men in Mess division
- 9 men in Engineering
- 37 men in Fire department
- 5 men in Education
- 7 men in Post office
- 9 men in Warehouse #1
- 68 men in Motor pool and Maintenance.

Mr. Hattori: Director Johnston could not decide anything about co-op workers. He promised me to see them and talk about this problem, but so far I have not seen him yet. I saw Mr. Uchiyama who discussed about it with me in a good humor and promised me to do his best.

The Chair: Is there any question related to Mr. Hattori's report?

Mr. Noguchi: Is our decision that all the mess workers are keymen void and nullified?

Mr. Hattori: Not nullified, no. Mr. Johnston said that he could not officially recognized their keymanship. However, if that was the opinion of the people, they might be considered as such.

The Chair: Director Johnston could not approve officially, but would not deny our decision either. That is he is respecting our decision, and co-operating with us. So in turn we must do our best to get the best result.

Mr. Kojima: So long as the mess workers are concerned we do not refuse their offer to work with us, but we do not expect them to work regularly as we do. I like to tell them the idea of Director Johnston, and ask their co-operation.

Mr. Tani: I see that farm workers are not included. How's about hog workers and sewage washers?



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Mr. Hattori: I don't see anyone under those headings. They may be included in Maintenance. I will see Mr. Johnston and make sure about sewer pipe cleaners, hog division workers. I shall see him on Monday.

Now the list of workers was distributed among the fuel committee of each block.

The Chair: The center is divided into three, and all do not go to wood cutting on the same day; therefore, he may have purposely omitted them.

Mr. Enomoto: How about Electrical shop workers, though there are only few workers there?

Mr. Hattori: I shall see about them, too.

Mr. Adache: How about bridge crew?

Mr. Hattori: I shall see Mr. Johnston on Monday. I know he made the list after inquiring all the division heads. One thing we must remember is that all of us do not go on the same day. Everybody makes mistake, so we may expect some mistake in this list, too. If you find any mistake, please let me know and you can correct it.

Mr. Mikami: I know a timekeeper of the mess has received a letter making him a keyman, but I do not see his name in the list.

Mr. Hattori: They talked about the timekeepers, but I don't see their names as keymen.

Mr. Mikami: That particular man whom I am talking of knows himself that he is a keyman.

Mr. Hattori: He has no way to make himself a keyman. No person shall be able to see his division head personally, and secure such letter to make himself a keyman. If he did, that would mean nothing. All keymen must be recognized and approved either by Mr. Johnston or Rains, and I am supposed to have their names.

Mr. Tani: At Jerome appointed personnel used the wood we cut. How is it here?



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The Chair: At Rohwer they buy their own coal.

Mr. Watanabe: If any man works at night and goes to wood in day time, is there any way of adjustment?

Mr. Hattori: In such a case it is overtime, of which we did not discuss. To my understanding such overtime is adjusted by having a leave from duty for the ^{equivalent of} ~~equal to~~ such overtime.

The Chair: I rather advise you to see your division head before hand, and arrange in such a way that you can have the overtime leave on the very next day.

Mr. Hattori: It seems to me that you are on some special duty. Go to the wood only when you can arrange with your division head that you can have a day off right after your wood cutting day.

The Chair: I think you have understood who are keymen and who are not. Please report it to your block people.

Now I want your pledge that all except keyworkers will help wood cutting in cooperation to our Director Johnston.

All pledged.

Then, when shall we start?

Mr. Hattori: "When we start working" depend upon the weather condition. We rather decide how to start. We like to bring in all the wood already cut. But there is no road for trucks. Administration has promised us to start building road on Monday if the weather permit. I let you know when the road is ready.

Mr. Yamashita: If you want to cut when you can not haul, we may start right now. How long do you expect for building the necessary road? We want to start as soon as possible.

Mr. Hattori: I think in a week we may be able to begin hauling the wood out, but if we want to fell, it is possible to start even on this Monday. I like to know about how many can go to the woods from each block, because I have to prepare the tools necessary for the operation. Will you go back to the blocks and see how many men each of you can send out?



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The Chair: If possible, I want you to wait until the week after the next, for we are facing another acute problem, and men are needed for it. The ditches in the center are too shallow, and unless they are deepened and drainage system is improved, we have flood every time it rains. This undertaking has been planned by center engineering division and O.K'ed by Director Johnston. Mr. Ito, will you explain about this?

Mr. S. Ito explained that there was a flood along the low-level blocks, that drainage system had to be improved, that the plan had been made and approved, that labor shortage had withheld the plan from being carried out, that only cooperation of block people would enable such improvement, and that administration would heartily appreciate our cooperation.

The Chair: This will not keep us long from wood cutting. If things are well arranged one week will be sufficient, and drainage problem will be gone forever.

How is about starting our wood cutting on Monday, Sept. 25, a week from this Monday?

Unanimously voted in favor.

The Chair: According to Mr. Johnston's idea, we divide the center into three. Do you have any plan for such division, Mr. Hattori?

Mr. Hattori: Yes, the committee divided the center into three: the first division will be consisted of blocks 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 29. Second, of blocks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 23, 24, 25, 26. Third, of blocks 19, 20, 27, 28, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, 40, 41.

This division was unanimously approved.

Mr. Hattori: We shall see that 2 divisions will work 2 days a week, and 1 division $1\frac{1}{2}$ day a week, due to ^{Saturday's} half day working rule of W.R.A. But this $1\frac{1}{2}$ day a week will be rotated to each division equally in turn.

Mr. Kojima: Do we work two days in succession or 1 day in every three days?

