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About one o'clock in the morning, I arrived back to the Project from a visit to Phoenix. I saw Norris James who told me that Kay Nishimura had been severely beaten, almost killed, on the night of the 14th and that the F B I had come and had charge of the case. Three people are being held.

(AHL)

Nov. 16, 1942

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Ed. Ouchi on Beating of Kay Nishimura

I met Ouchi in the space between Ad. 1 and 2. He stopped me and said that he had been looking for Dr. Leighton, that he wanted to talk with him about the beating of Saturday night. He said that he expected that there would be an administration staff meeting this morning about the incident and that he hoped the project director could be headed off from making any rash decision. He wanted me to bring up his points to Head or Gelvin before the meeting or to make them during the meeting. He feels that it is an extremely important matter and a delicate one which must be handled carefully or it will result in terrible consequences for the community.

"The hitting is something that is going to be again. I was telling Dr. Leighton that someone would be hit soon. There are more who will be hit. When they have all been hit, it will quiet down. There is just one thing that makes them hit people this way. It is the trouble of these nisei young men. It is like in housing, when somebody make a request to that department, and he don't allow it, then the person go away and say that he is doing for his friends but not for other person. These young boys do not treat the people right and the older people say that they should not be there.

Now they have been keeping this councilman, George Fujii. They should not do that, because his block is with him. They are with him 100%. If you hold him that only make it worse and the people become mad. There is a judo instructor who is called a suspect. They have him. But when they keep these men that will not stop the hitting. There are so many to be hit. If they keep these men, then it will be worse, and Santa Anita will be noth-

ing. There is so much here and it is going to be more hittings. It has been forming, all this time, it has been developing. Now it is ready to go, and I was telling Dr. Leighton that it would begin this week or soon.

There is only one way to do it. The people will take care of it. There should be a meeting in every block. That should be called right away. The block managers should call the meetings and they should tell everyone to take care of it. They should explain what will happen if the hitting is not taken care of. They should say that this will turn into a concentration camp. Mr. Head should call all the people together and make a speech. He should tell them that there is no such thing as an FBI man in camp and should make that clear to everybody. He should explain the consequences of these hitting, right out.

The next thing is for Japanese bulletins on the vital issues. Sixty-five per cent of the people do not know what is going on. They do not understand any vital issue because no one ever tells them. The block manager cannot speak English and the councilmen never tell them anything. Everything that is in the Press bulletin, all the vital issues, should be in Japanese every day.

Then there should be an appeal system. The older people when they do not like what the boys in the departments do have nowhere to go. Ninety-nine per cent do not trust the council. There should be a way to appeal. They should be educated to understand about the council, all the details. But they should have a way to appeal first."

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Observation by EHS
Conversation with VK
Subj.: Strike settlement

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About 1:00 A.M. I was in VK's room talking with him about things in general. He was very talkative. He told me that he and JP had been holding a wake on Poston. They had been over in JP's house pretending that Poston was dead and lying on the floor. They had put candles around the dead body and were crossing themselves in front of the candles when JGE came in the door. JGE didn't say much. They explained what they were doing and laughed about it, but the only argument JGE came back with was that WH is a good fellow. It seemed to be VK's opinion that JGE regarded the strike settlement in the same light that he and JP did.

"It's capitulation to gangsters. That's all. There we were over there discussing it. Here's how it happened. Wade was doing a beautiful job quibbling over little things, jumping back and forth this way and that. Then about 7:30 he suggested that he would like to go out and get some supper. Mitani said that they weren't getting any supper and couldn't Wade wait until it was settled. Then Wade came over to us and then over to them and all of a sudden he said, "I guess we agree on everything". It was all over. I think Leighton was happy about it.

The only way I can figure is that he is ambitious. He asked Ted, "How do we stand legally in making a man? How will it look a few years from now?" He was afraid of the

future. What else? Ted told me that that's all he can put together.

We never argued over our point. They were never presented to them. I did manage to say my say on employment. That's all. From now on I am going to be a republican. They have been calling me a socialist. All right. From now on I am going to see if a man makes \$5 that he gets \$5 a day. I am through. I am going to play along with them. Mathiesen took me into the hall after the labor meeting the other day and he said, "How did I do, Vernon? I was just saying things to keep it going. To keep a dull meeting going, youknow. (V's tone was sarcastic.) Then he went over and told Evans about the whole meeting.

About this time MJ came in and began to talk about the employment situation. He said that as early as last July 4 he had had plans for an organized work corp. He had thought of having parades with banners and slogans to the effect that work in the projects was work for the war effort. He thought that there should have been a system of rewards for efficient participation in the work corp. He said that some sort of program with music and speeches and banners should be instituted now to aid the employment program.

MJ left after a while and VK began talking again. He had obviously been humoring MJ who with tongue in his cheek all the time the latter had been talking. Now VK said, (in a very sarcastic vein) "there we have it. That's the thing to do. What is the old revolutionary song? They sang it in Spain, didn't they? "To the Bog. To the Bog. To the Bog".

That's the idea. Let them sing that with shovels on their shoulders marching along singing, "To the Bog. To the Bog." VK was quiet for a moment and then he burst out with the following, "It's interesting to see how MJ is getting closer to the administration body lately."

In the morning before the employees meeting I saw VK briefly. VK said that AE had been talking about the settlement. "AE was sore as hell. He said there is a lot of guys here who got to answer for things. What do they think they can get away with? Boy! But he was sore." VK said at a little later time during the day he wanted WH to get hold of Ishimaru to get the old council members together and get this thing back on a decent footing, but he wouldn't listen.

Nov. 26, 1942

CONVERSATION WITH DICK NISHIMOTO IN MY OFFICE IN WARD 7,
8 P.M. to 12 P.M., Thursday Night.

Dick had received a notice from AHL through Miss Mohri to appear in AHL's office for an appointment tomorrow. It turned out later that he came to see me, so he said, in order to find out how "the land lies" before his interview with AHL.

RN: Hello, Dr. Spicer, how are you tonight? I wanted to ask you if you are going to have an examination in your course any time soon. EHS: No, I explained that there will only be a final.

RN: That's a good thing. I have forgotten everything the last few days. I have been very busy. I had job of taking care of our block. I didn't sleep more than ten hours in those first five days. That's not much. But now I have been sleeping a lot. I was sleeping still when Florence came to tell me. (EHS commented on how fresh he looked.) Yes, I am out of it now. It is all over as far as I am concerned. I figure I have done my part. I was taking care of morale in my block. That is some job. I was going around all the time, back and forth from the block to the fires. They wanted me to come in to the council, but I wouldn't. My job is done. It is peaceful now. When they voted last night, they all voted, everybody, for the trial. That means my work is over. Did you see how they cleaned the place over there? It was all done by nine o'clock, better than it ever was before. When I saw them do that, I knew it was alright. And do you know who cleaned it up. It was all issei. When I saw

that, I said that they had carried it through. There was nothing to worry about. It began well, it went along well, and now they have finished it well. You will see now how the issei will do. All the work will be better. There is spirit now and the issei are satisfied. They will do everything in good spirit and it will be much better than before. It is the issei now.

I have been worried. There is always some radicals. They came in. There was a chance that would do more, but we stopped them off. I am glad it all happened. I know where I stand now, in regard to allegiance. These nisei think that I am a reactionary, they do not know that I am one of the most liberal. I wonder if you can understand that I knew I was fighting for my life. When they were putting those flags up. It was a struggle. I began to feel peaceful when they began playing the American music. Do you remember when that began? I knew that it was allright then. I knew I had saved my life. It is a good feeling when you have lost your life, when you have been down to that, and you come out. I am glad it happened and I am happy now. But that had to come out and I found out about the issei. They are loyal. (EHS: You mean that they are loyal to the U.S., but that nevertheless they would just as soon see Japan win?) No, I mean that they are ready to help the United States win. I found out that there are many issei who want to work in the camouflage net factory. When it is a showdown they will be for the United States. I found that out about myself, when it is a matter of life and death.

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When the flags were going up and when they started the Japanese music, we were worried. I knew what you would be thinking in the administration, but I also knew what it was. It was like boys who are mad at someone and they begin ~~xxxxxx~~ sticking their tongues out. The one who sticks his tongue out farthest wins. When you were worried about who was leading them, I was worried for my life.

(EHS brought up the subject of terroristic methods employed by the leaders.) I will tell you how I handled things in my block. There was one who did not want to go to the fires. So I told him to work in the messhall. He did that and is happy. I think that was justice to him. There was one who was frightened of what was going to happen to him, That was Albert Kaniye. I talked with for an hour. Then I told him to go and work in the messhall. He went there and worked in the messhall all through. He is still working in the messhall and he is very happy . He was smiling even before it was over. He will be all-right now. There were rumors. They said that Bill Tanaka was beaten. But that was not true. He is being taken care of now, that case. That was not a beating. You heard the story that there fifteen men who came to the council meeting on Wednesday to beat up a councilman. Well, I was there. You saw me. I came with fifteen men, big young fellows. I came to bring information to Nagai. Those fifteen men were my bodyguard. I didn't need fifteen, but they came along. That is what it was.

(EHS mentioned the apparent conflict in the residents' understanding of the new employment policy and the administration's.) Yes, someone asked me about that. I said that I thought it would be best to handle it in a negative way. I think they could allow the jobs to be filled. They can't go over everyone. But when there is one in that they don't like, then they can ask to take him out, just work on the ones that do not satisfy them. I think they will ask for the resignations of some Caucasians. That is the next thing. They will ask for the resignations of H.W. Smith and Muddy Palmer and Dr. Powell. Those are the ones they will go after first. Smith has been asking if they haven't been talking against him. He will be the first one to go.

I thought Mr. Head's talk to the crowd was a masterpiece. I was asking myself who was thinking that up. It was just right. (EHS: Did you think it was too casual, too light in tone?) No, not at all. It was what everyone wanted. Especially when he said that no one was to blame. They might have been expecting a scolding, but he didn't do that.

I felt sorry for Mr. Evans. When he came to the crowd. They were all issei there. He told them to go and they didn't. They made so much noise he couldn't finish. He just said to trust in the administration. They couldn't accept that. And the interpreter couldn't translate the last part, asking them to disperse. I think he was afraid. He never translated that. I was sorry for Mr. Evans. When he came among the crowd on

Wednesday night. He was alone. He stood around there. And no one went up to him. No one greeted him. I saw him there. The people he had trusted didn't come up to him, his friends. I thought I would like to go up to him. But I didn't. I thought I had more important things to do. It was too bad for him to be there. Do you think he will leave the project? If he does, if he thinks that he has lost face with the people, then he is not as great a man as I think him to be.

(EHS asked what the committee on reputations would do.)

They will teach the people to act right. You have to understand how the Japanese people manage that. They believe that when a man is spoken against that he should withdraw. That is his duty. They judge whether charges are true through the daily contact, but it is duty to withdraw, when they begin to be made. He does not stay in office. I think they will look into Dr. Ishimaru. He was a member of the antiAxis committee of the JACL. They say that each member had to pledge to turn in the names of five Japanese to the FBI. They will look into him. I think that when Tomo Ito comes up, I will have to defend him. I have had two run*ins with him, but he has done well now. I think he has learned a lot this time. You see the trouble there was that he was in the class below me in college. I am used to hazing him. Then when I come here, he is up there with the block managers and he tells everybody what to do. We do not allow boys to be cocky. I feel sorry for Ed. Ouchi. He was kicked off the

central committee. He came out for seniority on the jobs. The Caucasians do not understand when we talk about the nisei in the jobs. They think we want something for ourselves. John Evans told me I could have anything I wanted, when I talked about that. I thought it was an insult when he talked that way. I didn't want anything for myself. ... They thought Ouchi had been seen talking to Caucasians during this. They would not allow that. No one could talk to any Caucasians about it. They saw Albert Kaniye talking to Dr. Leighton, but I took care of him when I put him in the messhall. They saw Ouchi talking to you. It is going around that ^{is} you said, "This a sorrowful sight."

