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Talking with BWR staff today. KU filled with the wonders of religion. She says that many have been changed here by religion, and tells of the Twenty Squares, a boys group that was rowdy and getting into trouble. Nagano started to work with them, got them into the church, and now they are good Christians. She lays most of the changes made in people here to Nagano's influence. She says that there was a visitor here from another center during the Pre-Easter Conference. Afterwards the visitor here said that the people of Poston III are spiritually alive -- that those in other centers are dead spiritually compared to them. (Speaking of 20 Squares, she says that they are going out next week on seasonal leave in a body. They comment on tendency of cliques to go out together.)

Jimmy Sera says that the Buddhist group is not equally revivalistic here. He thinks it is more active than it was before, but not compared to the Christians.

EC asks if any changing from one faith to another here. KU says she doesn't think that Buddhists are turning to Christianity or vice versa. Many Buddhists used to come to the Christian Singspiration, which is not very devotional, but when Nagano invited them to come to church as well, they stopped coming even to Singspiration.

(From comments let drop around the place, gather religion is an important element in the life here.)

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Tonight down at AG's room where a group of her Social Welfare workers are busy making curtains for the office, and planning a farewell party for Miss Findley. Many guests wander in and out. There is much talk of religion, two of the girls leave for Singspiration. Anyone entering asks if the curtains



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are being made for the church. One boy comes in to return a religious book to AG, and asks where possible to buy a copy. One of the girls says she has been meaning to get one for herself also. Don Iwashita and his wife come in. He has been head of the Leave Office here, but they are going out tomorrow and have come to say goodby. Much is said about how much they will be missed -- and learn that both have Sunday School classes and are active in the Young People's group. (When they leave, others comment on what a fine person Iwashita is and how unassuming. They say his family is very wealthy. They used to live in Reedley and had a fine home there. But since coming here, they don't mention it or make any indication that they had had more than other people.)



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38 Post Office

MB at breakfast says that two of his important men here are going out: Harvey Iwata former chairman of the council, and Don Iwashita, head of the Leave Office here. They are going to Savage for a training period and then to Cleveland as map readers. Iwashita has done a good job in the leave office, organizing the whole leave program here.

MB says he expects many leaders to go out — many of the block managers included in this. His own secretary left yesterday.

The Postmaster here, Arthur Takemoto, went out to Chicago a few weeks ago and stayed at the United Brethern hostel there. He wasn't satisfied with it, said they provided bed and breakfast and gave no help at all in looking for a job. The American Friends Hostel did much more. This man was the one who organized the post office here. He was here 8 months and only lost one package. He had had no previous experience in that type of work.

MB says that the number of men here who were JACL workers is amazing. But the JACL is comparatively inactive here. He thinks that is a good thing. He has no figures on the number in camp, but he is always hearing that some one who is a leader here was a JACL leader before. Many of them worked for the WCCA during evacuation. Harvey Iwata, for instance, was president of the JACL chapter at Visalia, he thinks. MB thinks that that gave them training in leadership.

EC mentions Drennan, who said that there were not 40 a day wanting to go out. MB says that many were upset by this WRA grant for leave. Men who had worked in camouflage to get money to go out have that cash resource and now find those who have done nothing getting the money grant from WRA. The whole thing is confusing. They also hear that at other camps the grant is being handed out right and left to everyone leaving.



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EC asks if execution of fliers and resultant antagonism has had any affect on the leave situation. MB says he thinks it has probably been bad. Gila is said to have cancelled all leave permits until this dies down. He thinks it foolish to start cancelling them since there is probably going to be a constant stream of incidents and you can't cancel them every time something comes up or the resettlement program would be stopped completely. He laughs and says that we may have to have intake again in September.



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In station in Parker, Saturday night, find a Nisei soldier sitting by himself. He is from Ft. Riley and has been in the army two years, in the Quarter master's department. He has been visiting his family in Camp III, on his first trip to Poston. His sister works in the leave office. He says he has four days more he could spend here but there's nothing doing in Poston so he's going back to Wichita, Kansas to spend the rest. The feeling there is very good towards the nisei soldiers.

AG with me asks him if many people he met here are planning to go out. He says that many of the younger people plan to go out, but some of them say they want to stay in Poston. Many of the older people want to stay here. His sister, 23, wants to go out, "but the old man won't let her. He's still bes. Guess he will be until he kicks off." Grins as he says it, and from tone gather that has been a clash between father and son.



161 Clothing Allowance  
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At noon, AG telling about man who came in to the Welfare office here in III to see about clothing allowance. He is 60 years and hasn't worked since he came here. He thinks he should get the clothing allowance anyway and talked about how the government promised it to them. He spoke very bitterly about the government putting them in here and all it owed them. AG said she told him that when she was in Japan that she had to pay for her own food even when she was in prison. That rather took the wind out of his sails.



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On bus going up to I, a couple men are talking of going out and it sounds as though they were planning to go. On bus coming back at 2:15, first six people who go on (not counting EC) were planning to go. The first three were girls from Camp II. They are all planning to go to Denver. The first one says she is going out to a family since you have to have a job before you can go out, but she is going to take a vacation for a while after getting out of here. She may go work on a chicken farm after that, but she doesn't know what she will do. She has friends in Denver. She comes from Salinas. She had planned to go Friday but ~~was~~ by ~~was~~ waiting until Monday and getting a military permit, she can shorten her trip. Another girl says she had planned to go to Chicago, but it would take two weeks longer to clear that, so she is going to Denver at once and can go on out east after that if she wishes. They chatter back and forth about how supposed to get a clearance through now in two days and how quickly they are getting theirs. First girl tells EC that in her block, 215, most people have gone. The families left are now moving into the vacated barracks and having two apartments for themselves so there is no more crowding.

Three boys get on. They are planning to go out on seasonal leave, 2 to Nebraska and 1 to Wyoming, "going back." Someone talks of going out to Utah tomorrow. The Wyoming boys are driving up with the man who came down to get workers. They talk about one place, "They were sure dead set against the Japanese until we saved their tomato crop for them." Then he sees EC and hesitates. One of the three says he had planned to go with one of the companies and probably would have gone if the man planned to leave Friday, but he wasn't so now he (boy) has gone in and told him just now that he isn't going. Instead he is going out with another company where can get out sooner.



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180 Selective Service  
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Program for volunteers

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100 Outside relations

At breakfast the Burges speak of the program for the volunteers in Camp I last night. Both agree that it was too long and they got very tired of standing there. They didn't think much of the speeches given either. Afterwards they went into Parker with the boys. Parker did not turn out to give them a send off. And the man in the drug store looked sore when they went in to buy 44 cokes, but they bought them anyway.

Mrs. Burge says she found out last night why the long delay waiting to take the volunteers out. They had to wait for the notice from the local draft board to come through and that was all a mess. Finally they got this list. Not all the boys are called yet.

Talk goes again to unfavorable publicity being given evacuees in the papers lately. Mrs. Burge tells of someone coming back with the report from Brawley that if any more Japanese soldiers come through there, they'll tear the uniforms off their backs and beat them up. She says that the people in Southern California seem almost hysterical with a fear of invasion, etc.

At lunch, Miss Findley criticises send-off, saying she can't see why the boys couldn't have been sent off with a "bonzai". The older people don't understand "hurrah."



175 Industry  
Personal Journal, EC  
Council Investigation

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When see MB at dinner, he immediately plunges into the investigation of the Industry Department by the council. He says it is worrying him considerably and he is afraid it is going to develop into something more than seems at present. It very likely will split his staff and cause a great deal of trouble. Gerald Wumino has been intimate with the Industry Department for some time. The split will be between those supporting Industry and those not so much in favor of the council as against Industry. EC asks if Council justified in making the investigation. He says he thinks they are justified in making an investigation to clear Industry if nothing else, but he doesn't think they are going about it too well. They started in by attacking Industry and not going to them first which has queered them with the Industry people. The Industry people are very able and have done a lot for the community and its morale. But that is not on their books. For one thing, they have insisted that their staff actually work, not taking knitting, or sitting around, and they must put in an 8 hour day. Industry announced that as its policy. EC asks if the council has the general right to make investigations. He says, "I think so, but I don't know just what their position is." (His voice is disgusted.)

EC asks if ~~there~~ in the split, Furuta would be likely to line up with Council. He says he thinks Furuta will stay out, he is not a politician. The the question seems to disturb him somewhat as returns again and again to Furuta throughout the meal. He says he thinks people take Furuta for a politician because he looks like one. Again that Furuta has done a lot for the morale of the community. Again, that Furuta was once in the same fix as Industry, right after the Christmas bazaar when the council thought of investigating his books. He got wind of it and published the accounts before they could.



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31 Block Managers.  
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After talking of Industry investigation, MB says that the Block Managers are also in the limelight right now. He has just had a memorandum from Sakamoto saying that with so many people going out, especially so many men who leave their families behind, the block managers staff is having additional work and responsibility since they have to take care of the services the man formerly provided for their families. He uses that to justify a plea for no reduction in the staff of the block managers, and to ask that all on the staff be raised to \$19 status. At the present time, only the block manager gets \$19, and there are ten on the staff.



140 Social Welfare  
Personal Journal  
Interview with Miss Findley

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145 Internment

After lunch, half a talk with Miss Findley sitting out on steps at paymaster's window. She starts to talk about the families that have applied to go to the internment camps. She says that she thinks these are the most disturbed and embittered and affected of any in camp, and therefore those are the ones she is most interested in and has tried to do the most with. She had hoped to have something done through this with the Committee on the Family she set up. ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~  
~~\*\*\*\*\*~~, EC asks if any of the families changed their minds about going when the letters were sent out that the children would not be allowed to leave the internment camp if they once entered. She said none came in to change and a few who had been wavering signed up to go in. They were very discouraged about it. Also they got word from the FBI that any age child could come to the camp. The different branches weren't working together-- the same thing that always happens. EC asks how that is, if each is too interested in own affairs. Miss Findley says she thinks it is, we don't know what the others are doing, never sit down together and explain. That is one of the criticisms of the Psychological Clinic. Other people don't know what the Clinic is doing. EC asks if the situation would be better met, if they had a system with everything going through the staff meeting with an integration through the division heads. Or would it be better to set the departments up independently in each unit, and everything come up through the unit director. Miss Findley says she thought through the Unit director -- she handles everything that way in II and III. There is no set-up to do that in Camp I, but she wishes it were possible. That includes housing, health, clothing and welfare.

She says also she is disappointed with the staff meeting. It should be a place where you got an over all picture and integrated the work instead of just a place to chatter as it has become. Nothing is ever carried through.



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For instance, when stealing was first mentioned they didn't do anything about it though they talked about it, and now it ~~is~~ worst than it was then. Something should have been done. They should have considered the implications of it and started a positive program. But nothing was done to stop it. She feels that if they had a strong man at the head, "of course I'm not criticising Mr. Head". He has the over-all program and isn't on this level, but someone who could sit down and plan. That should have been done from the beginning but nothing was done. In housing for example -- perhaps though planning was impossible there because of the way people were shot in here.

EC asks if housing wasn't separate from her division at one time. She says it was, finally they were supposed to hand it over to her but she never got her hands on it to handle as she thought it should be.

We talk about people going out. She says one thing is that nothing is ever settled here. She thought a few things would be by this time when she first knew she was going to leave in June. She thought in three months many things would be settled and certain things should be clear -- ~~but~~ the volunteers are going out in driblets, the WAACS haven't come in, the draft isn't here, the internment thing is not through yet though when word first came about it the families were ~~sta~~ to start to go out in January and here it is May.

She feels that there was a fundamental wrong done in the first place in evacuation and after that there was no way to right it. Today she was down talking with a little girl who was crying, so demoralized that she couldn't work. Miss Findley thought as she tried to comfort her, "What did you ever do to be put in here."

Yet once they go out, they're homesick. One girl who went out had a good job and a good place to stay, but still wrote a very depressed



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and worried letter. She was homesick for Poston "and my own people."

We agree that that is normal, EC suggesting that it is important to have someone around who has the same feeling you do when you hear the word "Jap."

Miss Findley said she was very busy but still wrote a letter to the girl telling her that all that ailed her was a case of homesickness and everybody had that but got over it.

While we were sitting there the little Angel girl comes up, hugs Miss Fineley. When she goes, Miss Findley looks after her and says the other day Sister was saying "What will I do when Miss Findley goes. I'll miss her so much." She says it means something when a child says it. With grown ups you don't always believe what they say, but a child says what it feels.



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III Block Councils

JS tells about Tom Sakamoto, the supervisor, writing a letter to the Jerome Center to inquire about the clothing allowance being paid there, and getting reprimanded by MB for it as people are not supposed to write official letters directly but to have them go through somebody here.

(Gather MB must have told him off rather)

JS also tells about TS trying to set up a Block Advisory council, since the block councils do not seem to be working too well. At least in Block 329, JS says, it has broken down completely. They are supposed to have one representative from each barracks, but that has disappeared. Now they either have mass meetings or the head of each family goes. Usually they have mass meetings. The new system would protect the block manager in his difficulties with the kitchen crew, where there is usually trouble.



63 Leave  
Personal Journal  
People leaving -- sentiments

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On Truck going from I to III ride with a girl who lives in II and looks about 18. She says she works as nurses aid in the hospital. She comes from Sacramento and speaks of it longingly and how she would like to see it again. EC asks her if she is going out and she says she would like to but is waiting until she finishes her training as she hopes to get a job as nurses aide. Her sister and brother have already gone out -- one to Idaho and the other to Chicago. Many people from her block have gone.



62 Manpower  
Personal Journal, EC  
Rerating of workers

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At breakfast, MB telling EC about difficulties developing through Manpower Commission's work. Now everybody on the project is wanting \$19. The way it is working out is most unsatisfactory. They started by putting just the essential workers in that category: fire and police departments, mess hall crews and hospital. Then somebody said, Transportation. Then somebody said, Warehouses; then Block Gardeners, and so it went. Now, for instance the Manpower Commission here as the landscape gardeners as nonessential but the block gardeners and agricultural workers as essential. So the thing to do is to change the name of the Landscape Gardeners to get them essential classification by calling them Truck Gardeners so they can get \$19. also. Those in jobs where they don't get \$19 want to go into a job where they will. This whole thing started with the adobe work when they were all given 19 status, though he thinks that to the people here that is one of the least essential things probably. He doesn't think the people have any feeling any more about school buildings with the feeling increasing that this is not a permanent place. (Have noticed this with MB, regret in change of policy here from making this a permanent place, constant harping on that and on a feeling that constant disintegration going on here.)



172 Agriculture  
Personal Journal, EC  
Development of department

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175 Industry

Asking MB today about what departments are directly under him, sending him their plans and reports, and which send their s directly to Camp I.

Have feeling he more or less evades question -- at least does not answer it specifically. He says some departments here do report directly to him, but the Agricultural Department does not. That is independent except in so far as it connects with Camp I through Mathiesson, who calls them in and plans with them.

He says it's interesting how the Agricultural and Industry departments were set up here. The Agricultural department started out with an election among the farmers. They picked a five man committee and that chose a chairman. The chairmanship has rotated among the committee, "A good Japanese custom." The same committee has been in charge since the beginning

When drive back to III from I today with MB, he says that the canal has reached a mile below Camp II now. EC asks if they are going to clear the land around Poston III. He says he hopes not until it is definite that the canal is coming through and soon. He much prefers mesquite to dust. (Gives impression that he would like to see it done this way, but doesn't know if it will be, or have any power to stop clearing otherwsie.) He says when he came out here he made a study of the land and recommended to the Indian Serive that a good part of it be left in mesquite for the Indians rather than clear up the whole think as they at first planned to do. He thinks his recommendation was accepted.

He says they are going to start building a swimming pool at III. They had been waiting for the canal to go through, but now plan to draw on domestic supply for water. This comes from the two wells drilled for III.



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54b High School  
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Student Body Council

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52 PTA

Talking with Winnie Hemingway at supper. Something comes up about students have been bothering fire extinguishers. WH says that that matter should be taken up with the Student Body Council which would handle it. "They would do a better job than we could." The teachers at the table say that this Council is one of the best things they have down here and that it has a very fine effect on the school. It has been organized almost since the beginning of school and takes a good deal of responsibility. WH says that when her pre-school children were being bothered by the other children, the Student Body Council stopped it right away and saw that the small children were allowed to go and return in peace.

EC asks about the PTA group here. They say that that was organized before the school started, they think back in September. A few interested parents got together and started it. They think Mrs. Takemoto was the kingpin in the organization. She was the first informal president and then when there was the formal organization, she was elected regular president. The PTA takes charge of the children's lunch room and also work with women's clubs in each block helping them get speakers on different subjects and sponsors work on child care. Mrs. Takemoto also borrowed a number of books on child care, but they don't know if that was for the women of her own block or for a general woman's club library. The PTA meetings are held in the 324 Mess Hall which is usually packed with parents, they figure about 250 attending the meetings. They think it surprising how many of these are men. But most of the women are issei mothers. Somebody else takes exception to this, saying many young mothers come as well.

Conversation turns to those going out. WH says she hears it is easier for girls to get jobs than for boys since they can get clerical



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and stenographic work. She has heard from a girl just recently that President Roosevelt only lately issued a statement that defense jobs should be open regardless of race. That may make a difference. EC asks if many of the high school girls planning to go out -- has heard that not many seniors are. WH says she doesn't know. She hates though to have them go out and do housework. Some of her nursery school teachers have done that. But they were just out of high school and untrained for work in other fields, so she is getting reconciled to it. She thinks one big drawback for the students going out is just this fact of being untrained to work.



