

COMMITTEE REPORT ON SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

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In view of the fact that there is still considerable uncertainty regarding the future enrollments in the schools of the several W.R.A. Projects, and that the public will be very critical of any unnecessary expenditure of public funds or the use of critical materials in these centers, your Committee recommends that, wherever possible, further construction of school buildings to be stopped unless such construction has already advanced to a stage where such action would be economically wasteful, or where it would necessitate the building of additional apartment barracks approximating the cost of the school buildings.

Your Committee recommends that certain minimum requirements be met on each Project, as follows:

For the Junior-Senior High School.

- (a) Completion of a gymnasium-auditorium as previously planned.
- (b) Shops, laboratories, and lavatory facilities to be built according to the needs of the individual Project, using, in so far as is practical, buildings already constructed.

For the Elementary and Nursery Schools.

- (a) The construction of additional buildings where necessary to provide adequate space for existing enrollments.
- (b) Necessary alterations to existing buildings to provide safe and suitable heating and lighting.
- (c) Roof-height partitions.
- (d) Adequate lavatory facilities for pupils and teachers.
- (e) Outdoor exits for each room.
- (f) Matched flooring or suitable covering for existing floors to provide satisfactory maintenance and sanitary conditions.
- (g) Nursery schools should be as near the homes of the children as possible.

School Equipment.

Your Committee recommends that the standards set up by the North Central Association be adopted as a guide for minimum equipment for relocation center schools and school libraries.

We further recommend that a letter be transmitted from the Washington Office to Project Directors and Chiefs of the Divisions of Public Works, drawing their attention to the fact that materials acquired on PD-200's must be used only for purposes set down in the justification and that diversion of such materials to other uses constitutes a Federal offense.

Respectfully submitted

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Amendment:

To accept recommendations of the committee from the Washington office regarding the high school buildings.