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Highlights of Remarks by Mr. C. E. Rachford
to First Heart Mountain Colonists

1. It is our desire to make this city one of the best in the country. The health, welfare and safety of the residents are our first concern. We desire to provide the greatest possible freedom under the circumstances and everyone will be given the opportunity to work. Self-government will be practiced to the greatest possible extent.
2. Certain restrictions are necessary for the present. Because there is so much construction still under way, residents are requested to stay within the limits of the blocks open to them. Passes are required for anyone visiting the Administrative offices. They will be provided by the immigration office only to those having exceptionally good reasons. Lumber for home improvements will be provided. Lumber now available is the property of the contractor and do not have the right to take it. Ceiling and wall tile will be installed before the arrival of cold weather. Be very careful of fire. Fire-fighting facilities are limited. Do not light stoves unless absolutely necessary.
3. Residents are being asked to assume the same duties they undertook in the Assembly Centers for the time being. Because of the large number of residents yet to come, permanent assignments for work cannot be made. Changes will be made and permanent assignments made according to ability and aptitude. Workers are diversified and they will be reimbursed.
4. Ample opportunity will be given to residents as regards the governing of the camp. Residents are requested to take an interest in the camp's welfare.
5. Residents are requested to assume the same duties they undertook in the Assembly Centers for the time being. Because the camp is being filled, it is requested that residents to avoid confusion.
6. The camp has an excellent water supply. Residents are requested to clean out the newly-installed water pipes. It will be possible to drink water.
7. The Caucasian staff is organized and is working in Pomona. All the men are interested in the welfare of the residents and they will be glad to accept feasible suggestions.