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At dinner, Miss Heron comes over and starts to tell her grievances to Mrs. Burge, then asks if she can see Mr. Burge. He snaps at her, "What about?" She says, "I'll tell you later" looking at EC. He tells her he will be glad to see her whenever she comes in, but Mrs. Burge has no official position here and so should not be drawn in. If she has anything she wants to say, see him. She goes and MB tells EC she will be leaving soon, that apparently she has had a persecution complex from the beginning but lately it has been growing worse. Now she has taken to telling her troubles to the Japanese, which he says "is a bad idea." She is now being asked to leave. Mrs. Burge says in a way she is sorry for her and doesn't think she got quite a fair deal. Mr. Burge tells LB that Dr. Cary had been over the matter and made the decision so they don't have the right to interfere, and listening to her sympathetically only makes the matter worse.

In the evening, down at the laundry when Winnie Hemingway comes in. Miss Heron goes past the window, and W starts to tell about the latest developments. Miss Heron has been asked to leave, but they have a teachers union here and she insisted that they consider the matter. So this afternoon they had a meeting, which was most embarrassing. Miss Heron got up and made a fierce statement against Mr. Potts. Then sat there waiting for others to get up and speak against him but nobody did. Some of them have said things about Mr. Potts many times but they didn't think her statements were justified. Finally somebody got up and said something about Mr. Potts not being so bad. Somebody else called for a vote of confidence in him, but they decided not to do this since no written charges had been filed against him. Miss Heron wanted them to pass a motion that he should be dismissed immediately.



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EC asks about the Teachers Union. WH says it was organized here in III when the camouflage factory opened and many teachers were going into it and there was a rumor that essential workers would be allowed to work two hours a day in camouflage and keep their earnings and still hold down their regular jobs. The Union includes both evacuees and caucasians. The chairman is one of the evacuee boys. The Union hasn't done much so far and has been more or less of a headache to them. It has no affiliation with any state or national organization or as a matter of fact with any other organization.

EC asks about teachers coming back. WH says she doesn't think most of the evacuee teachers will be here next year. They plan to leave this summer at the latest. That is one reason she isn't too anxious to come back to Poston next year. She doesn't like the idea of all Caucasian teachers here and most of her evacuee friends are gone already or planning to go.

We talk more about the school. She says they have very good equipment now. She thinks in many ways they're further ahead than I. They have their tables and have had them since before Christmas and Camp I still hasn't gotten them. At first they didn't have books or paper. Then things began to come in every day. Everybody would rush over to the Block Managers office and grab what there was before it was cleaned out. The minute you saw somebody carrying something new, you ran.

Mrs. Lambert comes in and they start talking about the barn dance for the school tomorrow night. Mrs. Lambert has been showing the students folk dances in a couple of practice dances they have had.

When get back to Ad buildings, find the Social Welfare farewell party for Miss Findley going on in the personnel mess. Much noise and laughter coming from the building.



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Investigation by council

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Ask MB today about the Industry Investigation, if it is still going on. He says he thinks it has died down now and is under control. It was a bad time for it to come up -- the council couldn't have chosen a worse time to start, since it is coming up for reelection in a short time. Of course, in someplaces it might be a political manuever, but he doesn't think this bunch has much desire for reelection.



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Block Managers struggle with MRB

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## 62 Manpower

At noon MB says the Block Managers supervisor quit today. He has seen it coming for a long time, Sakamoto having threatened it before. The pretext used this time was that the Merit Rating Board refused to raise all the block managers staff to \$19. Sakamoto said that since he was unable to get this for the staff, he would quit. MB says he has nobody very good to replace him, at least not in training. A month ago, he had two fairly strong men in as block managers supervisor's assistants, so that there would be a man in that office from each Roku. That seemed to work fairly well. But they both went out and the man Sakamoto put in, who is in there now, is quite weak. So Sakamoto couldn't have chosen a worse time to resign.



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In the early afternoon talk with Kaz Uyeno. She is to become a typist instead of a research worker, though warn her that she will be expected to put in full time on that and will have no more time to prepare for leaving. She says she isn't sure now about going out, is very uncertain, doesn't know about getting a job. Her father wants her to go on to school. He says she has had so many advantages and so much education now that she should go on and do something. One of the reasons that she is uncertain right now also is that there is a rumor that California will be open to them soon and they can go back. EC asks her if she wants to go to school in California then. She says, "No, I don't want to go back there" (very firmly.) She says she wants to go and see what the rest of the country is like and thinks this is a good chance for that. If evacuation hadn't come, they would never probably have gone outside the state.

They were talking at the young people's Singpiration the other night about whether they should assimilate on the outside. Some said they shouldn't, that they needed their own group or their leaders here wouldn't have a chance to do anything. If they just mixed in with Caucasian groups, their leaders would not be recognized, would have to be nobody. But she thinks if the Caucasians are really Christians they would accept the Japanese young people and let some of them be leaders too. Others feel they would lose all they have learned here about leadership and being independent if they assimilated.

She asks EC if she went to University of Minnesota. EC says she did. KU says Miss Evans from Minneapolis was in Reedley during evacuation. She had been in Japan and came out there to help during evacuation. She was around for a month or more. A young woman from Boston was there too.

She says that evacuation in Central California was not as bad as on the coast. It didn't come until August and everybody was expecting it and prepared for it. Many sold their farms ahead of time and worked for



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others on their farms. They said they could earn more than if they worked for themselves. Of course, some just sat around and spent money, more than they ever had before. Of course a lot were buying things to come to camp.

They didn't know what they should bring, so they bought for anything. She knows of one woman who bought \$100 worth of shoes



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### 163 Transportation

MB says he feels that there is considerable antagonism to the new charter here in III. There is not much political interest in this camp, but the people here just have the feeling that it is giving Camp I and II too much power over III and they don't like it. Probably the majority here will vote against it, but it will probably be passed by the votes from the other three units.

He himself feels that it is not realistic planning to speak of the "Poston Community" when you really have three different units here and very little community feeling. Also transportation difficulties have been present from the beginning which make it still more difficult to develop any community spirit or run this place as if it were one unit.

(Asked girl in Transportation office today how many passes she made a day. She said when busy, she makes about 100 passes for I and II. -- This probably does not include weekly passes, though forgot to check on this.)



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MB says that he was talking with Mr. Harada today about the Industry investigation. Harada has told the council that they aren't acting as they should, that they are in a job that calls for "black coats" and they should behave in that fashion. The Council tried to see Harada's books. He refused to let them take the books out of the Industry Building, saying that there is an unwritten law in the United States and England that books should not leave the place of business.  
(MB gives impression he has considerable admiration for Industry and the men in it, little respect or liking for the Council, and is on the side of Industry in this case.)



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180 Selective Service  
Personal Journal  
Volunteers leaving

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While waiting for the bus in Camp III this morning, sit with a girl (late teens or early twenties) who is busy knitting on a sock. She says it is for one of the volunteers and she is in a hurry to finish it since he is in the group that just received their notices to report for induction. This will be the second group to go out. She knows of only two boys who received their notices this time.



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71 Resettlement

On way back to III on 4:15 bus, sit with Miss Patton (one of teachers in I, who was a Baptist missionary in Japan for several years). She is going down to the Post-Easter Conference in III. She starts to talk about Reverend Morikawa and what a good minister he is. She says that the church conferences wants him to go out this summer to make speeches throughout the Middle West and on the Centers. Morikawa wants Mas Toyotome to come back here for the summer to take his place if he does go. Toyotome, who is at the Theological Seminary in New York City, and has been since the Winter may come back. He has been doing some speaking to different groups while he has been in New York, but he is younger and not able to do as much as Morikawa will be able to.

She says she took a friend who has been visiting her here over to Morikawa's group the other night, and they were having a very lively discussion on whether to revive nissei churches as separate churches on the outside or whether when they relocate they should join the regular churches in the communities. The consensus was that they should go in with other groups and assimilate. Some of them though were rather bitter about the prejudice among the Caucasians and felt that if they did this the nisei leaders would never have a chance to do anything. She herself feels that if the Japanese are given a chance to be leaders in the regular Caucasian organizations, then they should assimilate into these organizations. The church should take the leaders and train them regardless of race and give them a chance. The YWCA and YMCA are doing this now, taking Japanese young people in and having only one organization.



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MB says that the Block Managers struggle with Merit Rating Board for \$19 status is still going on. The Block Managers are to meet with the MRB tonight. He is afraid the MRB will give say and say, "If that's how you feel about it, all right." But he's pretty sure Mr. Head won't approve the raising of all the staff to \$19 even if the MRB does. It's a very interesting development however.

MB says he was talking with Mr. Harada, of Industry, today with regard to the Industry Investigation. They spoke of the Block Managers try for \$19, and Harada said a very interesting thing, "There should be no finger longer than the rest." He apparently has feeling that the Block managers staffs are trying to get too much power and feel that they are more important than they are to the community.



Early in the evening talk awhile with Mr. and Mrs. Potts. He says he thinks the Nisei are more assimilated than other second generation groups in the country. Partially he thinks this due to the higher standard of living their parents on the whole were able to give them. Then for a 2nd generation group, there is an unusually high number of College people among them -- he thinks this probably due to the fact that in California numerous excellent junior colleges throughout the state so that it was easier to get an education. Another factor leading to assimilation was that in California largely lived and mingled with middle class American society, so had chance to assimilate that life whereas most immigrant stocks settled in the east are forced into slums.

We talk about the news articles coming out against the evacuees. Mrs. Potts says that they have never seen any of the things and indications of disloyalty that the papers talk about, but Mr. Evans who has lived in Los Angeles for years says he has seen things here. He has something of the California attitude toward the Japanese.

Potts mentions his thesis on race attitudes, and says that in tabulating the responses they are finding a remarkable tolerance among the students of other minority groups, including the Chinese.

Later talk with the Burges. MB starts to tell about how the departments set up. (Tells of Industry, which already has been described) He put the police department almost immediately under Kenneth Sato. Sato had just arrived and came in to see him about moving up to I, saying he was a friend of Shigakawa and wanted to join the police force in I. MB talked with him, liked his look and told him that no need to move to I to do that, he could be on the police force in this camp. Then they had a meeting of those interested in joining the force. There was this fellow Kitagawa who had some military training and was recommended to



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MB strongly as the perfect person to train the police force. He was present at the meeting, though MB disliked him from the first glance. (LB shudders and speaks of how unpleasant he was.) MB introduced him to the men and told them that he was to help organize the force. They looked him over, then said they would have a little talk among themselves. The upshot was that they made it plain to Kitagawa that they didn't want him, and MB made Ken Sato police chief. On the whole Sato has made a very satisfactory chief -- reliable and efficient, and has had considerable support from the community.

The departments set-up in those first days have been remarkably stable -- more stable than at I. He had the same heads in most of them until this lease program started. And all have been good men with the exception of the fellow in Maintenance who has been kicked out of every office in I as a general nuisance and for asserting himself too much. He is a good hearted person but very incompetent and not too bright.

MB refers to the block managers crisis. He is worried because he thinks it will be a reflection on himself that he kept Tom Sakamoto so long in that office when he is a trouble maker. Sakamoto won't get the job back if MB can help it, though block managers staff want him. But MB worried about what other people are going to think of him for having Sakamoto before. "It will reflect on me." He said he was talking the matter over with Shirasawa, an issei and one of the most level headed men here. Shirasawa's advice was to let Sakamoto come back for a little while and then let him go. "It saves everybody's face but mine."

He goes back to the early days here, telling of how he brought Gerald Wumino down. Wumino was working in I and his talents were being wasted there without a job big enough for him around. MB asked to have him come down to III with him, and he has worked out. The people here never seem to resent the fact that he came from I, although usually they



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resent very much anything coming from I. Even in the early days before they themselves were conscious of the feeling that III was something separate, Celia Takemoto said to them, "Why can't we people down here run our own camp. Why do we need outsiders?" But with Wumino that feeling hasn't developed. He thinks that is partly because he is such a hardworker and so honest, and also because he is very humble and never pushes himself forward. At the party for the Volunteers he refused to sit at the speakers table, and at 6:00 was still wandering around in overalls helping to finish the decorating of the hall. Also he helped with the serving in the kitchen, and stayed there out of sight all the time. If they ask him to make a speech, he is so shy that he refuses, and always stays out of the limelight.



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Vote on new constitution

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MB says tonight that Camp 3 voted against accepting the new constitution. He was pretty sure it would. The thing Camp III had against the constitution is that it gives the other camps too much power over Camp III's affairs. Of course the constitution will pass anyway, because it was the majority vote of all three camps that counted, and the other two camps voted for it. He laughs about it and says that "III could always secede" but then the other camps could cut off their warehouses and bring III to its knees immediately. He speaks lightly, but undernote of serious that gives definite impression he was not in favor of constitution or anything that reflects on the autonomy of III.



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54b High Schools

At lunch, MB talking with Bash about the construction of the schools. Bash says they are beginning to put the roof on one building now. They have about 65 workers, 15 of whom are high school boys working part time and getting credit for the job.

He is having a good deal of trouble right now with the workers coming to work. They want to work only in the morning, and said they would put in as much ~~in~~ that length of time as they do now working 6 hours. Bash refused their request, but apparently from the way he talks, they actually are only working about 4 and 3/4 hours, which all comes in the morning. He says that they are doing more than they used to in a whole day this way with the exception of the adobe crew. That crew is falling off in production. The carpenters are working all day.

The high school boys however want to come to work for an hour a day and get paid for a 40 hour week. He told them they couldn't do it. Mr. Potts here enters the conversation and says he had the boys in and told them unless they put in full time they wouldn't get their credits. Some dropped out because they thought it was too much work. But, Mr. Potts say, they came back and asked if they could ~~get~~ get their credits still if they went back to work now. He said they'd have to see Bash on that.

MB and Bash arrange to go up to I today to see how they are making out there with their construction crews. Bash says Roy Anderson was saying he's gotten his people persuaded into working 6 hours a day, but he, Bash, knows the people at I never did do 6 hours a day even when they were working most.



Talking tonight with Mary Finch, one of the teachers here in III. She spent 11 years in Japan teaching in a girl's school there, and several of her pupils there are in this camp. Her home is in Virginia.

Ask her if she thinks the nisei are more assimilated than other second generation groups (Mr. Pott's idea). She says she doesn't think so, but doesn't know other second generation groups well enough to know actually. But she knows that George Takaoka (who was Asst. Principal) says that the evacuation was their own fault in a way because they failed to assimilate. They had Caucasian friends in college, but after college or school they went back into their own group and didn't mix with other people, gradually losing the school contacts they had had.



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## 62 Manpower

MB says today that the Block Manager excitement is still on. The Merit Rating Board met two nights ago and refused to be put on the spot by the Block Managers Staff, which is trying to get a raise for the whole staff to \$19 status. The MRB said it would pass the matter on to Mr. Head without comment or recommendation. They made it clear that they were not recommending the change. MB doesn't know what the result will be. EC comments that could always have Mr. Head return the matter to the MRB for its recommendation. MB says he thinks he would rather make the decision himself and take the rap. He thinks it would be better for the community if he did since there would be less chance for arousing antagonism between groups here. It would just all go at him.



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Went to the PTA monthly meeting tonight. It was held in 324 mess hall. When get there about 8:30, the place more or less filled with women and a few men. Many older women, but quite a number of nisei also. Mrs. Takemoto and Mrs. Imai at the door greeting people as they come in. They sit on the benches that have been pushed back to leave vacant area on the south side of the hall. There seems to be no regular order of grouping, young and old sitting together, though those coming in together usually sit along the same bench. Several times Mrs. Takemoto appeals to those already seated near the door to move into another section so that late comers can sit down with less disturbance, but little attention ~~made~~ given to her requests. Then from the front door of the hall, crowds of small children from first to probably fifth grade come streaming in making considerable noise. They sit near that door. Miss Barley leans over to EC and says that they have heard that there will be some movies shown and came for that but never come to PTA meetings otherwise.

Mrs. Takemoto presides, introducing Dr. Powell who ~~speak~~ gives speech he gave in the East on Poston and then goes on adding more things. Tells the people that they should get out of here, and give up thought of California. That in the rest of the country they will find themselves treated as human beings and that California is just the lunatic fringe of the country. When he says this, faint note of laughter. His speech is quite long, and then Mr. Kagiwada interprets and that is longer. (He had ben give a copy of the speech before the meeting so that he could work out a better translation. AG and Miss Finch say that when he tries to interpret usually he misses the important points of the speech and just puts in the details. Those who can speak Japanese have a hard time not to laugh or contradict his interpretation at times. They think



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that this is because his English probably not good enough to catch everything and still enable him to plan the interpretation into Japanese.) While Kagiwada talking, the youngsters grow restless and pay no attention. Some of the men evacuee teachers standing nearby, start talking with Myrtle Barley in undertones and also ignore the interpretation. At times can hardly hear him above the noise.

After this Miss Anderson's first grade class comes on as a rhythm band, dressed in crepepaper caps and capes. One of them is dressed as drum major and leads the band, also introducing each number after being prompted by Miss Anderson. They play about 5 pieces, all of them old American standbys, including Swanee River.

Finally Miss Waterman shows some pictures she had of Alaska, which are very good, but she comments on them as the film runs along, and her language and voice is suitable to one addressing a first to 3rd grade audience. But everubpdu watches the pictures attentatively.

After that, there is a lunch of cake and ice tea, served by the Nursery School teachers. While this going on, come up with the Burges. Mrs. Burge sits with Mrs. Takemoto and one of the Mrs. Furutas and is talking to them as though all three on very friendly terms. We leave after that, though it is announced that Miss Waterman will show the restof the pictures if any care to see. The Burges drive Mrs. Takemoto home.



