

October 13, 1942  
9:30 A.M.

Conference Room, meeting with  
Mr. Rachford

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Mr. Barber conveyed Mr. Todd's request of knowledge of mothers on orders of clothings for children by calling a meeting to express opinions. This is separate from the clothing allowances. At 9:30, Messrs. Rachford, Barber, and Housel entered. Chairmen of 14 present with 5 absentees. Mr. Hayashida presided.

Mr. Hayashida proposed an establishment of factory for miso, shoyu, tofu, and needles. Mr. Rachford approved and contended that it depends upon time, buildings, facility, and necessary substances.

Mr. Ishikawa: Unified menu for each mess hall.

Mr. Rachford: Progress held up due to lack of facility, and power equipments. Possibility prevails.

Mr. Nagasaki submitted labor problem.

Mr. Rachford: Conferred with Mr. Robertson. Anxious over labor situation. Anything can be done to meet that situation. Sugarbeet problem and maintenance are taxing; therefore, it is at present impossible to get around.

How is the problem for coal handling machinery being handled?

Mr. Koide: Necessity of the use of box car or flat car. Explained technicality thereof. Disadvantages of flat car.

Saw mill:

Mr. Rachford: Starting of saw mill industry. Necessity of lining up of men experienced. For the future of the community and its interest. Lacking in human ingenuity for operation. Recommended purchase of mill. Issued purchase order thereof. Labor commission can function this line. In order to increase community interest it will be handled by resident workers.

Mr. Fujimoto: Since the saw mill is located outside the center area it is necessary to have adequate protection for workers. Suggested in favor of general outside prevailing wages for operators in order to prevent hindrance on the general interests of Caucasian mill operators. No adequate means of protection on injured workers and no insurance protection are the chief anxiety of residents. At present experienced men are over 60, hence they are not eligible for the position. And those men who have been out of this profession for more than 15 years; therefore, they are physically unavailable. Hardly any men are experienced in this line.

Mr. Rachford and Mr. Housel:

A. Danger: Fully protected by Federal Compensation.

B. Wages: Only difference is in location. The essential factor of this mill is the same as any center project. It is a Gov't project operated in the interest of the community.

Mr. Fujimoto asked: Restricting wages to that of the center?

Mr. Rachford: Yes.

Mr. Fujimoto: Sugarbeet workers are in the line of national defense and receive wages at outside prevailing rates. The mill workers are entitled to the same rates prevailing outside.

Mr. Rachford: He asked sugarbeet farmers to pay workers by prevailing wages as this is in the commercial field. Any product out of saw mill does not go out to competitive markets, but

it is consumed or utilized for the community's purposes.

I hate to see such philosophy as the wages complaint get started in the center demanding wages comparable to the outside.

Mr. Mineta: Explanation of the nature of saw mill.

Mr. Rachford: It is a saw mill right in the timber.

Mr. Tsuneishi: Location.

Mr. Rachford: Location--38 miles from here. Capacity--15,000 feet a day. 18-20 workers to operate in small scale. Impossibility of purchasing lumber in the local lumberyard due to the incapability to furnish orders. Expect to start the mill tomorrow. Has been explained to the workers.

Mr. Gorai: Demand definite policy to protect injured.

Mr. Rachford: Protection same as receiving in this center.

Mr. Gorai: No proper protection here. One case: A celotex installation resulted in a fall caused a total blindness for one carpenter. Another case: Fireman hit in the abdomen resulted in a critical condition. To these cases hospital doctors replied to the extent that it was beyond their capacity and did not take proper care, thus resulted in tragic consequences. I think it is a matter of finance. I wish the explanation on the nature of policy be made clearer.

Mr. Rachford, turning to Mr. Housel: Housel, check us on this. Take a present set-up here, all workers are under Government supervision.

W.R.A. made compensation applicable to workers in the center.

Mr. Gorai: Explanation on necessary procedures to be taken up by the injured.

Mr. Rachford: First, whoever responsible for the accidents should file with Mr. Rachford a report of injury. A medical officer will file certificate on injury. These will be forwarded to the W.R.A. office in Denver, thence to Washington D.C. The disposition rests on Compensation Commission.

