

April 12, 1944

Manager
Hotel Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

I am planning to have a small staff conference in Salt Lake City early in June. We would probably require four double rooms with twin beds. Can you quote me rates for rooms of this sort? I would also appreciate knowing whether a small conference room could be made available to us for three or four days. The total length of occupancy would be approximately a week for two of the rooms, and approximately four days for the other two.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

Day letter

Re my letter April twelfth inquiring ~~into~~ availability and rates for rooms would appreciate immediate reply. ~~Conference~~ Occupancy approximately one week beginning June first.

*Professor Dorothy S. Thomas
Graduate Hall
University of California
Berkeley, Calif*

*4/25/44
sent 10 a.m.*

*ask 5:00 2+4
m. Metzger*

BE 4321

April 28, 1944

Hotel Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of April 12 and the plans I am making for a small conference at your Hotel early in June, will you please reply by return mail to whether or not there will be a small conference room which we could use for our meetings, and also whether or not there would be any extra charge for this. I shall greatly appreciate a prompt reply in order that I may let you know the exact details in respect to the number of rooms needed.

The days for which the conference room would be required are Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

Enclosure
Stamped self-addressed envelope

HEBER J. GRANT, PRESIDENT
R.W. MADSEN, VICE PRESIDENT



GUY TOOMBES, MANAGING DIRECTOR

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

UTAH HOTEL COMPANY

The Hotel Beautiful

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

May 1, 1944

Zone No. 1

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
Evacuation & Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Dr. Thomas:

We are in receipt of your letter of April twenty-eighth, and as requested we have reserved a room for your conference on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th.

One of our C Rooms on the Mezzanine Floor has been reserved for this occasion. There will be a charge of \$5.00 per day for the rental of this room.

Awaiting your further instructions regarding the set up of this room, and assuring you of our cooperation to make your meetings at our hotel successful ones, we remain,

Yours very truly,

HOTEL UTAH

Gaston A. Brody
G. A. BRODY
Catering Manager

GAB:hb

May 8, 1944

Mr. G.A. Brosby
Utah Hotel Company
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Brosby

This is to confirm tentative arrangements for the conference I am planning at the Hotel Utah. The following will be required for various periods from the date of arrival which is indicated:

✓ One double room with bath (twin beds) for my husband, (Dr. W.I. Thomas) and myself, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 4 p.m., approximate cost, \$8.00 per day.

X One single room with bath, Tuesday, June 6, for Mr. Richard Nishimoto, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 6 p.m., approximate cost \$4.00 per day.

X Two additional rooms will be required on June 7. One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. James Sakoda and Mr. Frank Miyamoto. One single room with bath for Miss Rosalie Hankey. All of these people will arrive after 6 p.m. Approximate cost, double room \$6.00 and single room \$4.00 per day.

An additional room will be required on June 9. Double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Morton Grodzins, who will arrive late that evening, and for Mr. Togo Tanaka, who will join Mr. Grodzins early Saturday morning. Approximate cost \$6.00 per day.

X This is also to confirm reservation of a C room on the Mezzanine floor for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 8 through 11, and it is understood that the charge of this room will be \$5.00 per day.

Kindly confirm these reservations at your early convenience. Stamped Addressed envelope is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

Enclosure
Stamped addressed envelope

HEBER J. GRANT, PRESIDENT
R. W. MADSEN, VICE PRESIDENT



EXECUTIVE OFFICE

UTAH HOTEL COMPANY

The Hotel Beautiful

GUY TOOMBES, MANAGING DIRECTOR

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

May 17, 1944

Dr. Dorothy S. Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley, 4, California

Dear Doctor Thomas:

Thank you for your letter of May 8th. We are sorry, but we must request that you cancel your conference that was to be held at our hotel.

A previous meeting of the Central Western Shippers Advisory Board, and the American Railway Association has demanded much more space for their conference. Therefore, we will be unable to accommodate your group.

