

January 19, 1943
Tuesday

At Conference Room

At 9:30 A.M.

JOINT MEETING

Block Chairmen, BAO, Newspaper Staff

Acting Chairman, Mr. S. Nagumo

Absentees from Block Chairmen: Messrs. Hayashida, Kakuuchi, Kaneko.

Attended fro BAO: Mrs. Hashimoto (B-6), Masunaga (B-7), Yanagishako (B-8), Shintaku (B-9), Hata (B-17), Tomo (B-20), Mitarai (B-23) Hoshi (B-24), Nakaki (B-29), Nagata (B-30).

Attended by Press:

English sections: V. Mechau, B. Hosokawa, Michi Onuma, Ed. Tokeshi.
Japanese section: Murakami, Mihara, Yonai.

Self introduction made; Snaps were taken by a photographer of the Life Magazine.

First, at the request of acting chairman, S. Nagumo, of Block Chairmen, Bill Hosokawa expressed desire to distribute the center newspaper to residents, gratis, as soon as the new paper can be operated by proceeds from advertisements.

Mihara of the Japanese section stressed on coordination between the press board and representatives of the center residents such as Block Chairmen. In response to Yokota's question on possibility of translating the editorials into Japanese, Mihara replied that since the space for the Japanese section is limited it is liable to invite misunderstanding by translating vast contents of the editorials into conse Japanese.

Tomo, BAO, pointed out the main points as follows: How to carry on for the duration; necessity of understanding between the press and residents; residents as well as the Administration should have an access to the editorials before publishing so as to eliminate possible misunderstanding or other unfavorable items. To these Bill Hosokawa explained that harmony and welfare of residents and center are considered by the press as foremost, but as to the residents' access to the editorial he declined on the ground of the freedom of press, and stressed that at least the Council should have confidence in the editors in the contents of publication. However, any advise or opinion is welcome with respect to the policy of the press. He announced that the Editorials of the week will be on "Attacks of WRA".

Tomo agreed that the theory expressed by Bill of publication policy is right in outside city, but not suitable for residents in the center. As the newspaper is published at the expense of the Community Enterprises we should have some privilege. He said this is not an attack to the policy of the press, and requested that news which involve a little friction be suppressed as a slight friction may be emphasized as news is not fair to residents who have right to know what things are going on within the center.

Mihara explained that only time the Community Enterprises advanced fund to the newspaper was on the first issue of this year's publication. Hosokawa said that the editor must have freedom in outlining the policy of publication as he is responsible for all articles in the paper. Editors were selected through applications, replied to the question put by Koide, and the newspaper functions as Timekeeper or Housing Functions. As to the responsibility of the editorials, if editor in publication of various topics, determines what goes on in the paper and in what manner.

Following are the questions and answers:

Any responsibility to the Administration? Yes.

Who dedicated editor's authority? Dillon Myer.

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Any contribution of comments on articles' contents? No
Any attendance to block meetings by representative of the
newspapers? No.

S. Fujimoto stressed on the necessity of coordination between
issai and nisei as, by evacuation, there is no difference or distinc-
tion on status so far as the rights prevailed prior to evacuation.
Shintaku explained the distinction between aliens relocated and that
interned as follows:

Aliens in relocation centers: Guilty of no crime. Simply
evacuated for military necessity.

Aliens interned in detention camps: Guilty of intention against
military security. Members of armed forces of enemy countries.

Nagata suggested that Block Chairmen, BAO, and newspaper staffs
should get together to form opinions on editorials.

Yokota asked on purpose of J.A.C.L. representatives coming to
the center. Nosekawa said Mike Masaoka and another person accompanying
him will come to this center, January 29, 30, and 31 to inspect the
center to report to Washington. In conclusion acting chairman, Nagumo,
requested Block Chairmen and BAO to formulate opinion on advisability
of the J.A.C.L. representatives' coming to this center.