

RECEPTION COMMITTEE  
M E E T I N G  
September 4, 1943

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*John J. O. Moore*

At the above meeting those present were:

Ed Eaklor	Harlow Tomlinson
James Hikido	Dr. Robert Obi
John Radamaker	Mrs. Ruth Hudson
Minoru Matsuda	Giichiro Mitani
John Azeka	Enoch Dumas
Lewis Fanslan	Yasutoshi Yoshizawa
Toshio Ninomiya	Walter Higuchi
Kuhachi Ikuta	Lester Suzuki (Rev.)

Yuri Domoto

Reports were heard from the various committees as follows:

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON SPACE:

Chairmen: Ed Eaklor and James Hikido

Mr. Eaklor reporting for his committee stated that 201 housing units are available, and that with crowding, approximately 880 people could be housed. We need, then, fifty to sixty more housing units.

Various ways of creating more housing space were discussed. Since the work of the housing sub-committee is so detailed, no specific recommendations could be made by the general committee. It was agreed that the most important thing that the committee can do is to create sentiment and inform the people in the Center concerning the shortage facing us, in order to encourage as much coubling up of families as possible.

Possibilities suggested in this connection were (1). moving families by force; (2). using recreation halls; (3). using part of the school block. It was pointed out in this connection that it is not the job of this committee to create more housing facilities, but to utilize the best way possible the units we have, and if other housing facilities are necessary this is an administrative problem.

It was further agreed that any use of force in moving people would be extremely undesirable. It was pointed out that the majority of moving to date has been done cooperatively and in a good spirit. There are only a few persons who are recalcitrant. Every method of persuasion should be used on these persons to bring about the necessary changes.

THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALITY:

Chairmen: Enoch Dumas and Shiro Abe

Dr. Dumas stating that reports were received from all organizations, contacted, and that all of them are willing to develop welcoming programs.



The block managers are setting up committees of six persons in each block to see that barracks are cleaned up in advance and to welcome new arrivals. Mr. Mitani reported from the Block managers.

The Reception date was again discussed in view of the advanced dates of arrival, and at Mrs. Hudson's suggestion, it was left to Oct. 7 since this date would probably clear us from the peak of the poliomyelitis epidemic. Dr. Obi and Mrs. Hudson state it is unnecessary to cancel the event. The Home-making department of the High school is to prepare the refreshments, and the Girl Reserves are to serve them. Mr. Johnson has assured the committees of funds for the purchase of refreshments.

The committee requested that no permits for conflicting events be granted for the evening of October 7.

The committee is arranging its own publicity for the Reception.

The handbook of Center information is nearing completion.

#### THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION:

Chairmen: Toshio Ninomiya and Lewis Fanslan

The report of this sub-committee follows:

The first meeting of the registration sub-committee was held in the office of Lewis Fanslan on Sept. 1 at 2:45 pm to formulate plans for the induction of Tule Lake evacuees at Terry Hall. The following members of the committee were present: Lewis Fanslan, Toshio Ninomiya, Frances Shuck, Harlow Tomlinson, Dr. Robert Cbi, Mrs. Ruth Hudson, and Mark Redcliffe.

Due to the fact that preliminary arrangements for the registration procedure were discussed on earlier dates between the chairmen of the sub-committee and its members, the meeting of September 1 merely outlined the exact duties which these people must perform both preparatory to the registration and at the time of its operation.

With detailed plans outlined the sub-committee felt that further such meetings will not be necessary until a day or two before the arrival of Tule Lake evacuees when the final arrangements based upon the time and more of their arrival could be made, provided, of course, that a sudden alteration of the movement schedule does not occur.

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The following will describe the plan which has been agreed upon by the registering sub-committee as probably the most efficient method of handling the incoming evacuees.