Perhaps we can be of service to you at some future date.

Very truly yours,

H O T E L U T A H

J. M. White
Assistant Manager

JMW:rm

May 19, 1944

Manager
Hotel Utah
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attention: Mr. G.A. Brosby

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter of May 8 addressed to Mr. Brosby, I find it necessary to make one or two changes in my arrangements, and the reservations required will now be as follows:

One double room with bath (twin beds) for my husband, (Dr. W.I. Thomas) and myself, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 4 p.m., approximate cost \$8.00 per day.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Richard Nishimoto, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 6 p.m., and Mr. James Sakoda, arriving June 7, Wednesday, approximate cost \$6.00 per day.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Frank Miyamoto and Mr. Charles Kikuchi, arriving Thursday, June 8, about 11:30 a.m., approximate cost \$6.00 per day.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Morton Grodzins, who will arrive late on the evening of June 9, and for Mr. Togo Tanaka, who will join Mr. Grodzins early Saturday morning. Approximate cost \$6.00 per day.

One single room with bath for Miss Rosalie Hankey, who will arrive after 6 p.m. on June 7. Approximate cost \$4.00 per day.

The reservation made for a conference room on the Mezzanine floor should be changed from June 8 through 11 to June 8 through 12. Charge for this room will be \$5.00 per day.

If it necessary for you to have dates of termination of occupancy of rooms, I shall be able to supply accurate dates about the 26th of this month.

It will be much appreciated if you would give us early confirmation of these reservations in order to settle our plans at an early date. Kindly confirm by return mail.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director.

May 19, 1944

Manager
New Grand Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Sir:

This is to confirm reservations made on my behalf by the War Relocation Authority. We appreciate greatly your kind consideration in this matter. Will you kindly confirm the reservations, by return mail, and let us know the price of the rooms. We hope that you will give us the best accommodations you have available.

The following will be needed:

One double room with bath (twin beds) for my husband, (Dr. W.I. Thomas) and myself, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 4 p.m.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Richard Nishimoto, arriving Tuesday, June 6, about 6 p.m. and Mr. James Sakoda, arriving Wednesday, June 7.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Frank Miyamoto and Mr. Charles Kikuchi, arriving Thursday, June 8, about 11:30 a.m.

One double room with bath (twin beds) for Mr. Morton Grodzins, who will arrive late on the evening of Friday, June 9, and for Mr. Togo Tanaka, who will join Mr. Grodzins early Saturday morning.

One single room with bath for Miss Rosalie Hankey, who will arrive after 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 7.

We would also like a small conference room which we could use for our meetings. The days for which the conference room would be required are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, June 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. Let us know the charge for this.

If it is necessary for you to have dates of termination of occupancy of rooms, I shall be able to supply accurate dates about the 26th of this month.

Thanking you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

Frank

May 19, 1944

MEMORANDUM TO PARTICIPANTS IN CONFERENCE

FROM: D.S. THOMAS

This is to inform you that the conference will be held at the New Grand Hotel in Salt Lake City instead of the Hotel Utah.

The reason for the change is the following: Arrangements were made with the Hotel Utah weeks ago, but a letter giving the specific details concerning the participants, including their names, was sent out only ten days ago. Today I received a letter asking that the conference be cancelled. The excuse given was that "prior reservations" made it impossible to accommodate us.

We thereupon telephoned the Hotel Newhouse in Salt Lake City and told them our needs in regard to rooms. They agreed to take care of us. We then said "Five of the nine persons attending are Japanese Americans from the staff of the University of California." They said, "We cannot give them accommodations."

We reported the situation to the WRA office in San Francisco. They put one of their Salt Lake men on the case, and discovered that three hotels in Salt Lake City have recently adopted this discriminatory policy: the Utah, the Newhouse, and the Temple.

They obtained accommodations for us at the New Grand, which has no such discriminatory policy.

