

Absentees: Mr. Kaneko.

Present from B.A.D.: 14

Meeting went into session by Mr. Hayashida's introduction that this meeting was to be informal and to discuss the Issei-Nisei cooperation. Mr. Tomo, in response to request by Mr. Hayashida to report informally of the BAO's conference with the Administrative staffs, disclosed that speeches were delivered by five BAO members in an effort to clarify the Caucasian's of the Japanese-American's ideals as well as residents as a whole. Mr. Hisatomi added that the BAO informed the Caucasian staffs the basic troubles and misunderstanding lies in the fact that the Caucasians did not endeavor to mix up with the Japanese residents and vice-versa, and the lack of connection between the both resulted in insufficient recognition of basic qualities of the Japanese race, their efforts, their history in America, and their present and future prospects. Mr. Sagata reported that Mr. Korts advocated the regular meeting to be called wherein any problems, and discussions in the matter of recreation would be highly welcome and would prove beneficial.

Following are the list of speeches made by the BAO members:

1. Social Aspect before Evacuation, by Mr. S. Masunaga.
2. Economic Aspect before Evacuation, by Mr. S. Sishima.
3. Life in a W.C.C.A. Center, by Mr. H. Yamamoto.
4. Effect of the Present Relocation Center on Our Morale, Mr. Yonemura.
5. Our Future, by Mr. K. Tomo.

Mr. Tomo concluded that all speeches were taken to Denver by Mr. Robertson for review with W.R.A. officials.

Mr. Hisatomi replied Mr. Sagatori on question of disfranchising the Nisei status of the American citizenship to the effect that it is necessary to contact outside social, and religious groups as well as all Relocation Projects to cooperate with us, and discuss on various mutual problems.

Mr. Saguro expressed hope to keep up our morale with respect to our future prospect, and asserted that our future holds optimistic aspects in various fields after the war, and that the present status is a test upon Nisei to do big jobs and the Issei are at the heels of Nisei to help them accomplish whatever undertakings Nisei may resort, and that it is the experienced Issei's duty and responsibility as fathers to guide Nisei and see to it that the Nisei will come out through the present era of transition.

Mr. Fujieka exemplified Issei's desire to cooperate with Nisei and be of assistance in bringing about a perfect community, and emphasized on the point that Issei desire absolutely no political rights, privileges, and position over Nisei.

Mr. Hisatomi pointed out the W.R.A. policy that it is the relocation of relocation; therefore, he considers W.R.A. does not

fully fulfil the requisitions which require large amount of financial investment since the relocation project is a temporary one; and he expressed hope that this relocation project will be a permanent one so that W.R.A. will give a full financial assistance in relocation progress.

Mr. Kurihara, Fire Chief, requested Block Chairmen to ask residents at the block meeting not to pile up coal too high in the stove in order to avoid possible fire hazards. The Council concluded and passed that request be made with Mr. Lummis to furnish persons to be assigned to stoves in latrines until fireman problem is solved by the Fair Practice Committee.

#### Charter Drafting Committee:

Mr. Koide reported to the meeting that discussion took place at the above entitled Committee meeting last Friday, 11/20, on the following:

1. Choose between:
  - a. Charter shall not be drawn until alterations in the WRA regulations be made on issei participating in issei Evacuee Community Government.
  - b. Enlargement of legal purview in connection with issei participation.
2. Issei Participation:
  - a. Advisory Board:
    1. Members: Seven to be appointed by the Community Council or the Project Director among from persons recommended by Block chairmen.
    2. Term and duty: To be further discussed.
    3. Meetings: Either to be called by the Community Council or by the Project Director, once a month on Council's report. To be discussed further.
  - b. Issei Advisor to each Councilman.
  - c. Difference in opinion between the Council and the advisory Board is to be referred to residents for discussion.
3. Block Councilman (nisei) and Advisors: Nomination on petition of equal number of issei and nisei voters' signatures.

Mr. Masunaga contended that as far as the business with the Charter Drafting Commission is concerned it is beyond the scope of the Joint meeting of BAO AND Block Chairmen and any discussion is not necessary.

Mr. Nagata voiced the abolition of use of words, "issei" and "nisei", and recommended to replace by "our folks" and "our children".

Mr. Nishizu pointed out that such separate bodies as the Council and advisory Board would cause rift between issei and nisei when vetoing power is given to the Advisory Board members on the Council's resolutions, and expressed a belief that problems of the center are mutual for nisei issei as well as for nisei; hence.

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It is necessary for both to cooperate.

Mr. Asatomi expressed an objection on making issue out of election of setting up an Advisory Board, and was strongly opposed to politics.

Mr. H. Yamamoto advocated the necessity of education in election and people's right of amending constitution and that while the Charter Commission remains the nucleus of drafting center's constitution.

To Mr. Koide's suggestion of writing to Mr. Myer, WAA Director, or sending manifestos to other relocation centers, Mr. S. Yamamoto pointed out that civil liberties are oppressed at the time of emergency, yet, Nisei could be courageous to stick to citizen's fight and express in regards to political aim and economic line; therefore, matter be rested to Charter Commission or Community Council.

With conclusion speech by Mr. Tsunekai that it was the objective of joint meeting to cooperate mutually in carrying on for the benefit of the community, the joint meeting dissolved.

Election was made by secret ballots for the Nomination Committee, from the Block Chairmen, Committee is formed. The elected are Messrs. Koide, Hirai, Fujimoto, Hayashida, and Mineta. From BAO are Messrs. Tomo, Fishiku, Hisatomi, H. Yamamoto, and Masunaga.