

Report on the Meeting of the Committee of
Block Chairmen with Project Director, C. E.
Rachford, 9:30 AM, September 16, 1942

Philip W. Barber, Chief of Community Services and
Chairmen from Blocks , and Samuel Nagata
also were present at this meeting.

1. Supply four trash cans and four ash cans for each block.

The supply of trash cans and ash cans for each block will depend upon the number of cans the administration is able to buy. They are scarce and difficult to obtain.

2. Establishment of crematory.

WRA policy provides for the building of a crematory at each relocation center. However, we shall have to wait until we can get materials. Meanwhile WRA will pay the expenses of cremation, including transportation for those colonists unable to pay.

3. Free supply of washing soap and powder, also bleaching fluid.

WRA is supposed to provide an initial supply of soap, when this is exhausted the colonists will provide their own. WRA will make up any lack of an initial supply by providing an equal amount of soap in the near future.

4. Build sufficient clothes lines for each block.

Mr. Rachford stated that it would be impossible to supply individual clothes lines, however, he agreed to the erection of a central clothes line facilities near the laundry. These facilities will consist of sturdy posts, cross bars and galvanized wire.

5. Free supply of complete winter outfit for all before cold weather.

Mr. Rachford informed the Block Chairmen of the expected arrival within the next forty-eight hours of a representative of WCCA who is coming to Heart Mountain to adjust the clothing allowance to evacuees who did not receive their clothing allowance in the assembly centers. Mr. Rachford also said that he had just been informed by the Regional Director that the United States Army was making available additional supplies of surplus clothing. In response to questions as to how it would be possible for the people to outfit themselves

for winter on the basis of clothing allowances available in only the next two months. Mr. Rachford stated that administration would make some adjustments in the initial clothing allowances. Mr. Rachford also said, that in the way of general information, the weather reports show that temperature averages in this country for the month of October are not severe and that frequently mild weather continues through the month of November.

6. Establishment of mail delivery system.

The establishment of a house to house mail delivery system is dependent upon furnishing a considerable number of mail carriers who would have to meet Civil Service specifications. This seems difficult at the present time, therefore, Mr. Rachford stated that he would ask the cooperation of the residents in a thorough trial of the present situation.

7. Speedy installation, inspection, adjustment of stoves in each apartment; also permission for the use of same.

The installation of stoves in the apartments will be completed in one week. Residents are at liberty to build fires after installation, according to the instructions furnished with the stoves. Mr. Koide will provide a Japanese translator which will be mimeographed and distributed. Since it is impossible to secure stove boards it will be necessary to install sand boxes around the stoves.

Mr. Rachford reported to the council 250 men were working on the sealing of the barracks at the present time and will complete five barracks a day. It is intended to increase the crew to five or six hundred men which will complete the sealing by the last of October.

At the request of Mr. Nagata, Mr. Rachford instructed Mr. Barber to see that Mr. Mechau prepares a statement for the bulletin on the clothing allowance, etc.

This is a true record of the meeting of the Committee of Block Chairmen with Mr. Rachford on Sept. 16, 1942

For the Committee _____