It is a delicate matter to talk to Dr. Leighton. It is not like talking to you and Mr. Evans. I want to know what he is going to bring up tomorrow. I have to get some idea of what he is after. It seems that I am on the spot with him. I have told him many things. I predicted all this. Last week he asked me to come into his room in the barracks and talk. All this was in the air. I guess maybe I was afraid. I am a little ashamed. I had to stop and look all around before we came out of the barracks. I guess ~~there~~ was cowardice. I don't think I have ever lied, but I want to know what not to say. I want to know whether Dr. Leighton's opinions carried weight at the time the settlement was made, before I talk with him.

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Everything will be alright now. There is harmony in the blocks. The nisei have learned that the issei know how to act, that they can handle things. I think the nisei will behave right now. Isn't that strange that Dr. Leighton thinks the settlement is good and that I am happy, too. I guess you could see how nervous I was for a couple of weeks before this happened. But now I am happy. It is all over and everything is alright.

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11-25-42

Observation by EHS

Hugh Felstead's attitude toward employment problem

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This morning Mr. Head addressed a meeting of the appointed personnel discussing aspects of the strike and announcing the new policy on labor. When the meeting broke up, I found myself walking over to the Administration Building with Felstead, warehouseman. He began to talk to me immediately speaking in a rather disapproving tone of the morning's meeting. He said, "Lots of high-toned language thrown around in there. I guess it sounds all right, but I don't think much of it. It looks to me like it would be all right to just tell the _____ to get down and do the work. It always comes back to this. You can't fire them. We have fired whole warehouse crews. A little later they are back again and it's the same way. The same story all over again. You have to take them back on whether you like it or not. We have treated them all right, too. We don't work anybody hard. I think talk like this morning is a bunch of baloney."

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Wednesday nite 11/25/42

On Wednesday 11/25/42 J. Omori 6-3-B and Paul Higashi 6-3-A called meeting of all the people of Block 6 (ages 16 years & older) to elect 2 representatives (1 Issei and 1 Nissei) to replace 2 of the 72 people on City Planning Board formed during this strike. Mr. Ben Kato -- a issei (very Anti-Axis) and George Kita -- a nissei were nominated and elected with votes of 81 out of 93 people present. J. Omori and Paul Higashi nearly had a fit when they were not elected. 11/26 -- this morning the Anti-Axis group consisting of nisseis as well as their Issei parents signed a petition saying that we want Mr. Kato and George Kita as our representatives. We had 120 signatures from this block's population of 220 more or less.

Geol. Kita and Mr. Kato took this signed petition and gave to the City Planning Council, and the Council have accepted same, although the Council is very angry to find above Representatives instead of Omori and P. Higashi. Now Omori demands that Kato go claim this petition and admit to the council he does not want to be the Issei Representative. Omori says threatening things and what he and his 71 men might do if Block 6 does not give me. It is getting very serious and we cannot have any peace as long as this Omori and Rev. Mitani remains here.

Now Omori, old man Kinoshita, Kanetaro and Yasudas (Joe as well as old man) are trying their best to raise a terror for us residences of Block 6 by threatening so please get rid of old man Omori and Rev. Mitani as well as his backer --- Yamada. We the people of Block 6 are civilized people. This Omori person is so loud and trouble-maker -- we the Nisseis as well as Anti-Axis parents (Isseis) are taking a terrific bearing fighting against odds so please Mr. James do something. This 72 people on City Planning

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anything under Omori and Mitani's leadership with Yamada's brain. Please do not fail us before there is blood-shed. I need your help and I need it badly indirect -- Please do not mention my name. They are nothing but second Imperial Jap governing system in Poston . Help!

P.S. Any opposition to these 72 people are considered "dogs/"
us into our Mess Hall to announce
They forced / that Omori and Paul Higashi are our Representatives
for this strike. We never had ~~any~~ our say.

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Intrvu w Ed Ouchi

7.15. sitg n my room n wrd 8, soft ft steps dwn t hal, coms n, I greet him, sit him dwn n arm chr, he sits bolt upright. I comment on radio nus, French fleet sunk.

E.O. S tr a dr at t end f ts wrd?

AHL. Yes, just like al t othrs.

EO. Wel, I k leve ta wa. I hv to be v crfl, u kno.

He sits and talks fr 15 mins, no smokg as per usl. I go fr som cigarettes, he produces a k pac and sz he hs a cold and hsnt been smokg mc, fm tr on he smokes abt 6. We talk til 10.30. Durg t last hour he sz sevl tim ta he hrs his wife calg, ta she s worried abt him. abt 9 tr s som noise and clapg ovr n wrd 7. He glncs n ta directn and asks wat s gog on. I tel him ta tr s a meetg ovr tr. By means f a no. f qestns I get him talkg abt t events f t week . He ddnt need mc prodg to talk, b dd get ff t subject, and hd to pause t figr out t chronological sqnc. T genl drift z as folos:

Ts strik hapnd bcz f t wa peopl felt abt no stovs, delay n cash advc pay. Ta md tm ready fr t strike. Ty, t Issei ddnt undrstand hw t admin hs been dog t best it cd, ty just blamd t admin. & tn ty begn to blame t k Jpns who workd fr t admin. Wn ts Mr Uchida z arestd, al his frnds knu he z innocent, ty knu his charactr. He z takg a showr ta night at 12.30 and his mothr sas ta he z home at 1. T beatg z at ~~k22xk2~~ 1.20 He cdnt run awa ovr tr fm t blk whr he livd to ta beatg n ta tim. T swrd ta ~~k2x2x2~~ z fwnd tr znt at al like t one Uchida hd, I kno t man who md Uchida's, he z a xpert, ty wr diff sizes, t one ta z fwnd w Seto z nt so wel md. I am convinced ta Uchida z ~~k2x2x2x2~~ innocent. It s tru most f t comunity z n favr f t beatgs, thot t peopl who got beatn desrvd it wr bad Alecks, b ta doesnt mean ty aprovd t peopl who dd t beatgs.

Ty wr just hoodlums. Mr Uchida z hi up n t study f Judo and livd by Judo morals we r v strict morals.

AHL. Wdnt he be bound by honor to evange a wrong to his faml?

EO. ~~MM~~ No, not ta wa. SO I am sur he s inicent. Al his famil and frnds tr n blk 28 ty kno he s inoent. Ty hv meetgs, get up petitions, b admin, doesnt turn him loose. Wed, crwds gathr by t jail. First wr his frnds, othrs cam, ty ddnt kno why, just to see. Tn t idea fr hv strike gets arwnd. Ty hr he s beg held wn he s inoent. T mob gets angry. Afr t cwncl resign, Nagai t charman f t Isei advs board, cald togethr blk representitivs. Ty cam fm al t blks, may be only three or four, may 12. Tn each blk choose 1 rep. isei or nise, who ty want. Tn fm tm ty apoint an executiv comitee. L membr fm each qod. I z on ta comitee. ~~MM~~ Omori z sitg tr and he just becam chrman. Tn we arangd abt continug t subsistence. I told tm we must make ts a strike w order. Preserv t peace. Next tg z to elect 1 mo rep fm each blk who cd act incase f emergency if somtg hapnd to t othr one. Ty ddnt try to hv 1 isei and one nisei, b just to hv 2 men fm each blk. We workd til abt 3 a.m. Tn we met agn t next dy to draw up our plan. Ty talkd tr fr two hrs and ty wr nt getg anywhr. Finally I told tm wat ty sd do. In 15 mins I gav tm a plan. Ty ddnt like it. Som one sd who s ta young felo ta talks too mc. May be at ta tin som one sd somtg abt dog. I told tm ta we hv to hv 6 comitees. 1 fr preserv t peace, one on ifomatn in camp one, 1 fr info to camp 2 and 3, 1 fr transportatn to take t comitee membrs arwnd to tr meetgs, 1 fr fd suplies, 1 fr haulg wd fr t fires. Men volunteerd rt awa.

AHL Dr Mizushima hedd up t one fr law and ordrr?

EO. Yes, he dd, ty hd 15 men who wr on duty tr bfr t jail to reglate tgs. N t aftrnoon, comitee z cald togethr n wrd ~~12~~ 7

to hr Mr Evns speak. Ty wr demandg unconditnl rels. Jn Maeno
cam up fm camp 2 and he proposd ta ty hv a trial n Parkr, or
n Poston w a cauc judg and Jpns jury.

AHL. Z JM a gd choice as a go btween?

EQ. No, he s a lawyr, and man who s lawyr s too naro, k nl see legal aspect, not bread enuf to be gd go-btween.

AHL. DD it do harm bcz he z fm camp 2?

EO. No ta ddnt matr.

AHL. Hw abt beg a membr f JACL?

EO. Yes, ta z bad. Ty dont trust him on acnt f ta. T comitee f 72 wdt take JM's proposls. Ty wantd undonditional lelease. Tn Mr. Evns cam n and talkd to t peopl. I znt tr. I z outside argug w Milr abt t evidence. But aftrwrd we went bac and we hd a meetg f t centr1 comitee, just abt 5 f us. ~~IXIXIXIXIXIX~~ No body z satidfied w Mr. Evans proposal. Not astidfied w lelease f Mr. Fuji. We talkd abt it, and I sd we wd hv to wind up ts strike soon, by Satdy, we must find som wa. We sdnt let it go mo tan ta. I thot we cd hv a trial hr n Poston. T mob z getg strongr idea ta ty wantd ~~unx~~ unconditional release al t time. I thot we cd hv a trial hr and release Mr. Uchida n custody f t comitee. I spoke tn abt t gangstrs getg in. I hd seen one man drop out ~~xxx~~ n t mornng. Somoen hd sd somtg abt him beg a stooge, and he got up ans sd it znt tru, b n t aftrnoon he z gone. And tn a cpl mo disaprd, and I knu wat z hapng, gangstrs whisprg arwnd. T nest dy z Fridy. We hd a long meetg ta ftrnoon. JM cam agn and sd tr mite be awa fr t dept f t Interior to hv trial hr n Poston. N t mornng, we hd meetg too. At ta tim, I hrd I z beg cald a dog. It cam to our blk fm outside, b I kno who brot it n. Okomoto, f our blk, 30, who s n t Goh dept. he brot it n. He s radicl and stooge fr t gangsters. My brothr n law and my frnds told me ta ty wr sag ts abt me.

I watchd him n t meetgs and I cd see ta he wdnt look at me. Wn ty talkd n t aftrnoon abt trial n Poston, Okomoto oposed it. He s gangstr stooge and agnst concilialatn.

AHL. Wat md u tq f ta first?

EO. Hunch. U kno u k blv ur hunches, tu wil tel u truth. It may seem hrd to blv hr, b n orient, se tgs hapn. It s a pwr wn. I hv seen w my own eys, one time wn tr z a fire set by a firebug, t priest n t templ cam out next dy at a mas meetg and sd ta t guilty on z tr n t crwd and ta he wd point him out. Tn he thru up som pieces f papr and ty flu dwn agnst t wind on to t hed f a man and he cdnt shake tm ff and finl he admitd he z t l done it. Tn I hv hrd f a case n t vilage whr I livd whr ty caut a murdr 150 miles awa. Out tr, peopl kno tes tgs r tru and wn ~~xx~~ police kant catch tr man, ty use tes peopl. I hv practice ta, u hv to get u body n gd shap, first and tn lern to concentrate. I get up q mornng at 4 or 5 and hv a cold shwr,. Ta makes ur mind calm. Tn I sit and concentrate. U got to nro u mind dwn to a singl point, tn it k xpand agn aftr ta and take n al tgs. U k even travl arwnd t world w u mind, lev ur body. B I knt do ta, I hv just got to whr I k concentrate on a point. B I kno u k trust ur hunches.

AHL. S ts t wa oldr Jpns blv?