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02 Manpower (Merit Rating Bd)

At dinner tonight, on a vacant table there was a big pile of fresh vegetables: onions, cucumbers, squash, radishes. MB says that they were a present to him from the Block Managers staff. They called him down to the block 306 today and gave him this present. He thinks they are trying to persuade him that the BManager staff deserves \$19 because of their value to the community so they gave him these vegetables raised in the block gardens by the block gardeners as ~~proof~~ a hint that they are doing a lot for the good of the community.

The way the matter stands now, the Block Manager's staff were not satisfied with the Merit Rating Board's letter to Mr. Head in which they said they had been asked to recommend the \$19 basis, but made no indication of how they stood on the matter. Now they are demanding and the Merit Rating Board has agreed to a letter from the MRB recommending the change to \$19 status. Which leaves the matter right in MB's lap. He hasn't committed himself so far one way or the other, but just said he will talk it over with Mr. Gelvin or Mr. Head. Delegations from both sides keep coming in to see him, but so far they just wait around for him to say something. Neither side has asked him what he is going to decide which pleases him. He hasn't decided yet what he will do.



63 LEAVE

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Leave clearance difficulties

See Mr. Burge in the morning and ask him if Mrs. Kenneth Sato left this morning. (See PJ, 5/21/43) He said that he finally managed to get the matter straightened out. Last evening he went up to see Mr. Drennan to find out why he was refusing to let the Leave go through after Gerald Wumino and Kenneth Sato had succeeded in clearing up all the details. Drennan explained his position as being that they had made certain rules which were necessary so that they could handle the volume of business. They need 48 hours notice to get through that many, and if they start to make exceptions everyone will demand shortcuts. Unless the case is a real emergency, he can't allow people to go out on shorter notice.

Drennan seemed fairly reasonable about the whole thing though of course he was angry with both Wumino and Sato for going around him. The thing that made him angriest was that Wumino had gotten Mrs. Johnson to sign the leave permit without consulting Drennan.

After they had talked the matter over, MB came back here and told GW and KS how matters stood. Both of them were angry and wanted to go up to I and pull Drennan out and get him to give the permit. Then KS told MB more about the matter bringing in some points that he had not explained before. This convinced MB that the case really was justified. He went back to I, late in the evening, and told Drennan about this new angle and said that there really were good grounds for asking him to make an exception in this case. Drennan finally agreed. MB came back and told KS. He also gave him a talking to about losing his temper while talking with Drennan this afternoon. Since KS had gotten what he wanted he was willing to listen.



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Leave clearance difficulties

MB says that he can see Drennan's point about not doing it for one because then they would have to make other exceptions, but Drennan shouldn't have put it on the basis that it was physically impossible to get the leave through in less than 48 hours. Everybody knows that it isn't true and that they can short cut things if they really want to. That they can and have cut around almost every rule laid down here when the situation seemed to demand it. It put Drennan in a bad light, and of course GW and KS showed that it could be done. Another thing is that there are just certain ones for whom they are willing to make exceptions, and it wouldn't break down the whole schedule. For certain cases, Mr. Head goes in to Drennan and tells him to shove them through and it's done. Everybody knows it so saying that it's physically impossible doesn't go over



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Graft

At breakfast, Mr. Evans (Firechief, Un. III,) and Mr. Basch, Constuction, begin talking about the graft on the set-up here. They say that there was a good deal of graft on the trucks used here on the Project. The evidence they use for that was the price paid for the things. Basch says that one truck was bought for \$2000 which broke down twice when the man was bringing it out from Parker. It was old, a wreck, and could have been purchased for about \$150 at the most in the market. He could have gotten fifty trucks like it at that price. Then this grey bus that was bought for the project, was sold a couple of years ago. The man who bought it then paid \$250 for it. The project bought it for \$2000.

From there they go into tales of graft on other government projects. Basch who worked in Alaska a year or so ago on some construction jobs up there goes into details -- explaining that the way the system is worked is that the purchasing officers refuse to buy the goods unless the seller quotes a high enough price. Then of course he expects a kick-back from the seller.



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People leaving Camp.

This morning on bus going up to Camp I, from Camp III, several boys, probably in early twenties or late teens going up to see about getting their leave clearance. They said they were planning to go out on seasonal leave. They want to make sure that they will get their clearance by the time they go out.

Martha Hayakawa, about 21 or so, and one of the teachers, is also going up to see about her clearance. She plans to go to Washington, D.C., thinks she may get a Civil Service job. She expects to leave Wednesday or Thursday and wants to be sure everything is going all right with the clearance.

Ask her if she has stopped teaching, she says that she hasn't sent in her notice yet, but thinks she probably should today or tomorrow. Her mother and father don't plan to go out yet.



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Cross References:

Schools

On the Bus this morning going to Camp I, talk with Martha Hayakawa, who is about 21 and one of the teachers here in Camp III. She is talking about effect of Camp life on the young people, saying she doesn't think it has been a good thing for them because they get lax and act in a way they would never do on the outside. What brings this up is that we have to ride on the back of the truck and she observes, "I should think those boys wouldn't be able to ride comfortably on the front when they know that there are girls having to ride back here." EC laughs and says boys may think they should help toughen the girls up for a hard life. MH takes this seriously and starts in talking about the effect of camp life. She says she knows she has seen this growing during the year, forgetting how to behave. Then the other day Mr. Harris sent around a letter saying that life here in the center had not been altogether good for the young people because they were relaxing their standards of conduct. She thinks that it wouldn't be so bad if they would just remember that inspite of being in here they should continue to live and act as they did before, but she supposes that they can't with the lack of the things they were used to and living conditions being the way they are in here.



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## Welfare case

At noon sit next to Miss Alice Grube, head of Family Welfare in Camp 3. She asks if Dr. Leighton isn't actually a psychiatrist, and wants to know if he ever does anything on that here in camp. EC explains that he is occasionally called in on different cases here as consultant. AG says that she has a case that she feels needs some attention. It is depressing her very greatly because there seems to be so little you can do about it. It is a girl, 20, who has been a problem to them for some months. The family is separated, and the girl lives here in the camp with her father. The mother, who is in another center, will have nothing to do with the girl, and the father does not get along with her.

AG says she saw a picture of the girl taken about a year and a half ago which showed apparently a very happy extroverted youngster. Now she sits with hardly any expression, makes no friends and will not talk to anyone. If you ask her a question, any question, she sits and thinks about it for minutes before she answers. They can't get her interested in anything. AG thinks she needs expert attention from someone who can spend time with her and give her the affection she needs. But the drawback is that the girl doesn't speak English at all. The father now wants to transfer to Granada where his relatives live, but AG doesn't know if the family would have the intelligence to handle a case like this.

EC asks if it seems to be brought on by the family difficulties or by evacuation. AG says that one thing contributing to it is that the father is typically Japanese in that he wants to run his daughters life for her. If she makes friends, he doesn't approve of them and tries to stop her from seeing her. That went ~~bad~~ on, and now the girl seems to be withdrawing from everything. AG thinks that it is still possible to do something, but if it develops much further it will be a definite psychosis.



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Transportation Service

Usually, I have noticed, when go up to Camp I, <sup>from Camp III</sup> the first bus which goes at 8:15 is so crowded that people have to stand. If there are only a few standing, they stand at the back on the platform. When there are many, they have to stand inside also, bending over and clutching the top of the truck. Usually, if a girl or woman gets on, the men get up and stand allowing the woman or girl to sit. This always happens if a young man is sitting down, but have noticed two or three middle aged men who ride this truck consistently and keep their seats no matter how many women stand. If only women are seated and another comes on, a younger woman will rise and give her place to the older one. Once or twice I have noticed an older woman rise when a woman apparently her own age appeared and persuaded her to take the place. Sometimes the bus is so crowded, that when come to Camp II, they put on another truck to take the overflow and then the passengers thin out somewhat. The second truck is always an open one.

This morning the 8:15 truck was loaded as usual, and people standing on the inside, when one of the drivers came over and told those who were going to Camp I that they could catch another truck which was going directly to Camp I without stopping at II. So we got off, and found this open truck, with wooden benches on either side, and a long backless bench in the middle. The truck was filled mostly with middle aged men whose regular transportation it apparently was. When we came to Camp I, most of them got off at the hospital. It seemed like at least 15 got off there. Someone on the truck said that they worked there.

At Camp I, when started to leave, discovered the truck dispatchers office had been moved outside the fence and across the road to the Motor Pool. Which means an unpleasantly dusty walk to catch the thing. I almost missed



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the truck, but it stopped just as started to pull out. This was at 10:15. The truck was full with boys standing on the back platform and people standing inside. The truck driver called to me to sit in front, so sat there with him and the swamper who carried on a conversation over me.

The swamper was laughing as he told about telling the girl at the Dispatchers office in Camp 1 to let an old woman get on the bus. The girl was going to turn her down because she didn't have a real reason for going to the other camp. The swamper told the girl to put on "church" or "red cross" or anything likethat. That's what they do in Camp 3. "There we tell anyone, sure -- get on and ride. We just put down anything." The girl said, she was afraid to do it because Barrett would be after her. The swamper told her that Barrett had no way of finding out, they got away with it all right at Camp 3.

The swamper says that he has lived at 3 until just recently. Now he has moved to 1. He used to drive the truck in to meet the trains.

The boys said that the Dispatchers office had been moved this morning -- the change came today. They didn't seem to like the idea, talking about the long walk and dust.



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## Elections for councilmen

51 Adult Education

Come into office in Camp 3 about 10:45 and find Harley Mimura talking to June and KU. He says he has come up to the Administration Building to try to have another candidate's name placed on the ballot for his block for the council election tomorrow. He and another man from the block, Block 325, were nominated, but the other man was a double no on questions 27 and 28 and therefore cannot be in the Council. That leaves only himself, so he wants to have another candidate's name placed on the ballot. He doesn't know whether he will be able to get this done or not because the ballot is already printed. But he has gone through the regular procedure, has gotten 10 signatures from his block on the petition to add this name. Now has to see the Block Manager's Supervisors office to see if he can do it.

None of the Issei from his block are running for councilmen. He thinks there are a few in other blocks, but in his block there is no issei who could do it. They have one issei who would make a very good councilman except for the fact that he can't speak English. You really need to speak both English and Japanese to be in the council, because it is almost necessary when you come back to the block to report to speak in Japanese.

He himself doesn't want to be a councilman. When EC asks him about it, he laughs and says, "Not in here!" Then adds, "Though I suppose it would be good experience." Says that you can make too many enemies in here by being councilman and have to be too careful.

EC asks him if still in Adult Education. He says he is. When asked about a Japanese teacher, he says he doesn't know anybody who would do. They did have a man who was pretty good, but he has just gone out. He says they have lost a number of their men, or their people, through going out. One good man went out a few weeks ago although he was an exchange student and came here from Japan in 1940. HM says doesn't know how it happened that he was able to

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Government Red Tape

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Cross references: 163: Transportation & Supply

Called Mr. Rhinehart, Chief Property Custodian this morning regarding the two typewriters personally ordered from Phoenix. He said that through some mix-up they had been accepted By the Warehouse, and that in order to get them would have to see Mr. Angell, and then send someone after them. So went up to Camp I. In Mr. Angell's office, Mr. Angell knew nothing about the matter. Said he remembered something about the typewriters coming in, but thought I could go over and pick them up without doing anything further. He looked around for the Warehouse slip and railway express bill, couldn't find them in a pile of material on his desk, asked two girls -- one sprawled behind table and other relaxed over it talking to her -- if they knew anything about it and they didn't. Then said very hopefully that it might be in a drawer in another desk. Turned that out, but still didn't find anything. The result was that he told me to go get the typewriters and he would mail the express bill whenever he found it.

So go over to the warehouse. Two boys at window where present requisitions. They look blank and make no effort to find out anything. Just say that Mr. Rhinehart has gone out and must see him. EC insists that since she has paid for typewriters warehouse has nothing to do with it and she wants them. At that they call young man who works in the accounting section. Name something like J. Stahn. He says that he has nothing to do with the matter and will have to wait for Mr. Rhinehart, but nobody knows when he will be back. He goes out saying he will be gone fifteen minutes and he may not be back all day. Today they think he is marking property somewhere, but not sure and wouldn't know where to get in touch with him. Mr. Stahn asks if have



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seen Mr. Angell. Then he calls Mr. Angell to make sure. EC asks Mr. Stahn where to pay for shipping charges. He says he doesn't know for sure. "Maybe the warehouse made a mistake in every accepting those typewriters." EC agrees enthusiastically that it did pointing out that she had hoped to stay out of the toils of the government by handling it personally. Stahn looks sorrowful, says that since it was accepted, they started the warehouse bill through the regular channels and sent it to Angell's office. EC says Mr. Angell's office has lost the bill. Stahn says, "They lose a third of those we send them from here. Don't know what they do with them."

Finally he seems to weary of having EC waiting there, starts to make out a requisition. Tells EC he will release the typewriters to her though he has nothing to do with it and Mr. Rhinehart will probably take his head for doing so since Mr. Rhinehart is the only one who can let things go out. He also starts to phone around to find out where to ~~send the~~ pay the express charges. And tells EC to go to see Mr. Posy across the hall from Mr. Angell's office.

Get there, and told Mr. Posy moved to next office. Next office says he has moved into another corridor. Finally find him, he takes money, and says that when the warehouse bill has gone through the regular channels they will apply the money paid on this to the bill. Makes out a receipt for the money but refused to give it to EC because that one goes to Mrs. Knutson who from today is handling such things. She is to mail a regular receipt to EC.

Then see FM to get truck to pick up the typewriters. She is unable to get the transportation all day.

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Typewriters come in this morning about 10:30.



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Dinner for volunteers

In evening, about 5:00, find Mrs. Burge getting ready to go to dinner at 310 for the Camp 3 volunteers who are going outtonight. Understand that ~~the~~ five are to leave from this camp from a total of 11 for the project. Camp 3 is giving its volunteers a dinner at 310 before the project program which is to be held at the Camp 2 stage. Just the volunteers and their families are invited to the dinner. The Burges and Mr. Burdick are going also, and Mr. Wumino is in on it too. Apparently there is some mix up because Mr. Wumino calls Mr. Burge and hear MB saying later, "poor Gerald."

After the dinner, Mrs. Burge says there is to be a program at Camp 2, which will be all women. Mrs. Takemoto is to give a speech and there is to be a woman master of ceremonies. She is not looking forward to it, because it will be too hot to stand out in the sun by the stage.

Before they go down to II, at the dinner, the mothers are to be given carnations again.



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After dinner, go down to the Teachers' Quarters with Miss Hemingway and Miss Barley. EH and I go in to Mrs. Robertson's room where there is a cooler. Miss Hemingway is nursery school teacher, probably about 24 or 25, and formerly a missionary in China, where she was born. Mrs. Robertson, is a grey-haired woman with a son in the paratroops and another one in Washington shipyards. She has been a missionary in China and has been to Japan. She teaches mathematics at Poston and right now is filling in with Core classes also.

She and EH are talking and EH says that apparently the young Christian leaders here such as Paul Nagano are very anxious that the nisei ministers go out to start nisei churches on the outside. Mrs. R. says, "Won't they ever learn! It will be the same thing right over again!" EH says she herself thinks its terrible for them to do that but they say that the people who go out aren't going to church anymore. She thinks that if the leaders want to do something they should write letters to those on the outside and suggest that they go to the regular churches and try to interest church groups in inviting the nisei to attend the services. Mrs. Robertson says that the nisei were always like that about sticking together and not mixing with other groups. In California she lived in Orange County near Long Beach where most of the land was farmed by Japanese. "But though I lived so close to them, I was never able to get to know any of them." When the young people came to the library, they would get books and go right off again and wouldn't stop to talk even if you tried to get them too. Their women's club group there used to invite a young woman whose daughter played a Japanese instrument to come to their meetings so that the daughter could play for them. They wanted them to stay for the social hour after the meeting, but the woman never would though they were very anxious to meet and know her because she seemed such a charming young woman.



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It was the same way in the highschool. The nisei had their own dances, but would never go to the regular high school dances. She thinks that strange and always thought so. If they didn't want to dance with the other children, they could have gone as a group and danced with each other. But they wouldn't even do that. She thinks it must be because they feel inferior and believes that the Japanese naturally feel inferior before they are made to feel so. She felt that way in Japan. Noticed the difference when she went there one summer from China where she had spent the year. In China nobody felt inferior to you, but in Japan the missionaries had to be terribly careful about whatever they said to the people because they were very sensitive and took offense at general statements even, always applying what was said personally. In China the missionaries said whatever they thought right out. It didn't bother the Chinese because the missionaries to them were only uncivilized foreign devils and it didn't matter what they said or what they thought about the Chinese. Even the coolies on the streets didn't feel inferior to you. There has long been a saying in missionary circles that a person who had been a missionary in Japan could go to China and be a good missionary ~~because~~ but a missionary from China could never be a good missionary in Japan because he couldn't get used to not being outspoken. They would always say thinks that the Japanese would take offense at.

WH says that now she thinks of it, she has had trouble that way with her nursery school teachers all year. They are always taking personally some general statement she has made. She just thought that was due to the experience through which they had recently gone. Mrs. Robertson maintains that not due to recent experiences -- she noticed it in Japan. The Japanese officials were always being rude to them too, which is always a good sign that people feel inferior but their position gives them an advantage over you so they try to make you feel inferior.



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The talk then goes to other matters. EC tells about her struggles to get the typewriters ordered. Mrs. Robertson laughs and says that ~~that~~ there are 19 typewriters for the schools in the warehouse and they have been there for months. The school has never been able to find a way to get them out.

