MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Limitation of Social Life January 17, 1944

There is a total expenditure over income deficit of about $37,000 per month in Manzanar. There is a urgent need to cut down on unnecessary spending to keep up front. As a result these suggestions were made.

WEDDING RECEPTIONS AND PRESENTS

Mess halls should not be used for Wedding Receptions.
Wedding cake should be furnished by WRA.
Cake and tea served at Church.
Only 25¢ to be taken by the residents as a gift.
There should be less drinking and eating and more spiritual rejoicing.

FUNERAL SERVICE.

Set amount of 25¢ as koden and no koden kaeshi.

ALL OTHER PARTIES.

Births, birthday, and farewell parties should be limited or eliminated as much as possible.

CHILDREN'S UNIFORM.

P.T.A. Board to be consulted and their advice to be gotten.

PLAN OF EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN.

Church Committee: Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Sakata.
Red Cross and P.T.A. Committee: Mr. Shikami, Mr. Higashi, and Mr. Masuyama.
Free Press: Chairman and Secretary
Mess Division: Chairman and Secretary.
A representative from these division will be asked to attend a meeting next Thursday at 1:30 p.m.
Posters, Bulletins, and Free Press as well as Block Announcement.
Police and Community Activities, Churches and Social Welfare representatives to be asked to the meeting.
Slogan.

Respectfully submitted,
Frank Yasuda, Secretary
Block Managers Assembly

Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 1944
1:30 p.m.
Town Hall

The 11th meeting of the Board of Directos was called to order by chairman, Mr. Nakano. Present were the following:

Mr. Tsurutani	Mr. Izuno
Mr. Kawase	Mr. Hashii
Mr. Muramatsu	Mr. Sakamoto
Mr. Enseki	Mr. Takeno
Mr. Aramaki	Mr. Poole
Mr. Yashiki	Mr. Sugimoto
Mr. Osawa	Mr. Hori
Mr. Nakano	Mr. Takeyasu
Mr. Yasuda	Mr. Takeuchi

The minutes of the December 9th meeting was read and approved. The chair read a letter of appreciation from Mr. Hasegawa, from Tulelake.

NEW MOVIE PLAN. A report by Mr. Yashiki was made of the agreement reached regarding the money to be raised to pay off the existment debts of the 8 baseball teams. A statement from the team has just reached the Management. It is agreeable with the teams if the Co-op would sponsor the movie as long as the debts are paid. The statement as presented by the various teams are as follows:

San Fernando Aces	$115.29
San Pedro Skippers	169.70
San Pedro Yogores	197.65
Los Santos	183.25
Solons	205.57
Manzaknights	196.32
Sears	169.72
Red Sox	214.65
Total	$1452.15

As this figure was far in excess of the original request of $800, a reason was asked of Mr. Murakami, Vice President of the Baseball Association.

Mr. Murakami: When I quoted that figure, I thought that the two teams that had movie showing and sold raffles were out off debt. Also I took into account what I thought was the average and multiplied this by six.

At this point Mr. Murakami was asked to give the original plan of the Association. To raise funds. The reply was that the plan was to have the teams sponsor movies to raise sufficient money. This had the approval of the Community Activities. Mr. Murakami further stated that one mistake they made was in not limiting the amount of money to be spent by the different teams. As a result it had run up to quite a considerable sum.

The difference in the figures quoted by the different teams and that of the accountant was due to the inclusion of other items beside the baseball teams had bought, and that the figures of the accountant were correct.

Mr. Tsurutani: When was the last credit given to the teams?

Mr. Sugimoto: The management did not know that the Sporting Department was extending credit. Specific orders were given to all departments that absolutely no credits were to be given. When I found out that teams have bought equipments at credits, I immediately called in Mr. Watanabe who is in charge there and asked him about this. He admitted that he had given credits to the teams. He knew that he was not supposed to do this so he promised that he personally will be responsible to see that these bills are paid. And that hereafter no credit will be given. The total sum involved is not more than $150.

Chair: You have heard the details gentlemen. What action are you going to take on this. You also have heard the recommendation by the committee on this.

A question was asked by the secretary as to what would become of the uniforms and equipments in case that the money is raised by the Co-op and turned over to the C.A. Coop to pay off the teams debt. The reply from Mr. Murakami was that he thought that all these should be turned over to the Activities so that later this year other players do not have to get entire new outfits. However the understanding of all the Managers of the teams has not been gotten on this and he asked for a little time to discuss this with them.

Mr. Yashiki: There is a danger that in order for the Co-op to get its debt paid off that it has undertaken the payment of all the debts by chargeing for movie to raise money. I recommend that a clear understanding on this be made.

Mr. Tsurutani: I think that the existing debts should be paid up by the persons who contracted them or by Mr. Watanabe and then proceed to get the approval by Congress for charging for movies.

The chair instructed Mr. Sugimoto to get this cleared up as soon as possible.

Mr. Osawa: I know that this figure as submitted is greatly in excess of our anticipation. But let us not get a fine comb to look throught the statements. Let us approve this sum. But we should have assurance that in the future such thing as this do not occur.

Mr. Takeyasu: As to the future the C.A. Coop should be responsible. We are turning the money over to them to pay off the debts. We are not paying the teams debt direct.

Mr. Yashiki: In the future the C.A. should demand a definite budget if any money of the community is to be used.

Mr. Sugimoto: I don't know whether I am given the authority to speak on this subject, but as one of the aim of the Co-op is to save as much money as possible to the residents, I want your consideration of the following:

1. All athletics to be controlled by the C.A.
2. The C.A. should economize as much as possible taking into consideration our wage standard.
3. What that department actually needs to run that division should be paid for by the Co-op if the sum raised by them is insufficient.

Mr. Aramaki: That is a good thing. However, we should take into consideration how can we get the approval of Congress on our action regarding the movie showing. I suggest that Mr. Murakami as well as the team managers be present to answer any questions.

Chair: For the sake of record, I want some action to be taken on this. Will some one make a motion. (After a long period of silence.)

Mr. Izuno made a motion, seconded by Mr. Aramaki: I move that the Board instruct the management to charge an admission fee of five cents to all residents over five years old for the privilege of seeing the movie. The charge being continued until a sum of $1452.15 is raised. This sum to be turned over to the C.A. Coop division to pay off the debts of the 8 baseball teams. And that this motion if passed to be submitted to Congress for their approval.
This motion was passed unanimously.

The next question was the advisability of having free showing for those people who do not care to pay. But after much discussion nothing was done on this due to the time element involved.

The date for the Congress Meeting was set for January 25. The place to be announced later. The secretary was instructed to contact the Free Press at once regarding the announcement of the meeting date.

NEW MEMBERS: The approval for the acceptance of 22 persons as member of the Co-op was referred to Mr. Muramatsu, chairman of the Membership Committee for his investigation and report.

MEMBERSHIP REFUND: The Comptroller presented a statement of 207 persons who have either relocated or gone Tulelake and whose membership plus rebates and reserves must be brought up. The total sum involved was $1781.05. Mr. Hashii made a motion, seconded by Mr. Izuno, and passed unanimously.

The question as to who these refund should be paid was asked by Mr. Sugimoto. It was decided that they should be paid to individual and not to the Tulelake Co-op. The matter of the payment of the refund of those people who will go to Tulelake was discussed. As this involves quite a large amount, Mr. Tsurutani asked that the inventory be cut down as much as possible.