EO. No, Nl a fu who hv studied tes tgs like me. I hv studied som fr many yrs, b snce I hv been hr, ts s t tim I tq I wil hv to study mo.~~xxxx~~ I hv mo tim nw and I study mo. Wel ta s hw I get to kno abt Okomoto. 3 times ta aftrnoon wl I am talkg, my frnds cam to t door and cald me out and told me I betr qit, lev t meetg or ty wr comg to get me and beat me up. I told tm to let tm com ahead, com n t meetg and get me if ty got t guts. I saw ta mo and mo gd peopl n t 72 wr dropg out and I thot I sd hv to tel t comitee abt it. So I std up and told tm, ty sd make ts settlment and ta we wr

nt nly fitg t admin, b we hd to fite gangstrs getg control f t crwd
and usg ta to get to pwr. I told tm tn al t tgs ty hv n tr
proposals nw abt putg n ~~px~~ betr Jpns peopl n hi positns, hvg t resi-
dents hv som sa n selectg tes evacuees fr key positns, and I told
tm one othr tg ty dont hv, I sd tr sd be som one close to Mr Hed as
and advisor, to look ovr t whol pictr. Ty ddnt like t wa I talkd,
B I thot I hd to warn t comitee, and t only wa I cd do ta z to
speak ts wa and tn resign. So I resigned Friday night and snc tn
I sta rt at hop. B tos comitee membrs, Mitani, Nagai, ty com dwn to
see me q dy and tel me wat s gog on and ask my advice. ~~XXX~~ Ty
sho me t agreement ty md w Mr. Hed and I tel tm ta it s alrite,
but ty left out one tg, ta abt hvg advisr clos to Mr Hd. U rembr
like I talkd to u abt ~~xx~~ two old men.

AHL Dd u sa anytg to tm abt talkg to me?

EO. I talkd to Nitani abt talkg to u abt evac and he sd he wd like
to do it. I told t othr to and he sd he wantd to hr mo abt it
first. I z gog dwn to talk to him, and tn ts strike cam along and
it al blu up.

AHL. Cd we do it nw?

EO. I tq we mite, b u kno tes peopl r afraid to talk to admin
personel nw, fraid f neg cald Dog.

Snc Friday nite I hvnt been n w it, I want to remain quiet nw fr
2 or 3 mos. May be I get a job wqshg dishes. I want one ta wil giv
me a lot f tim fr ~~xxxxx~~ my studies.

AH.L Who r som f t gd men on t comitee?

EO. Mitani s alrite. T trbl s tr r no clevr ones on ta comitee
nw. T gangstrs hv worked it so ta al t ~~xxxxx~~ men who cd hv done
somtg hv left. Tr r no gangstrs on ta comitee, b tr r a cpl f tr
stooges. 1 s Nakamura and t othr s Okomoto *N s a parolee*

AHL. Wat r tr bac grwnds?

EO. O z n produce business. I dont kno Nakamura, I hvnt seen him bfr t comitee meetgs, b he s alwas w O. I tg he s fm blk 17.

AHL. Wat sd t admin do abt ts gangstr situ?

EO. Load ta central comitee w responsability. Ty wil not be abl to take it, ty wil not kno wat to do. Thus ty wil crumpl up. Tr r nt enuf brains in it.

~~Rx~~ AHL Wat abt Omori and Nagai?

EO. Ty k talk and impres t crwd, b ty r nt very smart.

AHL R ty tooges fr t gangstres?

EO. No, ty r al rite. Nagai z a bad Aleck, b he changed a wl ago.

AHL

Wel if ts comitee collapses, wont ta make fr grt confusen n t

comunity?

EO

~~AMk~~. Yes, b ta wil be al rite, we wil be abl to stand it. Tr s a countr mov agnst t gangsters getg gog nw. Ta wil giv it a chance.

~~Rx~~ AHL Whr?

EO Blks 56, 11 and 12 hv it strongest. Tn it s getg prety strong n 4, 3, 13 and 14, and in 2, 15, and 16 it is beging. 19 s changg too. 30 whr I liv s t worst. No gangsters tr, b ty r undr tr influenc. Our representitiv s a stooge. Blks 37 and 38 r bad too. T gangstrs tmselvs r n ts blk ovr hr, 36, 35, 45 and 46.

AHL. ~~R~~ Wat abt 54 and 60, tos blks?

EO. Ty hv stayd by tmslevs thru most f ts, sort f out f it.

AHL. Wat kinds f peopl r t gangstrs, hw K t Admin tel?

EO If ty watch ty k tel. Ty sd look fr Kibes, and youngr Niseis who r bachlrs or who hv no families hr. Ty hv t names f al tes comitee membrs, ty k check bac on wat ty dd bfr ty cam hr, see wat kind f recrd ty hd n t comunity ty cam fm. Ty sd look at tes Jodo and Kendo clubs, nt t real judo and Kendo men, tos ta r really n it, bez ty wdnt do tos tgs, b t half baked membrs, watch tm. Tn t gamblers and t produce merchants, ty r politicians. I sa ta

t beging, ty sd hv ofrd t trail n Poston and t release, nt latr tan Thursday, b by Sunday, tgs wr changg, ty ~~sdx~~ sd hv drawn it out. If ty hd don ta, ta comitee wd hv gone al to pieces. As it s nw, peopl r nt behind tr agreements. T Nisei want to go bac to work, b t Isei do nt. Tr r 6 tgs wc I ~~kk~~ tq Mr Hed sd tel t peopl, sd tel to t comitee f 72. Tgs donet get bac to t peopl fm t central comitee. 1.) He sd tel tm just like u told me nw and wc I ddnt kno bfr, ta t FBI k stil com n and take Uchida or anybody els if ty hv a mind to. Ta no one can interfere w t Fedrl Govt. 2.) Ta it s tr responsability to see ta tr r no mo beatgs, and if tr r, ty wil hv to take t conseqnces. 3.) He sd urge q body to go bac to work fr tr own sakes, 4.) He sd point out wat t attitd f t public on t outside is and hw it has been afected by ts tg. 5.) He sd tel tm ta he ~~x~~ wants closr contact between t peopl and t admin and ta is sd be done thru ts comitee f 72. Any othr wa. peopl r afraid ty wil be cald dogs. 6.) Ty sd get to work on t various comitees ty r to form rt awa. Tel tm ta ty must get ta done at once. He sd make tm ~~feel~~ ta it s tr responsability to get tes tgs done. Dont mention ~~my~~ my name, b I tq he sd do ts tomoro. It ~~xx~~ wd be just t rt time. He sd tel t 72 also to go rt bac to tr blks and tel al tr peopl. Only abt half of tm wil do it.

AHL. Ts comitee ta s t pas on charactr, snt ta likely to be used fr political purposes?

EO Yes it s, and wat Mr H sd do s to let t central comittee select and nominate t men, b he sdnt apoint tm til he hs nvestgiatd tm thoroly.

By ts tim EO z sitg on t edge f his chr preparg to leve. I askd abt wn we wd meet agn, he sd he ddnt kno, he hd to be carefl "ty" cam to his hws fm tim to tim to see ta he z stayg tr. He cdnt talk to anybody arwnd his blk, nt evn his close frnds

evnt tho I am I myslf. B I hv past thru ta stage, I am beyond it.

I dont care fr politics any mo.

AHL. Wat r tes gangs?

EO. Ty hd tm bfr we cam to Poston, n t big cities, n t ltl Tokyos, ty wr a force tr.

AHL. Wat dd ty do?

EO. Wel, I sdnt tel ts, I am nt a stooge, I hv never been n my whol life, b I wil giv u and exampl. T men who ran t gamblg hwses, ty directd t gangs. T gangs wd go arwnd and colect money fm t Jpns peopl, suposedly voluntary subscriptn to t Jpns army. If t peopl ddnt pay up, ty wd make a public disgrace.

AHL Hw?

EO Whispr it arwnd ta ty wr disloyal , wdnt subscribe, wr som kind f stooges, threatn.

AHL? Beat peop up?

EO. No. Tn wn ty hd t money, ty wd just publish n t papr ta it hd been sent to Japan, b no one evr knu hw mc t Jpns army evr got. T gamblers got t most f it. B ta wa peopl hd to subscribe who ddnt want to. Lots f peopl went to concentration camps bcz tr names wr on t books as hvg subscribed wn ty dd it only bcz ty hd to. Ty hd othr kinds f chraitabl subscriptions too.

AHL Dd t gangsters ever shake t merchants and othr peopl dwn fr protection as ty used to do n Chicago?

EO. No. I tq we wil hv mo trbl hr n a fu mos. I tq we wil hv a real war (pressg dbld fists togethr) btween Isei and Nisei. Snc Mody ta comitee hs been losg pwr. It doesnt represent t peopl. Ty hv no faith n it.

AHL T isei?

EO, Yes, t Isei, most f tm hv no faith n it nw. At t time f t strike ty wr al stird up. U saw ta mob, tr z notg ntelligent abt ta.

Nw ty r calmer. I tq t admin sdnt hv concludd w tm so soon. At

any mo. He sd he ddnt mind t beatg, b if it hapns to u, u k nevr
clr ur nam agn. He ddnt tq it wd hapn to him if he z carfl. If
it does, he knows wat steps to take, he wil see ta ty get trs.
He wil ~~gax~~ put it to t U.S Attrny. He tried to organise a systm n his
blk whrby if any one got attacked, ty cd cal fr help and a grp wd
rush up and beat ff t gangstrs. Okomot z oposed to ts, so it ddnt
go thru. T electn t nite bfr last z a farce. ~~Ex~~ Ta z to put n
a nu 72. Ts tim ty deciddd to hv l isei and l n. EO tqs ta s bad
it makes fr clashes. At presnt t Ns dont kno wat t Is r dog, b wn
ty find out, ty wil nt folo. ~~E~~ At ts electn, O sd he wd apnt a
nomiatg comitee. Ts he ddt and himelf and his three closest henchmen
wr nominated. Tn ty hd a closed ballot and O and one f his hench-
men wr elected. O hd control~~x~~ ovr t whol tg and no one els evr hd a
chnce.

He wantd me to tel WH ~~tax~~ why he s leyg low and xplain ta he s nt
rung out, b wants to be a bysatndr and observr fr a wl.

I sd I z n somwat t sam positn, ta I hd hd an uphil fite to
gt t staff to ~~cept~~ me and nt tq f me as a spy or a stooge, ta he
and I as by standers hd a lot n comon. He sd he hd thot ta bfr and
he bet he knu who wr t ones ta most suspectd me, ty wr Haas, Twnsend,
Kennedy and James. He felt ta tos 4 ddnt undrstand Jpns and wr un-
easy abt it, and ta md tm feel some oen z spyg on tm. He hd thot
ta fr som time, b he hdnt known who it z ty suspectd. Xcept Haas whom
he hd herd sa somtgs ta md him feel he lookd askance at me. We
aranged fr anothr meetg n ts room a week fm tomoro. If he knt com
or if he wants to contact me, he wil brg a mesage n a sealed envelop,
leave it on my table. It wil be unsigned. Tqs ts s betr than thru t
male.

Bullet points he no part in politics out
JE

- 1.) The legal status of Uchida should be made clear. The FBI can arrest him or any bodyelse in the project any time ~~xxxxxx~~ they wish and there is nothing that can be done about that. The law of the U.S. is supreme.
- 2.) It is the responsability of the committee to see to it that there are no more beatings~~xx~~ in Poston, and if there are the peopl and the comittee wil have to take the consequences.
- 3.) Some description of the pressures ~~xxxxxx~~ that the administration has been under from the outside should be given and the adverse effect the strike has had on public opinion and on the plans that the administration and the WRA have been making to help the people.
- 4.) All people should be urged to return to work as soon as jobs are opned, and it should be stated that this is not only needed for the good of the community itself, but also to make a favorable impression on the Ameirican public and political leaders so that the future of the Isei's children in America can be more secure.
- 5.) There should be closer contact between the administration and the people and the committee of 72 should take it as part of ~~xxxxxx~~ their responsability to sponser this.
- 6.) ~~The people who are responsible for the situation~~ The central committee, if it is to fulfil its obligations to the community and its word to Mr Head, must set up its vari us committees and get them into operation at once.
- 7.) The people who hear these words should take them back to their blocks ~~xx~~ and make sure that every man, woman and child hears and understands them.