Mr. Hattori: The committee likes to talk with you about it. Jerome worked two days in a row, last year but we can



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discuss.

Mr. Kojima: If we get away from our regular work two consecutive days each week, some department will be very much affected.

There were some discussion by each division about working 2 one-day or 1 two-days a week. Finally Fuel Committee was given the power to investigate and decide.

Mr. Hattori: The next question is: how shall we deliver the wood equally among the blocks?

Mr. Tani: I think the best way to deliver equally among the blocks is to deliver one truck load each starting from block one, without considering what block or what division has cut such wood.

The Chair: Mr. Tani's idea is very good. We want to deliver systematically and evenly. Mr. Tani gave us an idea of a good method. Shall we leave it to the Committee?

All agreed to the Chairman.

Shall we promise that whatever the plan the committee may make, we shall cooperate heartily, and on the other hand, committee will exercise their best knowledge in making plans.

All agreed to make such promise.

Mr. Noguchi: As we have just promised, we shall do our best in getting our wood. But we need aprons and gloves or other working apparels. I hope we will be supplied with those.

The Chair: Our committee has already spoken about those necessary apparels to the Administration who has promised that they would supply us with as many as they could.

Mr. Hattori: We had a very poor supply last year. We had some aprons made; I have about 80 of them on hand right now. We do not have any gloves, though the canteen is selling good pairs.

The Chair: We shall ask the Administration about gloves. Shall do our best to satisfy our needs.

Mr. M. Ito: Supply of gloves from New York is available.



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Mr. Mikami: Is there any compensation for those who are hurt by accident while working and who are not on payroll?

Mr. Hattori: There is no compensation for those who are not on payroll. They'd better get on payroll on those days when they work. All they do is to put their name and address and I.D. number on the paper provided by the Administration each morning. The Block Managers will have them.

The keymen must get an O.K. from their division head for helping this wood cutting work or else they will not be protected against any accident.

The Chair: Our committee members have been working very hard. Please appreciate their effort. Do not criticize them behind their backs. If you find any mistake in what they decide or what they do, do not hesitate to tell them about that mistake. Do not forget to cooperate with them.

Mr. Hattori: Our plans will be known in detail to your block fuel representatives as soon as possible. If you have any complaint, tell it to your block representative, or directly to Fuel Committee. We always welcome your advice. We are always open for your criticism.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:20 P.M.



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Special meeting of the Council was called to order at
4:25 P.M.

The Chair: Mr. Frank Nishikawa, who was one of the committees who drew our constitution and who has ever since contributed his time and knowledge for our improvements, is going to be drafted to the army, Monday morning, September 18, 1944. I want to have your approval for writing him a letter of thanks and appreciation.

Unanimously approved.

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Minutes of 68th Regular Meeting

Date: September 18, 1944

Time: 1:40 - 4:00 P.M.

Chairman: Mr. C. Fujino

A. Recordings:

1. The 68th regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Fujino.
2. Roll call was taken by the Secretary. 25 were present and 6 came late.
Following members were absent:

1. Mr. Sudo, Washiro	Block 9
2. Mr. Itow, Masaki	Block 12
3. Mr. Aoki, Kyoichi	Block 12

3. Minutes of the last meeting was read by the Secretary and approved as read.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Mr. E.V. Moulton has assumed the place and duty of Dr. Hunter. Mr. Moulton is one of those who understand our situation, and has a good reputation among the Caucasian personnel. We hope he will help us in anything that comes under his capacity.
- b. Demand was made by Council to the Project Director to inform us of all the new rulings and regulations or changes thereof unless absolute secrecy is necessary. Our Director understood the meaning of the demand and promised to do so.
- c. Coleman's attitude towards the transfer of employees from one division to hospital was not very pleasing. We spoke to him about acuteness and our effort for the hospital problem in front of Mr. Dillinger. So Coleman promised to change his attitude. All those who want to transfer to hospital must see their division head and get his approval, then see Coleman who will arrange the transfer.
- d. A letter of thanks was given to Mr. Frank Nishikawa



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as approved by the body at the Special meeting held on Saturday at P.S. Hall 28. He accepted our thanks, and wished me to deliver his appreciation and the best wishes to all the Councilman.

2. Mr. Nozawa, Health Committee:

- a. As the result of our center wide campaign for more nurses aides, we had only 3 persons assigned. But we may expect some more from 10 blocks, while no help can be expected from 20 blocks.
- b. Care of T.B. ward has always been a problem and a drawback in improving nurses aides situation. We have tried in vain to persuade the family members to come to the hospital and help. I think there is a little hope in this.
- c. Miss Elaine Abe, a registered nurse, is helping the hospital without compensation.
- d. One of our two ambulances became out of work this morning. If the parts can be secured in the center, it will resume its service within a week, otherwise ^{we have to} wait a month or so.
- e. It was said by many persons that in order to secure some nurses aides it might be wise to ask the families of the sick persons to work in the hospital to take care of their own patients. I found, however, that the hospital had its own rulings and regulations, which such temporary persons might not well understand. I am afraid such misunderstanding or lack of understanding may cause some undesirable feeling among doctors, nurses, and those people; we need an intensive study and investigation before we take up such suggestion.

3. Dr. Onizuka, Welfare Committee:

We can report on the memorial service which we talked about in the last meeting. Welfare Committee, Managers' Committee and U.S.O. (Mr. Omori) met on Thursday last week, Sept. 14, and drew up a rough program. According to it the Service will be held at 2 P.M. on Saturday, Sept. 30, in front of the Auditorium. I have a few things to ask for your sanction later.