FEDERATION OF CENTER BUSINESS: The By-Laws of the Federation of Center Business was given over to Mr. Tsurutani for his scrutiny and recommendation.

RELATION BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIAL: The Management suggested that a committee be appointed to contact the Industrial Division as to reaching a definite agreement with Mr. Haberle regarding the garments as made here and shipped to other centers. Up to now there has been a 10% allowance to the Coop, but in the last order to Tulelake this was handled direct. The Chair appointed the following; Mr. Izuno, Mr. Tsurutani and Mr. Osawa.

The Chairman read a letter from the State of California, Division of Corporations asking the Coop to pay a fee of $15.00 annually for the permit to issue membership certificates.

ADDITIONAL $500 FOR N. Y. OFFICE: A letter from N. Y. Buying Office asking for additional $500 was read and Mr. Sugimoto explained the need for this. A motion was made by Mr. Tsurutani, seconded by Mr. Hashii and passed unanimously to this affect.

NEW YEARS EMPLOYEES PARTY: The chair asked for a approval of expense given last Wednesday in appreciation to the employees as well as to those people who have helped to make the Coop such a success last year. Mr. Izuno objected to this on the ground that since the Board of Directors were sponsoring the party, why wasn't the Board members consulted and their approval gotten first. As it was some of the Board members did not know anything about it.

The Chair apologized for this error. He had meant to contact all members and to receive their approval but something came up which made him forget about this. In the future he will see that similiar practice does not occur. His apology was accepted.

RICE: Due to the shortage of rice at the mess halls lately many of the residents are asking as to when rice can be expected.

To this Mr. Sugimoto replied that due to the differance between the millers and the government over the price of rice and due to the fact that 60% of the rice grown in Arkansas is slated for government use there wasn't much prospect of getting any Arkansas rice. However, some rice from Imperial valley has been located and the Management is trying to buy a carload of this. Everything possible is being done to buy some.

As there were other unfinished business, it was decided to call another meeting of the Board on Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

With this the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Yasuda
Secretary

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February 2, 1944

BREAKDOWN--INCOME AND EXPENDITURES
FOR RESIDENTS IN MANZANAR

Period of 9/1/43 to 11/30/43

INCOME

Cash allowance per month	$ 62,284.33
Clothing Allowance per month including Grants	31,040.05
Total	$ 93,324.38

EXPENDITURE

Average Sales per 1 month	$ 63,466.83
American Express Money Orders Monthly	8,378.00
Post Office Money Orders monthly	28,873.00
Post Office C.O.D. monthly	30,749.00
Average Expenditure per 1 month	$ 131,467.53
Average Income per 1 month	93,324.38
AVERAGE MONTHLY DEFICIT	$ 38,143.15 *

* This figure is exclusive of personal purchases through medium of personal checks and also those articles received by C.O.D. through the American Express.

TO:
FROM: Roy M. Takeno, (office of Reports, 1-1)
DATE: February 8, 1943
SUBJECT: Digest of Block Reports
January 4-23, 1943

1. EVACUEES LEARN TO COMPLAIN

They were industrious. Most of them were thrifty. They had buried their complaints against innumerable practices of racial discriminations. They had a common objective before evacuation: to save money to educate their children and assist them in securing a start in their adult lives.

These objectives are gone at present for most of them. Their roots have been shorn. They have time on their hands to reminisce. And their reminiscences are selective, having to do primarily with their bitter experiences. The evacuees will have lived here for a year, come next March 21. Tremendous improvements have been made here for the comfort of the evacuees by the W.C.C.A. and the W.R.A. "Demand a facility loudly enough and long enough and we'll get what we want from the W.R.A." is often the attitude of the residents. As a result of this method, so many evacuees believe, they've got community stores, a shoe shop, schools, adequate medical facilities, clothing allowances, and a dozen other facilities.

The technique for "getting things and services" from the administration in Manzanar does not stop here. A well-worn pattern of conduct has been established by now. A facility is demanded. They get it. The next step is to complain about its inadequacies. Naturally, inadequacies are legions in a relocation center, as it is to a slightly lesser degree on the outside. As a result of the complaints a person holding a key position, a department, or facility may be removed. Then the very residents who loudly complained, often mourn the loudest. This is the complete cycle, the last step being an auxiliary that may or may not happen.

The strange part about these complaints, as noticed in the reports, is that the evacuees' incentive for complaining seems to be encouraged, due in part at least, to their voluminous correspondences with their friends in other centers. The over-all picture of other centers probably is one of Manzanar three or four months ago. Probably our community facilities, in most instances, are ahead of those in other centers. But it is human nature for people to picture the best things about themselves and their surroundings when writing to people, if necessary, by deliberate exaggerations.

Letters from other centers probably complain about things wrong with their centers, but they also praise selected phases of their camp facilities. Residents in Manzanar pick the latter points from the letters to emphasize their contentions that: Heart Mountain residents are getting more clothing allowances; or that Poston evacuees receive their subsistence checks more quickly; etc.

This cycle, with ramifications, is observable in the instances of the block reports' notes on current sources of the residents' disapprovals. Thus, the cycle's three stages of dissatisfied community thinking---demand a facility, finally get it functioning after a long delay, and then to criticize its operation.

Apply the cycle to the current hue and cry over the clothing allowances and you have: (1) criticism against the administration for delaying the payments; (2) criticism that due to the change in the policy for the payment, part of the residents are getting paid first; (3) criticism against the administration for delaying the payments to the rest of the residents. Much of the daily, critical reports from the block offices concern this point. Through the Manzanar Free Press's English and Japanese sections and by memorandums sent out to residents through the block offices, the administration is trying to explain the reason for the delay.

2. OPERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE RESIDENTS

The dogmatically and righteously stated question which draws endless winter hot stove league talks in Manzanar is "Does not the administration exist in order to serve the people?" The block reports suggest this rehetorical question between the lines. This is another problem in human relationships. The evacuees are people, but so are the Caucasian workers in the administration building. The key lies in the approach the residents make to a problem. If the departmental officials of the administration think that the people are grumbing and whinting, the Caucasian staff members are likely to react with "what the h---!", etc.

Perhaps this is a point where this department must acknowledge the "failure of a mission." We have attempted in a dozen different ways to induce the residents to acquaint the appointed personnel staff with the evacuee problems without showing impatience and without whining. Contradiction is so apparent, as seen in the reports. The Occidental world has been led to believe that the Orientals are stoics, that they are unemotional, at least on the surface. Correspondents from the Pacific war fronts have been reporting that the Japanese soldiers fight like stoics and seem to show no emotions.

Many of the residents cling to the idea that since, as they have believed, the administration's job is to serve the evacuees, the corollary follows: the evacuees themselves, per se, should have a say in how the administrative departments should function. If the evacuees' approach on this subject is impudent, the harrassed Caucasian workers' reaction is "this is none of their d------ business!" Again, the approach.

The residents have believed, for instance, they should be kept informed as to how the W.R.A.'s $70,000,000 appropriation is being spent. They ought to have a say in how the chief steward should operate the mess halls. The block reports come up increasingly with questions and complaints regarding the operation of the mess halls. The residents are realising that they do not have the right to demand, but they can have the privilege of suggesting improvements in the administrative services to the people.