Dorothy Swaine Thomas

OFFICE OF MANAGER

New Grand Hotel

MAIN AT 4TH SOUTH STREETS
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

May 22, 1944

Professor D.S. Thomas
207 Giannini Hall
University of California
Berkeley, 4 California

Dear Professor:

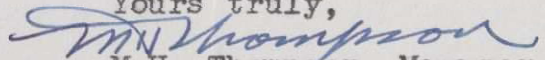
This will serve to confirm your reservations as per your letter of May 19, 1944.

The double rooms with twin beds and bath are \$5.50 per day and the single room with bath will be \$4.00 per day.

We do not have a regular conference room but we can furnish a large room that will accommodate about 15 persons. The regular rate on this room is \$6.00 per day.

Trusting these accommodations will meet with your requirements.

Yours truly,


M.H. Thompson, Manager
New Grand Hotel

Center of Scenic America



May 24, 1944

Dorothy Thomas
Evacuation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4, California

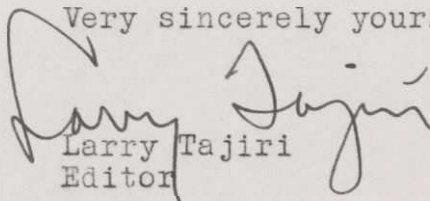
Dear Dorothy Thomas:

We can arrange automobile transportation for you to Topaz on June 12, if you can supply the gasoline coupons. Hito Okada of our national office has a car which he says will be available. We are looking forward to seeing you in Salt Lake City next month. I owe Morton Grodzins a letter regarding his query on Just ~~12~~ Craemer's advocacy of the second evacuation in California which I mentioned in my column. Will you tell Morton that my files are so disorderly that I haven't been able to find the clipping in question for him and that the reference I made was from memory? Fortune Magazine has been attempting to forget more background on pre-evacuation pressures in California, particularly from the farmer group and I have referred your group to Fortune as a source of material. I hope you don't mind.

Haruo Najima was inducted into the army and is now at Fort Douglas, Utah from where he will leave soon for Camp Savage, Minnesota.

I have just read the manuscript of Carey Mc Williams' new book, "Prejudice" which discusses the problems of Japanese Americans and which is a detailed and well documented study. Hope to see you in Salt Lake.

Very sincerely yours,


Larry Tajiri
Editor

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May 24, 1944

Mr. M. H. Thompson, Manager
New Grand Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The arrangements that you suggest in your letter of May 22 are thoroughly satisfactory.

I am sending an express package containing supplies, etc. in my name, care of you. Will you kindly hold it for my arrival.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

October 9, 1944

Mr. M. H. Thompson, Manager
New Grand Hotel
Main at 4th South Streets
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Thompson:

As you will remember, we had a small conference at your Hotel last June. We were very much pleased both with the accommodations and with the courtesy shown by your personnel. We should, therefore, like to inquire about the possibility of having a similar small conference late in November. We would probably need three double rooms with twin beds and one single room, all with baths, plus a conference room similar to the one you made available to us before. You will remember that several of the members of our staff are Japanese Americans. The conference would last approximately one week.

In order to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday, I suggest either the week beginning November 20 or the week beginning December 4. I should like to have your opinion as to the relative desirability of these two dates. If you can take care of us I will confirm all arrangements by the last week in October.

Enclosed is a self-addressed airmail stamped envelope for your convenience in reply.

Very sincerely yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology

OFFICE OF MANAGER

New Grand Hotel

MAIN AT 4TH SOUTH STREETS
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

October 11, 1944

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Professor of Rural Sociology
Berkeley, Calif.

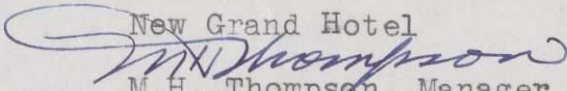
Dear Mrs. Thomas:

In reply to your letter of October 9th, 1944, we wish to advise you we will be very happy to provide accommodations for your party at any date suitable to you. We would prefer the date of December 4th but if this cannot be arranged we will provide the accommodations for the date of November 20, 1944, or any other date you prefer. We will only need a few days advance notice.