Mr. Nagasori: Are we injured entitled to enjoy compensation which W.R.A. enjoy today?

Messrs. Rachford and Housel: Yes. Under the act of Feb. 15, 1934 as amended, which relates to disability or death compensation and ben fit. This comes under Federal Compensation, and is same as C.C.C. compensation which states, specific rates for specific wages. Will find out the exact rates.

#### Clothing Allowance:

Mr. Hayschida: Explanation of clothing situation.

Mr. Rachford: Wired to Washington D.C. inquiring on two points:

1. whether the stock on hand secured from different places can be issued in addition to the regular allowance of clothing issuance.
2. whether we issue clothing allowance up to several months to get the kind of clothing necessary for workers.

Mr. Barber: In the process of taking inventory by Mrs. Knopf.

Mr. Koide: Relation in connection between lumber and stock.

Mr. Barber (in a sense of humor): Necessity of providing shelves.

Mr. Rachford: The general problem is a system of efficiency such as using stores in each block, for instance.

Mr. Koide explained the conclusion of yesterday's meeting and offered the system adopted by the meeting.

Mr. Macford: I am accountable for Gov't property, therefore can't responsibility to block chairman. I am apprehensive to plans which make too many persons responsible. *Apple*

Mr. Hayashida requested publication of Bulletin on compensation, to which Mr. Macford granted.

Messrs. Macford, Housel, Barber left--10:27 A.M.

Mr. Robertson entered--

Discussion ensued.

1. The Director assumes whole responsibility on the Gov't property and until the reply from D.C arrives he cannot start with this matter.
2. Set up a warehouse under Mr. Barber totally separated from the Administration.
3. Trying to work out some kind of program for issuance. It is the matter of what we want to do, not what we can do.

Mr. Hayashida: Is it going to be a loan or a gift?

Mr. Robertson: Don't know yet until receiving a missive from Washington, D.C.

Mr. Koide, standing, demands resignation of committee member from this clothing issuance matter, pointing out contradictions between Mr. Nagata's announcement of yesterday's meeting and Mr. Robertson's and Administrative staff's explanation.

Mr. Barber entered--10:50 A.M.

Mr. Koide explained Mr. Barber of yesterday's announcement of Mr. Nagata's and construction of means of issuance of clothing which followed.

Mr. Barber: Under present moment no one knows under what authority clothing will be distributed. Before receiving reply the Community Service division wanted to form a physical facility. In order to facilitate I asked Mr. Nagata to have the Chairman's Council to recommend two most eligible and capable persons who had previous experiences in this line by Monday afternoon. And I didn't receive anybody yet. I told Mr. Nagata, by Monday morning, we will be physically ready for action. There is no possible way of setting up an adequate transportation facility without loss in the merchandise.

Mr. Robertson: Denver office issued liberal regulation on clothing allowance on August 25, 1942, by which this center followed, but later this regulation was cancelled by the Washington department of W.R.A. in Administrative Instruction Number Twenty-Seven. Hence the delay in action.

Mr. Robertson left--11:15 A.M.

Charter Drafting Problem: Necessity of contacting facility between Council and Administration, such as Mr. Housel as counselor.

Mr. Barber: Clothing for workers, their dependants, involuntary unemployment.

1. Before this weekend--possibility of furnishing.
2. Once get started, maximum of ten days will accomplish distribution
3. Issue requisition form in triplicate vouchers; one to be kept on record file, one for the storekeeper, one to be given to individual upon signature of a foreman

Difficulties:

1-Transportation facility

2-Facts against safekeeping; necessity of padlocks, etc.

Mr. Barber left--11:40 A.M.

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Election of Drafting Committees (3): Motion to be elected by mutual voting among five Councils seconded by majority except four.

The elected Drafting Committees: Messrs. Hayashida, Koide, Ishikawa.  
The same from the Administrators committee: Messrs. Mitarai, Hisatomi,  
Tomo, and Nishizu, alternate.