3. ANYTHING TO CHEER ABOUT?

Conversely, there are many, many people here who are grateful for this haven--especially the older people. Most of them do not want to relocate, al least for the immediate present. They have reconciled themselves to this temporary mode of existence.

Relocation may be fine for the niseis who are fluent in English. Relocation is a fine thing for their sons and daughters who want to attend colleges. But relocation is not for them, the old folks. Most of them are unversed in the English language. They fear that the American public will vent their anti-Tojo feelings against them.

Countless number of evacuees are glad to have stores to patronize, the weekly motion picture shows to attend, the evening school classes, the shoe shop recently set to working after a long delay, and the freedom of worship given to the Protestants, the Catholics, the Buddhists and those of other faiths. They are glad that the riot and the pa t-riot suspense is over, at least so far as can be observed. Parents go about their work and sit out in the sun and talk. Old men go to the recreation halls to play goh or shogi with their cronies. Their children are in school, or are at work. Most of the families have settled down in their apartments by now, for there is very lit le moving of families out of and into different rooms. They have made their apartments into faint facsimiles of a "home".

4. CURBING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

A solution to this problem may be forthcoming. Juvenile delinquency undeniably is prevalent, if not rampant. Present recreational and school facilities do not absorb all the boisterous energies of the younger boys. So, some of the block offices are experimenting with group organizations. Boys between the ages of 10 and 15 are being registered in Block 17 by the manager. Some form of block activity is being planned for them. Block 29 and one or two other blocks also have started this program. It should be watched by the Social Welfare Department with interest. Other blocks are watching this development with concerned interest.

CONCLUSION

The sense of thrift and industriousness acquired by the evacuees and put to their account, they believe, is almost of no value here. Although they put up a show of normal social behavior here, they cannot help from brooding and cannot rid themselves of the feeling that this existence is a sham without any visible redeeming factor, that this is a negation of everything they had striven for. Herein lies the root of difficulties in Manzanar.

Most of December was spent by the residents in recovering from the effects of the riot, the post-riot stalemate and resumption of normal activities. They were unable to play fully and enjoy Christmas festivities. A week later on New Year's Day, the evacuees held parties and dinners that hinted encouragingly at a state of process toward normalcy.

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REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE BLOCK MANAGERS

AS OF FEBRUARY, 1943

This is a survey covering the block managers' reports and services in February. The volume of the month's block services have been illustrated by three methods: the chart, to show the number of reports handed in by the 35 blocks and the graph to determine the volume of daily reports. The average number of daily reports handed in for the three moths are as follows: November, 17.48, January, 19.375, and February, 17.6 out of the maximum possibility of 35. These averages were taken for the working days of each month. Itemized, major types of services rendered by the block headquarters have been listed and cross-checked in the paper entitled "Total Number of Services Rendered in February".

During the month of February, several types of services were performed by the 35 block managers and their assistants.

ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS

One of the primary duties of a manager is to act as a representative for the block residents at various meetings. Most of these affairs are of routine nature. Among these are the Parents Teachers Association meetings, Cooperative Congress, Cooperative Board of Directors and Town Hall meetings.

COOPERATIVE ENTERPRISE

A whole set of tasks of a block manager covers certain assistances given to the Cooperative Enterprises.

The distribution of Sunday papers, sale of laundry soaps, issuance of motion picture tickets, and assistance of rebate forms are handled from offices of each block rather than from the co-op headquarters.

SOCIAL WELFARE

An important function of a manager and his assistants consist of general welfare work performed for persons in his block. This work varies under different conditions each month. It is at the block office that permits are issued for obtaining ration tickets for shoes, shoe repair tickets, clothing allowance forms, and unemployment compensation forms. The office distributed to each eligible citizen their appointments with the army induction team. The manager also corrected registration mistakes. Requests for notification of health conferences to the mothers and listing of pre-nursery school children also came to the block office from the hospital and education office. These special news, by means of notices on kitchen bulletin boards, keep the block people informed. He also represented the block at weddings, funerals, and other

special functions. For some of these events, collection of funds are necessary. It is his job to collect money for special events, donations, block funds, etc.

Due to the high fire hazard in Manzanar, the organization of a block fire brigade to supplement the fire department was decided upon. The duty of the block leader is to help with the assignment and charting of auxiliary firemen. The office handles oil reports and supervision of oil delivery.

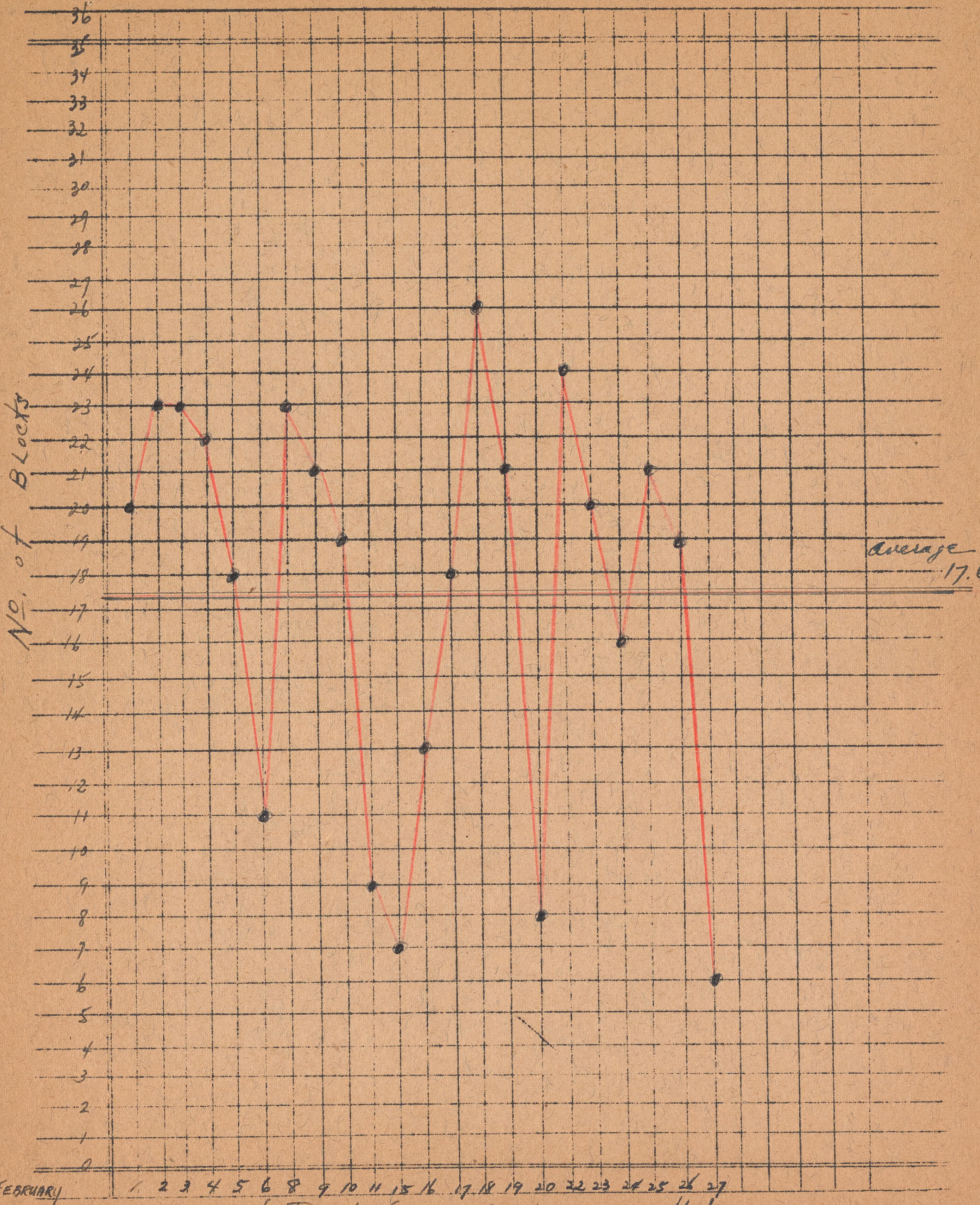
The recreational facilities of each block are limited to a small area. For building basketball and volleyball courts requests for leveling and transporting machines, construction, and supervision of courts are handled by the block managers.