We wish to thank you for your letter and trust we will have the pleasure of serving you and seeing you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

New Grand Hotel


M.H. Thompson, Manager

3 doubles (Linen bed)

W D & DS
Frank & Jimmy
Dick & George
Togo
Rosalie

Center of Scenic America

October 31, 1944

Dear Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for your letter of October 11th. Our plans are now set, and we expect to spend eight days at the New Grand Hotel, beginning Tuesday, November 27th. Will you kindly confirm the following reservations:

Three double rooms, with twin beds, and with bath for
(1) Dr. and Mrs. W.I. Thomas
(2) Mr. George Sabagh and Mr. Richard Nishimoto
(3) Mr. Frank Miyamoto and Mr. James Sakoda

Two single rooms, each with bath for
(1) Miss Rosalie Hankey
(2) Mr. Togo Tanaka

All these persons will arrive before dinner time on Tuesday, November 27th. In addition, we shall want a conference room (similar to the one you made available to us for our last conference) beginning Wednesday, November 28th.

All of us except Mr. Tanaka will leave on or before December 7th. Mr. Tanaka will stay a few days longer.

Thanking you for your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy Swaine Thomas
Director

*Mrs. Wilson - write Mr. Thompson
Please have 28 for
+ Tell him I meant
Tuesday, Nov 28 for
date of arrival. No
further inquiry
necessary*

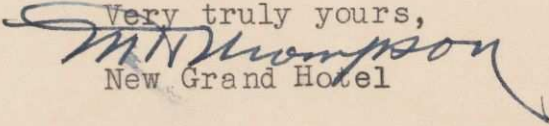
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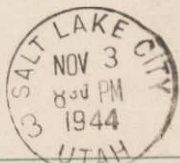
Dear Mrs. Thomas:

— This will serve to confirm
the following reservations for November 27, 44.

Dr. & Mrs. W.I. Thomas-Twin Beds and Bath
George Sabagh and Richard Nishimoto-Twin beds
and bath. Frank Miyamoto and James Sakoda-Twin
beds and bath. Miss Rosalie Hankey - single
room with bath. Mr. Togo Tanaka- Single room
with bath. One conference room similar to the
one you had before.

Very truly yours,


New Grand Hotel



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Dorothy Swain Thomas, Director
Evacutation and Resettlement Study
207 Giannini Hall
Berkeley 4
California

University of California

November 7, 1944

Mr. M.H. Thompson, Manager
New Grand Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah

Dear Mr. Thompson:

With reference to Dr. Thomas' letter of October 31, regarding reservations for conference, please note that the date of arrival should be Tuesday, November 28, instead of November 27 as stated. The conference room will be required from Wednesday, November 29, instead of November 28.

No further confirmation is necessary.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Mary Wilson
Secretary to Dr. D.S. Thomas

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY

STAFF CONFERENCE JUNE 8 - JUNE 12, 1944

A G E N D A

June 8

2:00 p.m. Frank Miyamoto, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Analysis of factors contributing to conflict and social disorganization in Relocation Projects, with particular reference to Tule Lake through the registration period."

June 9

10 a.m. James Sakoda, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Analysis of conflict situations and social reorganization following registration, with particular reference to Minidoka after the arrival of the Tuleans."

2:00 p.m. Rosalie Hankey, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Analysis of conflicts and cleavages in Tule Lake after segregation."

June 10

10:00 a.m. Richard Nishimoto, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Analyzing the 'core' of the Japanese Community in Relocation Projects."

2:00 p.m. Morton Grodzins, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Analyzing the development of WRA policies at the national level."

