

D I A R Y

(March 1 - 31, 1944 inclusive)

March 1, 1944

- 2:00 p.m. - Upon request of Mr. Huycke, Ward 8 question of petition due to the lack of space of living quarters investigated through each block managers: Takahashi block 81, Sonoda, - 82, Nakamura, - 83, Horii - 77, Iwata, - 71, Furuta - 78, and Sato, - 76. Reported to Mr. Huycke that there was no indication, however, possibility seen.
- 3:00 p.m. - Seki, college grad and Ogawa, business mgr. recommendable for Placement job as field recruiters.
- 5:00 p.m. - Fielders reported Huycke that the petition was not of any significance.
- Memo sent to Black, Austin, Schmidt, and Advisory Council for recommendation for releasement of detained internees (14)
- Memo to Lt. Shaner for apology for 'off the record' instruction to secretary by Ex. Sec. at Feb. 28 interview.
- Memo to Lt. Shaner and Colonel Austin with attached translation of Mrs. Tsui Sakazaki's letter of Feb. 19

March 2, 1944

- Memo sent to Harry L. Black, acting Project Director regarding Recommendation for Placement Help -- Ogawa Seihiro and Seki, Harry Kunito.
- Memo sent to Black and Markley requesting for permission to publish Co-ordinating Committee bulletins. Also attached the translation of the items to be printed.

March 3, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Bill Mayeda reported Red Cross Fund Drive meeting at 2304-C, Monday, at 7:30 p.m. Asked for Co-ordinating Committee's help.
- Mr. Tsukamoto called. Re: Block 69 manager problem.
- 11:00 a.m. - Mrs. Tsui Sakazaki called to request Committee to tell Captain Hartman, if he phones, that her husband is innocent and harmless.
- Mr. Huycke phoned that Advisory Council meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- 2:-- p.m. - Committee called Co-op executive in regard to the amended By-laws.
- 4:00 p.m. - Joint Advisory Council and Co-ordinating Com. meeting at Personnel Rec. Hall.
- Letter of resignation submitted by B. Akitsuki, Ex. Sec to the Advisory Council and the Committee members.

Program sponsored by Seinen of Block 42 was by invitation attended by Committee members. Some 700 attended. Very favorable atmosphere noted.

Fielder reported that minority group still active in Block 21.

March 4, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Tsui Sakazaki called again to get written statement by Committee to submit to a sergeant to facilitate her husband's release.
- 11:00 a.m. - Memo to Frank Kawai sent to request for permit to use 1408 as reading club upon request made by Mr. Nakashima (Seichi) of 7415 - B.
Lt. Forbes called for meeting minutes since Colonel involved.
- 12:00 p.m. - Committee reluctant to accept resignation of Executive Secretary. Yamatani, Com. member, reported that arrangement has been made with Mr. Black so that Akitsuki will be relieved of domestic duty in order to expend his full effort for the Committee's work.
Mr. Haydo was instructed to contact responsible men of Seinen Kai to take up the matter discussed by the Advisory Council at March 3 meeting, personally.
- 1:00 p.m. - Mess Mgmt. Sup. Fukushima and Muraoka reported. Murata, C. 3713-B, Mess Mgmt. Jr. Clerk intimidated by Ryokin, Kazuyuki, 2106-A for the reason that foremen returned to work, Ryokin known as scum of society. Previously approached Murata, showed him a club (wood) saying betrayer of Daihyo Sha and should be convinced with a club. Murata very much afraid for his and family's safety.
- 2:00 p.m. - Translation of articles printed in the Rocky Shimpō Denver, Col. submitted to Lt. Forbes

March 6, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Reported that pamphlets distributed in the new area.
- 11:00 a.m. - Memo sent to Advisory Council, Black, and Schmidt for permit to reorganize judo club.
- 1:00 p.m. - Obtained original pamphlets; fielders assigned to that area. Translation made on pamphlets.
- 7:30 p.m. - Executive Sec. attends Red Cross meeting at 2304-C.