For residents unable to write English but desiring to write letters to Caucasians, the block officer acts as the interpreter-writer. This month's letter writing service totaled 42 as against 71 for January. Household items such as brooms, mops, light bulbs, fuses, etc. are issued out of the office upon requests by residents. Requests for services from the electricity department, carpentry, plumbing, maintenance, and stove crews for the month totaled 172, in comparison with January's 377. Among other services rendered, an important duty of the block consisted of looking up information on various comments and questions of the residents. These consist of complaints, inquiries, opinions, suggestions, and criticisms numbering 40, about one-half of January's total of 77. Thirteen rumors were listed, a new item now being developed.

The daily reports from blocks varied to a great extent. Blocks such as 1 and 2, whose population consist mostly of single men differed greatly from blocks having families. The chart shows that certain blocks are consistent in their reports, although this tabulating system does not evaluate their quality. The daily block reports on the graphs rise and fall from day to day.

Form 667

FEBRUARY 1943
Daily Block Reports



Average No. of Reports for 35 Blocks — 11.1
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Form 667

Daily Block Reports FEBRUARY 1-27, 1943

Blocks	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	27							Total per Block
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Total per day	20	23	23	22	18	11	23	21	19	9	7	13	18	26	21	8	24	20	16	21	19	6							388

Average No. of Reports for 35 Blocks = 11.1

Total Number of Services Rendered in January

January	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22	23	25	26	27	28	29	30	Total	Percentage	Average per Day
Electricity	6	2		8	8	2	4	3		5	6		4	1	4	5			1	9	4	4	7		83	14.8	3.5
Carpentry	1	1	1		1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	1			1			2	13	3	6	7	1	49	8.4	2.0
Plumbing	1		2		3		2	4	2	4	5	1	1	5		4	2			3	2	3	2		46	8.0	[illegible]
Roofing	1		3		2		4	1	1	2					1	14	46	1	8	2	5	6	3	1	155	26.7	6.5
Stove	4		4			1	7			3		1	5	9	1	4	2		1		2				44	7.6	1.8
Letters Written	2	4	6	3	4		7	7	6	1	6			5	3	8			2	2	3	1	1		71	12.1	3.0
Questionnaires filled		2																						2	4	.8	.2
Inquiry	1	4	5	8	5	1	13	1	3	4	1	1			4				3					2	56	9.7	2.3
Complaint	1		1	2			3	1		5	3	1						3	6						26	4.5	1.1
Criticisms			1				1			2	1														5	.9	.2
Notices				1																					1	.2	.04
Suggestions					3		1			3															7	1.2	.3
Opinions	1	1	1	2		1	4	4	2	1									3						20	3.7	.8
Rumor	3		1	1				3	1	1					2				1						13	2.2	[illegible]
Total	21	14	25	25	26	6	47	27	16	34	23	5	11	20	15	36	50	4	27	29	19	77	18	5	580	100.00%	
Lower Hall	23	29	33	23	21	13	20	19	17	22	18	11	25	26	15	20	23	15	18	27	21	19	27	11	496		
Grand Total	44	43	58	48	47	19	67	46	33	56	41	16	36	46	30	56	73	19	45	56	40	96	45	16	1076		
Grand Total Percentage	4.1	4.0	5.3	4.3	4.3	1.7	6.2	4.2	3.0	5.2	3.8	1.5	3.3	4.1	2.7	5.2	6.7	1.7	4.2	5.2	3.7	8.9	5.2	1.5		100.00%	

Total Number of Services Rendered in February

February	1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	26	27			Total	Percentage	Average Per Day
Electricity	3	2	4	4	1		4	1	1	1		4	4	5			1	4		5	1				45	16.4	2.0
Carpentry	2	1	1	5			3	2	1	2		1	1	1			3	2	2	2	3	2			34	12.1	1.5
Plumbing	3	1	1	2	2	1	2		1				1	1			1			1	1				18	6.6	[illegible]
Roofing	9	50	1	2		2	2		1										1	1					69	25.0	3.0
Stoves	3	1		1			3	3	1	1	3		5				1	3	1						26	9.6	1.0
Letters Written	1	3	4	1	1		6	2	2	1			3	4	4			3	2	3	2				42	15.0	1.9
Questionnaire filled					1																				1	.5	.05
Inquiry				5	3						1			4		2									15	5.6	.7
Complaint				5	3							1	1												10	3.7	.5
Criticism											1														1	.5	.05
Suggestion				1	1									1											3	1.0	.1
Opinion				2								3	4	1		1									11	4.0	.5
Total	21	58	11	28	12	3	20	8	7	5	5	9	19	17	4	3	6	12	6	12	7	2			275	100.00%	
Town Hall	21	17	19	22	23	15	17	20	13	22	3	10	17	13	5	15	15	15	15	20	15	15			347		
Grand Total	42	75	30	50	35	18	37	28	20	27	8	19	36	30	9	18	21	27	21	32	22	17			622		
Grand Total Percentage	6.8	12.0	4.8	8.0	5.6	2.9	6.1	4.5	3.2	4.3	1.3	3.1	5.8	4.8	1.5	2.9	3.4	4.3	3.4	5.0	3.5	2.8				100.00%	

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EXPENDITURE

Average Sales per 1 month	$ 63,466.83
American Express Money Orders Monthly	8,378.00
Post Office Money Orders monthly	28,873.70
Post Office C.O.D. monthly	30,749.00
Average Expenditure per 1 month	$ 131,467.53
Average Income per 1 month	93,324.38
AVERAGE MONTHLY DEFICIT	$ 38,143.15 *

* This figure is exclusive of personal purchases through medium of personal checks and also those articles received by C.O.D. through the American Express.

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WAR RELOCATION AUTHORITY

Ex 6374

Washington

March 4, 1944

To All Project Directors:

Enclosed is a copy of the form on which we in the Washington office are keeping track of reports which you submit from day to day on the numbers of men called for physical examinations and ultimately inducted into the Army. This form is sent to you in the hope that it may aid you in visualizing the manner in which the information is assembled in this office.

It is not necessary to send us a report on days on which there is no change in the number in any category. However, experience of a few days indicates that the figures should change in the different columns from day to day, as men are notified (or as you receive reports) of their acceptance or rejection.

We believe it will be highly advisable for you to formulate a tabular sheet for your center alone, listing items in the same order and under the same name as indicated on the attached sheet. We should like to have, in addition to any changes which occur in the numbers in any category on a given day a review of the cumulative figures for your center covering the period from January 20 when inductions started, up to and including the day of the report.