June 11

10:00 a.m. Charles Kikuchi, Discussion leader

Topic: "Analyzing the problems of the individual and family resettler."

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June 11

2:00 p.m. Morton Grodzins, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Political factors in the formulation of evacuation policy."

8:00 p.m. Togo Tanaka, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Building up the political and social history of the Japanese prior to evacuation, with particular reference to the Los Angeles area."

June 12

10:00 a.m. Dorothy Thomas, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Plans for analyzing data on economic and population aspects of evacuation."

2:00 p.m. W. I. Thomas, Discussion Leader

Topic: "Critique of objectives, approaches, and gaps in the data."

EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT STUDY

June 9, 1944

REPORT ON MINIDOKA

Introduction The purpose of this report is to show the condition in Minidoka and how it is being covered.

Problem I What was the condition in Minidoka at the time of segregation in September, 1943.

A. Administration

1. Project Director considered authoritarian in attitude.
2. Assistant Project Director Shaffer/ considered sympathetic to evacuees, settled many problems.
3. Except for a few exceptions the administrative staff was dominated by the attitude of the project director.
4. The administration was in the habit of imposing its own point of view on the residents.
(hours of work, voluntary labor, volunteering)
5. Steps were taken to keep the residents unorganized.
 - a. Block organization discouraged.
 - b. Self-government opposed.
 - c. Block managers reduced in number.
 - d. Unwillingness shown to give evacuees power.
6. Instead of having elected representatives for evacuee advisors "personal advisors" were called in for consultation.
7. Impersonal relationship maintained with evacuees-- "fraternization" not allowed.
- 8.

B. Evacuee Leaders

1. Made up mostly of Isseis. Niseis were relegated to a secondary position. Many relocated.
2. Residents governed by a system of block managers appointed by the administration.
3. The block managers dominated by S. Hara, the chairman, who in turn was one of Stafford's "personal advisors."
4. The block managers and men in key position were in the habit of imposing the instruction of the administration on the residents.
5. They were also known to be highly officious.
6. The residents were rarely consulted on matters.
7. A small group of leaders centering around the Organization Commission favored self-government and opposed the block managers.

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C. Residents

1. Were divided among themselves.
 - a. Some cooperative with administration.
 - b. Some apathetic.
 - c. Some dissatisfied.
2. Were dominated by fear
 - a. Of inu.
 - b. Of blacklist.
 - c. Lacked Initiative.
3. Were individualistic.

Problem II. What were the significant events in Minidoka from October, 1943. Significant events are defined as those incidents which are considered significant to the Study for one or more of the following reasons:

1. Events assigned by the Director as an important item to be followed.
 2. Major events involving the whole community or a large part of the community (e.g. strikes, draft issue, creation of the Council). Major events are covered as fully as possible.
 3. Minor events involving only a segment of the population or even one person which serve to clarify significant events, changes, and processes. Minor events are covered only when circumstances permit it. (e.g. Change in personnel, Pickling Plant conflict, case histories.)
- (A coverage of all phases of activities in the center is not being attempted at the present time.)

A. Tulean Adjustment

1. Comparing of notes between Tuleans and Minidokans.
2. Tulean criticism of Minidoka.
3. Criticism of Tuleans by Minidokans and the administration.
4. Tulean welcome by the dissatisfied elements.
5. Lack of complete assimilation.
6. Adjustment of Tulean leaders:
 - a. Number of Tuleans who gained leadership position is small.
 - b. K. Takeda, unofficial leader of the Tuleans and Council member.
 - c. Potential leaders align themselves with different groups--pro-evacuee and pro-administration.

B. Housing Conflict (Tuleans in Action)

1. Nature of the conflict
 - a. Housing Adjustment Board's insistence on refusing small families into large apartments.

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- b. Tulean demand for an apartment for each family and refusal to move out of recreation halls to double up into rooms.