March 7, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Internal Security colonial police were unaware of such occurrence (the distribution of pamphlets) in the new area until notified by the Co-ordinating Co
- 11:00 a.m. - Advisory Council meeting. Translation of pamphlets submitted.
- 10:00 a.m. - Motor Pool ex-employees came to complain for not being recalled.
- 1:00 p.m. - Meeting of fielders. Paid salary.
- 3:00 p.m. - Lt. Forbes called for meeting minutes.
- 5:00 p.m. - Invitations sent to 12 stockade releases for an informal Zadan-kai to be held on March 8, from 7:30 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. - B-10, K-3 reported Blk. 49 & 50 who had been assigned in reg. to circulation distributed, last Sun. They have named Blk. 49 Shitanishi brothers under direction of Kameta (48). Tanisaka was indirectly

and directly implicated. The meeting involved 7 persons were held in Kameta's apartment, on Thurs. March 8 and subsequent gathering by those noted by this Committee have been made.

March 8, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Red Cross Representatives called on Ex. Sec. for write-up materials in regard to Red Cross Drive to be published in paper
- 11:00 a.m. - Kawai, Housing Dept. phones complaining about antoku in Motor Pool
- 2:00 p.m. - Fielders' meeting. Paid Salary. Mr. Huycke also present at meeting. Mr. Huycke reported on new area block managers' successful meeting
- 3:00 p.m. - Chief of Police Schmidt phones that Loupe boys released. Releasees: Saka, Y., Shibasaki, Y., Yamate, T., Kinoshita, S., and Kimura, I.
- 7:30 p.m. - Informal Zadanekai with 12 stockade releasees. Gain successful results. Agreed to put out joint statement immediately upon releasement of 14 internees recommended by Committee such as Kozuma, Kimura, Komiya, Naito, Etc.

March 9, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Phone call from Matsumoto of Placement office
- 10:00 a.m. - Sakaki and Sato called in regard to block 66 mess problem
- 11:00 a.m. - Kawamura, Hiho, Imamura of farm called to report on farm meeting.
- 4:00 p.m. Wrote memo to Advisory Council, H. Black, Silverthorne, Army Schmidt re-requesting releasement of 14 internees

March 10, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Advisory Council meeting
- 2:00 p.m. - Lt. Forbes called
- 4:00 p.m. - Okina, Kirata, Kozaka, Hanaoka, and another man of the judo club and also police organization interviewed for office work (twice for office work)

March 11, 1944

- 1:30 p.m. - Meeting of the divisional responsible men and Coordinating Committee. Quite a few attendance
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo to Bill Mayeda requesting him to relay messages to block managers requesting them to announce that coal crew (night) meeting to be held on Monday regarding new instructions.
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo to Mess. Thomas and Huycke for request for space for Judo Club
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo to W. Schmidt request for passes.

At night Ex. Sec. went to blocks 49 and 53 instructing the field working on pamphlets.

It was reported that Mitsuho Kimura released at 8:30 p.m.

Sec. exchanged ideas with Captain of Colonial police Dan Aoyama who is working on the pamphlet case.

March 12, 1944

Ex. Sec. instructed fielders until 5:00 p.m., went to block 9 to 10 also to block 21.

Also worked on blocks 66 and 69. At block 66 found out that one resident in block 17 by the name of Yamashita had 50 reams of paper (at the time of incident or during the incident) and sold such. Such was found to be used in the posters sent out by one Nippon Patriotic Society.

Mr. Inouye of block 38 had just got home from Ward 6. Reported he had made no noticeable progress on the pamphlet case any more than we had.

