

M E M O R A N D U M
CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE 1608 - A

March 18, 1944

TO: ADVISORY COUNCIL

FROM: Co-ordinating Committee

SUBJECT: Employment of Priests as Social Workers and Educational Lecturers

We have been approached by the executives of the Buddhist organization, requesting for the employment of nine Buddhist priests as Social Workers and Educational Lecturers. In view of the fact that nearly 80% of the center colonists are devotees of the Buddhist religion and respect priests as their spiritual guides and advisers, they have greater influence on the colonists, more than the Japanese Language School teachers.

Ever since the Committee was consulted by the public school officials with regard to the juvenile problems in school, the Committee at once consulted the executives of the Japanese Board of Education. Executives immediately called a teachers' meeting. According to the outcome, the teachers, as a whole, realized the importance of their duties and agreed to do their best to improve their pupils' conducts. However, they unanimously pointed out the fact that such problems should be taken up in each family through the parents. Since most teachers are still young and hot-heads, they were rather reluctant to take the initiative for the reason that they be taken by the parents as incapable in teaching and controlling school children. (Issei peculiarity is such that they are prone to say that teachers are interested in all problems of this nature, since the parents can do no more with their children.)


The priests, however, have means to contact parents directly and have great influence on them. In fact, the priests are already engaged and are harvesting remarkable results. It is generally known that the priests have been assisting not only materially, but also with the family chores of needy families for which the people are very grateful, since their neediness was especially noted during the past three months. They are all the more qualified to work on family problems and dissemination of proper information with regard to equitable distribution of employment which, we believe, is a grave matter to employed colonists. Since priests have been very helpful to the Committee's work, we would like, if possible, to help them fulfill their request. The Committee sincerely believes that all these will help the Committee's work as well as center administration.

It is also known that the priests have been accepting offerings for each service rendered up to this time. But according to the new regulation stipulated by the Buddhist organization, such offerings will be turned over to the treasury of the organization and priests themselves cannot accept such.

The following are the names, addresses, and number of family members of each priest, whom we, the Committee, request for your consideration for their employment as Social Workers and Educational Lecturers:

<u>Names</u>	<u>Addresses</u>	<u>Family No.</u>	<u>No. in Family</u>
Naito, Shoz en	4518 - A	F 27727	single
Sasaki, Chise	2705 - D	F 27411	7
Unno, Enryo	1815 - D	10389	6
Hirabayashi, Gyoyu	3502 - A	27329	2
Iwao, Kenshi	2006 - C	24412	5
Mohri, Reichi	2002 - D	18390	5
Onoyama, Yoshiki	2917 - A	42025	5
Nagatani, Riyoto	5811 - F	7667	2
Tamanawa, Keyo	1118 - F	7695	3

CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE


Byron Akitsuki
Executive Secretary