

Special Meeting

May 3, 1944

Absentee: Block 7 and Mr. Saito

Attended by Mr. Diehl

Mr. Diehl, statistician, began his explanation of new gate procedures by fully sympathizing with the evacuees and respecting our fine cooperation with the WRA. The main purpose of this regulation is to keep exact record of population residing in the center. The reports that have been sent to Washington are not exact as it should have been. The new regulation is designed and well-planned to cause as little tape as possible. Previously three different forms were necessary to secure passes but now, under this new procedure, only one form is necessary which will be left at the gate when leaving. This will give sufficient information necessary for the administrative record. Heretofore visitors were required to register at various departments after entering into the center, but under this new procedure all matters will be taken care at the gate when registering. As to daily movement of farm workers, the exchange of written pass with the red buttons is made at the gate when leaving and coming. All the leaves to Powell or Cody require authorization pass which will be exchanged with blue buttons at the gate.

He stated that when conditions permit M.P. service may be removed entirely and supervision entirely centered in W.R.A.

To all those wishing to go out of back gate, red buttons, which will allow persons to stay out 24 hours, will be given at the gate upon giving the names and address. The telephones will be installed at the gates to facilitate services to those who may return through other gate than one used when going out. ~~He will have gate employees employed in shifts for the convenience of those who return late.~~

This new regulation will be effective as soon as all residents are told and arrangement are made, however, it is the order of Washington to effect on June 1. He will appreciate any advises from the council for the benefit of the residents.

Children unaccompanied by parents or the boy or girl scouts will be issued buttons. Those desiring to leave the gate early will be allowed to leave if such person will report at the time of their return.

It was stated by Mr. Robertson that while a daily quota of passes to Cody & Powell is established for reasons of public relation, consideration will be given to requests in excess of this quota. Also the pass to the Heart Mountain will be issued at the gate by the Evacuee gate employee's signature, he stated.

Attended - 10:00

Messers Anderson and Robertson; Mr. Diehl left at 10:30

To the question presented by the Chairman in regard to the formation of Fair Practice Labor committee, Mr. Robertson stated that although Mr. McFarlane failed in his attempt to organize, advised the council under the power granted by the regulations to initiate Fair Practice Labor Committee with the assistance of Mr. McFarlane. Conveyance of the plan to the people of the block is desirable. In regard to the unemployed problem within the center, he stated there are many leaving for the seasonal works outside and therefore the surplus labor within the center will soon be consumed. Probably we will meet labor shortage during the summer months. Although submittance of plan to have running water within the center have been made, Mr. Robertson opinioned that it is not advisable due to the fact that it will be hard to control unless it is piped.

Mr. Robertson is willing to recommend maintenance of block managers on the reasons of their many physical services to the block people and on the comparative basis of block employees of other centers.

Mr. Anderson was asked by Mr. Robertson to investigate possibilities of providing Kalsomine for all the laundry rooms, mess halls and recreational halls. Mr. Anderson stated that the transfer of maintenance and management of recreational halls to the block people can prove definitely worthwhile and the residents will appreciate the accomplishments.

To the request of the Chairman to have the janitorial services of the recreational halls on the WRA payroll, Mr. Robertson stated that although the regulation states no employee for it, he will keep in mind to report by the next week.

In regard to future meetings, Mr. Robertson requested agenda in advance in order to reply to the council's questions.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.