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4. Mr. Endo, Education Committee:

We had the first combined meeting of Education and Public Relation Committees, formulated our function, decided the name, and discussed a few things about educating the young as well as the old. I shall ask your approval on a few things later.

5. Mr. Ito, Managers' representative:

I want to say a few words about center drainage. I saw Mr. Fairley and told him that we would help his work. He expressed his appreciation and promised that he would make plan of working with Director Johnston and others, so if we let him know how many can help or what way we can help, he would start even on this Wednesday. (Sept. 20) We have to decide where we can start. I believe we have to start where the condition is worst. All except keymen are expected to help.

C. Discussion:

1. Proposals of Mr. Fujiyama:

Chairman introduced the following three proposals made by Mr. Fujiyama of Block 3.

- a. To improve and better the treatment of nurses aides.

Investigation and making a suitable plan were unanimously assigned to Health Committee.

- b. To express appreciation to Health Committee for their ceaseless and tireless effort towards solving this difficult problem.

This proposal was unanimously approved and Chairman Fujino expressed the appreciation and gratitude of the Council to the members of Health Committee.

- c. That all the council members should be prepared at any time to help the hospital even voluntarily if the situation should necessitate.

Mr. Sato: We have wished to help, but we don't know anything about caring for the sick. We



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may be in their way.

Dr. Onizuka: We must be ready to help the hospital although we may not be able to do very much. We are supposed to be leading the center, and all must be prepared for such service.

All the members agreed to be prepared for such call of necessity.

2. Moving of Council's Assembly Hall:

The armchairs that we are using are borrowed from Mr. Beasley with a definite and written acknowledgement. But a few days ago Miss Frasier sent a boy, and a note this morning suggesting to meet in the West wing of the Auditorium. That is because ~~they~~ ^{she} wants to have these chairs. I believe it is entirely out of her authority to direct us. We, the Council of the Center, must be regarded as such. We shall not have our meetings where there are no chairs or tables, or other necessary equipments. Can you back me up in declaring that

"We shall not meet anywhere unless there is a complete equipment satisfactory to the Council."

This declaration was unanimously consented.

3. The Chair asked for the approval of the body for expressing our appreciation and gratitude to U.S.O. and its members who had given seven "So-ko-kai" recently without any help from us.

Unanimously approved.

4. Hospital Problem:

The Chair now opened the floor for the discussion of Hospital problem saying, "taking care of T.B. patients seems to be a drawback on the progress of our hospital problem."

Mr. Sato: There are only 14 or 15 T.B. patients and we 6,000 are on deadrock. I heard that Johnston was saying that he could send all the T.B. patients to Gila. I want the Council to back him up. Even when the family members do not want to care for the sick, how can we expect others to do this work?



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Only because of these 14 or 15, the whole 6,000 must suffer from nurses aides shortage.

Dr. Onizuka: To my understanding Mr. Sato has misunderstood the words of Director Johnston. I know he said that Gila was not a good place for T.B. and Rohwer was not a bad place at all.

Mr. Sato: If so we must find out what he really means, and we must help them (T.B. patients) to go to Gila. If they don't want to go, we must have them transferred to Gila.

Dr. Onizuka: I heard a Japanese doctor say that very few Japanese doctors had any experience to take care of T.B. case due to the fact that if they are taking care of them, other patients will not come to those doctors. T.B. patients are therefore, usually sent to sanitarium, and doctors and nurses have no chance of studying and experimenting T.B. case. Only the reason we used to recommend Gila for T.B. case was that there was an experienced doctor and nothing else. There is no proof that Rohwer is undesirable for T.B.

Mr. Nishikata: I know dry air is good, and wet air is bad for T.B.

Mr. Hattori: We have tried to get Caucasian nurses without success. But we may try once more because Jerome got many of them. We know nurses are short outside but we may get some.

The Chair: Mr. Nozawa, I heard that Committee members have met with the families of T.B. patients. How far has such campaign progressed?

Mr. Nozawa: We have seen them as an individual, but if Council will back us up, we can see them again as representatives of Council, and tell them the voice of the center; we can even tell them that they have to either move to Gila or take care of their own patients.

Mr. S. Ito: Do you know how many patients have family, and how many without?

Mr. Nozawa: 7 have family, and the rest are all bachelors. 1 of the 7 families has been helping



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the nurses allway through. So we have to see the other 6 families.

The Chair: If it is practical, we can send a few Councilmen to meet the families and ask them to send somebody to hospital. If they refuse, we may tell them what Mr. Sato and Mr. Hattori have been suggesting.

Mr. Nozawa: Not only nurses aides but dishwashers, launders and some others are not very pleased to work in the hospital due to this T.B. ward.

Mr. Doi: So far as I know Gila is not very good place for T.B. It's too dusty there. When a plan was made to build T.B. hospital near Gila, Dr. Tashiro vividly opposed to it. We must be very careful and study the conditions at Gila before we decide sending them to Gila.

Mr. Sato: I did not know Gila was such a place. I thought it was the best place for T.B. Then we must consider things from different angle.

The Chair: I went to Poston once. I thought Poston and Gila were good for T.B. But I found all the wards were full of T.B. patients to my great surprise, and they were not from other centers. I heard some ^{said} that when evacuees were moved into Poston camp, some of the Indians said that within three years great many Japanese would be T.B. patients. T.B. was very common among Indians there. They said that the dust was harmful and sage brush may contain something that promote development of T.B. germs.

Mr. Doi: California sanitariums are good.

