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Temporary Block Administrative Officers Picked

Philip W. Barber, chief of community services, announced today the appointment of 10 temporary block administrative officers who will serve as representatives of the WRA staff in looking after the physical needs of the various blocks.

Barber stressed that these men are to check on the function and efficiency of the various administrative services and will not be concerned in any way with policy. He pointed out the administrators who are appointees, are not to be confused with the temporary block chairmen and representatives elected at recent block meetings.

The appointees and blocks they are to serve are: 1-David Nitake, 2-Min Yonemura, 6-Noboru Zaiman, 3-Robert Yamazaki, 12-Ted Chiba, 14-Henry Tanaka, 15-Masato Yamamoto, 17-Masaru Hata, 20-Rikio Tomo, 27-George F. Ozawa.

Other block administrators will be announced as soon as appointments are made. Those already named were selected after extensive interviews from a group who filed applications and others nominated by block meetings.

Barber reiterated that these appointments are temporary and urged others interested in this work to apply in writing stating age, place of birth, education and complete work experience.

Block administrators are to file a daily report to the WRA Administration on 16 specific subjects and on any other matters requiring attention. Some of the subjects to be covered are: electrical, plumbing, housing maintenance, sanitation, trash and garbage, mess, fire, police, sicknesses, employment, information, education and recreation.

Barber stated that the administrators are under instructions to co-operate with the elected block chairmen for the welfare of the people.

Meanwhile the temporary self-government system got under way this week when a group of temporary block chairmen met Tuesday in a two-hour session with C. E. Rachford, project director. A large number of suggestions as to how the project can be improved were aired.

The block chairmen are considered representatives of the colonists and their function is to carry the desires of the people to the administrative officials.

Stressing again the temporary nature of this system, Barber asserted that these block chairmen will function only until a charter, outlining the self-government system to be adopted, can be drawn up, voted upon by the people, and put into operation.

The next weekly meeting of block chairmen and the administration is scheduled for Wednesday morning, Sept. 16.

Block chairmen already named at block meetings and reported to Barber's office include: 1-G. Iwasaki, 2-S. Tsuneishi, 6-F. J. Fujioka, 8-M. Hayashida, 9-Sohei Yoshihashi, 12-S. Nagumo, 14-Kazuyoshi Okazaki, 15-Fujimoto, 17-Mark Tsunokai, 20-Minokichi Tsunokai, 27-Tom Gorai.

While block administrators are restricted under the present plan to Nisei, the position of block chairman is open to anyone.

Mess Identification Tags Ordered

Mess identification tags or buttons to be distributed to colonists have been ordered. As soon as they arrive a checker system will be installed at each mess hall.