Talk about things in the warehouse. Mrs. Robertson says that they have more refrigerators there now than they can use. If you ask for a refrigerator they bring it around the next day. They're so glad to find a place to put them. The teachers asked for one and it was put in immediately. The people in the personnel barracks asked for one at the same time and they got their's too without having to wait. She understands that every barracks in Camp II has gotten a refrigerator. Immediately the two of them decide that since II has one to a barracks, they should get another refrigerator for the teacher's quarters in this camp.

Mrs. Robertson says that supply situation very silly here. And today she thinks she hurt Dr. Cary's feelings badly. For months now there has been this question of whether or not the government should supply gas for the teacher's who are using their cars in their work here -- supervisors, etc. When they first came here, the question came up. They all signed up, and nothing happened. A couple months after that they were all called in again, signed up again and thought that they would have the gas. Nothing happened. It happened a third time, and still nothing happened. Today Mr. Haverland was meeting with the teachers who use their cars again and assured them that this time they would surely get their gas. When he finished, Dr. Cary said, "Well, now let's think about this. Mrs. Robertson what do you think?" Mrs. Robertson said, "What has been holding it up the other times." Dr. Cary looked surprised and hurt as though he expected her to say, "Oh it's wonderful of the government to do this for us." But she said the first thing that entered her head.



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The teaching staff, both evacuee and appointed, are having a party tonight for some teachers who are going out. George Kitahara is one and Martha Hayakawa is another. It's to be a dance -- probably folk dancing -- and the teachers are wearing wash dresses and ankle socks. EC invited but decides not to go.

Leave Mrs. R's room when she starts to get ready. All around the barracks there are little groups sitting composed of both evacuees and teachers. By the Flynn apartment, Reverend Imai is sitting in a canvas chair and Mrs. Flynn sits on the steps talking to him. Mr. Flynn comes out with glasses of lemonade. AG hails me and invites me to come into her place for few minutes. She has made a pitcher of punch and is having a party in her room of those who helped her with her washing, she says. Find Miss Matsumoto of Public Health there with her sister-in-law Mrs. Matsumoto and a Mrs. Endo. With Mrs. Matsumoto is a little girl about 7 who bows very deeply when EC comes in. All are talking in Japanese and continue to do so, occasionally someone dropping into a few words in English for EC. Mrs. Matsumoto is waiting to comb AG's hair for the party.

Miss M. starts to ask EC about social research and how Dr. Leighton, a psychiatrist is in it. EC tries to explain a little of what we are doing. Then, as with all conversations in Poston, we go to food. Miss Matsumoto asks AG to get her something that can keep in the ice-box the next time she goes to Parker. Start to joke about Parker, Miss Matsumoto says she went in there once since she came here. EC asks if it isn't an awful place. Miss M. very serious in answering that she liked it because "it felt good to get there and be outside. I drew a long free breath when we passed the MP guard." The day they were in Parker, they spent about 40 dollars for things they can't get here -- oranges and avocados and soap. They were there for 3 hours.



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Talk about places they used to live. Miss M. lived in Berkley, took her training at ~~LVA~~ UC and loves San Francisco. Mrs. M. lived in LA, and misses that "because almost every place you can get such good food there." Tells about some Chinese friends owning a restaurant and how she misses chinese food. We all almost start drooling with the thought of food -- Miss M. sighing for a steak and saying how much everyone here misses that.

The little girl asks to leave and does -- says goodbye to EC, and starts for door. Mrs. M. calls her back, saying something in Japanese, the little girl bows to Mrs. Endo and says something to her in Japanese, and then goes out.

About 9:30, the others leave, Mrs. M. telling EC to come to see them/ sometime with Miss G.

EC leaves about 9:45. Getting quite dark. Here laughter from the recreation hall where the party is going on. Phonograph going and hear "Deep in the Heart of Texas."

Further along through camp, hear a phonograph playing Japanese records. Then little later pass a recreation hall where another party is going on. A man is singing Japanese song, and when he ends the audience claps for him and there is laughter.

Along the way, men are sitting on the front steps or on stools in the front yard. One man has a hose in his hands and he waters the lawn as he sits quietly on his steps. Another man comes up the road carrying a small baby. At two places meet pairs of young girls, probably in late teens. They smile and say "hello". Otherwise the streets are quiet.

At the personnel barracks, find the Potts and the Gays just about to get into a small car to go down to the party.



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During later afternoon just before 5:00, see Kay Hanada sitting in the Law Office. Stop in the doorway and say I understand he is a candidate for councilman. He laughs and says that his block is plastered with signs for the two candidates. Each of them is campaigning for the other one because neither of them wants the office. He feels that he is too busy with the Law Office but when he told them that they nominated him anyway. He hopes the other man will get it.

After lunch, go in to see MB with JS. MB explains the help he wants from JS in order to make a report of the physical set-up of the camp. The idea is to have in the files something that will tell what you actually need in the way of plant to handle the number of people you have here.



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Personal Journal, EC  
2nd Volunteer sendpoff

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This morning at breakfast Mrs. Burge says that the dinner-party at 310 last night, for Camp 3 volunteers who were called for induction, was very dull. The dinner wasn't very good, and there were just the boys and their parents at two long tables. There was no program or speeches. For a while it was very quiet, and nobody spoke. Even the music got there late. But the program at Camp II was all right, except for having it out in the hot sun.

Afterwards they went in to town with RG and the Drennans and had rather a gay evening. They got back about 2:00. Mrs. B. says she liked Mrs. Drennan a good deal. MB said, with more tempered enthusiasm, that he would agree she was nice. MB said he and Drennan had to fix up something on leave last night. While they were at the dinner a phone call came through that somebody had died or was very sick and the person calling had to go to Gila in the morning. So they worked on that part of last evening.



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## 60 Employment

This morning asked Mr. Potts about getting high school students for part time work. He said they had no pool of students signed up to work, the way Miss Cushman has in Camp I, but he knows that there are quite a number of students who do want to work. He will ask Miss Tujiri who works in the high school office to send them over. She would know more about it than he would.

At noon, Mrs. McNulty is talking about her class, an 11th grade core class composed of students mostly about 15 years old and one boy 19. They were talking today about the conflict between issei and nisei. The 19 $\frac{1}{2}$  year old boy goes around with a group of kibei, and he was defending the kibei and the issei. One of the girls comes from a family which has signed up for repatriation, and she also defended the issei point of view. The others were very much against it, and felt that the nisei should stick to their point of view.

Mrs. Robertson says that she has found that the one way to be sure that her class stays attentive is to let them talk about the evacuation. They are interested in that and like to talk about it pretty much all the time. But she is trying to get them interested in other groups, and not just racial groups. She thinks they are too much aware of themselves as a race and don't realize that minority groups can be formed on different grounds, such as religion, labor, etc. Other teachers agree that their students are all more interested in discussing evacuation than in any other subject.



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Election

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In office today, the staff talking about the election. KU  
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says that in her block, 4 more men filed at the last minute. She thinks  
one of these is an issei, the former issei adviser. She doesn't think  
he will get it. JS says that he thinks that they will have another  
council woman in their block (329), the same one as before. (Mrs. Hibi).  
There is no opposition there, so she will be forced to take it. Both  
KU and June say that the council candidates were nominated at block  
meetings. MF says she thinks that true of her block (330) also, though  
she didn't go to the meeting since it was Thursday night, the day before  
the PB test. But she heard the bell which kept on ringing for about  
20 minutes, so she inferred that nobody could have been going to the  
meeting.



171 Adobe  
~~176 Public Works~~  
Personnel Journal  
Cost of work

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At dinner talking with MB about the work JS to do for him. EC tells him JS was wondering whether should include cost estimates on various things and she had told him didn't think he could get them in most cases. MB laughs and says that he doesn't want to know, he feels happier when he doesn't. On this adobe making for example, he was going over the figures with Bash on the cost of making adobe — and just including the cash advances to the workers, the machines, materials and supervision, it was costing them \$80.00 a ton to make them here, while on the outside you can make them for \$20.00 a ton. This \$80.00 doesn't include subsistence or clothing allowance for the workers.



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At the meeting on Recreation which I attended this afternoon -- see notes taken for meeting -- several things appeared. There were 3 evacuee women present to about 10 Caucasians. The three evacuees sat close together. Mrs. Takemoto who called the meeting, seemed to do a good job of leading the discussion, permitting people to express their opinions and then bringing up practical points like where shall we get leaders, how do we get them paid, where do we get supplies.

Notice too that she, Mrs. Oye and Mrs. Hibi seem to be thinking of the program in terms of the small children where you could have such things as a story hour. Dr. Powell and Dr. Cary try to get them interested in things like folk dancing, camping trips, and activities for older people. They talk about them, but always seem to think of the recreation program in terms of the little one, as when Mrs. Hibi says at the end, "Well, we really don't need so many people. Two people to a block would be enough." Dr. Powell and Dr. Cary press to include even mature people with such things as movies, talent shows, etc., and the women seem to get enthusiastic about that Mrs. Oye bringing up the idea of the community sing. At one point Dr. Cary murmurs to EC that he has noticed that everything in the program seems to be pointing to the young people or at least the nisei -- that they have left the issei out of the program entirely. I think this is true -- no suggestions made to draw the issei in to this program or to provide a program for them.

The personalities of the three women were interesting parts of the meeting. Mrs. Takemoto very definite but quiet and reserved. Mrs. Hibi and Mrs. Oye alike outspoken, quick to express their own opinions. Both young women, probably in early thirties. Would bet that they had had high school education but not beyond. Probably have worked. Could see both of them slapping other people on the back. Later asked JS if Mrs. Hibi was a backslapper -- he looked embarrassed and said she was.



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Learned that evening from MB that shv had gone to the recreation meeting instead of to the first meeting of the permanent council at which the councilmen, of which she is one, were sworn in.

Mrs. Hibi and Mrs. Oye were both in Santa Anita and become very animated in describing how they took hold of the recreation program there for the small children. They had no materials, but about 1000 children coming every day. They told them stories, but found that the children got bored unless they were learning something, "so we had to teach them something even if we didn't want to." One thing they did have there though was a piano and that helped in keeping the children interested.

As we are leaving, Mrs. Oye asks Miss Grube, "Are you getting anywhere in getting my old man here?" Her husband -- have already heard from other sources -- is interned. She has applied to join him in the Crystal Springs Camp although there seems to be some mix-up. They have heard here that he has been parolled, but somehow he can't come although MB has sent wire that they would accept him here and is trying to persuade Mrs. Oye not to join him. She apparently does not want to go into the camp, but does want the family to be reunited.

~~On the steps, Mrs. Hibi~~ Mrs. Hibi, during the meeting, talks about her husband. He is working in the mess hall, and likes children -- she thinks he would like to take them camping and fishing since he likes to do those things anyway.

On the steps, as we are leaving, Mrs. Hibi says that keeping her children entertained doesn't bother her. They and about 15 others play around her apartment, in and out all day. They don't need much to entertain themselves. It doesn't make her nervous -- she goes ahead and reads or writes letters and forgets that they are in the place.



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During the meeting, when Mrs. Oye mentions how they had to turn teachers at SA, Dr. Cary launches out into speech on how we should widen our concept of education to include many things besides actual school -- how wonderful it would be to get a new philosophy of education. The attention is polite, but have feeling that Caucasians there feel that there isn't any need for that lecture right here and that they have heard it before.

As we are leaving, he talks to Mrs. Burge and tells her that he is leaving soon. They plan to leave in July. He is sorry to go -- it was a hard decision to make, but decided it was best to go back.

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(Check with June and Kaz on Mrs. Oye and Mrs. Hibi this morning. Guessed that because of interest for small children's recreation that probably their children are small. June says that Mrs. Hibi's oldest child is 12; Mrs. Oye's oldest is a boy of 7. Mrs. Oye is a graduate of some college -- she thinks UCLA and her sister went to Northwestern. She took a teacher's course at college but married soon after she graduated. Mrs. Hibi, she thinks, never went to college. She won a scholarship on her highschool work, but married right out of high school instead of going on. She doesn't know if Mrs. Oye ever worked, but Mrs. Hibi worked in a fish cannery there in the fishing town where she lived near San Diego. Both women are known for their "brains." Mrs. Hibi is an outstanding person in their block. KU says that Mrs. Oye was disgusted with Poston when she came here, liked nothing about it. No place for the children to play, no nursery schools and the mother's couldn't watch the children all the time, and the school system was all wrong.)



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Personal Journal, EC  
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This noon sit down in the Transportation Shade for a few minutes with Miss Hathaway and AG. Rev. Sonoda, Buddhist priest, comes over and sits with us. AG introduces us. She tells him about Miss Rhoads being here to see families who are interested in resettling together, tells him she is sorry that she did not see him soon enough so that this could be announced at the Buddhist church, but tells him that if he knows any families in his congregation that might be interested to send them to see Miss Rhoads. He says he can't think of any at the moment, that he doesn't think older people are thinking of going out. He believes that the thing that is keeping them from considering it is lack of money to get started again and also the fear of what may happen to them on the outside. AG asks him if part of it might be that there are so few American Buddhists to help them on the outside, and the absence of Buddhist churches in the areas where they might resettle. He says he doesn't think that particularly important, but the people who came back from the Buddhist Convention in Salt Lake say that a WRA representative met with them and said that WRA was aware of this special Buddhist problem. WRA wants them to send reverends out to start a church in Chicago. This representative said that he felt that ~~if/they/~~ unless the Buddhists got behind the resettlement program, it would be a failure. AG asks him again if he thinks the lack of a church will keep the people back from going out. He says no, that if they get jobs the young people of his church go out and it doesn't matter about the church. A good many of the Buddhist young people have already gone out.



Take notes on Recreation Meeting over to Mrs. Takemoto. Find her lying down resting. The little girl is at home, but otherwise she is alone. She gets up and says she has had enough rest and asks EC to stay and talk awhile. She says that now they hardly get enough sleep because every morning or at least two or three times a week there are people leaving from the block, and everybody gets up to see them off. So many are going now, that you wish you could stay in bed but they started it and now have to keep it up.

She seems rather depressed today and says that she is worrying about their property in California. This morning she went up to Camp I to the Property Office to see if they couldn't do anything. They bought her father a house which he has rented. He hasn't been getting his rent now for some time, and they have heard that the people have taken out the things they had stored in the back rooms of the house and are using them. They wish someone in the family could go back to see about the property, but there is no way to go. Her brother could have gone, since he volunteered and was recently inducted, but he didn't want to spend his furlough back there looking after those things and didn't go. Now he won't have another furlough for a long time and there is no way for them to take care of matters except through the Evacuee Property Office.

She says that a good many people are worrying about their things -- they hear rumors about how their furniture or houses aren't being taken care of properly. For instance, she and her husband had always put their money into things for their house. They had finally gotten their place fixed as they wanted it, and then they had to evacuate. They heard 48 hours before voluntary evacuation was frozen that it would be, and in that time they had to find a renter and get their stuff packed. Their renter



is very good about things, but she has taken the slipcovers off the new furniture. Mrs. Takemoto said that she thought it was better for the furniture to be used than to just grow shabby in storage, but even so she wishes that the slip covers had been left on to save it so it wouldn't be old looking when perhaps she can get it again.

She talks about the feeling she has that she wants to go out. She says that there is hardly anyone left in camp now for her, no one that is that she can go and talk with freely. The older women around here are all right to just say "hello" or "good morning" to, but it is hard to talk with them because they expect you to be very polite in Japanese and she doesn't feel that her Japanese is good enough. And then you find yourself in trouble so often and they start talking about you -- there's nothing you can do to stop them and they talk and talk over some little thing. Usually it is because they think that you are going about things wrong -- that you should have come to them and consulted them first before you did anything. But she finds herself doing something first because it has to be done in a hurry, and then telling them about it. They don't like it. So now she has decided that she will keep in the background and not come forward anymore than she can help.

Her husband had the same trouble, about the same thing in the block here. After that he wanted to get out. Most of her friends feel the same way, as though they can't stand it here anymore where they have to be so careful all the time of what they say and do. They feel as though they can't accomplish things here or go about their work as they would like to do, and whenever they try to do something for the good of the community, they are criticised. As more of the young people go out, the feeling gets worse because you have no one to support you any longer or with whom you can talk things over.



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After her husband left, she tried again and again to explain how he felt about it to Mr. Burge. Mr. Burge couldn't understand it. He thinks Boston "is a happy place", and he doesn't understand how they feel in here.

She says that she has a very good friend in Camp I, Mrs. Ishimaru who feels the same way as she does. She has known her since they were little girls -- Tep Ishimaru is also a good friend of hers. Since her husband has gone out, Mrs. Ishimaru is getting very impatient to be gone. She says that she feels as though she couldn't stand it here where there is so much petty gossip and people watching you all the time and criticising you. And it's done in such a way, that you can't explain or stop it. You just have to pretend that you don't know anything about it.

We go on to talk about the change in the camp, EC saying she imagines that MB is going to have a harder job now with so many of the leaders gone. CF says that she thinks it is getting harder and harder, and that there is a widening gap between the administration and the people all the time. She feels that Mr. Burge is now more or less deserted since most of those who did support him have gone out and most of those who are left in camp are "pro-axis" even if they don't say they are openly. They're not interested in working with Mr. Burge to develop the camp the way the others were.

She says she doesn't blame those who are "pro-axis" for being that way -- they have had enough to make them so -- but they ought to let the others alone to think what they want to. For a while here, during and following the strike, it was so bad that you couldn't say anything to show that you were pro-American. Many of them are still very bitter.

EC asks if many families in her block have father interned. She



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says not many -- most of those are over in Roku 3 among the San Diego people. But even there, a good many of the men interned had nothing actually against them. She tells of a friend of theirs, an issai who had lived here for years and was very active in Y work. But before the war he was secretary of one of the Japanese farming associations. He didn't want to do anything against this country or help the Japanese war effort, but he was picked up just because he was in the association and held for some time. When he got back he was very bitter against this country and felt that he would be much better off in Japan. She thinks that somehow that should have been avoided, because it is men like that who should be helping now to bridge the gap between the issai and the others in America. But many of those who have returned from internment camps are very bitter against this country, and try to make the others around them feel the same way.

