

Absentee: Block 7

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED: A notice from Personnel Management Office relative to students registration for work at the Employment Office; from Mr. Itaru Kubota, Acting Chairman of Poston C.C., in regard to the household supplies.

1. Mr. Nagumo gave a report of the meeting held at Block 12-27 in regard to plan of future enterprises to be endeavored outside. There were about 55 present and blocks 1,7,8,21, and 24 were not represented. All present were in favor of the plan presented by Mr. Sashihara. It was decided to organize a committee to study its practicability. He requested to the councilmen whose blocks were not represented to have representatives selected. Mr. George Tani, Councilman of Block 24, stated that his block is entirely against the plan and added that his block people would rather have the cash in hand than expended for such purpose.

2. Mr. George Nakaki reported the committee's decision on counseling the boys in custody. The consensus opinion of the delegates was that since those boys seemed very reluctant to change their minds and the letter from U.S. Attorney is not encouraging to go at this time, they have decided to wait until the Grand Jury meet for their case.

3. Mr. Katagi announced that the materials to make flowers for the Mother's Day are at C.A. and requested each block representatives to secure them.

He explained the financial chart presented by the Community Activities to the Council.

The Council approved to send Council's minutes to the Community Activities for the purpose of establishing better coordination between the departments.

4. It was unanimously approved that hereafter all special meetings are to be held only for the purpose called by the Chairman.

5. Mr. Carroll, Relocation Program Officer, gave the following report of the Conference held recently at Chicago.

The meeting took place for five days, many times at evenings, on the reports, and discussion of the problems of Field Officers and the problems existing in the centers to find solutions to establish closer relationship between these offices and the evacuees. These discussions were based entirely on the basis of evacuees. He asked the Council for their suggestions, recommendations, and revisions of the existing regulations better suit for evacuee relocation. The compilation of such record will be presented to the Program Planning committee for recommendation.

It was unanimously agreed that they set up a special plans for the Isseis to assist in solving their problems. Financing of evacuees on short term leaves will be allowed to investigate group relocations. Plans must be presented with each application which will be analyzed and discussed by the officers before getting its final approval from Washington. The basis of this type of colonization for recommendation must be diversified occupations, so as to be more acceptable to the community where they relocate. WRA will assist in securing finances from the various governmental financing agencies. Niseis have the same rights and privileges and there is no restrictions.

It was the mutual opinion of the delegates to liberalize leave procedures and a recommendations analyzed will be presented to Washington. Short term leave has been tightened up for the reason that there are many persons who were out on short terms applied for work and have created bad impressions on the employers. Seasonal leaves will be be same as before.

In regard to the selective service, the dependents of the soldier residing within the center are eligible for the full compensations allotted. Clearances have been given to the Niseis to be employed on docks and on ships and the inexperienced nisei will be accepted for employment by these companies.

Plans being worked out so an evacuee will be reimbursed tax in addition to regular fare when they pay such fare themselves.

Change in indefinite leave will permit persons/within 60 days ~~to~~ ^{to return to the center} 15 days of counseling period given to work out plans with the Relocation Field Officers, otherwise, there will be some sort of penalty if they return without permission.

He announced that Relocation counseling services which has been highly successful under Social Welfare Department will be taken over by the Relocation Division. It will be carried on more extensively, and the compilation of these records which will be sent to Washington and Field Officers, will determine the desires of evacuees. He asked the Council to inform the residents that this relocation counseling is not a registration, and request their assistance in carrying out this program.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.