

TURLOCK SOCIAL CLUB

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Dear Member,

Your Board of Director held a special meeting today and decided as follows in what they deem the best interest of the organization and its members.

①. STORAGE PLACE

It has been decided that the Turlock Social Hall will be used as a storage place for the members of the Turlock Social Club or its friends, judged by the Board of Directors.

② In this decision, we are presently negotiating with the Federal Government through Mr. Johnson of WCCP in Merced and the Evacuee Property Dept of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco for them to take over the Social Hall as the government storage place for the Turlock district. In case that they do lease the Hall in accordance with their announced policy of having evacuee storage places, it is probable that we shall get some income to defray normal and natural expenses that accrue in the maintenance of this Social Hall.

③ If the Federal Government does not lease the place, we ourselves will have to pay the expenses in maintaining the place.

④ Rental to some fraternal organizations seem out of the question, because there seem to be too many vacant halls in this city.

⑤ We are negotiating with the Phoenix Insurance Co for storage rates. Although this is not final, we may individually have to place insurance that is, if you are going to store \$500. worth of goods, you yourself should get insurance on your \$500. Later advise will follow on this. For your information, rates are \$2.10 per \$100.00 for three years but \$2.50 minimum.

② Method of packing - According to JACL information, if the government takes over, no small packages or individual bundles will be received for storage. Articles must be securely packed in crates or boxes of not less than two cubic feet capacity. No loose bundles of clothes, linens, utensils or other small or unsubstantial household items will be accepted.

Inasmuch as the government taking over has not been approved by them, later advise will follow on what you can bring and in what form.

2. JACL Division

It has been decided to create a JACL Division under the Turlock Social Club, since you have approved at the JACL Division meeting to such effect.

Inasmuch as we are refraining from holding meetings and since you approved the rate of \$3.00 per person, \$2.00 for the second person in the family and \$1.00 additional for any above two in the family, in raising our quota of \$125.00 will you send your money to K. Tomiye, the treasurer, at P.O. Box 546 Turlock. Remember you have to be 18 years of age and a loyal American citizen to become a member.

Now that we are to evacuate, many of you doubt the value of JACL and its work, but always remember that we as individuals have not much influence, and the JACL is the only active organization at present representing us to defend our constitutional rights now and for the future. With that in mind, let us cooperate wholeheartedly in their work for their work is in our behalf.

We have graciously received voluntary donations of \$10.00 and \$5.00 from Mr. Abbara and Mr. Yamano respectively.

③ To write letters of appreciation

To show appreciation for the kindnesses and courtesies that the American people has shown to the Japanese population of this community, the Board has decided to send following a personal letter of appreciation from the organization:

Maya Day, Principals Perrott and Lee, Drs Julien, Mrs. Clarence Ohmart (principal of Denair Grammar School), Mr. Villingner, Mr. Jack King, Mr. Roy Weaver of First National Bank, Mr. Ferguson of Bank of America, Reverend Allen, Chamber of Commerce, WCCF, Mr. Robert Hayes (Scout executive) and Mr. Albert Rodin (District Chairman of Boy Scouts).

It was also decided unanimously to write a general appreciation letter to the people of Turlock and its surrounding community through the medium of the public newspaper.

If there is any other person or suggestions, kindly let any Board members know.

④. Dues of Turlock Social Club

Many are still unpaid on their past regular dues. In order to have everything clear before the evacuation, kindly pay your dues promptly to your treasurer. Our treasury records show that your family, including 1942 dues, owe

⑤. General Announcements

① If you need to go to distant places, such as Stockton for evacuation preparation, the Merced office of the WCCF will give you a permit to perform such businesses. But always get a permit to comply with military regulations.

② A public auction is to be held at Adams' Ranch (Ben Kumamoto's) on Friday April 10th (morning). If you desire to sell some of your goods at your own risk, kindly contact Mr. Boothe, the auctioneer.

Do not fail to get permits from Merced, if needed, to do your necessary business.

③ JACL states: Now no automobiles, private or otherwise, will be permitted to go to the processing centers like Manzanar. This means that private means of transportation cannot be used or that moving vans

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or trucks cannot be hired to take other equipment from which the Army will permit. Private autos may be driven to the Assembly Centers only. From there the Army will provide transportation. It is recommended by the national IACL that autos be sold or disposed of, if possible, for a reasonable sum, but not at ridiculous prices.

If you have any suggestions or criticisms that you may have toward the methods or policies of your Board of Directors, let the Board or the president know first. After all, we are trying to work in the general interest of all.

Contact your WCCA at Merced. They are doing their best to help us out in general.

REMAIN CALM AND COOPERATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT. Keep your chin up and MAINTAIN YOUR PERSPECTIVE!

Fraternally yours,
Turlock Social Club
by T. Swala, pres
R. Jimmie, treas.