Then she says that she doesn't feel like this all the time -- most of the people here are quite contented a good share of the time, but every now and then something happens and they start thinking about California and wondering what is going to happen to them. Today she is feeling down because of this trouble about her father's property.

Then the little boy brings the mail which includes cards from her two sisters who have just gone out. One writes from Santa Fe, "So far only one unpleasant thing has occurred. At Winslow we waited ten minutes until we realized that the people at the restaurant had no intention of serving us. But then we went to the Harvey House and got a wonderful meal." The other sister writes that part of their baggage wasn't at the station when they went to put the tags on them. CT says she supposes she will have to check with the Leave Office on that. It makes you worry about sending your things.

soon afterwards, EC leaves.



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Personal Journal, EC  
Families going out

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Miss Rhoads was here all day yesterday meeting with families that might care to relocate together -- the American Friends Service Committee having the feeling that it is easy enough now for single people to get out, but nothing being done to keep family groups together and resettle them as groups. At breakfast ask her how the interviews went. She says that quite a number of families have come to see her, but she doesn't think that that means they are really planning to go out. Some just came to see her again since she knew many people in this camp before.

As we leave the dining hall, a middle aged woman comes up to her and speaks for a few minutes. After she leaves, Miss Rhoads says she thinks that quite a number of the people who came to see her are like this woman who just came up, Mrs. Watanabe, who probably won't go out. As a matter of fact since Mrs. Watanabe was a language teacher and was interned for a while for that reason, it would be difficult to get her out of camp anyway. Miss Rhoads thinks it would be at least September before they could get her cleared. There is some ruling through now that returned internees are not to leave camp.



This morning, in Transportation office, two young men who work there are talking. One says, "I can't quit my job. I get \$22.00 a month clothing allowance for my family. They all depend on me. It's more than the money." The other one, "Well, that don't go very far." First one had been emphasizing how much he was getting this way, but now he agrees, "No, I have to buy my little girl shoes every month nearly. It takes almost \$2.00 for that." Another one joins in, "Well, it's not much really, but it just makes you feel good. If they hadn't started it, we wouldn't miss it or expect it. But now we wonder when we don't get it."



116 Permanent Self Government  
Personal Journal, EC  
1st meeting of City Council

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Drive back to Camp III with MB in face of roaring dust storm which hides the road a few feet ahead. He says he attended the first meeting of the Over-all Community Council this afternoon. Nakamura was elected temporary chairman. (Apparently he doesn't connect him with Nakamura of strike days.) He says there were four candidates. Then when Nakamura was elected, the meeting promptly went into Japanese and he left because he could understand nothing anyway. It reminded him of an Indian Council Meeting except there it would be translated into English and here it wasn't.

MB feels that the election of officers was a put up job among the issei on the council. Nakamura is an issei.

He tells of Tom Masuda's speech, then says that he was pleased to hear Ralph Galvin say in his speech that the City Council was to remember that it stood as the federal government does to the states, and it should remember that each unit should settle its own affairs.

He says he hopes that the meetings of this council are rotated from unit to unit -- he thinks that would be fair where it wouldn't be to hold them all up here in I. At the meeting today, when there was a caucus for chairman, the delegates from III weren't in on it. They were off in a corner by themselves.



180 Selective Service  
Personal Journal, EC  
Sentiments

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63 Leave

One of the volunteers comes into the BSR office today to talk to the secretaries for a moment. He says he is applying for leave to go out. He has heard that the rest of the volunteers won't be taken for two months more, and he doesn't want to sit around Poston any longer. All but three of the volunteers are gone from his block and he wants to get out. He laughs nervously as though under some pleasure. He says right now he is acting as Assistant Block Manager for his block.

In the evening ask MB when the next bunch of volunteers to go out. When she asks question, he jerks as though tender point. Then says he doesn't know. The volunteers seem to have more information about it than he does, and they have been coming in asking him.



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54 School  
Personal Journal, EC  
School problems

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This evening down in Block 324 in Miss Barley's room waiting for Tom Bodine to come to give his talk on Student Relocation. We talk about the school since she is a teacher, and EC asks her about Mr. Potts. MB says that she thinks the Caucasian teachers as a whole like him quite well, but many of the evacuee teachers don't though most of those who disliked him most have gone. She herself likes him and thinks he has done a good job here. One thing, during the year he has grown a good deal and learned a lot. There have been a couple of things that he hasn't handled so well, but she thinks ~~he~~ himself would handle them differently now.

One thing was the case of the men teachers who were playing cards in the Teachers Lounge during school hours. There was nothing wrong with it really, but it didn't look good when the students went past and saw their teachers who were supposed to be working sitting there playing cards. So he had them on the carpet about that, and that group never liked him after that. Another case was that of Willene Gilchrist. Willene was playing cards with the boys in the lounge and having quite a good time with them. She was a great help to them at first because she was popular with the evacuee teachers and helped the others to get acquainted with them. But then these matters came up, and Potts had her transferred to Camp I. All the teachers and students were very indignant about it, and they got up a petition to have her stay. Most of the Caucasian teachers signed it also. She thinks he learned a good deal from that incident, finding the teachers and students lined up ~~backing~~ against him.

One case he handled beautifully. That was where there were some high school boys who had been raising trouble in class. They had been transferred several times to different classes, and finally they were suspended from school. He brought it before the Teachers' Council that they have here -- the boys came and the teachers, and he talked it over.



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with them very quietly. She thinks that all of those boys learned to respect him from that. They've had no trouble with them since then.

One of the things she likes about Mr. Potts is that he gives the teachers a good deal of freedom to work out their plans as they wish. She has never had as much freedom in her teaching in any other place.

EC asks about demoralization of school such as in Camp I.

MB says that they never did have a breakdown of the school such as the Camp I teachers report, though she knows little about Camp I conditions. There was some trouble though in Mrs. Flynn's class, where she slapped a boy and told him he should get out of her class and any others who wanted to could go too. All the class got up and walked out. Then another teacher took over and there was no further trouble.

She says she thinks some of the best teaching here in Camp III has been done by Louis Marpett. He has been able to give his students an amazingly broad view of the war — much broader than that of any other class here. She thought at first that he was spending too much time on that subject, but has decided now that the results are worth it. At first she was rather dubious of how Louis would work out here, but he has been well liked by most of the students and gotten along well. She thinks part of it may be the fact that since he is Jewish and a member of a minority group, he has more sympathy for the special problems of his students than the rest of them have.

EC asks if she feels that grades have fallen off drastically, as have heard some of teachers in I complain. She says she can't say. She does feel however that the evacuee teachers are inclined to mark too leniently. They see the students problem here and make allowances too generously. Another thing is that most of them are young and have had no teaching experience before. She knows that she herself has grown stricter



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with every year of teaching.

Miss Hemingway comes in very discouraged just then. She says that she has lost three more of her pre-school teachers today. It makes it hard because one of these was a kindergarten teacher and had the class alone. In the nursery school, two teachers have a class together always; but the kindergarten groups are smaller and older and one teacher handles a class. Also, her other teachers are most of them planning to go out, so there is great difficulty in replacing any of these. She has met the situation, for the moment by arranging to take the class along with her own class tomorrow, then will give the orphaned class a vacation on Friday and try to get another teacher over the weekend. (She is head of the pre-school here in Camp 3, supervises work of all teachers and teaches one kindergarten herself.)



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Employment of high school students

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Today three girls come in to apply for job as part-time typist in BSR office. All of them from the High School office where they have been working part time. KU says that the reason they want to quit there is that all the girls who work in the place are angry about Mr. Potts refusing to let them work more than 20 hours a week in the school office. If they get another job someplace else they can work more than that, and they can't see why they can't there. But he says they are getting credit for part of that work.

Anyway, none of the girls working there in the office like Potts very well.



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65 LEAVE

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Sentiments

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~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ Miss Starkey at dinner talks about a visit she is planning to make tomorrow on one of the issei women here. She is going to try to talk the woman into letting her daughter go out. The mother is very much opposed to the whole thing. The girl is 21 and the family back in California was living on relief. Miss Starkey feels that the girl should go out, and is going to try to get the mother to see that she should be independent of the government.



55 Student Relocation  
Personal Journal, EC  
Meeting with Tom Bodine

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Tom Bodine comes down to Camp III this evening, to be here tomorrow morning to see students individually. He has been in Camp I and II for several days. Is secretary to the Student Relocation Council. (Is a pleasant young man with brown eyes, regular features and pleasant face. Grew up in Connecticut. Was associated with the Friends Service Committee, and was working in Seattle during the evacuation there as was Esther Rhoads in Los Angeles. After that he went into Student Relocation Work, and was representative on the west coast for some months before going to the Philadelphia headquarters when everything was moved back there. Judge him to be in late 20s.) We talk for a while there in the room, about other relocation centers he has visited. He seems to feel that Poston is quite advanced -- at least a better feeling here than in Gila and some of the other centers. He says he has the feeling also that more people leaving from here than from other centers -- at least in other centers he was not conscious of constant talk about resettlement and hearing people all around him asking each other, "When are you leaving" or "Where are you planning to go."

He says he was in Camp II today and saw 26 students there who wanted to go on to school. His voice is about worn out.

Then we go over to the meeting with students interested in college. It is held in the Study Hall. When we arrive, there are about 24 boys and girls there, but gradually throughout the meeting more and more come in until hall fairly well filled. Bodine sits on the table, swinging his legs and talks very informally. He tells them about the work of the Student Relocation Council, about fellowship money available, and reads them bits from letters in the Council's files from students already out in college. Most of these are very favorable. Then he answers questions and sees a few students.



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(Since MF and JS at the meeting take no special note of content of his talk.)

After the meeting and the talk with the students, he comes over to Miss Barley's room bringing several students and one of the evacuee teachers with him. They sit and talk about going out. All come back to one constant refrain, "But California is the best." They start to talk about their experiences just before evacuation. Ken Matsumoto (306) tells of one of his teachers who asked him to write to her, he did and she never answered. He sounds bewildered as he tells this, as though can't understand why teacher could change but he accepts fact that this teacher must have changed his attitude toward the Japanese. Another tells of one of his teachers who was "always cussing the Japanese out in class" but she wrote him a long letter after he got here. Then tell about a boy who got into the UCLA ROTC, one of them says that Japanese students were never allowed to get into upper division of the ROTC, but somehow this boy did. Then quickly, "But California is the best."

In the meantime TB talking with Miss Finch who has come in. He says he noticed very interesting difference in the three groups of students he has seen here, one from each camp. In Camp I, they showed no interest at all in his talk. In Camp II they were up on their toes and almost belligerent in their questions. In Camp III, they were quiet but showed that they were very interested.

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See Bodine just before he left at noon. He said inspite of the fact that he only had half a day here in III, he had seen more students than in a whole day at the other two camps. He was very pleased at the response here.



12 ENTERTAINMENT  
Personal Journal, EC  
Influence of Shibai group

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Sanitation Department

At the movie in 305 tonight, sitting next to Mr. Burge. He says that he is just finding out what a strong group the Shbai people are in camp. One of the men who works in the Personnel Mess herein III has been letting the waste water run out and form a pool under his barracks. The Sanitation Department spoke to him about it, but nothing was done. Then the other day they called up Mr. Burge, asking him to do something about the matter. They said that they didn't want to put too much pressure on the man because he has a strong in with the Shibai group and they didn't want to antagonize it. MB asked them about the matter and found that they had not approached the man further after sending him a notice two months ago. He insisted that the Department send the man another note on the subject, but told them that if the man didn't do anything then, he himself would take a hand in the matter.



Stop in and see TT this morning -- going over after class about 10:45. TT is at home working on the census report, saying Dick wanted a copy. We talk about her trip for a while. She says that for the next 3 months she is going to work on a general report on the Project covering the whole thing -- letting the camouflage report slide for now and including it under the section on Industry.

Ask her about her petition to go back to Hawaii. She says it was granted. As a matter of fact any nisei can return to Hawaii now who is vouched for and who can establish having bonafide residence in Hawaii. But now that the way is open to go back, she feels like staying around here a while longer and seeing what the developments are.

Ask her if lot of people are leaving her block, 31. She says that so far few have gone out but three families are planning to leave shortly. The block people are trying to allow only large families to move into the block, believing that they will be likely to stay here longer and do things like work in the block mess hall. Bachelors and single women are not encouraged to move in because they feel that these would be more apt to take a white collar job with the administration or leave shortly.

Asked about RN, she says that he is very busy working as block manager. He doesn't get over as often as he used to. Ask if he is still settling all the moral problems of his block. She says he has just finished working on one. Last fall there was a kibe girl in 45 who was being mistreated by her parents. Finally it was arranged that she should live with another family and her parents not have the care of her. The girl is 27 or 28. RN found her a husband, a farmer in Block 3 who has some money, and the girl is to be married Sunday. RN was baishokoin and is to give a speech at the wedding. The matter is satisfactory to everyone concerned -- the girls likes the man chosen -- except the girl's parents. They are rather put-out



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with having no say in the matter. AS TT understands, the girl is allowed to go home the morning of her wedding, and then be married that evening.

The other case, of "A", "B" and C" is also settled. "C" went out on Indefinite Leave, and "A" and "B" have settl d down together very happily to await the birthof the child.

We talk of other things -- the fact that have a new council. EC says that she noticed Takahashi is councilman from their block. TT sniffs and says that of c urse he got it because nobody else in the block would take it. Noone was interested in being in the Council.



31 Block Managers  
Personal Journal, EC  
Block Manager Difficulties in 3

6/5/43

This morning at breakfast, talking with Mr. Burge. Ask him if Tom Sakamoto had been returned to office as Block Manager Supervisor. (Had heard from JS that MB supposed to have had an interview with him yesterday to decide the matter.) MB continues eating, and then says "No." A minute or two passes, then he says that the Block Managers Staff sent him a petition asking him to ask TS to resume his office. He told them that he would talk with TS. Yesterday he sent him a note asking him to come in for an interview. He got back an answer that TS would come in to see him on Monday. That's where the matter stands at this moment. He doesn't know what he will decide -- he thinks it will be rather "dreadful" to have him back after all this. In the meantime, he thinks the Block Managers have been getting along very well without him. EC asks what TS has been doing all this time. MB says that he hasn't heard

EC says that at least having this difficulty with the MRB made the Block Managers Staff prepare this material on the amount of food grown in the Block Gardens. MB smiles rather scornfully and then says, "Would you like to hear what the Steward said confidentially when he saw the report?" EC says she would. He suggests she ask Burdick. Then says that Burdick thinks the report greatly exaggerated. For instance, they report raising so many crates of turnips -- but when they have brought turnips in here they haven't known what to do with. Actually, if the report is true, the people in the blocks are getting a good deal more than their ration.



210 Superficial Block Studies  
Personal Journal, EC  
Block 27

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This morning at breakfast, Mr. Burge says (after asking how JS is coming along with his study of the physical set-up) that he wishes someone could make a special study of Block 28 327. It seems to be the worst block in camp. He has heard that it got all the left-overs, as it was filled last. (Last night/wh week when we drove past that block, he made the same comment.) It has never gotten along well with the rest of the community.

EC asks if it has any members who are leaders of the community. He says that there aren't any --- none outstanding in the block. The block manager is pretty weak too.

That is the block where they have their attempts at pseudo-doctoring --- medicine and dental. It is also the block where those boys came from who broke into a mess hall and stole some food. There are still some of that Hawaiian group in the block. They weren't placed there when they first came, but have just naturally gravitated over there as time went on. EC asks what became of the boys --- he thinks for a moment and says then that he doesn't know, he supposes the case has just been forgotten about and they are still in jail. He says he thinks he will ask Sato, Chief of Police here, about the case.

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Generalization



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Ask AG this afternoon if she knows anything about Rev. Okomoto. She says that she only heard him speak once and then he was regular "hell" preaching minister of the old style. He belongs to the Holiness Church which is very fundamentalistic, and she thinks he seems narrow-minded. He is about 36 or 37, has a fine appearance. Is an Issei and has been in this country only eight or nine years. She doesn't know how his English is since the only time she was there they spoke in Japanese because his wife's English is very poor. She would say that neither of them have had too much education.

The minister in this camp who was intellectual was Rev. Kikuchi who was a Princeton graduate. He has gone out now. The others are more or less average, and fairly narrow minded. Rev. Imai is probably the best of those left. She knows him fairly well because he often comes into the office to talk about community affairs.

She doesn't know much about Nagano, but thinks he needs a good deal more education. He has not been through Theological Seminary although he was ordained after coming to the camp. Probably he went to a small limited rather bigoted college. He has never shown much interest in the social problems of the camp -- has never for instance come into this office (Social Welfare) that she knows of.



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Looking over the housing report, showing the fall in population of the different blocks in III with Jimmy Sera. He says that 306 has made a big drop, but he thinks that from now on it will be relatively stable. He thinks that the reason so many have gone out from there is that there were quite a number of "evacuees" in that block. (Notice that here in this camp "evacuee" is often used in a special sense to denote those people who voluntarily evacuated into the free zone and then were later caught by the forced evacuation to the center.) The "evacuees" are leaving, but the rest of the population is remaining fairly stable. On the whole, he thinks, the San Diego blocks are emptying faster than the Central California blocks. His own block has been little affected by resettlement -- he thinks because they all come from the same area and know each other and want to continue living together. Another thing is that the San Diego people are giving or have given up hope of returning to the Coast, while the Central California people hope soon to be allowed to return to their homes. Many of them did not sell their property when they evacuated and wish to return to it.



