

November 30, 1942

At 17-25 S.

9:30 A.M.

Absentees: Messrs. Kaneko and Kakuuchi.

1. Boiler Firemen:

Mr. Nagumo reported the meeting of firemen concluded that it is unfair to burden boiler firemen with additional stoves when latrine janitors are comparatively engaged in lighter work, and resolved that janitors should take charge of stoves. The Chairmen's Council decided that the matter be left to the firemen of the boiler crew.

2. Appreciations:

Mr. Yokotsake, Captain of the Police Force, expressed gratitude for the endeavor of the Chairmen's Council in connection with the latest development in the police affair, conveyed Mr. Gerai.

3. Fire Problem:

Mr. Gerai proposed to provide rack and connection pipes for rubber hoses at some convenient location in each block. The Housing Committee was assigned to take up the matter.

4. Meal Charges to Visitors; By Mr. Nagumo.

- a. Demand for indiscrimination in charging visitors for meals.
- b. Information as to office which takes charge of proceeds of meal charges and aim for appropriation thereof.
- c. Information as to whether such proceeds are being distributed to mess halls as the part of purveyance.
- d. Reduction of meal charges as per Agenda, #6, 10/20.

Proposal seconded and passed.

5. Work Clothing Allowance:

Mr. Yokota proposed to request distribution of work clothes to those who had filled the order form thereof, and did not receive them due to freezing of stock.

Proposal passed.

6. Wages:

- a. Mr. Yokota proposed to request enforcement of regulation of wages rates of 50¢, 70¢, and 80¢ for classes A, B, and C, respectively, for those whose working days are less than 20 days per month. Proposal passed.
- b. Mr. Mineta proposed to have the wages paid within 15 days of the following month after the end of a calendar month. Passed.
- c. Mr. Mineta contended impeachment of the manner of payment as not thoroughgoing and proposed to recommend that the wages shall be paid on a block basis at respective mess halls. Passed.

7. Coal Crew Problem:

Mr. Ishikawa reported the status of coal crew on the basis of strict enforcement of 8 hours a day presents a total resignation of the crew and Mr. Izawa shall have to organize a new crew.

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The Chairmen's Council advised that the matter be adjusted among the crew properly without bringing Mr. Chandler into the situation. Mr. Ishikawa cautioned against buying pulverized coal on the road.

8. J.A.C.L. Reports:

Mr. Koide requested to set the date of joint meeting of B.A.O. and Block Chairmen for the preliminary report of J.A.C.L. Conference by Mr. Bill Hosokawa of the Sentinel. The date was set on Wednesday morning at 12-26 North.

9. The Japanese Literature Committee:

Messrs. Koide and Ishikawa were appointed to the Committee to assist Mr. Barber in distribution of the Japanese literature.

10. Project agricultural Program:

Mr. Hartman submitted for Council's approval on plans of agricultural program.

1. Organization's purposes:

- a. To provide a channel through where there may be an exchange of information, suggestions, etc.
- b. To provide a two-way channel: information, suggestions, etc., may be carried to the staff.
- c. Means of combining suggestions and program consistent with policies and facilities of the WRA and the Project.

2. Project Agricultural Committee:

- a. Members: 40 representatives.
- b. Elections: 2 persons chosen by the block by means of election conducted by Block Chairman before Dec. 14.
- c. Term: One year.
- d. Wages: No direct compensation.

3. Advisory Board to Administrative Chief of agriculture:

- a. Members: 6 persons
- b. Elections: To be chosen from among the Project Agricultural Committeemen.
- c. Term: One year.
- d. Wages: Direct compensation, rate of which shall be determined by the Project Director, if full time is taken up in devoting to the agricultural program.

5. Duty: Assist the Chief of Agriculture in
1. Establishing plans of Agricultural program.
 2. Selecting supervisory personnel
 3. Securing necessary labor, material, etc.,
 4. No administrative authority.

Council agreed to select the Project Agricultural Committeemen.

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11. Motion Picture Problem;

Mr. C. Matsumura of the Recreation Dept. replied in answer to charging admission for the movies to be shown starting Nov. 30, at Block 2.

1. Recreation Dept. has no budget to work on.
2. Recreation Dept. is totally dependant upon proceeds from benefit dances, contributions, etc.
3. Budget for recreation is not in effect yet.
4. Admission charged to cover expenses, such as rental on films, etc. Approximately \$75.00 is in surplus from the first showing of the movies.

As to permission to use mess halls, he pointed out, it is necessary to obtain permit from Mr. Haller through the signatures of approval of mess chefs or stewards; however, Mr. Matsumura admitted that it was the fault of the Recreation Dept. not to have request the approval of the responsible block chairmen in whose block any activities should take place. The movie to be shown at Block 2 tonight, November 30., was postponed, the showing of which will be discussed at the Conference Room, Dec. 1.

As to admission, the Recreation Dept. made connection with the Social Welfare and would issue free tickets to families which cannot afford admission.

12. Police Problem;

Mr. Mineta proposed to expedite investigation of three former police members who are under suspension from the post. Passed.

13. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 P.M.

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BLOCK CHAIRMEN'S MEETING

November 30, 1942

At 9:30 A.M.

Mr. Nelson
Unrecorded, Dec. 1

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

1. Regulations on Meal Charges to Visitors to Centers:

- a. Restriction on discrimination of meal charges; total amount of which on the basis of days stayed, not on the basis of amount of charges itself, varies with persons.
- b. Information as to the office which takes charge of proceeds of meal charges paid by visitors and as to the aim for appropriation of such proceeds.
- c. Information as to whether proceeds of such charges are being distributed to each mess hall as the part of perveyance.
- d. Abolition of meal charges to visitors as requested in Agenda, #9, of October 20th.

2. Work Clothing Allowance:

Distribution of work clothes to those who had filled the order form thereof prior to October 21st, and who did not receive work clothes due to the freezing of stock.

3. Wages:

- a. Enforcement of regulation on wages which asserts the rates of 80 cents, 70¢, and 60¢ for work classes of A, B, and C, respectively, for those whose working days are less than 20 days, at 8 hours per day. There is a case where a person received only \$6.40 for 16 working days.
- b. Disbursement of wages within 15 days after the end of a calendar month strictly be executed.
- c. Impeachment against not thoroughgoing manner of disbursing wages which cause many instances of inconvenience, such as making people stand in line outside of building in exposure to cold weather which in some cases necessitated hospitalization. A recommendation is suggested in expurgation of such inconvenience that payment of wages shall be made on a block basis at respective mess halls.

4. Police Problem: Expeditionness in investigation of three former members of the Police Force who are under suspension from the post.