LOG

1. Conversed with Uchida, Chief of Police and several other policemen at the Police Station after phoning Mr. Head and arranging for him to speak to a meeting of 72. I attended the first part of the meeting, coming about 10:35.
2. Attended in the afternoon - 2:30 to 5:00 - meeting of the Employment Committee of 8 with Mr. Kennedy.
3. Len Nelson discussed - 7:00 to 7:15 - the employment program. He was chairman of priorities committee and stated he had wanted me to attend previous day's meeting.
4. Saw law clients including Mary Sonoda, Gerald Wumino and another person, etc.
5. Spoke with several returning beet workers from Nebraska and Wyoming. Several were enthusaistic about the nature of the experience.
6. Mr. Fister consulted me re sales tax letter and the general cooperative situation.
7. Introduced a boxing instructor to Mr. Empie and arranged for him to see Dr. Powell before getting permit to 3.
8. Aided in securing express material for Townsend's office.

By T. H.

(AHL)

11-29-42
AHLeighton
Sunday 11.15 p.m.

I z just getg nto a bath at 9 wn Fathr Clement and Mr. Nobe
t prmest cam to t dr lookg fr WH. Sat and talkd fr a wl.
Fathr C hd a note fm Dr. Mizushima fr Mr. Hd givg som stuf on
Nagai. Must get a copy. Fthr C a lso v bothrd abt t wa t Jpns
r agnst NJ. Ty sa ty hv two witnesses who k prov he s FBI and
if Mr. Hed doesnt tq so, tn ma be Mr H doesnt kno. Ty wont pa
a ny atentn to t thot ta u knt keep t FBI out. Ty wil listn to
t idea ta it s betr to kno who he s and so keep awa fm him.
Fthr C and Mr N both sa ta t Jpns depend a lot on hunch, ty call
xxxxx kimochi
~~ixxKimmashkix~~ Once ty get a notn, u knt shake it. Mr. N hs a
phrmicist frnd who sas ta Mr Nagai hs been a trbl makr fr a long
tim. Z a rabl rouser and a fruit tramp. ~~xHsxzbzenznzxx~~ Hd a sign
outside his barra ck a ftr he cam hr sag ta he z mayr, just as ty
do n t Jpns vilages. He tried to get peopl to stop work and his
blk got up a petitn abt him wc ty gav to Mr Evans askg fr his
rmovl. Mr E ddnt do anytg abt it bcz he z n t IAB as chrman wc
hd just been formed. Fathr C and Mr N both tq tr r many tqg
Iseis who r worried abt tr childrn and k be ~~xx~~ apled to bcz
f tr families, b t trbl makers r t felos wout families. Mr N s n
a v beligerant mood. Sas he k get 50 or 60 yung felos togther
to ~~ixttx~~ take a strong stand if nec. He feels his futr s a t
~~xstaxkx~~ stake. WH who we got in, sd ta z tru and rubd it n by
~~pxixk~~ sag bad press hd ocurd n q paor n t land and t governr f
Arizona hs cald him up abt it. N tqg ta Nagia ma be a paid ~~axxi~~
axis agent and he and Tachibana sd be nvestigated. N told hw hs
wife hd 30 girl frnds al cauc wn she z ltl, tn ty dropd to three n
hi schl and none n coleg -- just bcz she z Jpns. Ishimaru s reportd
by N as wantg a week to look tgs ovr and tq tm ovr. N tqg somtg

sd be done soon to contract t effect f t gang tes guys who r n
ts fr persnl profit. N doesnt trust Mitani, tqs he s out fr
No. 1. Fa thr C tqs ta tr r many Isei who nw tq ta t whol tg z
a bunch f foolishness. He finds ty k be apld to on t basis f tr
childrens wel-fare. Both N and Fathr C tq x ta most f t I lov
Jpn, b ta ty wdnt cause trbl. N feels v strongly resentfl f t
I fr causg trbl, sag ta n any othr country n t wrld w beg enemy
alians ty wd be n a concentratn ~~xxxxx~~ camp, and ta ts place z
set up fr t Nise to make somtg out of it and t oldr peopl r just
hr on sufrance so t fa milies wdnt be broken up.

Via Dr. Perky:

COMMENTS FOLLOWING THE FORUM
DEALING WITH THE RECENT STRIKE

Not quite enough was said for the Japanese last night, it seems to me. I do not see sufficient reason for discomagement or sense of failure. In the first place we did not get so great loyalty from our own boys until they were drafted; and now we hardly know how they really feel. At least the wails from McLeish and others indicated that. Our competitive society stimulates personal outline and requisitioners, rather than exprit-de-corp.

On the other hand the Japanese had, in our isolation of 250 years, developed a strongly knit Social fabric in which brotherhood was a religion. They were equally the children of the god-emperor and the divinely born island.

Moreover, this island was endowed with sad loveliness that they could not help worshipping it and creating from it a world of art. It has been a marvel to me that the Japanese are so American. And those I teach claim America almostly fiercely. Nothing effects them so as to be considered un-American. While at the same time they lack initiative and self-respect because they want to be wholly American and are conscious that they appear different from the Caucasian. They measure themselves by Caucasians and have said repeatedly that they now ruin both the friendship and the stimulus of Caucasians.

In a debate on the value of working outside the camp, one boy said, with the assent of the group, "If we work outside with the others they will see what we are like and not hate us so."

I believe they are very lucky to be here; but it is natural for them to look on the other side. Knowing little of what is happening in the

world, and what they think, I believe it should be taken into account in estimating their loyalty. If they thought someone employed by the FBI was an informer and was also taking money by promising to protect them against being informed upon, and if they thought they knew the record of this man, that he had been dishonest in business and was in general a rotten, it is not surprising that, after this had gone on without any redress, they should begin to take things in their own hands--I mean, if they thought this even if it were not so?

I can say for my group that, after they became convinced of our good faith, they buckled down to work with a zeal (or something approaching it) which they had never had. They are reexamining the idea of democracy. Knowing now that it has not been fully achieved, but trying to see how it can be increased despite fascist influences around them. (AHL)

12-8-42
(Rec fm ruf notes
12-22-42.)
AHLeighton

WH and JE both drew me aside at dif times tody and askd if I hd any info abt ndividl evacuees who wr bad eggs. Ty sd ta JE z preprg a list f names, colectg info on tm, pavg t wa to getg rid f tm, and ty thot al sd help w ts, thro n watevr he hd. Ty ech spok n a lo voice, w consid ntensity, loo g darkl flushd. Both spoke w som vehemexnce abt t men ty thot wr causg trbl - tho namg no names - and hw ty wr gog to get tm. WH sd ta he thot any one who hd stird up t strike, whthr pro-axis or nt sd be arestd. WH spoke to me bfr JE dd. I told tm both I thot ty ot to go v slo. It wd make matrs 10 times worse if ty pld up t wrong ppl. Also, tr wr two kinds f ldrs n t stike, tos w who stird it up, and tos who got on board later and tried to keep t crwd n control bcz f tr feelgs fr t comunity. I also told WH ta ~~xy~~ t comunity wd hold him to his wrd, as he hd stated on t last nite f t stike, ta no one z to blame, and if aftr makg t negotiations he tn jumpd ppl, it wd be considrd a plain dbl cross by bad and gd alike. WH sd it mite be worth dog so any wa fr t gd f t comunity, and tn he cd resign and let som one els take ovr. He sd ~~mfzix~~ he wantd to do q tg he cd fr tos ppl who wr ~~kexak~~ gd Americans, b he dnt giv a damn fr any ta wr folwrs f Hirohito. I sd ta one hd to distg btween folwrs. We hd to rec ta almost al t oldr ppl wr atachd to Jpn emotnly, b ta znt t sam tg as pro-axis plotg.

Dr. Pressman mentnd to me ta he got cald out last nite to atnd Dr. Pwl n t midl f t nite. Tr dnt seem to ba anytg wrong w him, but a ltl gas pain, b he z worried abt his hrt. Ta s whr t pain z. ~~He~~ He s an asthmaitc, sz Dr. P.

12-12-42
(rec 12022-42 fm
ruf notes md sam dy.)
AHLeighton.

3.p.m.

Z sitg w Ec and EHS at Ind schl workg on revu f our notes n Phoenix wn phone rang and WH on wir askd me if I cd be ready to leve tonite to go bac to Poston w him. He sd he z v sorry to hv to go, b somtg hd comm up. Notg tr, b at ts end. T FBI wr gog t arest Uchida gan, nt fr t sam chrg, b fr writg a threatng letr. I told him al rt. His voice swndd trblld.

Tn I talkd ts ovr w t othrs. We felt it wd be a mistake to terminate t revu wrk. Decide to find out mo abt it. 3.30 I cal him bac, ask him if it wd be al rt if we stad ovr til Monday (XXXX (14) He sz ta wd be al rt w him, b sa dont ~~xxxx~~ u to u wil be misg a pretty ntrestg study? Tn he asks if Mrs. Spicer who s w us wd be ready to go bac t Sells w Mrs. WH tonite. I convey ts to her and tr s som pause wl she s makg up her mind. Afr ts I ~~xxxx~~ ask WH if he tqs ta I k be f any grk help to him. He sz ta he wil needd al t levl hdd peopl arwnd him he can get. Not worried abt t evacs, b abt t staff at Poston. His tone s dispantd. I feel ta he wants me al rt, b s too proud to ask mo tan he hs done fr help.

3.45 I cal him up agn afr mo talk w my gang and tel him ta I wil go w him. He swnds rlvd, sag ta ta s fine. He tels me ta he s to meet t US Marshal n ~~xxxx~~ Parker at X ll tonite. Also som army men. Asks if I hv Collier's no. I giv it to him, also Mc-Caskils. Sas he s gog to cal tm. N t prev conversatn he told me ta if ty go n and take ta man out, it wil make him look as if he hd broken his wrd w t comunity and tr wd be notg left fr him to do b resign. Hwvr, he s gog to try and talk t Mrashal out f it and he hs som hop f dog so.

It z abt 5 wn he arvd w Mrs. H and Roz and I went dwn tw n w tm, b it z close to 6 bfr we got WH's car out f t garage whr it z hvg som rpr work done. We drove along at a leaisurl pace, WH sag ta we hd lots f tim and we wd stop n Wickenburg fr dinr. As t result f qstns fm me, he tels t conectd story. Sevl times he asks me wat I tq ta he sd do. Aprs v distrbd fm tim to tim wn he ments t wa it wil seem ta he hs dblcrossd t comunity. At ~~xx~~ othr tims he spks as if tr really z notg to worry abt at al. He doesnt tq anytg wil hapn if ty take Uchida out/. T story al put togethr s somtg like ts. On t morn f t dy we went to Phoenix, he saw FBI Smart nr t admin bldg and went up to spk to him. S told him ta he z nt hr to take Uchida, ddnt want to cause any trbl. WH told him ~~xxxx~~ he hd wrong idea, we dont want to hindr ur work, we want to giv free hand, and help u. N I hv no idea ta I k stop u cong hr if I wantd to, b I want to help and u feel free to go anywhr n ts camp and do wat u like. I gav him a green lite. (I tq WH hwvr dd sugest ta ty not pic out just one guy b wait til ty k make a sweep.) T next dy Milr cald WH n phoenix to tel him ta Smart hd talkd to Uchida who hd been fresh and told him he cdnt arest him. Smart hd been mad and hd com to Milr and told him ta he z gog bac to Phoenix and swear out a warrant fr U. Ts hapnd late Wed nite.