Dr. Onizuka: We may be able to send them to California if we struggle hard enough.

Mr. Doi: I heard there were quite a big crowd of T.B. patients among other peoples, too. If we send all of them to Gila, we must face some harsh criticism. We ought to see that they are sent to better place.

The Chair: What will you say if we tell Director



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Johnston that:

1. We have done everything possible,
2. that our chief obstacle is the care of T.B. patients,
3. that unless we find some way so that nurse girls will not go to that ward, we can not get any nurses aides,
4. and that our plans to get rid of this T.B. problem are:
 - a. to get some experienced Caucasian nurse,
 - b. to send the T.B. patients to some suitable sanitarium, preferably near the center.

Great majority supported the Chair.

Mr. S. Ito: How about T.B. patients' family member taking care of their own sick member?

Dr. Onizuka: Better not try anymore. We have a sad experiences.

Mr. Nozawa: If we see them again with the backing of Council and of the whole people, we may attain ^{to} certain success. If they will, there is no trouble.

Mr. S. Ito: If they will, then we can shift all those nurse working in that ward to other wards. Let us see the families again.

Dr. Onizuka: If Council, Managers, and Health Committee meet them together and ask them explaining exact situation of the center, and the will of the center is inclined to ask them to take care of their own family members, we may come to some place.

Mr. Nozawa: They want to keep everything T.B. a secret. So I think it is better for Council to call them personally. We will come and ask them again.

Dr. Onizuka: There is nothing to be afraid of T.B. This sickness can be overcome. Public are too nervous about it. When the nurses go near them, they wear masks; if they touch the patient, they sterilize. Public must be educated.





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The Chair: Then let us have 3 from Council, 3 from the Managers, and 3 from Health Committee to meet those family members. If they are too stubborn, we may tell them the attitude of the people of the center. Then they will find themselves between transfer to some place and taking care of their own sick persons.

Mr. Okubo: Before taking the matter to Mr. Johnston, we must do our best to solve our problem.

The Chair: But it is hard to tell them the plan or idea of sending them to some other place. It seems compulsory.

Mr. Doi: I agree with the Chair to have a meeting of the representatives and family members.

The Chair takes a vote. Unanimously adopted the plan.

5. Ambulance Problem:

Now the Chair opens the floor for discussion on the means to meet the inconvenience arising from the Ambulance which became out of order this morning.

Mr. Nozawa: Only one ambulance can not serve all the patients. As I reported, if we can not have the parts, we must wait at least a month before it is repaired.

Mr. Hattori: We can get what we need if we go near by towns, although it is hard. It takes a long time if we try to get it through W.R.A. or Army. I know they have some cash on hand to meet such emergency need.

The Chair: I shall see Director Johnston and explain about this and urge him to do something.

Mr. S. Ito: Motor Pool has assigned one truck to the hospital for transportation ~~for~~ the workers, but the trouble is there is no driver. If they use ambulance for this purpose, there will be unnecessary wearing out of it.

The Chair: Mr. Tani, I think you wanted to say something about the hospital.

Mr. Tani: Yes, it was about the nurses aides. I don't know if this is a good time to talk. I know an old



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lady working in the hospital, but she made many mistakes on the first day. The worst mistake was on food. Everything was written in English, which she could not understand. She took salted food to the patients who could not take any salt and so on.

Mr. Hozawa: That is something I don't understand. Food is carried by tray girls.

6. Mr. Endo brought up the function of newly formed Education Committee, and asked for approval. The function reads as follows:
To study and investigate the center educational and moral program and make such reports and recommendations to the Council as required for improvement of our educational and moral standard.

Unanimously approved.

Mr. Endo asked the body to understand that because all the members of old Education Committee have relocated or resigned, there was no way to have meetings with them, and therefore, number and members of new Education Committee could not be decided. But he would assume temporary chairmanship. Now he asked the body to sanction an educational campaign which the new Education Committee would like to open sometime in October.

Mr. Gomi: What kind of campaign is it going to be?

Mr. Endo: It seems to us that morale of residents of the center is not what it should be. Many years of camp life has changed people's way of thinking or understanding the things in proper way. So we think that it is ~~an~~ appropriate movement to have some kind of educational campaign to bring them up to the standard where they should be.

The Chair: Do you have any concrete plan for the campaign?

Mr. Endo: I can not tell you exactly what we want to do yet.

Mr. Fujiyama: I agree to have have such a campaign and we can leave it to our Education Committee to work out all necessary plans and schedules.



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Mr. Ogawa: I agree, too. My committee was once going to have a campaign to educate the residents at large. I am glad to hear about such movement.

The Chair took vote. Unanimously sanctioned.

7. Mr. Hattori brought out the function of Fuel Committee and asked for approval.

The function reads as follows:

To investigate and study and report to the Council all and every problem which affects the fuel of the residents of the center. And if necessary to advise and recommend the Council with the means to facilitate the fuel difficulties.

Unanimously approved.

8. Drainage Problem:

The Chair opened the floor for discussion of drainage problem, saying that due to shortage of manpower Public Works Division alone could not do this work which required immediate and quick completion. "As we all agreed to help that undertaking, we must do our part. But it seems to me that the managers are in better place than we, in drawing up of plans or in sending helpers to the necessary places. Shall we leave this matter entirely to managers?"

Unanimously agreed.

Mr. S. Ito: Thank you for leaving it all to us. We shall do our best.

