

October 22, 1942

At Conference Room
Special Session

At 9:15 A.M.

1. Discussion with Mr. Barber:
 - a. Statement of request of absentee voting; Distribution of said statement to residents in each block by the B.A.O.; Statement to be in hand of County Clerk by 10/29.
 - b. Question of use of Mess Halls for recreational purposes; Designated Mess Halls for that purpose; 8-30, 12-30 20-27, 22-30.
 - (1) Confusion of authorized schedules due to the use of ~~four~~ four mess halls by unauthorized meetings.
 - (2) Chef's complaint as to difficulty of maintaining sanitary conditions due to constant use of their mess halls.
 - (3) Relief measure in the future by availing school auditorium.
2. Discussion with Dave Yamakawa regarding above problem: Explanation to restricting the number of mess halls for recreation to four.
 - a. Number of Mess Halls for recreational activities determined by Messrs. Rachford and Haller; no knowledge for such action on the part of Dave Yamakawa.
 - b. Impossibility of entertaining 2,500 persons from five blocks in one mess hall: The ratio of blocks to mess hall 5:1.
 - c. Confusion on schedules necessitates authorization by the Recreation Dept.
 - d. Request Council to recommend Mr. Rachford relief measures by which confusion of schedules, booking can be eliminated:
 - (1) Open all mess halls for recreation purposes.
 - (2) Entertainments or recreational activities take place block by block, starting from Block 1 Mess Hall.
3. Council's discussion:
 - a. In favor of Dave Yamakawa's explanations.
 - b. Imposition of heavy work on Mess hall crew;
 - (1) Cleaning after entertainments.
 - (2) Cleaning prior to opening for food services.
 - c. Problem of distance for audiences farthest from the designated mess halls.
 - d. Motion moved for submission to Mr. Rachford of request for opening all mess halls for recreational purposes. Motion seconded unanimously.
4. Discussion on the nisei school teaching staff's problems.
 - a. Reports on October 21 meeting of nisei teaching staffs at 14-26;
 - (1) To organize a Parents-Teachers Association.
 - (2) Tendency of parents to prefer Caucasian teachers to the nisei teachers.
 - b. Mr. Tsunokai proposed to submit request for uniform finances on school room decorations, to be financed by the Administration Proposal seconded by the Council.
 - c. Request of permit by the Council to use the Court House for conducting an Open Forum by Paul Nakadate approved by the Council. Secretary Iwamoto submitted recommendation to Mr. Rachford.
5. Mr. Rachford entered at 10:30 A.M.

Letter from Captain H. Astrup, Liaison Officer of W.R.A. to Mr Small, Regional Director of W.R.A. at Denver, requested the latter to instruct Mr. Rachford to admit Mr. Tom Durning to the Heart Mountain Relocation Project for the purpose of distributing clothing for the purpose of distributing clothing for the former residents of the Santa Anita Assembly Center.

6. Facts about Saw Mill, explained by Mr. Rachford:
 - a. Process of lumbering:
 - (1) Dry kiln
 - (2) Main kiln
 - (3) Planing
 - b. Kinds of lumber: 1/3 lodge-pole pine, 1/3 spruce, 1/3 fir.
 - c. Surplus to be made into ammunition boxes.
 7. Explanations to setting up present system of using four mess halls for recreation:
 - a. Prevent something worse happening than what has happened already.
 - b. Possibility: Interfering with preparation in services of food.
 - b. Looking to future, there will be certain inconveniences of residents to walk but as school auditorium is constructed we will have some inconveniences to have meetings there.
 - c. Preparation of mess halls to keep it sanitary.
 - d. Janitor group from the Recreation Department will relieve imposition of mess hall crews of heavy task.
 - e. No objection to opening all mess halls for recreation if following commitments can be followed:
 - (1) Fully in agreement with the mess personnel and Chief Steward
 - (2) Provide a way by which kitchens can be kept free of dust.
 - (3) Prepare mess halls for meetings and rearrange and prepare for food services after meetings as sanitary as possible.
 9. Mr. Chairman proposed to request approval of supply of proper screen in each mess hall.
Proposal seconded by the Council.
 10. Mr. Rachford warned against block competition and stressed on avoidance of block independence.
 11. Mr. Rachford requested Council's recommendation in regard to women's request for immediate attention to supply winter outfit, if the said women's representative should represent all women of the Heart Mountain Center through proper procedures..
- Motion moved by Mr. Tsunokai to select women's representatives from each block on Monday night's block meeting for the purpose of requesting clothing allowance formerly as all women of Heart Mt.
Motion seconded.
12. Chairmen to report at Monday night's block meeting to purchase war bonds and stamps recommendable with 10 % of wages received if so desired..
 13. Mr. Nelson reported that he wired to W.R.A. Denver office for further information on evacuees' personal property.
 14. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

BLOCK CHAINMEN'S MEETING

October 22, 1942

At 9:00 A.M.

A discussion took place on the following problems. As the result we are requesting that the Administration please take into consideration:

1. To supply school children with school requisites.
2. To finance uniformly expenses on schoolroom decorations by the Administration.
3. To supply a proper screen to each mess hall in order to keep the kitchen free of dust.

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