By way of definition, "Called" means the number of men reporting for pre-induction physical examinations. "Accepted" means those who pass the physical examinations and who now stand ready for induction. "Rejected" obviously means those who were called and turned down on physical or other grounds. (Please make note of those held for further examination or on whom decision is withheld.) "Volunteer" indicates the number of those who do not wait for the usual involuntary induction. "Inducted" should include those who are inducted into the army on either a volunteer or draft basis. "Holdouts" means those who refuse to report for their pre-induction physical examinations, or who refuse to report for induction.

It is our intention to make reports to the public and to the centers on the numbers called and inducted, so long as such reports are deemed newsworthy. In order that the reports may be complete and up to date, it is essential that the Washington office be kept currently informed of all changes in the status of men subject to military call. Your assistance in this will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

D. S. Myer

Director

Enclosure

OM-923

NISEI INDUCTION REPORT

Date . . . . . .

	TODAY'S REPORTS						CUMULATIVE--Inculding Today's Reports					
CENTER	Called	Accepted	Rejected	Inducted	Volunt'd	Holdouts	Called	Accepted	Rejected	Inducted	Volunt'd	Holdou
Tule Lake												
Manzanar												
Gila												
Poston												
Ht. Mtn.												
Minidoka												
Granada												
Topaz												
Rohwer												
Jerome												
TOTALS												

Remarks:

RUMORS--from the Daily Block Reports
Month of May, 1943

May 28

Blk. 14 That the cause of so many cases of stomach ills were caused by the water- which was very cloudy - the last few days.

May 27

Blk. 25 It is rumored that a hard-ball baseball ground is being planned on firebreak between Block 25 and 19. Our residents are 100% against this plan because there are many children in our block which is very dangerous. Even with no such fields the parents of these children are very much worried.

May 21

Blk. 20 There's a rumor going around that Mr. Merritt had said, "All those who answered No to the registration question No. 28 will be sent to a concentration camp within 3 months". Is this true?

May 21

Blk. 29 Manzanar to be moved and Mr. Harvey Brown Jr. is leaving his position due to the moving of this camp. None of the Caucasians contract is renewed.

Blk. 35 Rumors are flying agina in this block stating that Manzanar is going to be evacuated during July of this year.

May 19

Blk. 21 The residents are again getting jittery about the rumor of the closing of the W.R.A. caps.

May 18. Blk. 4

There are rumors that the people who answered "No" to questions No. 27 & 28 in the recent questionnaire will be sent to Moab Internment Camp and the people who answered "yes" will all be sent out of camps so there will be no need for relocation centers. It is said that Mr. Merritt will go to Washington soon to discuss this matter. Will you please give us an answer on this as soon as possible

Blk. 19 A resident heard that Mr. Merritt said that Manzanar will be moved in 3 months.

Blk. 1~~&~~31 Heard from Heart Mt. Wyoming that they will start moving residents out of camp, June 15 and that segregation of loyal and disloyal will start.

May 12

Blk. 14 That materials (cloths) will be rationed starting on the 15th of this month.

May 8

Blk. 4 There have been rumors that about 1,000 people from Wyoming Relocation Center will be moved to Manzanar as so many people are leaving Manzanar for relocation. Also there are some who say that their baggage is already here in the warehouse. I have had many inquiries concerning this so would like some information.

May 8

Blk. 14 That the evacuees of Tulelake will be transfered to Manzanar.

May 6

Blk. 31 Rumor that several Japanese in Heart Mountian were killed on their way to work in the Lumar camp and that about 400 carpenters are going on strike.

Mar 4

Blk. 32 Is it true abou the shootings of Japanese people on the outside? these stories should either be confirmed or denied.

May 1

Blk. 25 There were two persons reported hurt from the barbed wire fence which fell accidentally. We suggest that this fence be repaired immediately and more securely so that no such accidents may happen. We have heard many accidents from these barbed fence.

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COMMENTS AND CRITICISMS--from the Daily Block Reports
Month of May, 1943

May 28

Blk. 25 Complaints of selling of ice cream.

Blk. 31 Some people are getting the wrong impression about the reason why the baby kitchens are going to be discontinued by the hospital and blame Dr. Togasaki for it. This matter should be thoroughly explained the whys and wherefores so that people won't go blaming innocent people.

Blk. 25 Complaints - On these warm days we are all glad to know that ice cream or soda are sold at the Canteen. The complaints from residents are that the store is limiting ice cream to children and that they cannot buy more than one. We would appreciate your consideration on this as it is a pity to carry such small children who are in need of this ice cream. Please limit it to not more than 6 per person.
Selling fresh fishes at Cantten maybe very good to have once a month or twice a month, but because of selling these fishes, residents would cook and stay home instead of going to MessHall where as in the future foods necessary for mess hall distribution will be lessened. This should be considered.

May 27

Blk. 23 The residents of bldgs. 1& 2 want to have the space between the bldgs. scraped and lawn seeds planted by the nursery dep't. if possible.

Blk. 26 Complaint: From resident that a lady fall in front of house on account of road being washed by rain. This has happened two nights. Wants to know if road could be fixed by Public Works. (As of May 26, 1943)

Complaint: Resident complains of failure to distribute mattress. Fails to receive Free Press Regularly.

Blk. 29 Inquiry: Is the donation or gift to the doctor's and nurses a monthly thing, or is it just to be for this time only?

Blk. 31 Opinion: A block meeting should be held and residents compelled to attend and listen. That doctors should be trusted and not criticized and residents should be grateful for the work of the doctors, nurses and attendents in hospital. That some school children want to work for a little spending money so how about letting them work Saturdays and Sundays in the fields. This resident knows of a few boys and girls who would like to do it.

Blk. 32 Suggestion: There has been many suggestions regarding the methods of collections in camp. One was to use the rebates toward such donations as the hospital staff, instead of making a house to house canvas.

Blk. 34 Criticism: Other organizations beside our block comes and paste their things on our own bulletin board.

May 24

Blk. 21 Suggestion: To the Co-op- The ice cream should be sold in the afternoon only. If they start selling it in the morning it will be all sold out by t he afternoon.

May 24

Blk. 21 Criticism: By a resident, "The other evening I went to the #15 mess hall to expect to hear Rev. Beverwkirk. I don't know who sponsered the meeting, but the audience had to sit in the hot mess hall more than two hours to hear a very uninteresting sermon only to be told that Rev. Beverwkirk couldn't come to speak. In such a case the sponsor should tell the audience at the beginning that the main speaker couldn't make it, instead of using such a prominent pe rson just as a drawing card. Was a waste of time'." Said he.

Blk. 26 C riticism: The baseball season has come. Several complaints were made by the residents and the boiler crew regarding the baseball playing by the young people within the block. Even though the parents and older residents often warn them not to play, but after two or three days they ignore them. Isn't it possible for you to supply us a boa rd-sign to be put on proper location?

May 21

Blk. 15 Complaint: Because the Farming Dept. is giving surplus plants away, the vicery gardeners are complaining that they cannot sell their plants. On the other hand, residents do not wa nt to have the free offer of plants from the Farm Dept. stopped.