9. Problems on Memorial Service:

Dr. Onizuka: I have a few things to be approved by the body. Thus he brought up the followings and the Council decided that:

- a. each block was to donate \$2.00 as the fund of Memorial Service;
- b. the Council would send a representative to make a memorial address;
- c. the Council would contribute a floral wreath which would be bought;
- d. the Council would see Director Johnston to make



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- an Memorial address at the service, and contribute a floral wreath from W.R.A.
- e. Welfare Committee should be vested the power of deciding all the necessary measures arising from carrying out of this program.

Meeting was adjourned at 4 P.M.



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Minutes of 69th Regular Meeting

Date: September 25, 1944

Time: 1:40 - 3:50 P.M.

Place: 42-5-A

Chairman: Mr. C. Fujino

A. Recordings:

1. The 69th Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Fujino.
2. Roll call was taken by the Secretary. 24 were present, and 8 came later.

Following were absent:

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| 1. Mr. Sudo, Washiro | Block 9 |
| 2. Mr. Watanabe, Sakujiro | Block 24 |
| 3. Mr. Endo, Teruji | Block 26 |
| 4. Mr. Kumamoto, Miyakichi | Block 29 |

3. The minutes of the last regular meeting was read and approved as read.
4. Chairman introduced Mr. Inouye as the new Councilman of Block 32, and Mr. Hamaguchi as the representative of Mr. Akutagawa of Block 4.

B. Reports:

1. Chairman:

- a. Pfc. Higa will arrive here on November 23 for about 3 days. Mr. Joe Masacka will probably accompany him. Mr. Higa will speak chiefly for Issei.
- b. We discussed last week about the chairs that we are using here. I have made an agreement with Mr. Moulton that we do not have to return them unless we want to, and that we can use the west wing of the Auditorium whenever we need it.
- c. We have received a warning again from the owners of the corn field that there are still somebody stealing



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their corn by sacks, that there are many Issei, and that this would be the last warning. If the farmers ^{should} find anybody in their corn field, they would shoot.

2. Mr. Nozawa, Health Committee;

- a. As you see, both ambulance have been working all through the week. It was due to the very special favor of the garage workers who put all their time the very next afternoon. I am very grateful for their good understanding and special work.
- b. Nurses aides situation is just as acute as before. A special meeting was called as was sanctioned by the last meeting. 3 managers, Executive Boards of the Council, and eleven Health Committee members met with the families of the T.B. patients. But only 3 out of 9 families were represented. They could not refuse flatly, but I don't believe there is much hope. Committee met with those who did not come to the meeting, but the outcome was not as we hoped for.
- c. Patients are forced to return home as soon as they get back from the gas. It is all due to shortage of the nurses and of the beds. At present only 1 bed is available for emergency case, and all other beds are occupied. 75 patients are in the hospital.

Mr. Tani: Only 1 bed extra! Was there sudden increase in the number of the patients?

Mr. Nozawa: Yes, a great increase. There were 53 last week and 75 this week. As I have reported you once before, there are more sick in Autumn than in Summer.

3. Mr. Aoki, Labor Relation Committee;

- a. Stewards and managers got together and tried to haul watermelons to each block. This plan was carried out very successfully by the cooperation of truck drivers. 8 trucks and 16 drivers were mobilized. I want to thank the drivers who



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offered their service even on Saturday afternoon.

- b. One truck will be assigned to the hospital even today or tomorrow to transport its workers. A driver is also furnished by the Motor Pool.
- c. For the quota of 2998 workers, only 2499 are working at present; that is 499 men are short.
- d. Mechanics are in great need at present because we must expect frequent repair of trucks used in wood cutting. If you know anybody who has some experience in garage work, please ask him to transfer to this division of work.

4. Mr. M. Ito, Investigation Committee:

Mr. Ito made a report on the inventory of the articles in the Warehouse # (the list is attached at the end.) Mr. S. Ito asked Mr. M. Ito to investigate and take inventory of the things in the Warehouse #20.

5. Mr. Hatanaka, Food Committee:

Mr. L.A. May is going to be inducted into Army on Oct. 6. We appealed for his deferment once, and it was permitted, but our second petition was refused. All under thirty must serve. He wanted to express his appreciation for our cooperation while he was in his office. One of his best friends who lives in St. Louis now will succeed him, and will be here on Oct. 1. Mr. Harding will come from Washington, D.C. on Oct. 4 and stay till 13, and assume the place of a temporary supervisor of Mess Division. I wish the Council will send Mr. May a letter of thanks.

6. Mr. Hiramoto, Farming Committee:

We still have many watermelons on the ground, but they *are* spoiled by the weather and can not be served on table any more. We can expect honey dews from next week.

C. Discussion:

1. Hospital Problem?

The Chair, since our last effort to get some nurses aides was not successfully, the only thing we can do now is to



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wire our resolution of last week to Director Johnston who is at Denver now. Unanimously approved.

2. A Letter of Thanks to Mr. L.A. May:

The Chair: Mr. May has been our friend since the beginning of this center. I think we must express our feeling in some way. So, as Mr. Hatanaka wished us, we may write him a letter of thanks.

Unanimously approved.

3. Resignation of Mr. Hatanaka:

The Chair: Mr. Hatanaka wanted to resign from the Council for sometime, but I asked him to wait, because I resigned, though I declined such resignation later, and if Mr. Hatanaka would also resign, people might misunderstand about the Council. But I can't ask him to stay with us any longer.

Mr. Hatanaka: My reason for resignation is simple. I have caught a cold, and the doctors advised me to take a good rest, or else there is a fear of its developing into asthma. I have no pleasure in leaving you, but my health does not allow me to stay. I am sure when I regain my health and strength, I shall come back to you and work together for the good of the center. Thank you very much for your kind cooperation in the past. Our block elected Mr. Takii to take my place as the Councilman.

