

March 2, 1943  
Tuesday

Conference Room T.B.C.C.

9:00 a.m.

Absentees: Block Chairmen of Blocks 6, 14, 20, and 28.

First assembly of the regular session of the Temporary Council of Block Chairmen was held this morning at nine with the absence of above listed Block Chairmen. Mr. Hayashida served as temporary chairman of the meeting and presided. With the exception of few, most of the former chairmen have been reelected. Mr. Gorai introduced Mr. Ricardo Ritchie, alternate, who will take place of Mr. Gorai for an indefinite period as the Chairman of Block 27. This week Mr. Ritchie will serve on the Preliminary Hearing Board and follows through the case of assault and battery incident at Mess 24-30 on February 28.

Mr. Sashihara proposed to call in Mr. Carroll to explain the bulletin issued on March 1 regarding registration for those who have signed repatriation and or expatriation papers. Mr. Tsunokai secured the telegram addressed to Guy Robertson by Milton Myer, WRA, Washington, dated Feb. 20, 1943, which stated registration is required of all citizens and aliens evacuees whether desiring expatriation or repatriation. Those aliens who have indicated desires for repatriation prior to Jan. 28 may not be required to register. Any person whose name is not on the State Dept. list may apply for repatriation or expatriation only after registration. Those whose names are listed on the State Dept. list should be urged to make decision now and Mr. Robertson should transmit replies to San Francisco Office immediately." Mr. Carroll admitted that Messrs. Robertson, Todd, Carroll, and Lt. McDaniel considered it proper to withhold announcement of the contents of said wire to prevent possible confusion as the said wire arrived in the midst of registration. Mr. Carroll explained that those whose names are on the list of State Dept. are the ones who have indicated desires for repatriation prior to January 28.

In answer to the question put by Mr. Sashihara as to the authenticity of information (that this center will be closed in the near future) said to be disclosed by Mr. Carroll, he (Mr. C.) flatly denounced the truth of said information. Mr. Mitamura who was said to have released such information according to a third party denied that Mr. Carroll related to the former that this center will be closed but asserted that Mr. Carroll encouraged relocation.

With respect to the incident occurred in Block 24 involving a mess worker at Mess 24-30 and two high school students the Temporary Council passed and concluded that this case be handled entirely by proper authorities and that this body (Council) shall assist such authorities in any way required of within the purview of the said body.

Mr. Ritchie (B-27) proposed to secure a list of names and addresses in Japan of evacuees who have indicated desire for repatriation and expatriation and submit the copy thereof to the Spanish Consul and send it to Japan through Red Cross with the recognition and approval of the Project Director. Proposal passed.

Also proposed by Mr. Ritchie that information be issued as to the treatment to those who have signed on expatriation or repatriation papers. Seconded and passed.

Mr. Wagamori proposed to request the Recreation Dept. to hold up all activities recreational or otherwise on Monday nights to prevent interference with the block meetings. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

BLOCK CHAIRMAN'S MEETING

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

1. Secure a list of names and addresses in Japan of evacuees who have indicated desire for expatriation and repatriation; submit a copy thereof to the Spanish Embassy; and send it to Japan through Red Cross--with the recognition and approval of the Project Director.
2. Information as to whether such evacuees who have signed the repatriation or expatriation papers may be subjected to discriminatory treatment.
3. Advise the Recreation Dept. to hold up all activities recreational or otherwise on Monday nights so as not to interfere with the block meetings.

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