63 LEAVE

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Personal Journal, EC  
Personnel

Today the Drennan's move down to Camp 3. They plan to try it out for a week and see how it works. Mr. Drennan is to work in the Leave Office here during the week, and after that if he stays commute back and forth to the other camps, probably spending several days a week in the office here. He will do a good deal of counseling work. MB very glad to have him down here and hopes he will spend good proportion of his time in this office.



21/K 7/ Settlement  
Personal Journal, EC  
Statements

6/6/43

During the evening, wander over to the Teacher's Quarters. Sit on the doorstep talking with Miss Finch, Miss Hemingway, Mrs. Lambert and a couple of others. Find none of the missionary group at church, or apparently any others either. Mrs. Lambert said that she tried to get some to go with her, but nobody would go so she didn't go either.

Miss Finch says that she was talking today with Mrs. Kikuchi. Mrs. Kikuchi seems to think that the plans for the family to join her husband in Chicago are not going to work out. It is hard to find a place to live— with the money they have or can make even if she goes to work also they could only get an apartment in a crowded section where there would be no place for the children to play. It would also be hard to live on what they can make with prices as they are now. There are five children, the oldest of which is 16. Mrs. Kikuchi says that they don't mind staying on in the center, but Miss Finch is rather disturbed thinking it would be better for the family to be out. Remember her mentioning the family several days ago and saying that she thinks the children are getting rather out of hand with their father gone, that the mother can't manage the boys as he could. (That seems to be true in other families. Mrs. Takekoto says that her two, 6 and 9, have been hard to handle since her husband went out to Chicago. They don't behave as well as they did when he was here.)



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133 Christians

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This morning KU asks EC what "fundamentalistic means" after having read some notes EC has made. EC explains. KU says that they have had a good deal of discussion about that among their group. "He" (probably Paul Nagano) was saying that Sunday School teachers shouldn't go to the movies or dance. But when they were talking about it, one of the boys who is a Sunday school teacher said, "Oh no, it's all right to do that." KU says that AG is the first Sunday school teacher she has ever had who said it was all right to dance. June says that may be because AG is a Presbyterian instead of a Baptist. We talk more about religion. Then KU says that when she first came to camp she had many friends and used to go around with a large group of young people. But as she became more interested in religion, her circle seemed to narrow down to only those in the group interested also in religion. There were so many church activities going on, that if you went to them, you didn't have any time for anything else. That has been one thing she has regretted greatly when she thinks about it and makes her wish sometimes that she hadn't gotten so interested in the church.

June asks if PH goes to the movies here. KU says she doesn't think so --- doesn't think he dances either. He may look at a movie if he walks past but otherwise not.



12 Entertainment  
Personal Journal, EC  
Scavenger Hunt

6/6/43, 6/7/43

Last night while EC down in the Teachers Block, hear a good deal of scurrying around and laughter as groups of high school age girls and boys go hurrying through the block. Finally one group comes past us and we ask what is going on. The first group is a bunch of boys, who say that they are on a scavenger hunt. They ask if we know where they can find a drinking straw. Mrs. Lambert says that she has one and gives it to them. They thank her very pleased, saying that now they have everything they need. One boy has a cardboard box in which he says they have a velvet ribbon, some toothpaste, a canteen slip. A few minutes later a little group of about five girls comes past. They ask if we have a money order blank. WH gives them one and they go off. They say that this is a farewell party for someone in their block who is leaving soon.

This morning ask June if she was in on the party. She says that her younger sister went, but she thinks it was only for those in highschool.



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Talk with Kay Embree, by EC  
Personnel

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Talk with KE for a moment this morning. She asks if EC planning to return next year. EC says doesn't know yet. KE says that she can't decide. Her brother wants her to go to Chicago for a year and get a master's in anthropology but he hasn't sold her on the idea yet. Some times she thinks she would like to come back as a teacher next year. She can't decide though — it scared her out once and may do so again. She thinks too that next year may be harder than it was this year. EC says that is trying to influence a friend of hers to come as a teacher next year. KE says that FC has been writing to several of her friends, and she knows of several in Chicago who seem to be interested. She thinks that there should be a good chance to get some pretty good ones in here next year. And then with Dr. Cary gone they shouldn't have so much trouble with their teachers.

EC asks if they have found anyone to take his place. She says that she doesn't know — they offered it to Gibson and he declined; and to someone else she is sure they couldn't get. She has also heard it rumored that they offered it to Art Harris. She thinks he would probably make a good one but doesn't know if he wants the job. She thinks it a better idea to get someone in here who knows the situation and has already gone through all the primary frustrations than to bring in some one who didn't know the set-up and the difficulties at all.



✓ 147 Family  
Personal Journal, EC  
Theft

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142 Moral Problems

Miss Hemingway said this evening that this afternoon she heard two little boys talking. They must have been about the second grade. One said, "Let's go over to the Canteen and get some pop." The other one, "Where did you get all that money?" "Oh, I stole it from my mamma." "You've got an awful lot." "Yes, that's why we got to get over there and spend it all quick, because I stole an awful lot." They were very serious about it apparently, but quite cheerful.



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PERSONAL JOURNAL, EC

[ELIZABETH COLSON]

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(typed 6/14/43)

About 4:30, walking over to Block 324 with AG. At 318 stop to admire the ramada. Mr. Inouye, Head of the Landscape Gardening Crew, is standing there. His apartment is close to the ramada. He greets Miss Grube and tells her that he will get her some flowers. He leads us the few feet to his apartment, and starts cutting blossoms. AG says that he was a former landscape gardener in Hollywood and was recognized as a very fine one. Here at his house, she came over one day when he was just planting his garden (his few feet of earth also landscaped, and has path which winds in and out around a fence and vines) She asked him then how many different kinds he had planted and he brought out a typewritten list of 150 different varieties.

While we stand there, another man comes along. Would judge him in his forties from his appearance but he must be quite a bit older. He greets Miss Grube in English and speaks to her in English, though it has strong accent. Invites her to come over, she tells him that he hasn't been in to see her for a long time. He tells her where his apartment is, in Blk 317.

When we leave she says this man (think name is Fujihara or Fukuhara) is one of the most interesting men in camp. He likes to come over and discuss things like Buddhism, History. He also is interested in the articles in the Nation and likes to discuss those. He is reputed to have made several fortunes and lost them both. Here in camp, he stays home most of the time and reads. He's the man who stopped the strike down here. When they held the meeting, and the people seemed to want to go out on strike too, he got up and made a very conciliatory speech suggesting that there should be a committee appointed to investigate the matter further. But he takes no part in politics of the camp or other interests, staying home most of the time. Asked why, she says she thinks one reason is that most of the people in the camp are farming people and not able to discuss with him the things he is interested in. He is a well-



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educated man, went through college in Japan. Few of the other men in camp are that well educated. He also plans to repatriate to Japan. He says that he is doing that with the intention of working for a better understanding between Japan and the United States. He feels that he loves them both, but the United States most. AG says, "And I think he's probably going for that reason. It sounds true, at least from my naive point of view. He's been in this country longer than he lived in Japan, and should be more attached to it."



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This morning Mrs. Takemoto comes up to see LB. Sits outside talking with her and EC. Says that yesterday they had chicken for lunch and for once everybody was satisfied and happy. It was very strange -- hardly any noise at all in the mess hall because everyone was so busy eating.

Mr. Burdick comes out, and Mrs. Takemoto thanks him for the party given in her honor last night. He says, "Nothing I could do or the camp could do would be enough to repay you and show our gratitude for all you have done for us."

Talk goes to the PTA. CT saying she has heard they have just started one in Camp I, last night. She says down here it has gone well from the beginning. LB says that she thinks it's because they have an unusual group of women in this camp, who are willing to take responsibility and work. CT says that at first they were afraid that the PTA wouldn't go over, and it was rather hard to get it started. At first nobody wanted to take any leadership here in camp because they were all afraid that if they did they would be talked about. So they wanted to stay in the background. But in spite of that, they have been fine about coming to meetings and taking hold of things.

She talks about going out, saying there are times when it seems that she can't bear living in camp any longer. But now with the end so near, she forgets some of the unpleasant things.

They talk some more, and she says that Mr. Potts has been one of the hard things to bare here. He never does the things that he promises to do -- says he will do it the way you think, and then does it wrong or doesn't do it. LB says she knows that he is a trial they have had to put up with. CT says another thing is that he has been writing his thesis and using the students here to work on it. They know it and don't like being his guinea pigs. She doesn't think any of his students like him. LB tells her that the rumor she heard that he was to take Dr. Cary's place is false -- she thinks they will bring in an outsider. CT says, "I'm so glad."



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She mentions the Flyns. Says that Mrs. Flyn doesn't feel too well about this place and this may make it worse. One day sometime ago she rode up to I with Mrs. Flyn. Mrs. F. told her that she told her students, "Now if you behave yourselves in my class, I'll be able to go out and give a good report of the Japanese. If you don't, I'll give another one." CT says that she doesn't wonder that the students resented that. She herself couldn't speak to the woman any more during the trip. But afterwards she went to Mr. Potts and told him that some of the teachers were saying this to their students and she wished he would say something in general about it. She thinks he did make an announcement one noon and heard that afterwards several came up to him and said, "Did you mean me." She doesn't know if Mrs. Flyn was one of them.



H/ 52 PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
Personal Journal, EC  
Organisation

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AG says that there are really two parts to the PTA. There is the PTA Council which includes the representatives chosen from each block. They may be two or three or one from a block. This Council does the actual work of planning and working things out. What they decide is then presented at the PTA meeting for all the parents approval. This meeting consists of anyone who wants to come. It therefore has no continuity from one time to the next and no formal membership.

EC says it looks to her as though just few within the Council itself do the actual work. AG thinks this over and says that she thinks this may be true. She thinks it is due to the fact that most of the women here are quite inexperienced in this sort of thing. They have never done anything like it before.

(Something to be found out -- how, when, where and who-by was the Council worked out and how were representatives to it chosen.)



6/16/43

This morning the BSR moves into new office space taking over the rooms formerly occupied by Census and Housing. GW arranged move. Transportation provided a truck, and GW said he would find some additional manpower for the move. First he called the police, but apparently nothing doing for a few moments later goes over to Warehouse and gets some men from there. All transportation people stand around and watch us move. When start sweeping out office where Census files removed, one of drivers says, "Look at that. Why didn't you keep your office clean?" Another one says, "For \$19 a month?" Census does not seem happy about the move, but the head of Housing says that the 310 location is much better for them. When they moved up here, they said though would prefer to be in the other place whenever there was room to put them there.



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This morning during history meeting, topic goes to politics.

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I ask about the election -- if any indication of voting along religious lines. JS says that he has seen no indications that it does, and the others agree with him. Bring up the example of Frank Doi and ask why he was elected. They say that FD was better known than Harley Mimura. He is active in the Buddhist group, is in the Agricultural Department and speaks better Japanese than Mimura. Mimura only in Adult Education. Another thing is that Mimura campaigned for him and that must have had some effect. First MF and JS think HM is Christian, but Jimmy says the rest of the family is Buddhist and he has seen HM at the Buddhist services.



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Today MF and JK speaking about Dr. Mayberry's sermon last Sunday say that many people seemed to like it. MK said a number asked her if she had heard him speak and told what a good sermon he gave. But EC remembers last Sunday when AG and WH came in from church bubbling with disgust. WH said she nearly got up and left the church while he was speaking. They both criticised him as narrow-minded, pulpit pounding. AG makes the comment that never before had she been in contact with Baptists until coming here, but now he was surrounded by them. She apparently regards Baptists methods with some dislike as do several of the other missionaries here. They dislike the pulpit pounding and the narrowness as they call it of the views.



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✓ Christians  
Personal Journal, EC  
Activities of church

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This morning during history session, MF and JK start talking about the lack of activity in the Christian Church beyond the usual singspiration. JK says that lately PN has become less interested apparently in the church and is not thinking up new ideas all the time to keep people interested. You can see the difference -- services no longer as well planned. Asked why they think this is, they say must be because his friends have mostly gone out and he probably wants to go to but thinks he should stay around.

(Think this has been developing for some time. Three weeks to a month ago, remember hearing the girls talking in the office about getting tired of hearing the same ideas so often, and that PN repeating his ideas and stories now in his sermons.)

JK says this mornin. that she has to lead a Christian Endeavor discussion Sunday on what people think of the Christians and what criticisms there are of Christians.



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Meeting

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## 14 Entertainment

Tonight there is to be a meeting of the PTA. The last meeting of the season. The Caucasian teachers are to serve the lunch and have been busy for a week gathering supplies. Mrs. Robertson and Miss Starkey went in last weekend and got lemons and other things for a punch, and they plan to serve sandwiches. Mrs. Takemoto and Mrs. Oye seem to be in charge of the program. Sunday Mrs. Takemoto was hunting for one of the men who works in the personnel mess who has a harmonica band, wanting him to be on the program. As usual, the meeting will be held in 324 Mess Hall, and they plan to have it a big occasion.



12 Recreation

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Children's games

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147 Family

Mrs. CT said last night that when the small children play around the block, often they say, "Let's play killing the Japs." The older people look at each other sadly, but they don't say anything because they think that the children are too young to explain to them. They don't realize that "Jap" and "Japanese" mean the same thing. She thinks it's pitiful to think of all that can be ahead of them when they realize this.



Mrs. Takemoto up visiting with LB today. She says that there are still people in her block planning to go out. Mrs. Matsumoto was over yesterday and said that they were rather planning to go East. Her husband has a friend in the East who keeps writing urging them to come. The family will probably settle near Chicago. (Ken, the only son left who is still in highschool is trying to get out to finish his last year on the outside. Heard him mentioning the other day that was trying to get a dishwashing job in a summer resort. He and another friend of his, the same age were talking about this.)

Mrs. Takemoto speaks of what a fine person Mrs. Matsumoto is, how she has brought her children up to be completely American.

She also speaks of the Ozawa's, and gather they are the best friends she has left in 306. The Ozawa girl is over watching her 6 year old daughter today while she is up here, and before that the Ozawa boy was over.

She starts talking about going out, now now she is beginning to wonder about it. Her husband writes that probably 1/4 of the people in Chicago would be glad to have the accommodations people have in Poston. "In that case, what am I going out for." Says then, "But he wants me to come anyway, and so I have to go." Her son, Junior (about 9) wouldn't stand for it being put off again anyway, he is afraid now that his friends will call him a liar because they have changed the date of leaving several times.



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Talking to AG for moment today. She says that her department is swamped right now. They are working on Clothing Allowance, which is always a busy time for them, and in addition to that two of her girls are sick and two of her girls have just quit her. They are going out. She has added another worker to the department, however. This is an issei woman, Mrs. Endo, whom she thinks will do excellent work.

In addition to the Clothing Allowance, they have been very busy all day with a stream of visitors. She would move temporarily, until the cooler is fixed, into Ad B where there is a vacant room, but has to stick there because of the people coming in to see them all the time.



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Mohave Room

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In Mohave room this morning. Very quiet, although two middleaged women come in and look around, finger the blouses on display but don't seem to buy anything. There are some more of the painted wooden plaques, including a couple of parrots and several other birds. The girl who waits on customers says that three school teachers from Camp 1 were in yesterday and bought a number of these, including one of fish that EC had liked. They have on display a small almost postcard size picture of Poston in a wooden frame but she says that that is not for sale -- it belongs to the Project. The plaques are made by three men, and Mr. Tsurioke makes the originals and retouches all of the painting on them. In one corner there is a small seated Buddha, unpainted and carved from wood.



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YBA night

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§ 71 Resettlement

Jimmy said this morning that last night they had a panel discussion on relocation rather than the regular YBA night. Dr. Cary, Nosoff, and Toshio Yatsushiro spoke on relocation and life on the outside. Then the meeting was thrown open to informal discussion. J. said that a good many questions were asked. There was quite a crowd at the meeting, with the hall about 2/3 filled. It was held in 316 Buddhist Church.

One of the questions asked was about the rumor that all leaves to be cancelled over period 29th to 6th, so that there will be no travelling from the Center on those dates.



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This morning at breakfast, sit at table with Mr. Bash, Mr. Evans and Mrs. Potts. Mr. Bash asks about the news, saying wants to know what happened when Mr. Dies and Mr. Myers met. Others tell him that nothing has been in the papers. They talk, and apparently they believe that the whole relocation program was set going ~~not~~ by Mr. Myers against the wishes of all the rest of officialdom and simply on his own decision. Evans says he thinks Myers should be removed, thinks he's in the wrong. Bash apparently agrees with him. Remember once some weeks ago, Evans made some crack about the return to California and EC asked what he thought of it. He said, "I'm against it, like everyone else from California." (He's an LA man)

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From this they start talking about Negroes. Mr. Bash said last night that Evans was a southerner. Now Evans says that the troubles in the East with race riots comes about because the negroes haven't been kept in their place. The attitude of the south, where they're understood, is that all the negro is good for is to be a servant, "and that's about right." In speaking of them, he always uses word "nigger." Bash says that out here, the negroes (he uses this word) are all right. But back East he has worked with them on construction jobs, and the only way to handle them was to beat one up about once a week. He had one crew with 32 negroes. 25 were as good men as you can find, but the other 7 were no good. Not a week went by, without his having to take a two by four to one of them. (Last night, he told about getting on a streetcar with some other construction workers and driving a bunch of negroes off, shooting at them with life-savers and rubber bands. Laughs about this, and Evans joins in, as though it tremendously funny.) Mrs. Potts says that she has "none of that feeling" toward Negroes, but she won't sit beside one on the streetcar. Evans says, "I won't either. The wife won't either."