Blk. 20 Suggestion: Mr. Okada of Co-op had complained that some blocks distributes old shoe repair tickets (which dates are way behind comes from neglecting their appointed date) therefor there's much confusion at the shoe repairing dept. Would it not be better if the shoe repairing dept. refuse all the late shoes?

Blk. 29 Complaint: One shoe repair ticket to a family is not enough. Once in every two months is not enough.

Blk. 35 We complain that administration staff take prompt action in doing something about the acrobatic flying of the Army P- 39 over block 35.

May 20

Blk. 4 Inquiry: Mr. Shomoda would like to know if it is possible to get his records which are being held by the M.P.

Blk. 11 Opinion: In this block, we have not any recreation hall, so we wish that we could have that college hall for the boy's and girls center. This is because after the teachers have moved into the new homes. The college hall can be moved to block 7 or any other. With my opinion I think it is possible.

Blk. 29 Complaint: Residents complaining about shrimps at the canteen. Certain parties are able to purchase them. The people want even opportunities to purc hase.

Blk. XI Inquiry: For Health Dept. - Is the Nakagawa family quarantined? Two in his family are in the hospital with scarlet fever and I though the rest of the family are quarantined. We don't want the rest of the block children to run any risk of catching it.

May 19

Blk. 17 Suggestion: To start a Japanese langgag e class in this block.

Blk. 15 Suggestion: It is understood that packages are not to be opened unless the person to whom the package is addressed to is present. During dust storms, packages are delivered to the Block office of which some are opened. His suggestion is to hold the delivery of packages on such days because he does not want to take the responsibility of losses or damages.

Blk. 21 Opinion: Stricter regiation should be set for exavation and celler making before fatal perial occurs as happened in Granada center.

May 18

Blk. 13 Complaints: We have not received as yet our White Sewing machine which was sent out for repairs on May 4. They estimated the time limit for repair as May 9. Will you make an inquiry into this matter for us?

May 17

Blk. 14 Suggestion: I would like to suggest that candies and dried shrimps be put up in a pound or half a pound bags, when they are to be sold at Block office.

Blk. 35 Inquiry: I think it is a very good idea to have our camera's in Manzanar and start a photography Club. Is it possible for us to have our camera in Manzanar? Many persons are saying that if they have their cameras here this life wouldn't be so bad and boresome. In Manzanar there isn't much of recreation facilities, so I think it would be a very good thing to let the residences of Manzanar have their camera if it is alright with the Army Officials. Please give this matter a prompt attention.

May 15

Blk. 10 Inquiry: Mr. Dick Shiroyama of 10-6-4, who answered the question No. 28 "No" inquired if it is possible for his family to visit his mother-in law who is sick and who is a resident of Heart Mountain W.R.A., Wyoming. If this is permissable he also wanted to know where to apply for a visit; is he responsible for paying the escort fee, if so about how much; what are the rates of train and bus; how lang can he stay at Heart Mountain; what procedure has he to take in order to leave this campl is he permitted to come back to this camp; will Western Defense Commander issue the traveling permit within California to go out and come back to Manzanar.

Blk. 6 Inquiry: There have been increses in apartments in the block, so may we have 67 copies of the NEWS PRESS delivered in the future.

May 13

Blk. 31 Opinion: We were all shocked to hear about Mr. Temple passing away. He was one man all the Japanese respected and trusted.

May 12 Blk. 15 Complaints: Globe of light post behind latrine need to be replaced.

May 12 Blk. 21 Inquiries: Would like to have the buildings of this block winterized (boarding of the side of the buildings). Many childrens crawl under the buildings and it is dangerous since the residents are extavating under the apartments.

May 12

Blk. 34 Complaints: Without any notice the mess division has sent its crew to pick up the table that was in the block office. So it is very inconvenient as there is only one bench.

May 10

Blk. 4 Complaints: Why is it that there is only one window at the Post Office to make our money orders. As most of the people here in Manzanar do most of their buying through the mail we cannot understand why we are made to wait an hour in order to make out one money order. Is it not possible to have another window for money order?

Blk. 15 Complaints: There are complaints from residents about shoes repairing as families of 3 persons or 7 or 8 all receive 1 ticket. Outside workers especially are complaining that they must wear Sunday shoes - which don't last very long.

May 7

Blk. 11 Complaint: This is not criticism but to tell you that in the Free Press Publication of the Beer Question has either been printed wrong or were misinformed, I would like to say that the 97 said No and only 30 said yes. Free Press had just the opposite.

Blk. 20 Complaints: The people wish to have the rebates as soon as possible and they are asking when are they going to receive their rebates?

Blk. 21 Complaints: Please warn the school children (21-15) especially the boys, not to play baseball during recess between barracks. It is very dangerous to the small children and women. I talked this matter with one of the Japanese teachers but she was less cooperative.

May 6

Blk. 11 Complaints: Of the method used in distributing co-op shoe repair tickets because of two blocks with more population. Children wear out shoes faster than could purchase a next one and also cannot have it repaired. Can this matter be fixed up?

Blk. 36 Complaints: The block residents have voted their desire to have some method of ventilation installed in the Messhall with the on set of hot weather. Otherwise, there will be a general restlessness amont the infants and children and impairment of health of old folks. Residents are inquiring why it is that 1 Mess Hall is provided with ventilation facilities while other mess halls are not.

May 4

Blk. 4 Inquiry: Mr. Tokio Nakagawa had 1 box of records sent to him here at Manzanar. It seems that the M.P. are holding it and he was told that he would probably not get it back for the duration. Mr. Nakagawa cannot understand why. Could you give us a little information concerning this.

May 5

Blk. 23 Request: The hospital has come to pick up our newspapers but they have asked us to have the library pick up the magazines. We would appreciate it very much if you can inform the library of the above matter.

May 5

Blk. 31 Inquiry: Resident came in inquiring about indefinite leave clearance which came for his son who is in Salt Lake City at present. If his son wishes to stay out permanently will he have to come back into camp again, and put in a application?

May 4

Blk. 25 Request: With the coming of warm days we all would appreciate a cooling system or a ventilators on each barracks. It was aid that these are being made and we would certainly appreciate if these ventilators may be put up before the warm days are over. These are being requested by residents and your immediate actions on these would certainly please each and every one.

Blk. 21 Opinion: Heard that the wage for the policeman is to be raised. It is a very good idea and will help a great deal in recruiting. But we have heard some unfaverable criticism as to the functions of the P.D. personnel, such as negligence of duty and defection of character, etc. (Maybe just Rumors) If we want the efficient P.D. Police commission should be established to supervise over the functions of the Police Force.

May 1

Blk. 12 Complaint: Too many cars are driving through the blocks again. It must be stopped!

Blk. 32 Suggestion: It would be a good idea if the toilet seats could be revarnished or painted. It's pretty shabby and rough now.

Inquiry: We would like your advice on the following situation:
Mr. Kono 32-7-3 received his trunk from Mess #2. Before the trunk's arrival here, Mr. Kono received a letter from Miss Louise Beeman stating that she had insured the trunk for $500.00. Two weeks ago Mr. Kono received a notice stating that his trunk had arrived from L.A. via L.A. Railway Express (150 7 P) He went to Mess #2, and was waiting for the trunk to be inspected, but he was told that his trunk didn't need any inspection (the trunk was not opened in Mr. Kono's presence) Mr. Kono then brought the trunk home. A week later he opened the trunk for the first time to get his suit out so he could wear it for an occasion. At this time he discovered that his suit and 4 pairs of pants and several new materials were missing. What would be the proper procedure for recovering this loss?