The actual registration will take place at Terry Hall in Block SH for the reasons that it is centrally located, it provides sufficient space, it is not in a residential block, and that the large open space surrounding the



flag pole would be a convenient place for unloading and sorting baggages. On the other hand, there is one objectionable feature of the selected location, namely the presence of school children who will be subjected to the danger of passing trucks. Arrangements, however, are being made so that Mr. Terry will consent to dismiss school on Sept. 16 and 21.

The first step that must be taken to insure orderliness at registration is the roping off of certain areas in order to prevent congestion caused by curiosity-seekers and visitors. This matter will be properly handled by Mr. Tomlinson and the police department. Should no rope be available, enough policeman will be on hand to maintain order. It is extremely important that the registration hall be free of persons not directly participating in the registration procedures.

Fanslan, Tomlinson, Minomiya, and one representative from the motor pool division will lay survey of Terry Hall and its surrounding areas on Monday morning, Sept. 6.

The exact arrangement of the tables in Terry Hall will depend somewhat upon the method of registration to be employed, and the latter upon the arrival date of a family listing from Tule Lake. The most efficient method would seem to be the laying of a long row of tables, diagonally and parallelly, from the southwest door (entrance) to the northeast door (exit). Several alleys or passage-ways would be provided so that the family-head can occupy one and the rest of the family the others, although both will travel at the same speed until the former is through with the required filing of forms. Thus, they will be kept together and make exits from the hall at the same time. The northwest and southeast doors will be blocked.

According to instructions from Washington, medical inspection, which probably will consist of a superficial throat, skin and eye examination, must be undergone by the inductees prior to taking any other step in registration. For this reason a small medical booth enclosed by two or three screens of sufficient height will be placed immediately adjacent to the entrance door. It will be under the supervision of Dr. Obi, Mrs. Hudson and a medical secretary.

Guides proficient in both languages will be placed at strategic spots in the hall and at the doors to give instructions and to keep the inductees moving at an even pace. A public announcing system will be installed outside the exit door to direct passengers embarking upon trucks for their respective blocks.

Chairs and drinking water will be placed in the roped-in waiting spaces around the entrance and exit doors. Miss Shuck has been assigned the task of supplying water stands from the school buildings and Tomlinson will arrange benches in the waiting spaces. Terry Hall chairs will not be used.

It might be mentioned here that Mrs. Hudson has promised to supply approximately fourteen nurse-aides to look after the arriving women and children.

The distribution and sorting of baggages will probably consume more time



than the actual registration, however, by using the same system employed during the arrival of Santa Anita evacuees, namely, placing them in sections each denoted by segments of the alphabet such as A-E, E-h, H-L, etc, too much trouble is not expected in clearing the baggage space.

It is the opinion of the sub-committee that only the family heads should be present at the baggage area to do the necessary sorting while the rest of the family be sent ahead to their respective units. The reason for this is that the less people there are in the vicinity of moving trucks the less confusion and accidents there will be. Should this step be taken it will be necessary to provide both parties with a slip of paper containing their addresses.

According to Mr. Radcliffe, there will be approximately 1400 pieces of baggage for a group of 500 inductees. Since darkness will prevent efficient handling of such a load it will be necessary to use speed in distributing them to the units. The motor pool section has assured the sub-committee that enough trucks and personnel will be on hand. It may be possible to borrow some farm trucks.

Sufficient evacuee registrars can be obtained from the employment and reception hall offices and it might be added that the speed of the registration will be directly proportional to the number of workers. It is the suggestion of Mr. Fanslan that a temporary work slip be issued to voluntary workers not already on payroll.

Block managers will aid the induction procedure more by staying in their respective blocks.

Decorations or whatever means the hospitality sub-committee feels necessary to use in upholding the morale of the inductees will be left strictly up to its discretion and energy. It is the feeling of the registration sub-committee that its primary function will be to send the Tuleans through the hall "fastest and mostest", while at the same time, not forgetting the element of courtesy.

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Since the committee meeting, the list of the first group of arrivals has been received, and assignments of houses to these families are being made.

Each of the committees is following through on its own schedule, and the plans are assuming concrete form.

No further meeting of the committee is contemplated at this time.