After Evans leaves the table, Mrs. Potts says, "One thing about the negroes, they seem to have so many -- sexual -- crimes. You always see them in the paper." Later she says that this is her first experience in living near a minority group. In the Dakotas "there weren't any other races. Well of course, Swedes and Norwegians. But I mean no minority races like the Japanese, or Negroes or Mexicans. Of course there were Japanese in Los Angeles, but I hardly noticed them. I only lived there two years."

2. The Drennans returned late last night from LA, bringing their car back with them.



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Meet Mrs. Oye going into the Canteen this morning, accompanied by her 3 year old boy. Ask her about the Recreation Program, she says that it is to start now the 5th of July. They decided to give the children a weeks vacation between the end of school and the beginning of the summer program, so that they would see how bored they would be without something definite to do. EC asks who is to be in charge of the program, and she says that she has been picked for the job. Laughs and says she doesn't want it, but she guesses she will have to take charge.

She says right now she has a good deal less time than she had before since her husband returned (from internment). She is rid of the responsibility now and likes that, but she can't be as free as before. Then she did her housework when she pleased, but now she has to take his desires into account to -- can't sweep when he is around for instance because he doesn't like the dust. She says that both the children remembered their father. They woke the oldest boy up (6) the night he returned and he wouldn't go to sleep again. The little one didn't know until the next morning, and then he had to get right into the bed with his father.



141 JUVENILE DELINQUENCY  
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Executive Board's interest

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112 EB

This morning at breakfast (Camp 1) sitting at table with Katherine Embree, Frances Cushman, Zimmerman and Haas. KE says that been working hard the last couple days -- 12 hours of conference with Miss Gifford on Child Welfare work here. She wants them to start doing more on this. EC asks if that is to be in connection with the Executive Board's plans for child welfare work. KE says she doesn't know. Talk about this, GZ seems to think the EB is already working on its plan, but EC says they asked to meet with her and discuss the problem before starting and so far they haven't been able to get toger. The Executive Board is very anxious that something be done to stop the development of juvenile problems, and thinks it should set up something like the Juvenile Court which could go into a case thoroughly when anything affecting a child came up and see what could be done, also taking responsibility of working with the child after case was investigated. More than that, they want to see if they can't stop such cases from developing. There are two men on the board who are very much interested in it, and she thinks that they would probably be pretty good at working in this field. Apparently they are worrying about these gang developments lately.



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Gap Cancellation of Travel

This noon, CT at the Personnel barracks. LB comes from her room and asks EC if she had heard that Travel permits were being cancelled for a two weeks period starting today because of heavy troop movements. EC says had heard about it, but thought it just another rumor. LB says that it a definite fact. CT says that she was told this morning, and thinks it may mean she will be held here 2 weeks more. Though Jerry (Wuminow) told her that she might try to take the bus out, to Wickenburg, Ash Forks and Denver, and then from Granada take another railway line east to Chicago. Apparently the movements are on the Santa Fe line, and civilian travel is being held up. CT says she doesn't know what to do -- looks tired and downcast.

At lunch, Mr. Potts says that permits have not been cancelled. Evacuees going out on jobs can still leave. But those going out to visit relatives are advised (not commanded) to remain in the center until this period is past. Civilians can go ahead and take there chances, though he understands that for the past 3 days people have had difficulty getting on trains.



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This morning ask Jimmy Sera if he went to the Volunteer's Send-off last night, he said he did and we started to talk about it. He said that he was struck by the lack of enthusiasm last night -- nobody applauded very much or seemed very interested. In send-offs he had seen in California it seemed very different. There the Japanese had really shown the boys who went "a big send-off." He says he thinks that they made more of it than the Caucasians living around the place, at least there always seemed to be more Japanese down at the train to see those who went off, although only a few Japanese boys going. This was back in Central California.

EC asks if he knows whether any Buddhists approached to take part in the program, since two Christian ministers participated. He thinks and says no, he doesn't think they were. Stops and seems to consider that for several moments as though that were something new to him. Then he says that the list came out on Friday, and at the services Sunday the Buddhists honored their people. EC says that they weren't asked though apparently to take part in this affair for all of Boston, and he agrees that he has never heard of them being approached for anything like this.

Then immediately he starts to talk about the lack of leadership in this camp. In some centers, they have a good deal more leadership than here. Like at Topaz and Minidoka where the people from the coastal cities went. There are people who were big men, leaders of the community before, and among the nisei are many with college education. They get together and discuss things, but here he hears that they have very good programs and ideas up there. But here they don't have anything like that -- he can't think of anyone in camp who were leaders and big men before evacuation except for Harada who was in the Mercantile Company on the Coast and one other family (he mentions name but it has slipped my memory.) The rest of the people, except for a few in San Diego, came from small places in Central California, and there weren't



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any really big people there, the places weren't large enough. For instance, a small town like Visalia, there wasn't any chance for anybody to become a really big man known by many. So there aren't any people here in camp that he would regard as real leaders or big men. Mr. Shirasawa is about the only one that was "they think a lot of him here in this camp. Back home he was a leader -- but I wouldn't really call him/ a leader."

EC asks if the Associations were organized up in that region so that there was a chance for leadership in them. JS says that they were organized and were quite active, but those who were leaders in these were picked up. There wasn't anything against them -- all those picked up, nothing has ever been found against them. Like his father. His father was treasurer of something, he doesn't know quite how to describe it. Anyway, there was an auditorium and a hall there and a place and a school, where they had movies, and his father was treasurer of this. He got active in it about the time the war started. He didn't want it, but they nominated and elected him and he had to do it. After the war started, they heard that over on the Coast the officers of the associations were being picked up by the FBI. His father got worried and didn't want the job, but the others told him he should take it and that since he was only the reasurer they wouldn't be likely to pick him up -- if he were president then he might be but he shouldn't worry as he was only the treasurer. So he kept the job, and then in March they came and picked him up. He didn't know anything and hadn't done anything. But they took him anyway.

JS pauses (telling this with considerable emotion behind it) and then says that this wasn't the real reason his father was picked up. At that time he, (JS) was secretary of an Agricultural Exchange. He and another girl, but he was most active. This exchange belonged to the farmers there, and had about ten rooms. They were growing peas and had to arrange about shipments. Some days they shipped out two and three carloads of peas, and they got letters



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from all over the country -- from New York and Chicago even. The big season on peas is about from December 1st to the New Year and therefore they were very busy right then. Almost every night a crowd of people would come in -- they would want to know about arrangements for shipping or the latest market figures, and since there was no telephone the people would come over and ask him about it. His father had nothing to do with it, but it looked bad with three and four cars there every night. He doesn't know this -- it is a rumor he got from a Caucasian there, Pritchard who was a friend of theirs and had done a lot to help the Exchange. He told him that one of their neighbors had reported them to the Visalia police and said that his father was having meetings there every night. The man warned them to be careful. JS thinks this is why his father was actually picked up. He says he thinks he knows which of the neighbors it was -- there were two of them near there. He says he doesn't blame them, both were good men, but the war had started and things did look suspicious and such things happen in war time.

He goes on to speak of his father, still with considerable emotion in his voice, saying that his father was quite as American as anyone. He came to this country from Japan when he was 16 by our way of thinking, and 17 by Japanese way. He stayed here until he was 22 and then went back to get his wife. They were married in Japan and came back here -- he only spent three months in Japan at that time, and never went back there again. He knew very little about Japan. He could not even write a good letter in Japanese "like me." But still they took him, though he felt no disloyalty to this country and had no thought of anything bad in his mind. They've never been able to show that he did, and now he could come back here if he wanted to, but he would rather stay there at Santa Fe because he likes the climate better. He never did like the hot climate -- it gives him a rash. So he says that it would be better for the family to join



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him and wrote and asked them to come. Where they lived before, it used to be too hot for him and he would go over to the Coast during the hot months and go fishing and then up into the mountains for fishing. He didn't care much for the work but he liked fishing. At first when he was picked up, they sent him to San Francisco. He was there about three months. He would write them that he liked it there, he could almost go fishing in the ocean he was so close.

JS says that after his father went he had a hard time settling up everything. His father wrote to him and gave him advice, but still he had to make the decisions and he had never done that. "I'm young, but then I had to work my mind all the time. I got headaches from it, and I didn't get any rest until I came to Boston. Then I felt peaceful again." He says he supposes it was good for him because now if anything like this happened again he would know what to do, but then he didn't know what he should do. He didn't really expect to be evacuated either since they were living in the White Zone, but then he thought that maybe since it was started it would catch them and so he started to get ready. He doesn't want to have to live through another period like that.

They had seven acres of vineyards there near Visalia. They arranged with the big company that the company should take over the property and equipment at its value, so they didn't lose anything on the property. The agreement is that if they decide not to come back, the company keeps it, but if the family returns they can buy it back -- so much of the valuation of the crop each year for a certain period of years. He thinks the company was very fair to them. But that area in there is the best area for grapes. The company says it gets the best grapes from that little section, and that's why they used to get extra value for their crop. When others were getting a dollar, they were getting 1.30. That was the way it went.



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JS starts to talk about how the Japanese knew how to grow certain crops. For instance strawberries -- the size depends on how the berries are watered during the growing stages. When they went into the camps, the berries were all right, but in a few weeks after they were turned over to Mexicans and Filipinos the grade fell way off. And the big flower fields, so many of which were taken over by Mexicans, he hears have now been abandoned because the Mexicans didn't know how to care for the flowers properly and lost a good deal of money on them. You have to know just how to go about farming with these things.



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AG says this afternoon that from Public Assistance applications:

Roku I -- 21 applications

Roku II -- 35 applications

Roku III -- 6 applications.

(Says also that public assistance applications get more numerous each month as people are beginning to realize that they don't get clothing allowance; started applying around March for the first time.

actually there are more applications than those shown above--  
but these are those which she has approved for aid. The applications now have to go to Miss Butler, who may weed out some of them. AG thinks there were about 80 some applications in all.

she is talking about the work her girls do, saying that in their case work they rarely have a sufficiently long narrative. However they have been pressed for time, working on clothing allowance and public assistance as well as some other work. Now however, they should have more time for the write ups since she is having the new worker, Mrs. Endo handle all the assistance interviews. However there is a difficulty in this that Mrs. Endo speaks and writes little English, and therefore all the write-up business will fall to the girls still.



60 EMPLOYMENT

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Man power

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This morning go down to ELO Employment Office to see about putting part-time workers on full-time. See Joe Iwashita, who says he is in charge of the office. Already the place has about eight highschool bge boys standing their. Go into the inner office. Explain about MO being under 16, and ask if possible to have exception made so she can work full time. JI says that they have to keep within the boundaries of the Child Labor Law -- if they don't WRA would be liable to prosecution. Therefore they can't put anyone under 14 on any kind of a job, those under 16 can't work more than 40 hours a week. Over 16, there is no restriction.

He wants to know immediately if could use more people. EC says could use another typist, and perhaps a research worker or two. He says will send them up. (From way he speaks, gather they are being beset<sup>led</sup> by High School students eager for a full time job.) EC says ~~supposes~~ that has lost two secretaries just this last week, then asks him if his department also affected by leaves. He says he thinks that his is one of the hardest hit. All the job offers come in there first, they read them over and they get the bug to go out. They have had about 12 leave their office.

However, he says he doesn't think there is any real manpower shortage though this unit has lost about 600 people in the last couple months. Most of them in the age group 17 to 30 with a sprinkling of older people. Still he thinks the hardest department hit is the Fire Department. That has had about three different crews in there, and now he hears that they are thinking of going out again. EC asks if and of camouflage helped at all with manpower. He says he doesn't think so -- most of those people went out very shortly after quitting. He doesn't think departments were too badly hit by its opening, schools lost about 15 teachers to it though.



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After leaving there, went over to school office. Found that busy with about five boys trying to get work permits filled out. When got back to office about 10:30, already two girls had been there to apply for typing job. In afternoon two more came in, wondering about research. Researchers did not know whether actually wanted that or not, but to think it over and see me Wednesday if they decide to do it. Before see typists, Terry says her friend (Sasaki) still looking for a job and anxious to get one hear. The typists eager for this job, EC tells them has to think it over as also another candidate in mind, and later they call to say Industry has given them something better.



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About 4:00 this afternoon, Mr. Harada called BSR office trying to get JS. He said that JS had all his minutes of Industry and he had to find out what had happened to them. Also since it was the end of the year, he thought he should get them back, especially since Mr. Togasaki was leaving tomorrow. EC said would give message to JS.

About 5:30, two men came in to the Personnel Barracks to see MB. Talked for some time together. Came out as EC going to dinner, and found one was Mr. Harada. Told him had gotten message to JS and he would send the minutes in the morning. Mr. Harada smiled (face serious and worried and tired) and said he was glad to hear it, that he was being investigated by the Council and felt he should have the minutes. Then the two men got into a truck that was standing there and drove off.

In evening, asked MB if investigation starting up again. He said that it was more serious than ever. The other day Mr. Mathieson and he had met with the Industry men and the Council committee and at that time it looked as though the Council was going to be reasonable about the whole thing. They planned not to press the investigation further, but were going to make some strong recommendations to Industry on things like lowering prices. This MB thought was justified. Then apparently enemies of Industry got busy, and today they sent a memorandum directly to Industry instead of to Mathieson, filled with wheress and saying that since discrepancies in books and overcharging and buying material for resale without processing, the Council is recommending that Industry confine itself to processing and buying of materials and sale of products be turned over to Community Enterprise. MB says of course the council has no authority to make such a recommendation. Mathieson says that since they have made it in writing will have to substantiate their points. MB doesn't know where it will end (seems to be on side of



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Industry and angry with the council) but seems to feel that may be serious matter in the community.

EO suggests it may be good thing to have issue here where people are vigorously taking sides. MB groans and laughs and says that there is going to be something that will overshadow this. They just heard today that their quota for employing evacuees for the next year will be 3600. Right now about 8000 are employed. When the news comes out, he thinks there will be plenty of excitement.



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Baccalaureate

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Talking this afternoon with members of BSR. Ask George about Buddhist participation in camp affairs such as commencement and volunteer send-off. He says never asked and he is making recommendation that they should be. EC makes some remark about how in Camp 3 had Baccalaureate to which Buddhists as well as Christians went, and then heard sermons on "Gloryland" and "Lord Jesus." He says that he has heard something on this. When Paul Nagano asked about preaching sermons, he said he regarded it as an excellent opportunity to preach the gospel of Christ to the heathen and draw some of these on the borderland over into the true faith. Therefore he would preach a regular Christian sermon, or he would not take part in the service.



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Rode up to Camp I in Mr. Burge's car and Mrs. Oye was along as well as one of Mr. Burge's secretaries. Talk with Mrs. Oye about the summer recreation program which she is in charge of. She says it is all planned now. She met with the school teachers this morning, and they have the classes all signed up. She even got a number of classes she didn't expect to be able to get. The program now is going to include all ages, even the 17 and 18 year old boys that Mr. Burge is so worried about. They're going to have radio shop, wood shop, and model airplane making for the elder boys. The boys are fascinated by the radio work, and there are about 12 or 14 showing up every day. It will be held over in the radio shop in 324. Then she asks Mr. Burge if going to be possible to have use of coolers from teachers barracks. He looks straight ahead and says doesn't think so, teachers pay rent on their rooms through the summer. Mrs. Oye says not planning on them, but though would ask. She goes on explaining her program, and few moments later MB interrupts to learn where she would want to use them. She says radio shop only one really needing them. He says nothing more, then interrupts again saying he hardly thinks it possible.

Mrs. Oye explains that going to be sewing classes for elder girls, knitting, embroidery, sewing, drafting, anything they want to do like that. The ages won't be limited -- older girls can come too, those who wouldn't feel right going to the regular sewing classes because of the many elder women in them. The elder women she thinks just go as a sort of club, to talk and visit, and to get away from the barracks. The younger girls who really ~~need~~ need to learn how, could go to these new classes. Besides these, there will be other handicrafts: pottery, modeling, art. And then voice classes, and dancing classes for modern ballroom and jitterbugging and that will include ballroom manners. She thinks both boys and girls need this -- will include junior and senior high school. Then for the boys again, they plan to have



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boy scouts. They are not starting the camps at the river yet, <sup>2</sup>because with the Dies Committee just here it seems foolish to be taking tractors down there." But they hope later on to be able to develop them, perhaps through the boy scouts. She is going up today to see Dr. Powell about the possibility of getting army cots for those camps. The old man who lives down at the river has agreed to look after them. But she doesn't want to have to be responsible for the cots -- she has too many other things to worry about.

For the children there will be story hour and supervised play under the shades. There will also be nature study. The supervised play will have a teacher to a block in most cases, but some of the teachers want to work together and have several blocks combine.

The secretary asks if she thinks young people will be interested in program. Mrs. Oye says she thinks so. Quite a few mothers have already been in to ask if there couldn't be some summer classes for the children. And some of the older girls have already come into the school office to try to sign up.

She has been trying to get the Recreation Department to take a more active part. She herself is now working as a member of the Community Activities Department, though this seems strange to her because all of her staff is coming through the school and most of her supplies. Mr. Potts has been very good about issuing them supplies, and she asked the teachers to save all the tag ends of colors and paper they had left at the end of the term for her so she has all of these. But she wants to find out where she stands in relation to the two departments, not wanting to get into any trouble between the two. That is one reason she is going to see Dr. Powell today.

In the evenings, they are going to try to institute the program that she outlined at the last meeting on recreation. She laughs and says if Jimmy Urata not there to object to everything, might have gotten someplace then.



