

Questions and Request Submitted to Hon. Antonio R. Martin,
Vice-Consul of Spain by Temporary Council of Block Chair-
men of Heart Mountain Relocation Project at Heart Mt.,
Wyoming.

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January 13, 1943

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I. International Laws:

A. Will you kindly explain the following:

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1. Is there any specific clause in the International Laws which may apply to evacuees in the center?
2. Will you inform us as to the exact treatment, rights, allowances, and conveniences accorded to internees in detention camps? Are evacuees in relocation centers to be given equal or better treatments?
3. From the standpoint of the International Laws what is the exact status of evacuees?
4. To what extent has the U.S. government obligation to general damages, such as property, business and others, sustained by evacuees due to forced evacuation?
5. Can the U.S. Government compel evacuees to work by providing various devices such as denying clothing allowances?
6. Will the position of evacuees be jeopardized after the war by taking part in self-government?
7. Will the civil rights of evacuees be jeopardized after the war by their acceptance of public assistance grants? Will there be any danger that such persons will be considered as public charges?

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B. Will you kindly consider expending your efforts as to the realization of the following:

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1. Abolishment of unequal treatments given Japanese nationals and Americans of Japanese Ancestry as compared to the Germans, and the Italians.
2. Releasing of dollar deposit in the Yokohama Specie Bank.

II. Living Rights within Center:

Will you kindly render your effort in achieving the following in behalf of evacuees:

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1. Food:

- a. Increasing of daily food allotment per capita from present 45¢ to that commensurate with increased food prices.

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- b. Realizing of special diet kitchen for the sick, aged, and children.
- c. Guaranteeing of ample food supply for emergency.

2. Clothing:

- a. Uniform clothing allowances to all evacuees whether employed or not.
- b. Fulfillment of issuing complete winter outfit to all evacuees.
- c. Obtaining of WCCA clothing allowances to the former Pomona and North Portland Assembly Center residents which were promised but were not fulfilled.

3. Shelter:

- a. Allotment of larger living quarters at least as originally promised.
- b. Completion of flooring, partitioning, and providing of simple furnitures in addition to beds and mattresses.

4. Cash Advances:

- a. Increasing in amount of cash advances and in number of ratings.
- b. Providing of spending money as was done in assembly centers. to all evacuees.

5. Health:

- a. Improvement of health protection measures.
 - (1) Better staffing of hospital. *affirm + Dr. J*
 - (2) More complete supply of medicine, equipments, etc.
 - (3) Larger accommodation.
- b. Transferring of certain patients to centers more suitable located climatically.

6. Restoration of evacuees' eligibility for various state compensations.

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III. Recreation:

Will you kindly render your effort in the realization of the following:

- a. Establishing and obtaining of budget for recreational purposes.
- b. More liberal movements of evacuees.
- c. Freedom of use and release of cameras, long-wave radios that were impounded prior to evacuation.
- d. Obtaining of non-propaganda Japanese picture films now impounded at Washington, D. C., for showing in the center.

IV. Education:

Will you kindly render your effort in the realization of the following:

- ✓ a. Better facilities for high school.
- ✓ b. Financial support for student relocation.

V. Internees and Those Waiting Repatriation:

A. Will you kindly give us informations on the following:

- ✓ 1. When will the second repatriation boat be expected?
- ✓ 2. Origin of repatriation questionnaires.
3. Information on feasibility and possibility of repatriation and expatriation.
4. Will internees in detention camps be deported at the conclusion of the war? If so, what will happen to the members of families who now join the internees at the family camps? What will happen to their personal belongings and properties?
5. Will the status of the American citizens be further affected after going to the family camp? If so, will you please render your effort toward making it possible for them to leave the family camps for reasons of attending colleges or obtaining outside positions?
6. Is it true that families with children are given preference in going to the family camp to those without children?

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7. Progress of re-hearing

Is there any way to expedite procedures in re-hearing of internees at detention camps?

B. Will you kindly render your effort on the following:

1. Freedom of choosing place of residence either in relocation centers or in free zone if and when internees were released.
2. Speeding up communications with internees.

Vi. Will you give us your observations and impressions of your visits to other relocation centers?

Will you kindly inform us as to present and future policies of the Japanese government with respect to the Japanese nationals.