

JOINT BLOCK MANAGERS AND COUNCILMEN MEETING
CONFERENCE ROOM

DATE: January 6, 1944
TIME: 9:30 A.M. - 11:45

Presiding officer was Mr. [Name] from the Council.

1. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the cutting down of workers and the relocation conference to be held in Chicago in the near future.
 1. To clarify whether or not the cutting down of workers is effective in every Center.
 2. The plan that is being followed in cutting the workers
2. #29 Manager and Councilman - "Have the Labor Committee meet with Mr. Robertson and get the actual information that came from Washington, and get all the data by talking to Mr. Robertson at his office; and then report back to this body

The Chairman expressed his desire to have individuals go back to their blocks and hold a meeting and explain to the residents the facts and what is being done. Majority of those present objected to this plan as it will be unwise to report anything since nothing has been settled or decided. It was suggested to wait until the regular block meeting on Monday: motion made and carried.

A suggestion was made to form a Fair Labor Board. Since there are 28 sections and 6 divisions, it was suggested to have each section send a representative to the meeting.

The joint meeting with Block Managers and Councilmen was set for January 8, Saturday to hold meeting with those vacated section representatives. The secretary will contact all the section heads.

Council and Block Managers' Labor Committee will meet this afternoon with Mr. Robertson and the officers.

Opinions were exchanged back and forth on the subject of why these workers were cut and etc. Some Councilmen felt that it was for relocation purposes, while others thought it unjust to cut workers now because of the budget, since budget is set during the fiscal year.

Block 2 Councilman suggested to postpone tomorrow's meeting until Saturday. #6 Councilman heartily agreed to this plan as he felt that the case needed plenty of time. If any vital problems come up, each councilmen will be notified through the Police Department.

#2 Councilman stated that the Granada R. C. is also receiving substantial cut in workers, but he does not believe that it is as acute as this Center. He suggested that it will be a good idea to contact the Granada Administration and see where and why it is being done and whether coordinates with ours or not. This matter was left up to the Labor Committee.

#25 Councilman, a member of the committee, asked the body for suggestions concerning this afternoon's meeting with the administration officers and Mr. Robertson.

The following suggestions were given:

1. Orders for those cuts.
2. Reason (b) Investigation of the budget.
3. What Administration intends to do with the unemployed.
4. When the orders were received from Washington.
5. (a) If any cuts are contemplated in other divisions.
(b) Have it broken down to each divisions.
6. If contemplating an increase in employment, and if so, when.

Mr. Ryan and Mr. Main came to the meeting to discuss about the carrier system. Mr. Main stated that this door to door carrier system will be effective on the 1-2-3-4th, class mail be delivered to the Block Manager's Office. Carriers will pick up in one block in the morning and deliver from one block office. In the afternoon, he will go to other block and make delivery. Block Managers were requested to keep the office opened on Saturday afternoons since deliveries will be made on Saturday after

noons also. For after hour posting of mails, 5 mail boxes will be posted at the present 5 sub-station. It is impossible to have one in each Block, since the mail pick-up cannot be completed in time. The Community will be notified about this carrier system through the bulletin this week. Stamps and envelopes will be handled at the Block offices. A suggestion was made to have funds for these stamps and envelopes advanced from the Community Enterprise. Mr. Ryan and Mr. Main felt that it was possible.

#23 Manager suggested that each mail box have the names and address written plainly.

Mr. Main was asked about the coal situation. He informed the body that 14 cars will be in this morning. 2 cars will be unloaded. 36 cars are expected to come in this week. The reason for this slow down in distribution was because the miners took Christmas and New Years off and the break down of the screen at the mine. He also stated that it is not intended to pile up coal in each block. Shig Masunaga stated that it is no problem as long as the coal is obtainable. The body was assured that the coal will come in and no one should worry about shortage.

As there were no further discussion on coal or on mail carrier system Mr. Main and Mr. Ryan left the meeting.

Eight Janitor representatives came to the meeting. Mr. Yamasaki, Mr. Amano and Mr. Hosaka gave a report on the Janitors' meeting held yesterday at Block 9 Dawn Theater. Mr. Amano asked that a meeting be called in each block to discuss these problems. Majority of the body felt that the calling of meeting should be delayed until Monday. The Janitors requested for an explanation period during the meeting, and were granted by both the Councilmen and the Block Managers.

Teletype was received from Mr. Myers approving the relocation conference which was requested by the Community Council not very long ago. The location for such a meeting has been set for Chicago, Illinois. Suggestion was made to send two representatives from 9 Centers, and 12 from the field areas making a total of 30 delegates in all. WRA is not able to pay either the traveling or living expenses of the delegates, but suggested that ways and means of raising the necessary funds be considered by the residents immediately as well as who the delegates are to be and how they are to be chosen. #21 Councilman is definitely opposed to such a meeting. #6 Councilman stated that previously it was decided on; so discussion on refusing this meeting is not necessary. The question of how many delegates to be sent; how they are to be chosen; expense, and everything connected with this conference was left up to the Relocation Committee. Those on this committee are Shig Masunaga, George Nakaki, Tom Oki, and Min Yonemura.

As it was nearly twelve o'clock noon, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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