

MEETING OF THE HEART MOUNTAIN RELOCATION PLANNING COMMISSION

March 30, 1944

9:30 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. G. Nakaki
Mr. A. Okado
Mr. H. Sakauye
Rev. D. Toriumi
Mr. K. Sugimoto
Mrs. T. Fujimura
Mr. Y. Kodama, presiding

An emergency meeting was called and due to short notice, not many members were able to be present.

The Chairman announced that Mr. Joe Carroll will leave on April 16th to attend the Relocation Program Officers' Conference in Chicago.

please note { Each member was asked to submit his suggestions to help solve any problem pertinent to relocation so that the Planning Commission may present it to Mr. Carroll to take it to the Conference. The secretary was instructed to mail addressed envelopes to the absentees which must be returned to the Chairman by April 13th with their suggestions.

The Chairman explained the following WRA releases in order that there will be no duplication in the offered suggestions.

1. Administrative Manual Release No. 59 which concerns storage and transportation of property.

It removes the limitations on the amount of personal property that may be transported at government expense from the relocation center to the relocation area.

It provides for the transportation of tools, equipment and fixtures of an evacuee's trade, etc.
(Refer to Manual Release No. 59)

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2. Handbook Release No. 82 which concerns the major changes in seasonal leave policy.

This subsection restricts seasonal leave on employment in agriculture under Government labor contracts.

Seasonal leave may not be issued for more than seven months, and an evacuee will be permitted not to exceed two seasonal leaves per calendar year for a total period not exceeding nine months.

Evacuees on Seasonal leave may not return to the center for visits except in the case of emergency. Seasonal leave is to be revoked if the visit is not an emergency visit.

3. Handbook Release No. 73 which concerns a new type of leave--Indefinite Leave (Trial Period).

Indefinite Leave for a trial period is restricted to states east of the Mississippi River plus Minnesota, Iowa, and Missouri.

There must be a specific employment offer or community invitation.

Ordinarily the evacuee must finance his own transportation.

The leave must be a definite step in a plan for permanent relocation.

The evacuee may convert to full indefinite leave at any time, but if he does not, he may secure permission to return to the center after four months but not later than six months from date of issuance.

The evacuee must agree not to change employment nor to travel outside of a restricted travel district without approval of the Relocation Officer.

Applicants must meet all the eligibility requirements for regular indefinite leave.

Visits to the center during the trial period are permitted only in emergencies.

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4. Handbook Release No. 80 which concerns community adjustment for resettlers, organization of local cooperating committees, relations with public and private agencies, employment of resettlers, and other phases of the field program.

To assist the Relocation Supervisors and Officers in the development of community adjustment resources, the position of Relocation Adjustment Adviser has been established. The major function of such personnel is to consult with Relocation Officers in the Area concerning their adjustment problems and aid the evacuees in planning for the optimum use of community resources to provide services to resettlers. The Relocation Adjustment Adviser will be available to assist them in the effective coordination of these resources for the welfare, housing, health, education, and total community adjustment of evacuees.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tomi Fujimura

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