The Chair: I have promised him not to ask him to decline his resignation, because I knew he really needed a good rest. If you have any opinion in regards to his resignation, I like to hear it.

Mr. Sato: His block has elected the new Councilman already, so what is the use of discussing anything about it?

Mr. Tani: You have been the Chairman of Food Committee, Mr. Hatanaka, and also a steward. You do not mean to resign from the Committee.

Mr. Hatanaka: Yes, the committee is responsible to the Council, so if I resign from it, automatically I expect to resign from the committee.



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Mr. Ogawa: I think he can stay as the Chairman of the committee.

Mr. Sato: The Council and the committee are different things, and he did not resign from the chairmanship of the committee.

The Chair: As Food Committee must be reorganized and the new function must be drafted, I hope you will stay in the committee until you go through all those important business.

Mr. Tani, Mr. Sato, and Mr. S. Ito supported the Chair. Mr. Ito proposed to write him a letter of thanks for his good deeds in the past. The Chair agreed.

Mr. Hatanaka: I expect to come back some time. If I got anything like it, it will be hard for me to join you again.

The Chair took the vote. Unanimously agreed to write him a letter of thanks.

4. On moving of swine yard:

Mr. Matsui: The smell of the yard is terrible especially when the wind comes from the north. Is there any way to have it transferred to someplace so that its smell does not bother us?

Mr. Gomi: It have been a problem all the time. I know they have made a plan and according to it the living condition of the pigs will be much improved and the obnoxious order will not be as bad.

5. On Memorial Service:

Dr. Onizuka: Welfare Committee met with the Program Committee of the other organizations on Sept. 20, has formulated the final program, created necessary committees, and we are working hard for a success.

a. Now, I want the Council to select a representative who will make a memorial address.

Chairman Fujino was unanimously voted as the representative.



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Dr. Onizuka continued:

- b. There must be somebody who accept the donation of \$2.00 from each block. The Secretary was appointed to receive such donations.
- c. Dr. Onizuka asked the Council to see the Administration regarding to the special excuse from the work for those who had preparing the place of the ceremony.
- d. The wreath that the Council would send to the service was decided to be 1 yard in diameter and about \$30.00 in value.

6. On Miscellaneous subjects:

a. Keymanship of Old Age Home workers:

Mr. Nishikata wanted to know whether the workers at Old Age Home were keymen or not.

Mr. Nozawa: Old Age Home comes under the category of the hospital activity, so its workers are automatically keymen.

b. On our return to the west coast:

Mr. Tani: How's about collecting a general opinion of each block regarding to this matter?

The Chair: It is desirable. We must be thinking about it, and it is not too early either.

Mr. Okubo: My block people want to have security of life, job, and chance of education of minors.

The Chair: W.R.A.'s ruling is hard to be changed if made once. We must let our demands known to them before they make any ruling.

Mr. M. Ito: I received a letter from my Caucasian friend in California, who said that we might be preparing to return though houses are very scarce.

c. Keyman of the Co-Op workers:



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Mr. Hattori announced the names of all the key-workers of the Co-Op. Names are as follows:

Mr. Shintani	Block 3
Mr. Yamauchi	Block 3
Mr. Kunishima	Block 5
Mr. Kita	Block 6
Mr. Okuda	Block 6
Mr. Sakurai	Block 7
Mr. Omi	Block 8
Mr. Henmi	Block 15
Mr. Yoshiwara	Block 15
Mr. Uchiyama	Block 17
Mr. Taniguchi	Block 23
Mr. Hagio	Block 26
Mr. Taniguchi	Block 27
Mr. Chado	Block 28
Mr. Yamanaka	Block 40
Mr. Kajita	Block 40
Mr. Yamamura	Block 41

d. Sterilization of dishes, silvers, etc.:

Mr. Okubo: When we discuss about T.B., I feel that our dishes and silvers must be well sterilized.

Mr. Hatanaka: Because the green soap that we have been using was proved to be ineffective, we have delivered a barrel of new disinfectant to each mess hall with a complete instruction. If any one follows that direction, it must be strong enough to kill any disease germ.

Mr. Nozawa: I am glad that this problem was brought out. Starting this Wednesday, we are going to have a rigid inspection relative to dish washing.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.



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A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF
MANAGERS, HEALTH COMMITTEE, & COUNCILMEN

Held at P.S. Hall 28

October 2, 1944

Attended by about 70 persons

Presided by Mr. Shintaro Ito. Meeting was called to order
at 1:45 P.M.

Chairman opened the meeting and gave the purpose of the meeting as to discuss and find some way out to get some more nurses aides. He read the letter sent by Mr. Chester Fujino who was ill. The letter was a translation of Director Johnston's reply to our telegram to Denver, relative to the nurses aides problem. The letter stressed on the following points.

1. Director Johnston had no concrete plan in getting nurses from outside.
2. Transferring our T.B. patients to other centers was impossible because all the other centers suffered the same problem--shortage of nuses.
3. Transferring them to some sanitarium outside was equally unpractical due to the same reason.
4. Only cooperation of center residents was the last hope there was.

Chairman continued that our negotiation with the Administration was fruitless, that we must solve all the problems by ourselves, that our last campaign for nurses aides brought in only 4, but 3 have relocated since then, thus leaving only one in favor, that all the nurses had been working 12 to 14, even 16 hours a day in some case, that some of them had fallen ill due to their over working, that if we failed to get substantial number of nurses all of them would become worn out. He explained the result of our effort to get nurses for T.B. ward from patients' own families as some success for 4 of them were hopeful.