I askd WH who hd cald t FBI n n t first place. He sd ta Milr hd done it afr K N's beatg. I askd if he hd consultd WH, and WH sd no, b he thot Milr z justified n calg tm n.

On getg ts wrd on t Thursday, 10, he went to see Duffy t Phoenix hd f t FBI. He ddnt sa ta he knu anytg abt t pland arest f U, b he laid bfr Duffy t plan f nt arestg anybody fr t presnt, b waitg and watchg and colectg al t info he cd, and tn wn t tim cam, ~~xxxx~~ and

segrgatr z pos, make a clean sweep, and nt bidl along, takg up ts one and ta, only to hv tm returnd latr and stir up trbl, al t whl t real trbl makrs wr undr covr. Ty sd try and get t ones who wr bhind ts tgm, and nt tr stooges. Duffy aprd to aprv ts, sd it z a gd x plan and ta he wd coop. WH thot it z al setld wn he cam awa.

n t late aftr noon, hs frnd Griffith who s dputy Marshal, n t fffice at Tuscon and a frnd f WH cald him up to tel him ta a warrant hd been ~~xxxx~~ isud by t FBI and turnd ovr to t Marshal's fffice to serv and to arrest U. WH waxd ~~xexenxk~~ iritatd wl telg f ts, and sd a no f times, to tq ta al t tim Duffy z talkg to me he knu ts warrant z out. U knnt tel abt tes law n forcement officers, wat wa ty tq. He felt ta ts z a v dirty trick ndeed. Why hnt he told him abt it wl he z n his fffice, why dd he apr to agree and al t tim be plang ts? I askd wat D z like, and WH sd cdnt I tel fm ta? I askd agn and he sd he z short, dark, mite be a ~~xxxx~~ jewish, energetic, crafty, typical law enforcement ffficer.

WH talkd w Griffiths and ty pland ta ty wd ask t sherif f ~~XXXX~~ Yuma Co, Newman, who z t deputy Mrrsl fr ta region to serv it, and at sam time advise him to hold it up fr t pres. So agn WH thot it z al setld.

On Fridy, 11, tr z a meetg f Sheriffs n Phoenix n conectn w t control f ven disease wc seems to be raggn t area nw and hs lead to t army putg Ph out f bounds. WH fwnd Newman and ty talkd it ovr and it z al agreed btween tm.

Tody, Col Bandetsen cald WH and tels him ta t Mrrsl s gog n to nite to get U and ta he s sendg dwn som xtra ~~xxxx~~ military polce. T Mrrsl, w a lot f ~~xxxx~~ deputys, t nu capt f t MPs at Poston, Capt Mathison, r al to meet n Parker to nite at 11 and plan wat sd be done. WH sd it swndd as if ty had deputizd half f Pima Co and hd tm undr arms w machine guns. Ovr t phone he xplained to Col B hs plan to get t real trbl makrs and nt stir t whol camp up ovr ts one case. He laid out his grand plan. Co B's reply z ta he thot t man sd be takn out. He hd no ntrest n t grand plan. He sd ta t FBI wdnt be tr, jst t Mrrsl.

It z a plnt driv, w a sunset lingrg til we got to W. WH talkd mo and mo, and grew mo at ease abt t situ. Lafg nw and tn abt it. N respons to som qestns abt Papago, he told me abt t country, and hw he got arwnd al ovr t resv. He ddnt hv to do any fffice wrk tr, t hd clerk cd handl ta x wl he went al ovr t place on hrsbac and by auto. I askd hw Mrs. H z dog and he sd ~~xxxx~~ q persn but her seemd to tq ta she z dog fine. She hs hd exper at ts wrk bfr, b she seemd a bit discouraged recently. One f t tgs ta hs been hard hit by t war hs been t slf govt program. A lot f t ppl hv gone awa to war wrk, and ~~xx~~ t old ppl, t old men who usd t meet, cant get arwnd any ~~xxx~~ mo du to travl diffs. It hs been 4 or 5 mos scne t cwcl hs met w a qorum. Mrs. H s upset abt ta. One tg, tho, ts job hs done her a lot f gd, and got her mind ff t Phillipines. She hnt a gray hair n her hd bfr t Jps took t Phillipines, b al tos mos ta ty wr takg it she got nto v depresd state. So many f her frnds w tr chil-drn wr tr. She s also fm Okla. ~~xxxx~~ Ty like drivg arwnd t West toghtr, make abt 600 miles q dy. I ofrd to drive fr WH a no f times, b he sd ta he prfrd to do it, he enjoyd it, and he thot it z gd fr him. Not fr out f W a car pasd us dog betr tan 60. WH sd ta s t deps car. US mrrsl. Aftr we hd gone n silence he sudly sd, I wont get my duck. I z gog to stop on t wa and get a nice fat Muskovy duck. (Tr z a place along t wa ta advertised tm ta we hd notd on our wa to Ph.) N W we stond at a Greek rest wc WH sd z t best n twm. He ate v qikl, b took a whol dinr. He dd nt take desert, b askd t waitr if it cam w t dinr and wn told ta it ddnt, sd ta if it hd he wd hv hdsom. He z finishd a gd 5 mins bfr I z. He ~~xxx~~ hd been jokg at

dnr a fu nites ago abt takg a rst. I askd him if he hd realy put n fr one. He sd he hd askd fr 60 dys. He hdnt hd one n t 9 yrs he hd been workg fr t Govt. I askd hw mc u cd acumlt and he sd 60 z t max. He hd been at Sells as ~~xxxxxx~~ princpl fr 5 yrs, tn awa fr a wl xw tn bac as supt fr 2 bfr comg to ~~xxx~~ Poston. He z gog to spend hs tim at Papago on t resv. I tq he sd ta he z gog to do som wrk tr, helpg Beula (Mrs H.) He sd ta it z t best kind f a rest he cd tq f. I askd who he wd like to take hs place and he sd McCaskil. He hopd ty wd send him. He thot Joe comg n fresh wd see lots f tgs ta sd be done ta he cdnt see himself hvg been so clos to it fr so long. I sd, and also u, wn u com bac aftr 2 mos wil doubtless see many tgs. He sd, oh, yes, as if agreeg sncerly. He spoke syl tims f his worry ta t ppl f Postn wd tq ta he hd dbl crossd tm. I askd him wat he wd do if t Mrsl nsstd on gog n. He sd he thot he wd cal t cent exec cwch and tel tm just hw matrs std bfr ty went n. Tn agn he spoke n som doubt abt dog ts, fr fear ta ty mite tip Uchida ff and a demonstration get gog, and if it lead to trbl, whr wd he be fr hvg forewarnd tm? I askd him if he thot ta ty hd any pre-arranged plan. He sd no. I sd I ddnt kno if ty hd one nw, b I felt sur ty hd one at t tim he z n t jail. I thot ta wl ty wr delayg tgs w a riot and throwg pop botls at t front door, U wd be gog out t bac. U wd nevr find him hidn n t twm, or out n t mesquite whr som one cd brg him fd and watr -- or at least nt fr a long tim and I doubtd ta tr wr enuf Caucs who knu wat he lookd like to be abl to identify him if ty disguised him a ltl. He sd ta if ty hd a plan bfr, ty prob hd one nw.

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Wn we got undr wa agn, he drov mc fastr, up to 70 fr long bits. He watchd fr state police and comnetd once n a wl abt tm, wondrg if lites behind us wr tm etc. He spoke abt t Marxhal, sd hs name z McKinney, hd known him fm dys n Sells, he z al rt and he ~~xxx~~ thot he cd talk him out f takg U. We hd a cup f coffee at Salome and WH bot som Asperin and took a cpl. He sd ty helpd him and askd if I evr took any. Sd he hd been takg B, also and fwnd it helpd a lot. Wantd to kno wat I thot f it. Abt ~~1~~ hour out f Parkr we caut up to two cars containg t mrsl and his depts. Ty wr dog 35 by tn and we dropd to tr speed and stayd bhind tm. We reachd Parkr abt 10.30 and puld up and parkd n t midl f t street oposite t hotl. T mrsl and his cars parkd at t curb n front f t hotel. Asa WH got out he went ovr and greetd Griffiths, a felo n his thirties w a longish, b moon face w hi forehead and a brite smil. Seemd athletic and strong. Z wrg gloces and a cow-boy hat and a soft leather wind brker. Soon t mrsl cam up and greetd WH. He z mc shortr, n late ~~40s~~ 40s or erly 50s, reglr felt hat b f a shape peculiar to him, edges bent dwn irreg as if he hd a habit f frq pulg t hat tite on his head. Wore business man's suit w sweaters etc undr neathe and buttoned tite to show a waist and t bulge f t gun on his hip. On one f his cheeks, I tq t left tr z a scar n t form f a cross. He spoke crisply, shook hands w WH b ddnt nt greet him as a long lost frnd by nay means. H z coolr tan wat I hd xpectd fm t wa WH describd him as a frnd. Griffith z evident t one ta WH knu betr. We std talkg n t cold moonlight fr a no f mins and I felt v chilly. I z introduced to both as Dr. L. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ No xplanatns and ty lookd v curious. One f WH's first remarks z abt t FBI and he z told ta ty wr nt comg. He askd tn who z gog to identify t man. ~~TY~~ T Mrsl askd n surprise if WH cdnt. WH sd he hd nevr seen t man n his life. T ones who knu t man wr t FBI, why hdnt ty com? T mrsl sd ta Duffy sd ty got a telegram fm Wash sag ta ty wr nt to com. WH sd notg fr a wl b latr comentd on ts to t efect ta ty hd done ts bfr n his exper, ty alwas go convenient telgrams fm ~~XXXX~~ Wash. Ltl mo z sd on t topic except to encorage t Mrsl to devlp hs own risg indignatn at hvg been sent hr to do t FBI's wrk, wl ty got bac n Phoenix and ddnt com a

sent hr to do t FBI's wrk, wl ty sat n Phnx, and tr z no one to ident. t man. Tn WH let t theme devel ta ~~xxxxx~~ it z a ~~rs~~ risky and dangerous job to go n to t hrt f t camp to pull out U w so few men. Ts hd also been left to t Mrl by t FBI. We movd tn nto t hotel whr it z a ltl warmer and until ll 30 std and sat abt t lobby. T talk went on n patches. WH ddnt confien al his conversatn to t Mrl, b plantd remarks hr and tr. He sd aside t Griffiths at one tim, U dont hv a chance f getg a convictn on ts guy. G wantd to kno at once why nt. WH shook hs hed, paused, walkd up and dwn, sd tes peopl, wat do u cal tm, Civic Defense Society,? Ty r ntrestd n ts, ty wil hv 20 lawyrs n hr as soon as ty hr abt it. G sd r tr any f tm n ts state? WH sd ty wd be n. G sd, ~~RXX~~ Hw r ty conectd w t Comunists?. Wat do ty tq, ta we r persecutg tm? Wel, we'l persecute tm, we'l get George to work w his rubr hose, he knos hw to persecute tm. G's wrds wr calm and his easy ref to Geo and his rubr hose froze my bld. At t sam tim, G z evidently set al a bristl by WH agnst somtg radicl ta he hd strong feels agnst. It mite hv md him t mo determ to get U, b k it seemd rathr to wrk as plantd to make him nt want to get mixd up n t tg -- Tas seemd to me at any rate to undrly his bristling. It s to be notd, ta WH ddnt get t mrl aside rt awa and tel t whol story, b rathr let t conversatn n t grp gro and went arwnd putg n wrds hr and tr, folowg mo or less t flo f t conversatn and letg t othrs do most f t talkg.