March 13, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Lt. Forbes called
- 1:00 p.m. - Matsumoto and three others from the Placement called to clarify misunderstanding in regard to Seki and Ogawa and also about misunderstanding of employment of rejected fellows.
- 1:00 p.m. - Ogawa and Seki called regarding confusion of their work with the placement
Mrs. Kawai also called to clarify the situation explaining Mr. Matsumoto's call upon her last night.
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo sent to Kimura, Mtsuho to call on the Committee
- 4:00 p.m. - Received phone call that Tony Otsuka, K. Kamiya, Ryujiro Yamanaka, Sam. Naito, Keisaburo Nakada, Saburo Bingo, and Masaru Kinoshita will be released tomorrow, March 14.

March 14, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Ogawa and Seki called in regard to their jobs
- 10:00 a.m. - Mrs. Tsui Sakazaki called to request for her husband's release
- 11:00 a.m. - Memo to Releasement Com. asking for release of Tahara, Shingu, Yamamoto, Hayashida, Hibino, and Sakazaki
- 1:00 p.m. - Yamanaka Ryujiro releasee called to thank Com. for his releasement
- 2:00 p.m. - Fielders meeting. New instructions given. Fielder Kamikubo, Shigeyuki, transferred to Operations Division.

Committee, Yamatani and Akitsuki worked in Chief Schmidt office all day up till 5:30 p.m. on analysis of internees one by one.

March 15, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Tsutsumi of block 28 stated to (Fujino) fielder dittoed that school lesson used in Ward 1 not connected with Manzanar propaganda pamphlets
- 11:00 a.m. - Tateishi reported pamphlets distributed again.
- 1:00 p.m. - Hirata and Okina called.
- 2:00 p.m. - Tomishige of Co-op called in regard to pamphlets

4:00 p.m. - Frank Fagan of Employment called. Discussed employment and reduction.

March 16, 1944

9:00 a.m. - Seki and Ogawa called
10:00 a.m. - Lt. Forbes called for minutes of previous meetings

March 17, 1944

10:00 a.m. - Memo to Huycke, re. request for passes
11:00 a.m. - Memo to Chief Schmidt Re. Recommendation for release of some 12 internees
4:00 p.m. - Fujiwara, M., Obara, K., Oku, T., Sakazaki, Tokutaro and Ono, Gentaro released. Phone by Chief Schmidt. Memo immediately sent to Mrs. Sakasaki informing her.

Committee member Naydo called on M. Kimura

March 18, 1944

12:00 p.m. - Recommendation to Advisory Council and Project Director for employment of priests as Social Workers and Educational Lecturers.
1:00 p.m. - Notified by phone that D.S. Myer will meet with Com. at 4:30 p.m.
4:00 p.m. - Interview (informal) with Myer. Very successful Kobayashi, Muraji 1315 - D--released Okamoto, Shigeo 3301-D released

March 20, 1944

1:00 p.m. - Tony Idemoto, Inouye, Wakimoto, Ariyama, Ishihara, Day Coal crew foremen called. Re: Terminations of night coal crew. Were under impression that they be transferred instead of terminated.
2:00 p.m. - Memo to Walls and Smith Re: above
3:00 p.m. - Memo received from George Smith that ~~terminations~~ ^{release} of 80 men necessary. They have been employed on the night coal crew commending their work and to give every consideration to give them opportunities for employment.
4:00 p.m. - Report on pamphlets distributed in new area submitted to Schmidt.
5:00 p.m. - Memo to Col. Austin and Cap. Hartman request for permit to grant assignments to farm supervisors, Kawamura, Tateishi, and Mano. M. Kimura called to thank the com. for release of Ishimura, Goichi 903-A, Sato, Sakuyemon 3217-C, Tani, Dentaro 7112-C, Tsutsui, Yuichi 6913-B release