2. Progress

- a. K. Takeda obtains job on Housing Adjustment Board.
- b. Housing Board threatens with advantage for those who double up.
- c. Survey proposed by Takeda reveals 40 large apartments vacant and 27 families in recreation halls.
- d. Housing Board insists on moving out doubled up families first.
- e. Takeda calls on each doubled-up family and gains consent to give separate apartments to recreation hall residents first.

C. Report to Myer (October 23, 1943)

1. A very strong protest was registered against the administration, and self-government was urged and forced relocation questioned.
2. The reports were written by the leaders opposed to the block managers with the help of a few Tuleans.

D. Report to the Spanish Consul (December, 1943)

Same as above.

E. Community Council charter presented to the residents for the second time in the same year and passed by 2657 to 686 votes.

1. A result of pressure from Washington.
2. Election handled by block representatives.

F. Boilermen Conflict (January, 1944)

1. Administration attempt to impose a 24 hour work schedule results in the explosion of anti-administration sentiment.
2. The conflict is arbitrated by block representatives.

G. Strikes (January)

Employment cuts result in a series of small strikes (mailmen, dentists) and general labor unrest. Mess employees organize.

H. New Seasonal Leave Restrictions Issued (January)

Interpreted as a means of forcing relocation. Causes little disturbance.

I. Formation of the Council (February)

1. Persons who were considered either pro-evacuee or anti-administration were elected.
2. Block managers and other reactionary leaders

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failed to be elected.

J. Draft Issue (January-April)

Disturbs both Isseis and Niseis. Protest movement fails.

K. Pickling Plant Conflict (March)

Rawlings closes down the Pickling Plant to settle a labor dispute.

L. Warehouse Conflict (April)

Stafford discovers insubordination among his own staff and decides to cooperate with the Council in ousting the recalcitrants.

Assistant Project Director Miller resigns. Cox plays up to the Council.

M. Kuroki's Visit (May)

Ben Kuroki given a poor welcome.

N. Riprap Incident (May)

The Council accepts the task of fixing the damage to the canal to cooperate with Stafford.

O. Light Case (May)

The high school principal refuses to resign, and evacuees start a movement to retain him as principal.

P. Irrigator-Acree Incident (May)

The new Reports Officer conflicts with the Irrigator staff, and hostile relationships are maintained.

Q. Return to the Coast (June)

The possibility is made public.

R. Relocation

Strong resistance continues.

S. Attitudes toward the war.

Many Isseis doubt that the second front will take place.

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Problem III What were the major changes that occurred in Minidoka. Major changes are defined as those which affect important characteristics of the center as described in Problem I.

A. Administration

1. The Project Director is considered more sympathetic to evacuees than before.
2. Shaffer is replaced by Miller, who antagonizes evacuees.
3. Turnover in administrative personnel results in administrators inexperienced with evacuees.
4. The highly anti-evacuee administrators find it increasingly difficult to deal with evacuees arbitrarily.
5. The administration finds it increasingly difficult to impose its will on the residents.
6. The power of the Council is recognized by the administration.

B. Leaders

1. Still made up mostly of Isseis.
2. The power has shifted from the old leaders, especially the block managers, to the new leaders, centered around the community council.
3. After the reaction against the pro-administration type of leadership, the new leaders have worked for the interest of both the residents and the administration.
4. The highly officious leader has become greatly unpopular and many leaders have softened their attitude toward residents.
5. The leaders are still fairly independent of the people, but they show more consideration for the best interest of the residents than before.
6. Certain leaders, especially the block managers and leaders of the mess employees, have shown opposition to the councilmen.
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C. Residents

1. The residents are more satisfied with the present condition than before.
2. They have been freed from fear of the inu and of the administration.
3. The opinion of Isseis, rather than that of the administration, has come to dominate the project.
4. The residents are better organized for action than before.
5. Resistance to administrative plans has increased. (Voluntary work, employment cuts, seasonal work, relocation.)