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Mr. Poole

FROM: Town Hall

DATE: July 16, 1942

SUBJECT: Complaints from Block Leaders

1. We are forwarding to you the opinions concerning the Canteen expressed by Mr. T. Tsuji of Block 22-3-1, presented to Block 22 leader. He will appreciate your enlightening advice.

As the result of our evacuation to this Center, we are in a dire financial position. We must support our family with low prevailing wages. In regards to the Canteen: The consensus of the opinion of the Center is that the prices charged are exhorbitant The majority of the opinion seems to be that the capital of the Canteen should be paid up by the residents and the merchandise to be sold at cost. The present Canteen set up; that is the making of the profit; we are not able to purchase our needs. It is our desire that the Canteen buyer use his best judgement in not buying luxurious and high priced merchandise.

The above request, I would beg to ask the Administration to consider.

2. We also received reports from Block 4. The residents of the block are complaining about Japanese barber who is said to be charging everyone for hair cut, making an average of $10.00 a day. The leader of the block request that the barber shop be opened as soon as possible in order to eliminate this private business.

Dave Itami, Executive Secretary
Block Leaders Council

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TO:
FROM: Roy M. Takeno, (office of Manzanar Reports, 1-1)
DATE: February 3, 1943
SUBJECT: Digest of Block Reports
January 4-23, 1943

1. EVACUEES LEARN TO COMPLAIN

They were industrious. Most of them were thrifty. They had buried their complaints against innumerable practices of racial discriminations. They had a common objective before evacuation: to save money to educate their children and assist them in securing a start in their adult lives.

These objectives are gone at present for most of them. Their roots have been shorn. They have time on their hands to reminisce. And their reminiscences are selective, having to do primarily with their bitter experiences. The evacuees will have lived here for a year, come next March 21. Tremendous improvements have been made here for the comfort of the evacuees by the W.C.C.A. and the W.R.A. "Demand a facility loudly enough and long enough and we'll get what we want from the W.R.A." is often the attitude of the residents. As a result of this method, so many evacuees believe, they've got community stores, a shoe shop, schools, adequate medical facilities, clothing allowances, and a dozen other facilities.

The technique for "getting things and services" from the administration in Manzanar does not stop here. A well-worn pattern of conduct has been established by now. A facility is demanded. They get it. The next step is to complain about its inadequacies. Naturally, inadequacies are legions in a relocation center, as it is to a slightly lesser degree on the outside. As a result of the complaints a person holding a key position, a department, or facility may be removed. Then the very residents who loudly complained, often mourn the loudest. This is the complete cycle, the last step being an auxiliary that may or may not happen.

The strange part about these complaints, as noticed in the reports, is that the evacuees' incentive for complaining seems to be encouraged, due in part at least, to their voluminous correspondences with their friends in other centers. The over-all picture of other centers probably is one of Manzanar three or four months ago. Probably our community facilities, in most instances, are ahead of those in other centers. But it is human nature for people to picture the best things about themselves and their surroundings when writing to people, if necessary, by deliberate exaggerations.

Letters from other centers probably complain about things wrong with their centers, but they also praise selected phases of their camp facilities. Residents in Manzanar pick the latter points from the letters to emphasize their contentions that: Heart Mountain residents are getting more clothing allowances; or that Poston evacuees receive their subsistence checks more quickly; etc.

This cycle, with ramifications, is observable in the instances of the block reports' notes on current sources of the residents' disapprovals. Thus, the cycle's three stages of dissatisfied community thinking---demand a facility, finally get it functioning after a long delay, and then to criticize its operation.

Apply the cycle to the current hue and cry over the clothing allowances and you have: (1) criticism against the administration for delaying the payments; (2) criticism that due to the change in the policy for the payment, part of the residents are getting paid first; (3) criticism against the administration for delaying the payments to the rest of the residents. Much of the daily, critical reports from the block offices concern this point. Through the Manzanar Free Press's English and Japanese sections and by memorandums sent out to residents through the block offices, the administration is trying to explain the reason for the delay.

2. OPERATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE RESIDENTS

The dogmatically and righteously stated question which draws endless winter hot stove league talks in Manzanar is "Does not the administration exist in order to serve the people?" The block reports suggest this rehetorical question between the lines. This is another problem in human relationships. The evacuees are people, but so are the Caucasian workers in the administration building. The key lies in the approach the residents make to a problem. If the departmental officials of the administration think that the people are grumbing and whinking, the Caucasian staff members are likely to react with "what the h---!", etc.

Perhaps this is a point where this department must acknowledge the "failure of a mission." We have attempted in a dozen different ways to induce the residents to acquaint the appointed personnel staff with the evacuee problems without showing impatience and without whining. Contradiction is so apparent, as seen in the reports. The Occidental world has been led to believe that the Orientals are stoics, that they are unemotional, at least on the surface. Correspondents from the Pacific war fronts have been reporting that the Japanese soldiers fight like stoics and seem to show no emotions.

Many of the residents cling to the idea that since, as they have believed, the administration's job is to serve the evacuees, the corollary follows: the evacuees themselves, per se, should have a say in how the administrative departments should function. If the evacuees' approach on this subject is impudent, the harrassed Caucasian workers' reaction is "this is none of their d------ business!" Again, the approach.

The residents have believed, for instance, they should be kept informed as to how the W.R.A.'s $70,000,000 appropriation is being spent. They ought to have a say in how the chief steward should operate the mess halls. The block reports come up increasingly with questions and complaints regarding the operation of the mess halls. The residents are realizing that they do not have the right to demand, but they can have the privilege of suggesting improvements in the administrative services to the people.

3. ANYTHING TO CHEER ABOUT? Relocation

Conversely, there are many, many people here who are grateful for this haven--especially the older people. Most of them do not want to relocate, al least for the immediate present. They have reconciled themselves to this temporary mode of existence.

Relocation may be fine for the niseis who are fluent in English. Relocation is a fine thing for their sons and daughters who want to attend colleges. But relocation is not for them, the old folks. Most of them are unversed in the English language. They fear that the American public will vent their anti-Tojo feelings against them.

Countless number of evacuees are glad to have stores to patronize, the weekly motion picture shows to attend, the evening school classes, the shoe shop recently set to working after a long delay, and the freedom of worship given to the Protestants, the Catholics, the Buddhists and those of other faiths. They are glad that the riot and the post-riot suspense is over, at least so far as can be observed. Parents go about their work and sit out in the sun and talk. Old men go to the recreation halls to play goh or shogi with their cronies. Their children are in school, or are at work. Most of the families have settled down in their apartments by now, for there is very little moving of families out of and into different rooms. They have made their apartments into faint facsimiles of a "home".

4. CURBING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY.

A solution to this problem may be forthcoming. Juvenile delinquency undeniably is prevalent, if not rampant. Present recreational and school facilities do not absorb all the boisterous energies of the younger boys. So, some of the block offices are experimenting with group organizations. Boys between the ages of 10 and 15 are being registered in Block 17 by the manager. Some form of block activity is being planned for them. Block 29 and one or two other blocks also have started this program. It should be watched by the Social Welfare Department with interest. Other blocks are watching this development with concerned interest.