March 21, 1944

8:00 a.m. - Coal crew members called to meet with Fagan this morning

March 22, 1944

- 8:00 a.m. - Nishikawa called. Re: Buddhist Priests' employment
- 9:00 a.m. - Kawamoto of the Coal Crew called to request action to be taken regarding night coal crew terminated.
- 10:00 a.m. - Block 66 representatives -- settlement locally out of question. Appoint chef is only solution. 26 employed at present
- 12:00 a.m. - Block 14 Sakamoto called to thank Committee for his releasement.
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo to Schmidt Re: recommendation Takeshita, Chikanosuke, 5813 - A, for releasement
Memo to Schmidt Re: request for list of stockade released in past three days
- 5:00 p.m. - Memo to Yoshimura, Co-op Ex. Re: inquiry about electric mimeograph purchased by Mr. A. Takahashi

March 23, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Nakashima of block 74 called. Decided to call a meeting on March 28, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, with Reading Club for the purpose of discussing consolidation with Seinen Kai Library
- 11:00 a.m. - T. Sakazaki and wife called to thank committee for his releasement

Fielder dispatched to investigate coal crew situation. Unrest reported among some night crew. Committee went to Ward 7, block 66 with regard to mess problem. Block 69 Co-op problem -- agitation.

B - 2 reported second pamphlets distributed. Investigation followed; the fact that definite evidence be made known that second pamphlets distributed but fielder not able to obtain circulars.

March 24, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Lt. Forbes called to inquire of the reactions of the residents subsequent to issue of "Life" magazine
- 11:00 a.m. - Nishikawa requests for the use of recreation hall for Buddhist office. Contacted Uo, Supervisor of C. A.
- 12:00 p.m. - Meeting notices sent to all division responsible men for tomorrow's meeting.
- 4:00 p.m. - Co-ordinating Committee meeting here in office
Re: tentative plans for dissolution of this Committee.
- 5:00 p.m. - Memo to Huyeke and Schmidt Re: List of new and active fielders of Committee.

Contacted 74 fielder and gave instructions to report about block 66

March 25, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Nishikawa called. Memo sent to Komiya, Block 26, requesting for use of 2308 recreation hall for Buddhist church office use.
- 2:00 p.m. - Divisional heads meeting

Fielders reported funeral parlor to be established in block 18 apartment. Conflict anticipated.

Receipt of letter from Red Cross Headquarters notifying shipment of a case containing books, games and musical instrument, marking on the case is J - 8.

March 26, 1944

- 1:00 p.m. - Obtained further information regarding block 18 funeral parlor
- 2:00 p.m. - Telephoned Project Director, Re: to funeral parlor. Mr. Best agreed to take the matter up.

March 27, 1944

- 9:00 a.m. - Messrs. Black, Huycke, and Thomas called, Re: block 18 funeral problem. Above-three and Ex. Sec. called on the block and former made clear their viewpoints and stressed the necessity by enumerating reasons and advantages. Consultation did not bring any favorable result.
- 10:00 a.m. - Fielder reported certain party in 6704 - D cutting up cots.
- 11:00 a.m. - Coal crew including Idemoto called to complain about cut in workers and insufficiency of coal
- 3:00 p.m. - Informal meeting with Project Director Best. Submitted memo's:
Re: block 18 problem: "Feeler" inquiring Director's opinion as to the dissolution of the Committee now; Also submitted a tentative statement to be published prior to dissolution. Mr. Best's opinion: time is opportune for dissolution however, should wait for Myer's definite instructions as to new WRA policy. Statement o.k. Ad. will also put out statement. Block 18 problem will be taken care of.
- 7:30 p.m. - Committee (Akitsuki) attended block 18 meeting. Mr. Black was present to inform the residents that funeral parlor will be established near the cemetery according to the Project Director. Civic Center will not be in Block 18, Mr. Black announced.

Committee called to investigate 6704 - D. Found accused party drunk.

Receipt of a letter from the Spanish Consul notifying us the definition of "Japanese Nationals" which was clarified by the Spanish Embassy in Washington D. C. Japanese Nationals defined from the principle of "jus soli."

Block 48 incident reported. Theft of 7 sheet rock. 16 of 2x4x20 discovered. As a result, friction among colonial police reported.