Chairman declared 10 minutes recess to enable the members to



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think out some plan.

Meeting was called to order again at 2:25 P.M.

Mr. Nozawa made a report on the special meeting held on Sept. 21 among Block Managers, Executive Board of the Council, Health Committee and T.B. patients' families. He added, "If T.B. ward could be taken care of in some way, it would be much easier to get nurses for other wards." "The nurses are all tired out." "I asked them to be patient just for a while because we were trying to get some more nurses, but now I can not ask them anymore."

Chairman: One nurse from Block 1 has fallen sick due to over working. All others are just about the same condition.

Mr. Izumi: I feel I am responsible for the failure, too. I have 2 proposals, nothing to discuss.

1. Ask W.R.A. to get special nurses for T.B. ward.
2. Make a black-list of those who are not working, though capable in each block. Create a special committee to see those who are on the list and ask them to help us.

I did make a list and found that there were 8 capable women not working, saw a girl and at last succeeded in making her assigned as a nurses' aide.

Mr. Asao: Some divisions have workers close to the quota, yet the duty is not very essential to the center compared with others. Suppose we make a committee composed of leading ladies of the center and let this committee work on the women in those "not essential divisions"; we may get some nurses.

Mr. Izumi: I hope, this is my hope, that some religious leaders will help us.

Mr. Okuno: When we leave things to leaders and others, we can not expect much success. If we, 99 of us, work ourselves and make an example in everything, then the people will see how acute the problem is. I am willing to work.

Mr. Ikezoe: I am much moved by the last statement. I think



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we must do it. But a man can not do much in the hospital. What we need is nurses, women. Soliciting must be extended to those who once were nurses and now working in some other divisions. The main reason they quit nursing is that they do not want to take care of T.B. patients. So, I propose that

1. We must solve T.B. ward problem first;
2. Solicit those who have experience ^{of} nursing and working for some other job.

Mr. Hattori: I think we must get some Caucasian nurses. We are supplied with a few doctors but not with the nurses to speak of. We heard that there were no nurse outside, but it's hard to believe it. There are many hospitals each having certain number of nurses. The main trouble is that we have no trained nurse, and they are what we need. Administration has been too cold in solving this problem. All the time we hear there is no nurse outside, and that's all we hear. We must be supplied at least with 2 or 3 nurses. If Mr. Johnston has authority to draft anybody in the center, let him so so because we can not do it.

Mr. Akimoto: I agree with Mr. Hattori in getting a few experienced nurses from outside. I know 1 woman and 1 man helping voluntarily the care of ward 6. Both of them ^{say that they are} do not like to associate with anybody who works there. They are very afraid of T.B., so I hope the following:

1. to find some way so that people can go to ward 6 without fear;
2. serious and non-serious T.B. patients be separated, and either one of them be transferred to the ward that is vacant at present.
3. The families of T.B. patients take care of ward 6. Not only ward 6, but other wards must be taken care of in the same way.
4. If anybody works as a nurse, I want to have her take care of all the patients, and not only of her family.
5. I propose Sunday Service, that is we nurse the sick



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on Sundays so that those nurses can take a rest on Sundays.

6. I agree with Mr. Izumi to make a list of those who are not working, and ask each one of them to help our hospital.

Dr. Onizuka: I agree with Messrs. Hattori and Izumi in trying to get nurses from outside to take care of T.B. ward. In my department (dentistry) we recognized necessity of making false teeth and appealed for the apparatus through Spanish Consul. Now we are getting piece by piece. In this way we may have complete equipment by next spring. Supply of nurses may be successful if we take the same step and go through Spanish Consul.

Anything compulsory may result some thing undesirable. We did all we could. If we leave the things alone, they will get worse and worse. So let us see the families of the patients again and again until they can not refuse us. They may be thinking that W.R.A. should run everything in center, but that is mistake. According to our experience, we must run it. We have to educate the residents and call up their sense of responsibility.

Mr. Nukui: When we ask anything to W.R.A., it takes too long. We must solve our problems. If T.B. ward needs nurses, let us go. I am willing to work in hospital anytime. If necessary, let us draft all the women who are not keyworkers just as we are drafted in wood cutting.

Mr. Nishikata: I am from Santa Fe. Why nurses must be girls? At Santa Fe everybody worked as a nurse--man of 40, 50 and even 60 worked hard. I worked in the hospital, too. When I came here, I was determined to take care of the aged. So I am working at Old Age Home. Girls are not ^{the} only the workers of the hospital.

Mr. Kagawa: We are looking for anybody who is workable -- man, woman, young or old.

Chairman: I think we had many opinions. We can now discuss on what we heard. I think T.B. ward is an obstacle. If we care that ward under a different management, we may get some nurses aides for other wards. I came to a conclusion that:

1. We can ask those four from the families of T.B.



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patients to get assignment at once. In addition to those four, we may send 1 or 2 nurses to ward 6.

2. We call for other nurses with a promise that they will not go to ward 6.

Mr. Nishikata: I think that is the way that T.B. patient should be taken care of. At Santa Fe everything except cooking is separate; two special Caucasian doctors, five or six nurses, and dish-washing, laundering, and every possible thing. T.B. patients can not go out where other patients can.

Mr. Asawa: It is necessary to separate them even for general public. Let us get T.B. specialists.

Mr. Hattori: At the same time, let us ask Spanish Consul for some special T.B. nurses. It will take us^a long time though.

