

INFORMAL MEETING OF THE CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
AND THE PROJECT DIRECTOR AND MEMBERS
OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

January 19, 1944

Time: 2:45

Place: Project Director's office

Mr. R. R. Best, Project Director, mentioned first that the Motor Pool has always been a sore spot and that more strong men who can control any obstinate pressure groups are wanted in there. Mr. Best thought that the ages of the men hired, which is 21 - 25 years and comparatively young, should not hinder the employment of those young, but capable men. However, they should well understand that they are required to bear a heavy responsibility. Mr. Failing of the Motor Pool was then inquired whether he was willing to reinstate three boys into his division, namely: Ben, Larry, and Freddie. He stated that he was willing to. Mr. Failing was next requested to get in touch with these three and to inform them that they should report to the Co-ordinating Committee's office, if they desired. Upon question inquired, Mr. Failing answered that the gas ration on trucks, applied to this Center, is 40% of what we used during 1942. Mr. Yamatani then asked for the list of names of those employed in the Motor Pool to which Mr. Failing consented.

Regarding the immediacy of farm operation, Mr. Best mentioned that farms will be started only upon the Center's return to a sound normal stage.

It was further reported that due to the Committee's abundance of work, bulletins are prepared only in form of outlines. Mr. Best requested for a brief report of the articles printed.

Mr. Huycke then read a letter from the Japanese Red Cross informing us that 747 barrels of soy bean sauce, 30 barrels of bean mash, and 5 cases of drugs will be sent to this Center, which is to be distributed by any responsible body. Members of the Advisory Council thought that the Co-ordinating Committee should take the credit for this, and should be given privilege to publicize such in the following manner:

We have reasons to believe that we can obtain several hundred barrels of shoyu, etc. In the interest of the colonists, efforts are being made, etc.

Up to date, it was announced that approximately 3318 employees are working. Among the total, 241 started work this week starting January 17.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Byron Akitsuki
Executive Secretary