March 28, 1944

- 2:00 p.m. - Sato, Sakaki, Nakamura of Block 66 called
Re: Pending Mess 66 problem
- 3:00 p.m. - Committee Yamatani reported on Police Dept.
gambling case
- Committee went to Block 37 with B - 10. visited Judo practice. Also around High School Building--thought advisable to install light on east wing.
- Also Block 42 future location for civic center
- Block 81 Source of Storm. Re: sheet rock, had information that someone willingly gave sheet rock to gambling joint member

March 29, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Memo to Advisory Council and Best
Re: Recommendation of George Hudson as farm chief
- 11:00 a.m. - Shimizu and Committee discussed central organization
- 4:00 p.m. - Coal crew foremen called Re: request transfer to Maintenance from Receiving Warehouse
- Hashimoto, Block 28 resident called and requested Committee to find out who is responsible for bringing in M.P. and Colonial Police to the program held on March 25, Saturday
- Ward 4 blocks 9 and 21 visited:
Block 9--since releasement of 3 residents condition improved
Block 21--Sore spot of Center as usual. No improvement since young hot-heads responsible for block confusion

March 30, 1944

- 10:00 a.m. - Meeting with Ward Chairmen of Block Managers
Re: Request for 1000 more brooms to distribute equally to residents
- 1:00 p.m. - Kawamura and Com. discuss farm problem
- 3:30 p.m. - Colonel Austin and Lt. Forbes paid a visit to Com.
- 4:00 p.m. - Phone call by ^{yamatani} Project Director informing Com.
1000 brooms request granted
- Ward 6 Blocks 67 and 74: petition for re-segregation obtained
Com. and 2 fielders canvassed Block 48. Re: last Sunday's incident.
Disclosed present residents as a whole are against gambling joint.

March 31, 1944

Upon report of fielders assigned, Committee investigated Block 20 and 21. Following names were obtained: Oseto, Ishiyama, Miyamoto, Ninomiya (father and son), Nakagawa (three brothers), Kato (two sons), Matsumura, Kobayashi, and Yamamoto brothers. The above mentioned stole steel pipes. Rumor is that they will attack Committee and Co-op executives. Information furnished by Block 20 residents. One of the block 20 residents used $\frac{3}{4}$ " pipe for coat hanger. Upon investigation it was disclosed that Ninomiya and Matsumura stole the pipes. Original pipe was 7' and two were 5'. Pipe was shortened to 2' in length. Information was confirmed by Co-op treasurer. These Block 21 pressure group's original plan was to stir up trouble in conjunction with the Manzanar pressure group. Manzanar group didn't cooperate for unknown reasons. Block 21 Ryokin who intimidated Block 31 Warehouse worker, also was included. Block 69 fielder's report. Present block manager wants to resign due to illness. Pressure group recommending Ishii. Other groups are recommending others. Block 21 and 22 pressure group have some connection. Block 21 responsible party Imahara definitely connected Masui moved to Block 56 also had Co-ordination with that block. Block 14, 54, and 49 group somehow aware of the pending plan of re-opening Loupe Center and the transferring of the interned colonists in the near future. They are trying their best to prevent further releasement so that there will be more transferees to Loupe with Negotiating Committee.

- 9:00 a.m. - Dr. Hashiba called in regard to blood plasma arrival from Pa.
- 10:00 a.m. - Frank Kagan called to discuss problems of employment, especially reduction and distribution of jobs
- 12:00 a.m. - Lt. Forbes phoned Kawamura, Tateishi and Mano re: rejection not known to the Army. Will duly investigate.
- 2:00 p.m. - Memo to Nakano. Re: judo club request for use of recreation hall approved by Huycke
- 3:00 p.m. - Memo to Tsukamoto: Re: arrival of blood plasma
- 4:00 p.m. - Memo to Social Welfare asking for public assistance grant to Sakuma family
- 5:00 p.m. - Memo to Nishikawa Re: result of his request for employment of prients.
Sakamoto Kikichi 1404-released.