T next theme ta z develpd z t army. On t wa I hd askd WH a no f times if he knu why t army z musclg n on ts. Wat bus z it f trs? He sd he ddnt kno who hd put tm up to it. B he tqs at botm ty x r really want to control tes ~~xxxxx~~ relocatn centrs. Ty sa ty dont, b I tq ty do, he sd. Ty go at tgs n an undrhand wa. I hv seen it bfr and it s t wa ty do tgs. N my own mind I md up ts ordr f likelyhood fr t ppl at t botm f ts presr fm t army. FBI, sore bcz nt backd up abt getg prsnr at tim f strike. Feelgs hurt, puttg pres on t arm. S, r hed n Poston, sc as Twmsend, who it just mite hapn hd som nside track n t army. T story s tahe hs been tryg to get himself a majors comisn. V remote possib it mite be Bwl. Mo pos tan ts, pres fm citzns f Parkr who want a scalp.

N t Htel, it z pos to look ovr t company mo. Griffith also hd a gun on his hip. Tr z an old man, betr tan 60 x cald Willets who z t dep fm Phoenix. A yng felo, simpl and vigorous and talkativ, somtg like Milr -- an almost nocent kind f a guy. He and Grif wr t nly two ta aprd really vigorous. Tr z a v tal thin guy w glas who wor a blac felt hat and a heavy blac ovrcoat, and an othr man n his 40s, w an out door face, like a farmer, who had a heavy brwn ovrcoat. Tes hd ltl to sa. Most f t talkg and discusg z done by t mrl, Grif, and t yg guy. Sherif Newman cam n soon, dresd as bfr. T Mrl's air z undertain and it got mo so as tim went on. Grif's air, z wel, I work hr, ta s al, I do wat t ordrs sa. T yg guy sat abt talkg, ntrestd, waitgz folog ts and ta line f t conversatn, waitg fr t othrs to make a decision. He z like a terrier w a grp f dogs waitg fr one f t big dogs to go n a directn and he z anxious and wilg to thro hrt and soul x into gog whrever ta mite be. T mrl sd a no f times firmly ta he ddnt want any f his men hurt and he znt gog to take tm nto any palce unles ty wr properly protectd. N He z handsom n his ruggedness, b aprd as if he z a ltl bit out f his depth, ~~xxx~~ a huntr at t cross rds f a no f trails and nt knowg we to fcolo. WH walkd up and dwn a gd deal, lookg as if he wr tryg to help tq f a wa out f a dif situ, nt putg up any argument fr nt gog into Poston, b tossg fire-crackers nto t bonfire f conversatn nw ant tn. T othr men aftr spendg t first half hour listeng to wat z sd, reitrd to t bacgrwnd and sat abt n chrs readg bit f stale news paprs. Tr wr a fu ppl n t loby wn we cam n and a man aprd fm somwhr and lit t stov, b fr most f t tim we wr left consicuously to ourselves. Evident t citzns

f Parkr tg it best nt to be conspic wn t Sherif and t Mrl r n tw-- at least ta it s wisest to leve tm to tr own business. Newman z frndly to al, b kept stressg t point ta it z best nt to mes tgs up n t camp, b wait til tr z adequate op fr segregatn and tn get al t bad ones. He kept sayg ta tr wr nt mo tan 200 ppl (He got t figr fm WH -- we u will note s large enuf so ta it wd rqir mo tan local jails and make t Mrl feel it s a military problem, rather tan his) who wr t trbl makrs, and if ty took U out, to f t terbl mess ta WH wd be n t next dy wout any help fm army or FBI or any body. WH ddnt hv to sa v mc abt ts pt. t Sherif dd it fr him. He dd sa ta he hd askd t army and t FBI to put a guard n control and tn search t camp out thotoughly, b ty wdnt do it. Al ty do s ts pidlig stuf whr ty take a man out, t camp gets upset, and tn ty let him com bac agn.

RG cam n soon aftr we wr asmbld n t hotl. hs xr air z ta f a man v anxious to help t mrl. ~~xxxxxx~~ He brot t nus ta Capt Mathien z nt comg n. T mrl sd ta Col B hd sd ta tr wd be xtra MPs ready. RG x sd seriously, ta ta z rt, ty wr ready. Ty x wr at bldr City al ~~xxxx~~ ready to com. Tr z a pause and one f t mrl's crew if nt himslf sd, why ta s 7 hrs awa. Tn it z brot out ta Col B hd told t mrl ta t place whr t MPs wr stationed z ~~xxxxxxx~~ ~~xxxxxxx~~ nly a v short dist fm whr t U z. RG and WH told him ta a mile and a half z mo like it. Ts z sd as if statg a geographic fact, nt w any tone f stirg up t Mrl's indignatn, b it hd ta effect. He wantd to kno whr he and his men wd be if t sldrs hd to com a mile and a half. ~~xxxxxx~~ RG sugestd ta he cal up capt ~~xxxxxxx~~ b t Mrl sd he wdnt do it. Col B hd sd ta he wd be hr and it z up to him to keep hs apntsments. He wd wait til 11.30 and tn he wd ~~gk~~ go. Wn he first arivd t mrl sd commentg on beig half an hour early ta he wd rather be an hour early tan a minute late. Earlier n t con veratn, WH sd somtg abt tes col's feelg ta ty k giv us ordrs, he sd he z wilg to cal n t MPs to protect t Mrl evn bfr a riot startd, tho technically he znt suposd to do it except n case f riot or fire. B he fr one ddnt want to be put n a positn f hvg his hand forced by tes army men. Just bcz ty r cols ty tq ty k ordr any branch f t govt arwn. Ts got a rise out f t mrl who sd he wdnt let tm tel him wat to do, whthr ty wr col or genl. He knu his work, etd. Ts z fairly early n t conversatn, bfr it cam out ta t capt znt comg. Durg t last ~~xxxxxxx~~, t mrl sat n a chr, fr t most part silent. At t start he hd askd WH if tr znt som one else who cd identify t man. WH ~~km~~ hd sd he ddnt kno who and askd me if I dd and I sd I ddnt eithr. Som one sugestd Milr, and WH sd ta he cd, al rt, b if he ~~xxx~~ dd, he z thru at Poston. He wd be no use to me any mo. T Sherif confirmed ts and t mrl sd notg. In ts last fu mins, he sd a no f tims apropos f notg, ta it z mity funny tr z no one hr who cd identify t man. I saw him risg to t feelg ta som one z dog somtg to him and he znt sure who it z. Suspicon z shiftg fm t FBI to WH. T Mrl earlier hd felt t frc f Sherif N's argument abt t grand plan and seemed wel disposed to it. He finally ~~xxx~~ sd ta snc t sldrs hdnt kept tr apntment, snc tr z no one to identify t man snc it z fr t gd f t comunity, he wd nt serv t warrant nw. He sd we dont like to hold up warrants, we like to delivr ~~xx~~ tm asa poss b we do hold tm up at times. He askd WH to write him a letr abt t situ we WH promised to do. Anothr point z ta tr z no wa to protect his men, and ts z part f t point abt t sldrs nt showg up.

So into t car abd bac to Phoenix. Ty wr v kind and took me al t wa to t Ind Schl. On t wa t Mrl sd a cpl f times he cdnt undrstand why ty cdnt identify t man. Hs indignatn seemd to be growg and he seemd to feel mo and mo tan he hd been a pawn on a wild goose chase. He sd he felt ~~xxxxxxx~~ mad at somebody b he ddnt kno yet who it z. N t botm f t car tr ~~xx~~ z a blet w hand restrainers on it, evident brot fr t prshr. Ty hd along coffe and sandwiches f we we

12--15-42
(Re 12-22 fm ruf notes)
AHLeighton

10.30 n WH's ffile, he told me ta Uchida went to Yuma yest.

WH told t cent Exec Com abt it on t 13th and ty sd ta ty thot t best

tg z fr U to stand his trial. SO WH sent fr U and talkd to him abt it and he agreed ta fr t gd f t community it, best ta he go to Yuma and get clrd. N WH's ffile I ovr hrd an FBI man telg WH ta Col B hd cald 3 tims yest. T FBI man, a nu one whom WH ~~xxxxx~~ sz se ms to be betr tan t othrs, z askg whr he cd find out if a certn man n camp 3 z nativ born or nt. X Mrs. Johnson sd ta she ddnt kno and apld to WH, who thot a wl and sd he ddnt kno eithr. Ty nevr sugstd t census ffile r hwsgr employment.

To nite aftr supr, TH z sitg outside his barrack w Dr. Harris and VK. TH v animatd and lafg. I spoke to Harris abt Bob Sakai lvg our dept fr ed. TH at once butt'd n and wantd to kno who hd stoln BS fm t cwncl. He sd he bet he cd hv al my staff awa fm me n 2 weeks if he wantd to to wrk n t law dept. Ts al n fun, b w a vein f seriousness, or one ta mite hv been com serious if I hd takn it up as a bet. EHS sz tr s a feelg he hs prciouv n last fu dys n TH, VK, NJ and ~~Exx~~ NF and t Ed dept ta t Bur Soc Res sd be usfl a wel as ornamentl, ta we sd be dog wrk at t sam tim we r makg our studies.

FMohri sz ta her fathr s v disgustd w t state f tgs n camp. Sz he wants to lev, al he hrs fm t Isseis s talk abt ~~xxxxxx~~ Japan wining t war arund t fires. She sd she sees a lot f boys whitlg sticks al t tim and she doesnt kno wat ty r for, b implies it s fr no gd.

At t sam conversatn ref'd to abov w TH Dr Harris kidd him abt predictns, and TH sd he cd predict t outcom & f his trip to Yuma, hwvr it z confidentl and he cdnt, b he wd write t outcom n on a piece f ppr and seal it n an envelop and lv it w Dr H. Ts he dd. Latr to nite at our ntrvu WH sd ta t FBI hd dropt t case and he hd been informd ta U z ready to com bac. It tr fr aprs ta t out-com z crtn and nt confidentl.

12-16-42
AHLeighton

Smoot Katow stopd me n t hall ts mornng f Ad 3, mo by look tan wrd,
tn std tr, nt sag mc. Aftr a fu mins he sd, Uchida s comg bac fm
Yuma tody and s gog out to wrk on t canal. He s gog to lead a gang
out tr.

12-17-42

(re 12-23-42 fm ruf notes)

AHLeighton

N JE's office along with him for several mins he told me that a lot of things had been happening that he wanted to talk to me about and invited Dot and me to dinner for tomorrow. He looks better than he has for some days. So he supposes WH has told me that he is asking for 60 days leave. He saw a Dr. in Phoenix who said that his blood is anemic, red blood count is less than 1,700,000. I said that is impossible, but JE said that is what WH said. The Dr. told him. Now it may be so, or it may be an exaggeration by WH who would want a good physical reason for retiring from action, rather than weakness of mind and spirit. I have heard him exaggerate before, as when he said that the FBI promised him that they would stay at Poston re Uchida until he came back, and that he hadn't been gone 45 mins until they were out. Actually he left in the morning between 10 and 11 and they didn't leave until the strike thing had been gone over and it was about 8 p.m.

NE WH told me that there had been two delegates to see him about Uchida. The first was he saw came Tuesday the 17th. He sent them to the FBI. The second was on Wednesday a.m. the 18th, and they saw Nelson because WH had just left. It was the second that was added by Jim Yohiro.

Just before lunch I sat in WH's office for a few mins while he talked to James Crawford. I went there to congratulate him on today's staff conference. He invited me in and I sat while they talked. JC said that the strike agitators were still going strong in camp 2. Tachibana, the judo and the Shibai group are in the lead. The police chief stood up in a meeting where there was some attempt to threaten those who spoke for moderate moderation and he said he would have none of that, in this community they would have free speech, that no person should have the right to express himself publicly. JC said that was the first time any of the Nisei in this business had shown any real backbone. WH told me in response to questions that Uchida was going to work on the canal because he wanted to pay a debt to society. After a little pause after JC had left he said, apropos of the staff meeting this a.m., I don't know we too worry about the most, the staff or the evacs. Even the best Caucasians can't get it through their heads that the Japs can do things. Even Miss Findley. I had a long talk with Matthiesen yesterday about that. EXXX He is hard to convince. I told J. Paul is a fine boy, don't you? I told he will sit down and figure it out. He is a good type.