CONCLUSION

The sense of thrift and industriousness acquired by the evacuees and put to fair account, they believe, is almost of no value here. Although they put up a show of normal social behavior here, they cannot help from brooding and cannot rid themselves of the feeling that this existence is a sham without any visible redeeming factor, that this is a negation of everything they had striven for. Herein lies the root of difficulties in Manzanar.

Most of December was spent by the residents in recovering from the effects of the riot, the post-riot stalemate and resumption of normal activities. They were unable to plan fully and enjoy Christmas festivities. A week later on New Year's Day, the evacuees held parties and dinners that hinted encouragingly at a state of process toward normalcy.

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Mr. Kimball
Mr. Spicer (from your files)

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Reports

December 1, 1943

ANNIVERSARY PARTY IN HONOR OF MR. MERRITT

The dinner party was sponsored by the Block Managers' Assembly in appreciation to Mr. Merritt for his one year of faithful service as Project Director. Date: November 27, 1943. Time: 7:30 p.m. Place: Mess Hall #12. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Haberle, Dr. and Mr. Carter, Mrs. Lucy Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Winchester, Mrs. W. H. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Harback, Mr. and Mrs. MacNair, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Mr. Gilkie, Mr. and Mrs. Feil, Mr. and Mrs. Sandridge, Mr. and Mrs. Nielsen, Mr. Thorne, Mrs. D'Ille, Mr. I. Poole, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell, Mr. and Mrs. Saks, Mr. and Mrs. Barton, Mr. John Baker, a Reports Officer from Washington, and the evacuee foreman of the different projects, with the Block Managers and their Assistants or wives. Altogether there were about one hundred fifty people present.

After a brief greeting by the emcee, Mr. Yasuda, the dinner was served. Among the foods that were served were: obunshu, a Japanese soup made from soup stock, sea weed, eggs, vegetables and tofu; salad, made from turkey meat, celery, lettuce, onion and mayonnaise, fried shrimp, made out of batter dipped in hot grease; chawanmushi, made from soup stock with vegetables and steamed with beaten eggs added to it; egg fouyoung, made with eggs, onions and vegetables with added four, and fried in greased pan, and covered with a brown gravy; chashu, a roast loin of pork dipped in shoyu sauce; vegetable chop-suey, made of bamboo shoots, celery, and other vegetables; chow mein with noodles and sliced pork and eggs; steamed rice; and for dessert there was apple pie, cake, apples and oranges. There was no intoxicating beverages served. In its place was the clear, sparkling Manzanar water.

After everyone had eaten the dinner, Mr. Anzai, chairman of the Block Managers was introduced. He spoke in his typical style. He expressed the feeling that the residents regarded Mr. Merritt as a father to all the evacuees here. He looks after our welfare, guides us to future, sees that we are all fed and clothed, and in some cases even chasties us like a true father when we are shirking our duties or in allowing certain things to go which will be a detriment to the evacuees. Mr. Merritt came to us at the darkest moment when there were rumors and mistrusts, and jealousiness in all the departments as well as the feeling of the residents. If he had been here from the very beginning, then it was Mr. Anzai thought that there would not have been the tragic December 6th incident. Manzanar was truly grateful to have such a man for our Project Director.

The next speaker was Mr. Bob Brown. He touched on the early life of Manzanar as well as the incidents relating to Mr. Merritt's coming to Manzanar as Project Director. He told of the first meals being served at Manzanar and of Mr. Merritt's frequent visits to Manzanar while on his way to his ranch.

Mr. Merritt was introduced. Guest of honor thanked the managers for the wonderful dinner party. He gave the listeners an inspiring message of faith and hope in the future.

After Mr. Merritt spoke the emcee read a scroll which will be presented to Mr. Merritt as soon as the frame is made for it. This expresses the feeling that the Block Managers, in behalf of the residents had toward Mr. Merritt in appreciation of his past services with the hope that the future relationship will be just as amicable.

The second part of the program was turned over to Mr. Tsuchiya, who gave a brief explanation of the instruments. These were the: Shakuhachi, which is made in varied lengths of bamboo with holes and note is made by blowing on one end and using the fingers to control the number of hole from which the air is emitted; the koto, a stringed instrument with eight bridges, the notes being formed by an attachment to fingers which touches the strings; and the shamisen, a three stringed mandolin-like instrument, which is played by the right hand striking the string with a "bachi" and the left hand moving up and down on the strings.

Following is the program in order played:

1. "Kumoi-jishi" This was composed by Icho-ken of Kyushu, Hakata, approximately 250 years ago (1693 A.D.). This number has a touch of gaiety therefore, disciples in temples were allowed to play this number only in the afternoon for the morning hours in temples were spent in studies and meditation.

2. "Chidori" Chidori was composed at the beginning of the Meiji restoration period by Yoshizawa Kengyo of Bishyu. This number is a combination of classic and modern rhythm and is played mostly for happy and auspicious occasions.

3. "Shika no Tone" (Distant call of Deer) This number was composed approximately 250 years ago. This composition expresses the emotional scene of wild deer calling their mates among the deep canyons.

4. "Rokudan no Shirabe"
By Yatsuhashi Kengyo. This composition is divided into six parts and is the oldest composition of Koto music. It has been played by Japanese musicians for the past three centuries.

5. "Choshi" This is a kind of sacred music played in temples. This music had been played by the disciples of Fuge-zenshu temples since the middle of 15th century and it is used for meditation through which the palyer acquired the mental oneness of universe and men.

6. "Yamaji" (Mountain Path) This was composed by Yoshida Seifu, approximately 25 years ago, and is one of the modern classics of Shakuhachi and Koto instruments. It expresses the autumn scene of a mountain path; while the distant going of the temple softly fades away through the autumn painted mountain, pack-horsemen after a day's work trotting with his horse homeward bound.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE OF FIFTEEN:

In regard to recommendations put forth by the Committee of Fifteen--one recommendation is that they want a tree to be planted at the location of Wakasa's death. Secondly, question was put that all day offs during Wakasa incident--that the workers who took the day offs be paid.

Note: Frank Fukuda asked the Planning Board to ask the Administration whether short-wave sets and cameras will be allowed in the center or not.

James Yamamoto stated that he asked Mr. Barnhart concerning this, and he stated that they are working with the Washington officials at the present time.

TITLE OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL:

The Vice-Chairman of the Council is also working as Office Manager of the Community Government Office.

Eiichi Sato made a motion that the official title for him will be Vice-Chairman and Executive Secretary. The motion was seconded and carried.

REPLACEMENT OF JOHN IZUMI ON THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

George Hoshide asked John Iwatsu to be on his Education Committee to replace John Izumi. John Iwatsu accepted his appointment.

Meeting Adjourned.
5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Chiyo Fujino

February 18.

Report No. 80: Opinion of Block 12 that enemy aliens should not be forced to answer Question 28. Many residents feel that government should express its apparent "change of heart" toward nisei before inviting them to join the Army. Others say it would be better to be out fighting than cooped up in center.

February 22.

Report No. 79: Factors which influenced the nisei either to affirm or deny their allegiance to this country are more likely to be the small things in their lives rather than ~~xxxxxx~~ acceptance of one set of political principles against another. Since evacuation the preponderant weight of reasons for remaining American has been whittled down appreciably.

February 26.

Weekly report: Registration in all categories completed. Army team to remain until March 10.