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Due to the new curtailment of employment the Social Relations Board was abolished as of April 1, and they joined the hordes of unemployed. There were several proposals made by which the temples and the priests ~~would~~ be made self-supporting by collecting a set of monthly fees from the congregation. This idea, however, was not satisfactory to all concerned because of an unequal distribution in the numbers of devotees of the different sects. For instance, the Sinshu sect had <sup>hundred</sup> several persons in the congregation, while the Nichiren and the Shingon sects had less than fifty persons respectively here. The followers of the Shinshu sect was unwilling to support those of the other sects, while they were willing to support their own temple and priests. And the Nichiren and the Shingon people could not make their organizations self-supporting, because the burdens would be too heavy for them to carry. The situation has not clarified yet.

As to the clothing allowance payments to the priests, Powell, the head of the Community Service and Management, agreed that the WRA should assume them. There is a regulation, Powell said, in the WRA manual that those Cristian ministers who are supported by the outside demominations are entitled to receive the clothing allowances for them and their families. Powell interpreted ~~that~~ under the regulation that the Buddhist priests should not be

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The plight of the Buddhist priests here is regrettable. They are not drawing the WRA wages now.

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In the early days they received their work assignments from the Community Activities Section. With the first curtailment of project employment they were let out as of October 1, 1943. Nomura and the members of the Executive Board manuevred and succeeded in getting their work cards by a subterfuge --- about that time the Social Relations Board outlived its usefulness and

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was ready to be abandoned, and they were nominally made ~~the~~ members of the board.

Early this year when Rev. Masuoka <sup>had been</sup> ~~was~~ released from Santa Fe and joined the corp of priests, the Executive Board hired him as its members, since there was no vacant quota <sup>in</sup> ~~for~~ the Social Relations Board. (Rev. Masuoka <sup>is still</sup> ~~was~~ allowed by this arrangement to keep on with his evangelistic work.)



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The Committee on Recreation Halls met on March 9 to dispose an application from the Buddhist group (the Shinshu sect) for a Recreation Hall. They occupy the Block 13 Recreation Hall at present, and they desire to establish another temple in the southern section of the camp, because Rev. Masuoka had been released from Santa Fe and joined the <sup>sect</sup> ~~temple~~. He is a resident of Block 59.

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discriminated and should be allowed to receive the same privileges.