JE showed me some notes on speeches by Nagai and Omori we were heard by his secretary Mary XXX's mother and were translated by M. For the most part, they seemed to be camp politics, efforts to put the central executive committee in the best light -- at least by Nagai -- and show how it is able to bend the administration to its will, but at the end there came some strong pro-Japan stuff. These and other stuff that JE has collected, we should get out hands on eventually. No need now, and JE is a little unwilling to let it go out of his possession.

In the afternoon JE came in with a note from J. Collier we mentioned letters from WH and me commending JE's fine work. JE looked pleased. Said he is in no rapport with the project now than he has been. It was WRA for 2 months, now back in Ind Office. He wishes that it was all in Ind Office, no WRA. I said I wished that JC had been here more. X JE said he wishes people would tell him the truth when he is here.

AHL eight on

Mr T z telg abt labr trbls and t poor wa Cauca handld t Jpns. l dy n t wldl f t sumr wn it z v hot, he fnd one f t Cuc foremen m cussg out aboy who hd gon to one f t latrines and stad too long. T boy may v wel hv been n t wrong, b tr z no cal fr al t cursg. #Xx He told t man ta he wd nevr get any body to wrk fr him ta wa, ty wd al qit and tn he wd be comg to him askg fr help wantg nu men. Wat s t use n my getg men if u dont treat tm rite and ty walk rt awa fm u?

RG agreed w Mr. T that he was wrong and against the policy of the admin. Then we went into his office to discuss the letter.

I told RG ta I hd hrd Coltr tel JE ta he hd notified FBI
ffice and ty n turn hd notified G-2. Hwvr, I sd JE wd kno mo
abt ta tan I wd. Tn tr z a pause n wc we sat tog and lookg at
echothr. Tn I sd it swndd to me as if Mr Smart hd just been mad
and pettish and as a result f ta al ts serious trbl threatnd and
t lives f many peopl put n dangr. T FBI z tryg to save face or
smtg. ~~xxxxxx~~ RG sat up n hs chr at ts, and sd w energy ta he thot
ts z so. Tn he relaxd agan and sd, u kno I hv half an idea to
take advantage f Wade's absenc. I to I'll send n a rppt on t whol
tg, just as it was. W nevr likes to get anybody nto trbl. If
he wr hr he wd smooth it ovr. I blv n ts case it wd be a gd tg to
tel t whol story. I sd it z none f my business b I thot smtg sd
be done at t Wash end to make tog guys lay ff.

12-21-42
(fm ruf notes 12-23)
AHLeighton

Abt 2 o'clk I hapnd n on t tail end f a meetg btween ~~RG,TH,M,VK,JP,.~~ RG cald me to com n and join tm. TH z sag ta t cent Exec comitee s bustg up camps 2 and 3 w tr propaganda. Ty r tryg to undrmne t cwncl. Decent ppl tq ta t admin s n a foggy fog, ta ty r beig foold, or els ty r incpometant. T residents r beg threatnd to keep tm n line. Dr. I s resngng fm t cwncl as a rsult f beg threatned. Qod 7, (whr blk 28 s) s one f t wrst regions. Ty askd WH to postpone t cwncl electn f last Monday, (14) Ty r tryg to discredit and intimidate t rt ppl. B Qod 7 hd Dr. Ishimaru and Saburo Kido on t gridl abt wat hapnd at SLC (He means tr votg fr hvg Nisseis ~~gaxxaxx~~ cald nto t army.) TH tqs, b doesnt kno fr sur ta Dr. Saito ddnt accept nomiatn to t cwncl bcz he z threand. T activl pro-axis grp n t cent exec comit r Okomoto, Mitani, Nagai, and Niisaki. RG tqs ta Mr. Yamada s t man bhind tgs. TH sz ta NJ feels v strongl ta ts s so. RG I hv it fm a v gd frnd f his. M. I tq he and Mitani roomed togethr. RG, No I dont tq ty do. M. Wel ty dd last sumr bfr I went awa fm hr.

Ts P.M. abt 4 1/2 O'clock Yoneo Ano 19-9-C, Edward Hiroto 53-4-6 and two frnds cam to see me abt a pannel discussn grp ta ty r getg up concerng t Nisseis place n Amer and t fuxtr f t Nissei. Ty wr al hi schl juniors and seemd to be abt 17. Ty wr v jovial and frndl, qite talkativ, b md notes dutifully on watvr I sd. I gav tm myideas on t importance f current affairs studies and getg to kno wat Amer z like nsted f gog on hearsa and rumor. Tn afr 3/4 hour f ts I sugestd ta adjust to Amer z nl one f tr problems, ta ty also hd prob f adjust to Issei. Ts brot out a lot f talk. Ty sd ta t Is thot t Ns wr no gd, nt worth anytg. Tr z a grt gap btween tm. Arguments al t tim. I askd if t language z an imp barrier and ty sd ty ddnt tq it z so mc ta x as it z ta ppl stopd talkg togethr afr ty fwnd ta q tg ty sd lead to arguments. I askd wat t arguments wr abt. EH sd n his family it z abt Americanism, his parents wr agnst American was. Ty cdnt see t N pt v view. Ty also thot ta a child sdnt argu w his parents b accept watvr ty sd z rt. T felo next him whom we wil cal A, sd ta n his family t big argument z abt dancg. He lafd a lot as he sd it. Ty thot t Ns wrnt any gd, al ty thot abt z dancg Wn his brother practiced a fu steps at hom, boy dd he get it fm t parents. Dcng s abt t only tg tr s to do hr ta s fun. B, who sat next to him sd ta his parents wr agn dncg sag ta it wore out tr shoes. 2 Sevl times he sd ts, ty thot it wore out ur shoes. YA sd ta he and his fathr undrstd eachothr. His fathr hd he ddnt kno hw many \$z thousand \$ n WE US bonds. ~~ixkqxikzzzEwxkoxzaxkx~~ A sd ta hs mothr wn ty first hrd f t possib f evac thot it z a fair enuf mov, b afr ty interned his fathr, she turnd aganst Amer. Nw notg US s any gd.

Somhw we got talkg abt fd on t outside and I told a story ta I heard tody fm Matthiesn. He sd ta he z n big rest n Phoenix and cdnt get eithr cheese or meat fr lunch. Tn he z talkg to a truck drivr ~~xxx~~ who took meat to t camp at Gila and t Jpns wrnt ntrestd n un-loadg it. T drivr z v mad and sd he ddnt hv to keep ta sort f a job. Ts got qite a rise out f t boys. Ty snapd tr fingers and lookd disgusted, espcl A. He sd tes Jpns, wn ty r w Cuac ty r meek and timid, b wn ty get w eachothr, ty get, oh ty r (tones implied disgust. Mitch Kunetani hs sd ~~xx~~ somtg f t sam sort wc s rec n t notes.) A sd He z like ta himslf, "I lose control f myslf.". Ty most f tm sd ta ty

prfrd to be w Cuacs, and hd mostly n t past been w tm. One, I
tq it z EH sumd up t business f beg cart ff by t Is and not acceptd
by t Cuacs, thús, "It s hard to hv no place to turn."

Ty wr al mc disturbd ovr t x anti-Japns propaganda wc stress
t Jpn as t villain in t comic paprs, t pulp and q place whr most f
t public goes fr its entertainmnt. Sc a persn s usually a spy
n ts country and so it thros most f t onus on t Nisei.

Afr ty went, FMohri sd to me, ta ty certnly hd cut loose.
She knu YA fm Bakersfield. I askd her if she evr thot ta t breach
btween I and N cd be breachd, tgg along tx line f som f RN's ideas .
She sd she ddnt tq so, ty thot so diff. Tn she told abt Japns Kendo
tchrs comg to Bkrsfld 7 yrs ago and hw al t Jpns yg ppl went xcpt
she and her sstr. Ty felt v badly abt it, b tr fathr wnt let tm
go. Latr ty wr glad f it. "T ty dd som tgs tr ta I wnt stand,
I wd hv just got up and walkd out." Ty hd a sumr camp xk nr Oakland.
Ty usd to tak ppl hkg ovr ruf places n tr bare feet, thru rocks and
ovr glas, and u wr suposed to go on and pay no atentr no matr hw
ur feet wr hurtg. One boy got a v deep cut and told t tchr ta he
wd hv to stop and t ther turnd on him and whackd him sevrl w his
kendo stick. T xxisxz girls hd to be v meek and mild, and learn
to serv tea and be sort f xrxvtxnz servnts to t tchrs. Ty evn
hd to xz scrub tr bacs n t bath, ty usd t Jpns outdoor kind f bath
w a fir undr it. "I wnt do ta, I wd just lv." She sz ta she and her
fathr undrstand eachothr pretty wel, ty disagree a lot and argue .
Wn she z ltl she z alwas w her fathr, mc mo so tan her sstr and she
z cald her father's ltl pocket book. B wn tr s an argument n t
famil, it s mc mo likely to be she and her fathr tan her sstr.

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(re fm ruf notes
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TH at lunch today told me that the council had refused to accept Dr. I's resignation. Knt see why the admin doesn't do something about the felos at camp II, they have done enough to be taken in. Kido is leaving, but he has been under so much fire recently that he is trying to ask for special permit to get out at once. However, now he has decided to let it go through the regular way.

Went into spoke to RG this p.m. and ask him to let me know when there is a meeting with the executive committee or LRB so I could attend. He said he would, and wanted me to stay and talk with him. I gave him some copies of the maps from camp 3. (I also gave Miss F some.) He showed me a letter from JPW to WH which stated that WH at SF had moved that no missionaries be allowed on the project and now he found that Father Clement is living on the one and asking for space which we would crowd the already overcrowded state of adult education. JP is upset about the sudden change without warning. However he is going to let FC have the space and he is going ahead and inviting some protestant missionaries whom he wanted to help in the adult education work and would offer them some space. He would also for us keep the WRA informed about its setting aside of the regulations. The letter in effect accused WH in no uncertain terms of being arbitrary and putting X JP at a great disadvantage because he didn't know what the standards were, or how to manage them because the standards changed so often.

GE came in while we were talking and said that he had fixed it on two meetings with the LRB and found them very reasonable to deal with. They were not making any unreasonable demands.

RG spoke about being against trying to play one side against another, that the council labor committee against the LRB, but he said that he thought the admin should keep out of the evacs politics, let them fight things out for themselves and not take sides as TH and JP would have us do. Before GE came in he said he thought that TH would have to be sent back to Wash. That fellow is brilliant and he is smarter than I will ever be, he has more brains than anybody else here, but at times he opens his mouth he defeats his own purpose. He antagonizes everybody. I hate to do anything to hurt a person in his career, but I think he causes too much trouble here. It makes me laugh when I hear him and somebody else gog at it, but when he goes at me, I get mad. (See JE's xxxxxx comments on this too, in recent days.)

RG said that TH gets on WH's nerves so at times that WH almost screams only he is too much of a gentle man to do it.

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On Wednesday night of the strike RN addressed a meeting of the block managers which was called for the purpose of arranging for block managers to act as go-betweens in negotiations with the administration. RN talked against this plan and persuaded them to resign in a body on the ground that they could not carry on their duties as block managers under strike conditions.