31 Block Managers  
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New Block Manager Supervisor

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Talking with MB tonight and he is laughing, but think a little annoyed at article in the paper today. He says that he finally met with the Block Managers and the Sakamoto thing is settled. They have finally decided that Sakamoto doesn't want the job any more, so they elected Dale Okazaki who has been doing the job since Sakamoto left. MB says it's all right -- it leaves him with a weak block manager supervisor instead of a strong one, that's all. But in the meeting, he thanked Dale Okazaki for doing a good job in a difficult situation. After that he suggested that they elect a new supervisor. The paper comes out with the statement that "at the request of Mr. Burge, the block managers elected Dale Okazaki supervisor."



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Investigation by Council

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Tonight talking with MB. He brings out resolution from Council to Industry which calls upon Industry to turn over all buying of raw materials and sale of processed material to Community Enterprise, retaining only function of manufacturing or processing.

MB seems very dissatisfied with the matter, though he says that if weren't for troubles with Dies Committee, etc. he would be rather in favor of having a few issues like this in the Camp. He says that they had thought the matter would die down, but Mathieson says the Council is going to have to substantiate its charges. He doesn't think they can. The matter, he believes is one of personal enmity that is pushing the accusations. He thinks it goes back to pre-evacuation feuds, against Terasaki. He thinks that the people as a whole are not interested in the matter, and that for that matter most of the Council aren't anxious to push it further. Takashima, in the meeting they had with Mathieson, seemed willing not to push the investigation further though he wanted to make some strong recommendations to Industry. Hanada, MB thinks, is staying out of the matter and not getting mixed up for one side or the other. Actually in pushing the matter, he thinks the Council is showing its political inexperience and that it won't get far against the more experienced and respected people in Industry. Most of these men were pretty well known before evacuation and he believes have a fairly large following in the camp. But the Council, Industry tells him, are planning to take the charges to the blocks today. EC asks him what Shirasawa thinks of it. MB says that since Shimizu (in Industry) is Shirasawa's son-in-law, he probably has some ideas on the subject, but he (MB) hasn't discussed the matter with him. He has talked with Hanada about it pretty freely.



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Went into Industry Building today and waited on by Mr. Harada, who started a conversation with me. He wanted to know when going home, then when found out came from Minnesota, he said he knew Minneapolis. He used to go out there from his office in Chicago, just for one account, the Young-Quinlan one. It was one of his best accounts. Then we started to talk -- EC asking if he lived in Chicago. He said no, he lived in New York but had an office in Chicago. He knew a good many people in New York, and for awhile he was going to Columbia University. EC asked him what course he was taking there. He laughed in a rather embarrassed manner, then said he maybe should not tell since it would sound funny. EC said nothing, he then said that he was studying for the ministry in those days, it was before he became a Buddhist again. He belonged to one of the big churches there in New York City, but he got out because he found that there were too many hypocrites in the church. He thought that he couldn't stand being around them anymore, so he went into business there in New York instead. It started out -- at first he had many friends among the churchmembers, the wealthy upper people in the church. Because he was something of a novelty, they would shake hands with him and speak at different occasions. Then he got sick for a long time, and all the time he was sick, nobody came to see him or helped him in any way except the minister's mother-in-law though he was living in a district where many of these people lived. When he got well, he left that church and started going to another one. The people didn't like it. The minister asked him why he changed. He told him it was because there were too many hypocrites in his church and he couldn't stand having to



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be with all the hypocrites. The minister didn't like his saying that, but recently he wrote to Mr. Harada and told him that after all these years he realized that it was true what he said back in 1922, and it was one of the best things that had happened to his church, somebody having courage to say that. He told Mr. Harada that now there weren't many hypocrites left there and that if he could come east they would be glad to welcome him back and help him all they could, that they hoped he would come.

Harada says that he is in no hurry to go out though. He has been studying on these things, things like sociology interest him, and he has found out that back east it isn't like it is out here, most of the Japanese have to live in areas that aren't good, like the slums. He wants to be very sure that they can go into a good residential district before they go out. His children are older now, and they should be in a district where they could know good people. When he lived in New York, they lived in a good district -- the kind of place where good people lived, those who had quite a bit of money. It was over near Columbia and St. John's Cathedral. He used to attend the Riverside Church there.

When he started to work, he went in as a common clerk. But before evacuation he was in charge of a big company with many stores (think he said 17) under him. He got there through hard work. EC asks if he was in New York at the time of the evacuation. He says that at that time he was living in San Francisco, attending to the business out there. He went to see a friend of his who was on General DeWitt's staff. This man (think a Major Simms) told him that if he went over to the area around Reedley he would be all right, that



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that area would not be evacuated. So he moved in there, and about three months later was evacuated to Poston. (Smiles as he says this) However, his affairs are not as bad as most people. One reason he does not want to get out, is that the business he built up is destroyed, and the funds frozen under the alien property act. But before it happened, he invested 15,000 dollars of the firm's money in U.S. War Bonds, and the government can't touch that money. So he has that safe.

He says that he came to this country when he was a boy of about 15. His father had been a soldier in Japan, and when he got back from the war, he found there was no place for him in Japan, that he would never be able to do anything there. So he came to this country with his family. Harada went to school on the west coast. He was strictly brought up in both countries. Early in the morning the family would get up and have their prayers before the Buddhist shrine. They would never be allowed to eat until they had said these prayers. Most of the young people in this camp have never known anything but California, and so they think that the whole country is soft and easy going the way California is. They don't realize that the middle people, the good people in the middle west and east are very strict. He lived for a while in Boston, and noticed that the people there were particularly strict. And some of his friends who were fortunate enough to be invited into the homes of rich men like the Rockefellers say they were surprised to find how strict these families were. He himself was never fortunate enough to be invited into these really great families, but he knew well the people of the



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middle class and they were much stricter than the people in California. He says that he met this big minister he was speaking about formerly when he lived in California. The man was speaking at Berkley, Mills and Stanford. When he went east, he took Harada with him. That's how he first happened to meet so many of the big men.

He says the only really big man he himself knew intimately was ex-Governor Miles of Oklahoma. They met on a train one time, and after that whenever he was in the state, the Governor would invite him to come and see him. He tells about the governor's big home, and his Japanese gardener who showed him about the place and told him where the Governor kept his private stock during prohibition.

He speaks of the camp here, saying that today he grew very angry. One of the girls who worked here told him that for 16 dollars a month she didn't see why she should work so hard. He always has insisted that the people here work their full 8 hours a day even before the order came through this last time. (Remember MB once commenting that Harada got 8 hours out of his people). He thinks they should do that just to do good work. In his store in San Francisco he had a good many young people working for him -- they would work until 11:00 every night and never complain. He noticed that, so come fall he would give them tickets to the big football games and tell them to have a good time. So they never complained and always worked hard for him. But he can't understand these people in here. He himself doesn't think about how much he is being paid, and he doesn't think they should. Another thing, they say --- we learned English for the American teachers and tried to become Americans, and



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after all the work and good they did for the United States, they get put in here. The way he looks at it, they didn't learn English or do any work for the teachers or the United States. They did it for themselves in order to get ahead and make money here. They should realize that, but they don't. But as long as he is in charge here his people are going to put in full time.

(All through the conversation, observe that Harada consistently identifies himself with the upperclass, wealthy people. He admires them and regards them as examples to follow, e.g. the Rockefellers as being good, big people. And his boast of friendship with Miles. Also feel lack of sympathy toward the lower class or farming class, including Japanese though could document this less from words. Perhaps this is in the matter of inflection of voice in speaking about the people here.)



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Events around Reedley

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This afternoon have lunch with Miss Starkey and Miss Dean. Somehow Miss Sta key begins to speak of her experiences around Reedley just prior to evacuation.

She says that she went in there in May. At that time the area in the valley was still in the Free Zone. Thousands of people from the Coastal area had evacuated there. They had approached officials on General Dewitt's Staff and been informed that it was all right to go into the area, that it would not be evacuated, and that it would not be necessary to go further east. They believed this and moved in around Reedley.

EC asks her if people were preparing for evacuation during the early months of the summer. She says that actually they did not start preparations to leave until the order to prepare for evacuation came through. Many of them even then had a hard time believing that it was true.

She says that it was about the end of June when Governor Olson came through the valley making political speeches, saying that the Japanese were not safe to have in that area, that it was too close to the forests and water supplies and they could do great damage. Then he went back, and seems to have influenced General Dewitt to order that area evacuated also. Then the other side got busy -- those who were friendly to the Japanese, organizations of growers, producemen and other interests, and they sent petitions and letters to Olson telling him off. When Olson found that his move was not as politically wise as he had thought, he hurried to General Dewitt and tried to get him to change the order. DeWitt told him, "It was on your advise that we ordered this evacuation.



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Now you tell us, you were wrong. You can't play around with the Army that way. We've issued the order and that's the end of it." So Olson had to go back, but he tried to play politics and tld around how hard he had worked to get the order rescinded. (Miss Starkey sniffs.)

Then there was a period when it was possible to leave the Free-Zone -- after they knew the area was to be cleared. By that time, however, it was very hard to get people out. At first they could get a pass and go anywhere else in the country. Now they had to be going to friends who knew them or have a job or place accepting them, and had to have a letter from the authorities in the community where they planned to go promising them acceptance and good treatment. The Governor of Colorado had earlier made a very fine statement saying that the Japanese evacuees were welcome in Colorado. But for some reason, when this new move came up the authorities said that beside this material you had to have before you went into an area, for Colorado you also had to have the personal acceptance of the Governor. It just happened that when this came up, the Governor was away on official business for a number of weeks. None of the other state officials could act, so they couldn't get people out to Denver. She got three families out to Cleveland, Ohio in those weeks -- the acceptance of their reservations by a hotel and the word of the mayor was enough to get them out. Two of the families wanted to move to Denver, but they had to go to Cleveland and then come back from there to Denver.



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Miss Starkey says that one thing happened in this area though of which they can be proud -- there was a minimizing of the financial loss, and no such profiteering and total loss as you heard of on the coast. Her organization worked in with the JACL there in Reedley -- had their offices together. People who wanted to buy called or came in to that office -- then those who were evacuating listed all that they had for sale. They had regular card catalogues of all this property offered for sale. Somebody who came in wanting to buy could consult that, then the JACL people and her organization helped to set a fair price on the property or equipment. So there was no profiteering, though there were some attempts at it. Another thing of course was that the people from that area were allowed to bring so much more than the people on the coast. They could bring 250 pounds of luggage when they came, and then they could ship in freight at their own expense. The JACL chartered cars to bring this stuff in. The largest she heard of was one family which brought in 5000 pounds of stuff. This helped a lot.

She thinks that the people in camp here are probably among the wealthiest of the Japanese Community. EC asked about those who moved into the Free Area ahead of evacuation -- if they brought any problem of relief. She says that many of them were wealthy, and those who weren't were well off. There was no relief at all. People either lived on the money they already had or went to work, many of them in the fields as common laborers, on somebody else's farm or business. She thinks many of them would have moved on east when the new evacuation came, but the rules were so much more stringent by that time and they didn't know what would happen next.



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Talking with Miss Dean this afternoon. She is telling about how the evac ee teachers are wanting to give a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Potts. She would like to help and offer suggestions, but doesn't know if she should when so little money to plan with. Could have done more, if Mr. Potts had announced that he was leaving sooner. But many of the Caucasian teachers were already gone when he first mentioned it. She doesn't even know if he would like a party, but thinks the recognition would please him.

EC asks if Mr. Potts was popular here. She says she doesn't think he was as popular as he could have been, especially among the evacuee teachers and the pupils, but thinks he changed somewhat after the trouble about Willene Willchrist's transfer. She thinks at that time he found that he was on the wrong track and tried to change. But things had gone so far by that time, he could probably never have done as much as he would like to do. She thinks he may have recognized that and that would be one reason why he is leaving.

He was thought to be rather unapproachable. She knows herself that when she would go in to see him for a conference on some problem, he would give a very noncommittal answer so that she wouldn't know anymore than when she went in and would have to go ahead on her own judgment. That was all right and she can see why he did that -- this situation was new to him too and he didn't want to promise anything he couldn't fulfill. But for some of the young teachers, they didn't have enough experience to go ahead on their own, and she knows that many of them felt lost without any guidance.



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EC asks her if Mr. Burge mixed in much with school affairs. She says that she didn't think that he did -- though she imagines that he was consulted on various problems. At least she thinks he would be consulted on something like the choice of a new principal for this camp. EC says has noticed that in the dining hall, teachers seemed to come to him on personal problems rather than to Mr. Potts. She says she thinks that true, that they found Mr. Potts less approachable than Mr. Burge.

We talk about the new program. She says that the teachers here are pleased by the choice of Miss Cushman as principal for Camp 3 although they had never thought about it before. They think there is very good chance of having a strong setup here next year. Before Dr. Powell spoke that day, they had been talking about it. A number of them thought it would be a good idea to have Mrs. Robertson as principal since she has a good deal of executive ability and has done much supervisory work. They had no thought that Miss Cushman might be willing to come down. After the meeting, Dr. Powell asked Mrs. Robertson if she would be willing to go in as Assistant-Principal. Mrs. Robertson said she would be very glad and enthusiastic about that idea. Mrs. R. then went up to I and saw Miss Cushman, telling her how pleased she was with the plan. Miss Cushman said that the announcement was a little premature since she and Dr. Powell were still just talking about the idea and she had made no decision. If Miss Cushman does come, Miss Dean thinks it will be a splendid thing for the school -- since she is well-liked by both teachers and students.



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Those leaving

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Today just before bus leaves at 1:15, go out to the shelter. Find Chiye Takahara sitting there. Says she is going up to Camp I, and is planning to leave tonight. She is going to Chicago, following June Kushino. Says she has missed her so much she could hardly stand staying here. She has no job as yet in Chicago but expects to get one once she gets there.

Several highschool boys sitting there talking to her. The Matsumoto boy and Shirasawa boy. They are talking about how they wished they could go out. EC says thought they planned to. Shirasawa says that they did, they thought they had a job and were already to go, and then they called Camp I and found they didn't have the job. So now they are just waiting. Several members of their bunch pp Johnny Hayakawa and Tats Ishida went out this morning and they wished they were along. (Matsumoto and Hayakawa are in/ to be seniors. Shirasawa just graduated.)



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People leaving

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This afternoon Tats Endo came into the Bureau office in I. He was looking for Dr. Spicer, saying he wanted to see him before he left. He is planning to go out tomorrow, going to Chicago on a job. But he is going to stay there for a month and then go on to New York. That's where he wants to be, but it takes too long to get an Eastern Defense Command Clearance. By going to Chicago, he can go on to New York without one.

On the way, he is going to stop at Santa Fe for a couple days to see his father who is still in the internment camp. He has already gotten his parole, but it takes so long to get out after that that there is no knowing when he will get here. TE has decided that he can't take camp any more and he isn't going to wait for his father's return.



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EMPLOYMENT  
Personal Journal, EC  
Reaction to new employment program

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Talking this noon about new employment program, and cut. AG mentions it somehow in connection with taking on several workers in Social Welfare office. EC asks her if has heard any reactions to it. (She was saying few days ago that she would probably be one of first to get the reaction since she handles Public Assistance cases.) She says has gotten none so far. Mr. Potts starts to laugh and says he has seen one result. The 6 janitors in the school block came to him the other day threatening to quit as a body if they didn't get something or other. Mr. Potts told ~~him/they~~ them that he was thinking that it would be quite all right, that it would rather solve his problem since he was supposed to cut down his staff. They didn't like that so much, told him they would have tea that afternoon and decide whether or not to quit. Next morning they came in and told him they were going to stay.



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This noon Mrs. Burge told me that Mrs. Takemoto got off last night. Only one other person was leaving from Camp 3 but when Mrs. Takemoto with the two children and the dog got to the truck it was so crowded that there wasn't room for her to get on. Mr. Burdick happened to be down there, brought her up to the barracks. She told them what had happened, how all these young people got on the bus just to go up to I to see this girl off, or perhaps just for the ride, so that there wasn't room for her. Then Mr. Burdick took her to I in his truck.

From something heard later, gather that MB was planning to speak to Transportation about it today in rather pointblank terms.



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Work of department

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Talking with AG this noon. She says that there is to be a ~~meeting~~ this afternoon in Dr. Powell's office ~~all~~ of all heads of Community Services. She and Mr. Potts are going up. She doesn't know what the meeting is to be about, but assumes that it will be a discussion of how to cut down the workers of the departments in line with the new employment program.

Says she doesn't know how she stands -- she has eight workers now, having added three in the last few weeks. This includes Mrs. Endo. Right now she has so many, that she can't keep them all busy. But in a week or so, clothing allowance will start in again and then they will be so busy she could use a good many more workers. Right now, she is trying to get them to improve their write ups of social case work since they have so much time.



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Public Assistance Cases

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Talking with AG today, ask her for block distribution of Public Assistance cases. She says she thinks that she can give that to the department. She says that she is already beginning to get reverberations in her office of the new employment program. Many more are coming in now to inquire about public assistance. One of the former workers in the personnel mess was in recently. He is just a young man and still he wanted assistance. She told him that public assistance was only for those who can't work, and that he should go outside where the jobs are, that she couldn't give him the assistance. She expresses considerable scorn at the idea of a young man coming in for public assistance. EC asks if perhaps the man she told to go out might not be on the stop list. She says that she thinks maybe he is from some of the things he said.

(Have noticed AG all out for the resettlement program. She sees some of the difficulties involved in getting people out, but still has feeling that all ought to go out and gets rather disgusted with those who seem content to stay here. When she spoke of the possibility of moving in with Dr. Togasaki in 309 for the summer, one of her reasons for wishing to do this was because it would give her a better chance "to persuade people to go out." Today, when speaking of possibility of giving some data to this department, she mentions the pink paper on "Resettlement" put out by the WRA Community Analysis section, and says that she thinks it a very fine piece of work. She has a lot more respect for our department if our work contributes to such things.)