Chairman: I propose that:

1. Ward 6 be separated from other wards, no nurse shall be permitted to ward 6 except those who belong to ward 6.
2. Special nurses for ward 6 shall be volunteers who are willing to work there.
3. Ask Spanish Consul to get some special T.B. nurses from outside.
4. We open another campaign for general nurses who will not see T.B. patients.

Unanimously adopted.

Chairman: To whom shall we ask to look for volunteers for ward 6? We can not ask Health Committee alone.

Mr. Izumi: How many nurses do we need for ward 6?

Chairman: 7, I think.

Mr. Izumi: How many are there at present?

Chairman: 4.



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Dr. Onizuka: 6 or 5 must^{be}/sufficient if they look after T.B. patients only.

Chairman: We must ask the hospital if our plan is permissible and workable.

Mr. Nozawa: Hospital will welcome this suggestion if there are enough nurses to take care of ward 6.

Chairman: Then we have to have a special committee to work for 2 or 3 more nurses for ward 6. Who shall be in the committee? Shall we have 2 managers 2 councilmen, and 2 Health Committee members?

Unanimously approved.

The members were appointed by each group. Representing managers: Mr. Akimoto Block 39; Mr. Asawa Block 20. Councilmen: Mr. Fujiyama Block 3; Mr. Sato Block 5. Health Committee: Mr. Nozawa Block 8; Mr. Kagawa Block 10.

Chairman urged the body to be working even though not on the list of committees.

The Chairman: Now we must have plan for the campaign to get general nurses aides. My plan is:

1. Divide the center into five districts;
2. one district committee will see the people of other district;
3. each block will make a list of those who are not working and those who have been nurse before, but working in some other division.
4. Each block will choose 1 committee among the manager, Councilmen and Health Committee.

Chairman: Is there any leader among the women?

Mr. Asawa: Oh, yes, there are many of them like Mrs. Hattori, Block Manager. Mrs. Muraoka, and Mrs. Honda and others.

Mr. Akimoto: There are some religious leaders in some blocks. Let us get their cooperation.



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Chairman: Don't we have to see Coleman or Dillinger in Personnel section? If they refuse to transfer, our effort will be all in vain. We must make some kind of resolution and take it to Administration so that our effort will come to a success.

The Resolution was drawn as follows:

RESOLUTION

It is the will of the people of the Rohwer Relocation Center to request Administration that any person in what division he or she may be working at present shall be transferred to the nurses aides section of the hospital, without any argument on the part of employment office, whenever such transfer is applied for in due process of transfer.

Unanimously approved.

The center was divided into five districts, thus:

District 1 Blocks 1, 2, 15, 16, 17, and 29.

District 2 Blocks 3, 4, 12, 13, 14, 19, and 20.

District 3 Blocks 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

District 4 Blocks 27, 28, 32, 33, 40, and 41.

District 5 Blocks 23, 24, 25, 26, 34, 38, and 39.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M.



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Minutes of 70th Regular Meeting

Date: Oct. 2, 1944
Place: P.S. Hall 28

Time: 4:20 - 5 P.M.

Chairman: Mr. Shintaro Ito

A. Remarks:

1. This short meeting was held after a Joint Meeting of Managers, Health Committee and the Councilmen.
2. Chairman Fujino was ill. Mr. S. Ito assumed the chairmanship. (Mr. S. Ito is a member of Executive Board of the Council.)
3. Due to its being late, no recording was taken.

B. Reports:

Executive Secretary made the following reports on behalf of the chairman.

1. Pfc. Higa will stay only two days instead of three as reported last week. This arrangement was made by War Department.
2. A memorandum was received from Mr. Thompson, our Education Supervisor, saying that shortage of teaching staff was very serious, and asking the Council to give aid in securing suitable teachers.
3. A set of new rules was made relative to issuance of one-day pass. It is as follows:
 - a. An applicant of one-day pass must first see the head of the section or unit, under whom he is working, and get a complete vacation leave or a statement that such individual is off day, due to special work schedule, and have it validated by the head.
 - b. Get 3 copies (1 original, 2 copies) and send the original and the first copy to Personnel Management section, and retain the second copy.
 - c. Get the gate pass from the block manager as before,



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and when going out of gate, show the gate pass and the copy of validated Leave Application to the gate clerk at the Internal Security Office.

- d. The gate pass for those who are not employed must indicate on it "Not employed".

- 4. H.L. Clayton, Sheriff of Desha County, wrote a letter to Director Johnston with statements relative to our truck drivers, explaining every possible careless driving they could think of such as speeding 55 to 60 miles an hour, driving abreast, hogging on the highway, forcing others to take the ditch, or even disturbing funeral procession. We must do something for these statement.

C. Discussion:

- 1. Offering of our 100% moral and financial support for the test cases concerning Korematsu and Endo cases.

The secretary explained the letters from Topaz Center and asked for the opinion of the members. These cases are entirely different from the one that we have been talking recently in regard to our return to the West Coast.

After several conversations, we decided:

- 1. to refer the problem to each block;
 - 2. to let the people know the exact nature of the problem;
 - 3. to collect people's opinion;
 - 4. and to discuss it in our next meeting.
- 2. About the letter and statements sent by H.L. Clayton, Sheriff of Desha County.

Discussion went on about 15 minutes. None of us could believe those statements made by some prominent citizens around the center. We felt strongly that those statement were made up in order to cover up Templeton's violence done to our drivers some weeks ago. We decided to give these statements to our Committee created specially to



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handle the case of "Templeton's Violence", and have it arranged that our representative may meet Clayton, Director Johnston, and possibly some others.

Meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.