On Thursday morning RN was faced with the problem of organizing his block to work in shifts at the fires before the police station. He discussed his technique with some pride, pointing out as he did so that his block was the only one which always came out 100%. He stressed the fact that he appealed to "block honor" always and believes that that accounts for his success. Early in the morning he (?) went around to the different apartments and announced that there would be an important meeting at breakfast. There was the biggest turnout for breakfast that he had ever seen. He addressed the people saying, "The administration has unfustifiably denied our demands. We have made commitments to the emergency committee on behalf of the men who are held. The honor of the block is at stake." (In telling this he stressed the fact that he did not present clearly anything on the issue or the nature of the demands. He stressed rather the administration's denial of something and the obligation of the block. He made no effort to discuss what had happened or what was desired. When I asked whether any nisei had asked who it was who had committed the whole block to something, he replied that no nisei had the arve to say anything.) RN then arranged the shifts when no

dissenting voices were heard. He had had 17 volunteers, young men the night before for the night shift. These were to continue, except for 3 who were sick or had ill persons in their families. These 14 continued on the night shift. He arranged for the older people to serve on the day shift for eight hours, and middle-aged people on the afternoon and evening shift. He announced that a blind and deaf reverend would not have to serve and similarly a lame person. Later however the reverend went over to serve on the day shift. RN encountered him between Block 45 and the police station and seeing that he insisted on going, took him in his arms and carried him thru the crowd to take up his position with the block people. (RN said, I was laughing in my sleeve when I did this. But it had a good effect on the people.) The chef, "who had been brought up among Caucasians," expressed himself to RN as against the strike. RN talked to him and said that the best thing would be for him to stay in the kitchen in the block and pay no attention to anything. He did not try to force him to do any picketing. He similarly told Albert Kaniye, who wanted to go to the fires, to stay in the kitchen and work, because he felt that Kaniye would rouse antagonism in the crowd because of his inu reputation. Another man (Tanimoto) told RN that he did not want to serve because he was afraid of the effect on a permit to leave which he asked for some time before. RN told him not to consider the matter on a selfish basis. If he favored the strike, he should go out for the honor of the block and the good of his people regardless of personal consequences. If he did not favor the strike, then he should work in the kitchen, but in no case should he stay in on personal grounds. ~~xx~~ Tanimoto went out and served as picket at the fire. These were the only three in the block

who had any doubts about going. All the other nisei were 100% for it. RN said, "This is the kind of nisei we have in our block. Who was it who was saying that there would be an increase in the number of nisei who would be wanting to leave the camp because of the strike? You see how wrong they are. You see how hopeless it is? The nisei favor a thing like the strike. They were almost 100% for it in block 45. The only ones who will be going out are the ones who are scared or who ~~like~~ are like the Kunitanis."

When RN arranged the shifts, he said that the women would not have to serve as pickets, but they could work for the honor of the block by helping in the kitchen. When he came back at noon, he was met by "the head woman of the kitchen crew" and the leader of the women who had gone to work in the kitchen from the block. They had been fighting and wanted to talk to RN against each other. RN got them together and said, "~~Don't fight~~ Dont fight at a time like this. You have bigger ~~this~~ things to do." They agreed to cooperate with each other. Then at lunch RN spoke in the messhall saying the same thing ~~But~~ before the whole crowd. This had the desired effect and there was no more trouble in the kitchen. In addition, the women began coming over to serve as pickets and Block 45 had the biggest turnout of women of any block.

In Block 46 they began to have some trouble over arranging the picket shifts on Thursday. An issei there called the Golden Bears club of nisei inus. They were antagonized and trouble started. But this was settled by yushi of the block who withdrew the accusation. This trouble was the origin of the rumor that Bill Tanaka was beaten up in Block 46. He was not.

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A group of men from another block came on Friday, saying that they wanted to beat up Albert Kaniye because he had been seen talking to AHL during the strike. RN talked them out of it. In telling this, he pointed out that such a group came to the yushi of the block in which an "inu" lived before trying to do anything. Each block was a kingdom. This was also true in connection with arranging the shifts. It was always persons within the block who worked this out. No one came in from the emergency committee or any other block. It was exclusively a block matter. RN did not organize any block but his own.

On Thursday night a number of nisei were worried about the tendency towards Japanese-like flags in some of the block areas. Among these were Bob Sakai and Tom Sasaki. Bob talked at length with RN about it (Friday?). RN also regarded this as dangerous and decided something would have to be done about it. He began by quieting the nisei. He said he would talk to members of the emergency committee about it. He did not talk to them, but later found some of the protesting nisei and told them that he had talked with the issei and that the issei had said that it would be taken care of and meanwhile offered their apologies to the nisei and humbly hoped that they would accept them. This ~~quieted~~ quieted the nisei protesters, with the exception of Bob Sakai, who was going through a great conflict at this time. Bob said that he would accept it, but that he would not be able to convince his wife that it was allright. ...

^{flag}
The block 45 remained a simple white cloth with simple black block numerals throughout the demonstration.

RN and others gradually developed some arguments against the flags. One of the arguments which carried great weight with

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the leaders(?) was a legalistic one, namely that a question of sovereignty was involved. The raising of a Japanese flag on U.S. soil could not be carried out without the actual transfer of sovereignty of the Japanese government. This argument was brought up when the real Japanese flag was raised by Block 13(?). It was not used finally when the campaign to get the flag ~~xxx~~ down was begun in earnest. It was regarded as too legalistic and not understandable by the crowd. In the talk about the flags, it was also said that if one were really a Japanese, the flag would not be up in the air there, but in one's heart. (In telling about this TT laughed and said; Or as RN was telling me, on ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ his undershirt." RN also laughed.) The final argument which was used finally and which brought results was that it was a defamation of the Japanese flag to parody it and to raise it under such circumstances. Mizushima who who had the subordinate job of grounds manager during the strike was charged with persuading the people who had ^{the} Japanese flag up to take it down. He used this argument. The man who had raised the flag took it down himself. It was burned(?), a point about which there was much discussion. There was a good deal of talk around the fires by the ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ issei that it was allright for bachelors to have the flags, but not for others.

Mr. Sakamoto, the little issei in Public Health, was sought out by AHL one night of the strike. After he had talked to AHL, he immediately sought RN and told him what had happened. RN described Sakamoto as a stooge of his, laughingly, and suggested that this incident showed the position of power which he had assumed in his block.

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When the Maeno plan was proposed on Saturday afternoon to the emergency committee, it was Mizushima who said that it could not be decided by them. He proposed that it be brought back to the blocks for consideration. There was no booing or antagonism shown in the meeting at which it was proposed in block 28. It came back for vote in Block 45. RN was charged with presenting it. He, as usual, approached the matter in an indirect way, not stating issues clearly or giving a chance for discussion. In his speech to the block meeting, RN said, "It is necessary that our ~~representatives~~ ^{delegates} in the emergency cte. have an alternative plan to work with. If we have trust in them we will give them that. The alternative plan suggested is for unconditional release with trial in Poston." One man rose to oppose the plan. RN talked with him along the same lines, as an individual, but in the presence of all the others. He said, "Well, if the others want it, I won't hold out." The vote was then unanimous for the plan. RN is proud of the fact that 45 was again a 100% block.

On Sunday a group came up from II. They announced that II was solidly behind the strike. One of the delegates who was a good shibai singer was asked to sing but he was under the stress of so much emotion that he was unable. The group from II after making their announcement led the crowd in a "Tenno hikka banzai." (RN said "I was shivering whenever I heard those tennohikka banzais." TT said, It was the first time I had ever heard anything like that. I heard it only once before in Hawaii when a princess came to the consulate in Honolulu.") There was a great deal of martial music of the kind that came to Japan through Germans. This is the only sort of Western music that is popular in Japan, according to TT. The Japanese

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national anthem was never played. Ai KUKU, however, (Love of country, a patriotic song) was played. There were also recordings of speeches by Nagai (one of the Japanese political oppositionists about 1929). The content of one of these was a roasting of the premier of that period on the ground that his policies were defaming the emperor. They are regarded as models of Japanese oratory. On Friday night(?) there was a lecture on dogs, in which it was pointed out that Japanese dogs ask for food, while American dogs ask for money. This speech went on over the P.A. system for more than an hour. (TT said that it made her shiver in her shoes, because she felt that she might be pointed to at any moment as a dog.) Block --- brought out a cardboard figure of a man with a dog's head and dressed in a G.I. blouse and denim pants. (This is probably what VK thought was an American soldier being hanged in effigy. TT said it was merely inu, not a soldier.)

RN talked about his "techniques." He pointed out that he believes means are unimportant if the end is allright. He said, "The Japanese way is to say as little as possible. Let the people who hear you fill in. We don't talk like the American politicians who come out and say, 'I stand for this and this.'" TT suggested that RN always turns his argument so that it amounts to: If you are a good Japanese, you will agree with me and act this way.

RN intimated that he is one of the yushi in block 45. "You would be surprised at how many people come to see me in a day. Many people, from all the blocks. I have to tell TT the things to write down. I have no time. I lost touch with things when I was writing the Firebreak Gang. I

cant do that anymore..... You understand, I could smash the Bureau in five minutes. (TT interjects that she could hurt it, if she wanted to; and RN says that her influence is not so far reaching as his.) It's interesting, isn't it, that you have to get information on Camp III from Camp I (referring of course to himself). They are starting kibeï organizations in II and III now, trying to get them to back the CEC. They are thinking they want a CEC down there now in those camps. I went down to II during New Years. It is closely tied up with III. I talked to some fellows; I didn't take time to see the exhibits. I would say that Camp II now is about in the condition of Camp I in September. That is my estimate. I do not want the CEC to get the kibeï --- young bastards(RN said this with considerable distaste)---- into dirty politics. I dont want to see them make stooges of the kibeï. Kawashima and Sugimoto are stooges of Okamoto. Yes, they are very much in politics now.

RN pointed out that he has developed a technique whereby he keeps in touch with 4 or 5 people in different blocks who are not in touch with each other. This worked effectively in the political intrigue in connection with the proposal to the Spanish consul.

RN: You see why I cant tell these things to AHL? He has the wrong attitude. Once when I was talking about people wanting to stay in the camps, he said, 'Yes, those damned isseis had better stay in.' You see?

RN tries out some of his political schemes on TT, to get her reaction before trying them out on the people.

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NOTES ON JP'S PAPER OF 1-15-43

This is a biased account full of half truths and innuendos, the general tenor of which is to over emphasize the pro-American, pro-Axis issues, to ignore the masses of the people of Poston and to blame the Administration and the Japanese for what is apparently felt as a failure of the Adult Education Department.

61. Strike.

Conversation with Jim Watari. T.S.
Repair Shop Strike.

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Local Administration

Jim told me at sup per tonite that the Repair shop was going to go on a strike if all of the boys are willing to copperate. He was getting fed up with their receiving unjust treatment in the form of the lack of the necessities of minimum furnishings for shop conveniences. Such things as soap, towels, drinking water, uniform, coolers etc are contributing factors. It is just that this has come to a head.

"I'm going to tell the big shot administration off; Mr. Head, and Haverland. The shop caucasian foreman writes a memo asking the truck no. 1, and the yellow Indian Service truck to be placed in the car pool. He says that it is for the sake of efficiency. But actually he doesn't know what he is talking about. If he wanted efficiency, he should get soap and towels, drinking water. Hell, we're drinking oily water out of the pipe that we feed into the radiators. Other departments have ice water, as well as coolers. I asked them why not put coolers in here for the boys, and Fitzwater says that it would require too many. He can't sh--- me; he told me himself that there are two coolers where he is living. We dirty our own clothes, have a hellava time washing them, they don't furnish us any soap, and yet, we lost only a few workers to the camoufluge. Now, if the boys are willing to back me up, I'll sure tell Head and Haverland off. And if they don't back me up, and I don't trust the niseis, a bunch of us are going to quit anyway, and leave the young punks to the care of the shop. The shop is the worst place to work in. Its thankless. And if we close the place up, it means that the bucks will be tied up, including the subsistence, because theyx are included."

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Conversation with Mr. L. Nelson by AHL

*Affidavits re Dies Conn.
C.R. 102a Cong. Relations*

Mr. Nelson told me that Mr. Peavy, the Felsted^{ks} and the Gardiner^{ks} and Spud Palmer refused to sign the affidavit which was signed by all appointed personnel with respect to lack of fear and threats during the November strike.