

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY RELOCATION BOARD
December 4, 1943

The meeting of the Advisory Board was called to order by the Chairman, Rev. Lester Suzuki, at 8:30 a.m. Present were Mr. Ed Arnold, Director of the Relocation Division of WRA, Mario Vecchio, Willis Hanson, and Walter Knodel of the Project Relocation Division, Joe McClelland, Reports Officer, Samuel Gordon of the Adult Education, Katsuki Iki, Mr. Kono, Kay Sugahara, Dr. Itsuge Okubo, Dr. Tatsuhiko Miyamoto, Yuri Domoto, Shiro Abe, Mr. Yuzawa, Ed Runcorn, Advisor of Consumer Enterprises, J.J.O. Moore of the Public Welfare section, substituting for Virginia Ramsland of the same section, Mr. Nozawa, Mr. Harvey Turk of Community Activities, and John Rademaker, Community Analyst, Mr. Robert Asamoto of the Japanese language section of the Pioneer was present as an observer.

Mr. Suzuki and others gave a brief statement of the purpose of the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee--to inform everyone who is interested in relocation, to lay the cards on the table, to present the facts--all of them, not merely the rosy ones--and let people see with their own eyes and judge for themselves. The old pioneering spirit will be needed again in this venture of relocation, and the better equipped the relocators are, the better are their chances of success. Hence we should carry out the process of securing and making available to the residents of the Center as much information as possible from the evacuees point of view.

A motion was made and seconded to establish an Advisory Relocation Board by merging the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee and the WRA Staff Relocation Committee, the combined committees to act as the Relocation Advisory Board. Membership in the Board should be on a representative basis, with the present composition of the two committees, with some additions to include the High School Students and the ladies, and perhaps some of the staff members, as a basic personnel. This motion was carried unanimously. The suggestion to include representatives of the (1) High School Students (2) the YWCA, (3) The Blue Star Mothers, and (4) the Women's Federation, (5) the staff sections of Community Activities, Community Enterprises, Education, and Relocation, in the persons of Mr. Turk, Mr. Runcorn, and Mr. Gordon of Mr. Garrison, Mr. Vecchio and Mr. Hanson, was approved.

A motion was made to constitute Dr. Okubo, Dr. Miyamoto, Rev. Suzuki, and Mack Saito (with Kay Sugahara as his alternate, since Mr. Saito plans to leave shortly) an Executive Committee of the Board. A question was raised concerning the function of such an Executive Committee, and the motion was split into two parts: (1) whether we want such an executive committee or not, and (2) whether the persons named were acceptable.

The function of the Executive Committee was described as close and intimate guidance and advice of the Executive Secretary of the Board. The Board being fairly large and unwieldy, many detailed questions which do not

merit the trouble of calling the Board together should be taken care of by a smaller group of elected representatives of the Board, composed wholly or chiefly of evacuees. The smaller body, the Executive Committee, is required to refer all matters of basic policy to the entire Advisory Board, but in matters not involving such basic policy, it is to act as an advisory group to advise and assist the Executive Secretary, in carrying out the basic policy defined by the entire Advisory Board. The motion was again made, seconded, and passed unanimously that such an Executive Committee be established.

It was moved and seconded that the persons named by Dr. Miyamoto, on behalf of the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee, be elected to the Executive Committee, with one representative from the WRA staff. Since Mr. Rademaker has operated as liaison man between the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee and the WRA Staff Relocation Committee, it was suggested that he serve on the Committee. (The suggestion of the Washington WRA diagram and plan, that the WRA relocation Officer be made Executive Secretary of the united evacuee and staff body, was considered by the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee beforehand. It felt that that would militate against the success of the work of the Advisory Board and its Information Bureau, since many residents would feel that the Relocation Officer had simply gathered a few docile evacuees to front for the WRA Relocation Division. Hence a person less partial to WRA administrative control should be found. It was felt unwise, however, to have no WRA representative on the Executive Committee, if that is agreeable to all concerned.) This motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Katsuki Iki was nominated for the post of Executive Secretary of the Relocation Advisory Board. It was felt that he was the most suitable person available, so no other nominations were made, and he was elected unanimously, all present voting for him. His duties were stated to be that of directing the Office of the Board, and the operations of the Relocation Library, to counsel persons who requested information or advice concerning relocation, and to work with the Executive Committee and Advisory Board in preparing, formulating, and administering policies adopted by the Board. He is to prepare a monthly report to submit to the Board for its approval, and for the approval of Mr. Lindley, and to prepare financial reports of the operations of the Board as often as requested by Mr. Lindley, to submit all plans involving any expenditure of money to the Board and Mr. Lindley for prior approval. He is to establish an office somewhere on the project, secure an assistant and a secretary-file clerk and in general carry out the actual labor involved in providing information for the assistance of persons who

wish to relocate, and to carry out any other duties pertinent to that basic purpose assigned to him by the Executive Committee and the Advisory Board. He is also to coordinate the work of the Board with the various sections of the WRA staff so as to avoid confusion and misunderstanding.

The Reports Officer reviewed the new machinery for securing information from field offices and other governmental agencies by the Reports Division. He offered the full cooperation of the Reports Section to assist the work of the Board. The Relocation Officer also volunteered his full cooperation whenever requested by the Board and in general agreement with the purpose and work of the Board.

The meeting was adjourned officially to permit Mr. Arnold to meet informally with the members of the Evacuee Relocation Information Committee present. Several hours of such conference followed the adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

John A. Rademaker,
Secretary pro tem.

THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY CO.

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT

Subject: Rates for Relocation Project.

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Tule Lake, California, routed Santa Fe Denver, UP to Ogden, thence SP, is \$29.81. The tickets will be honored from Reno to Tule Lake via the Oregon, California, and Nevada Stage Lines.

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| Lv Lamar | 10:25 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Denver | 7:45 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Denver | 8:45 a.m. | |
| Ar Reno | 1:10 p.m. | Wednesday |
| Lv Reno | 7:45 a.m. | Thursday |
| Ar Tule Lake | 5:18 p.m. | |

The rail head for Manzanar, California, is Mojave, California. It will be necessary to rebuy from Mojave to Manzanar via the Inland Stages. The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Mojave is \$26.40, routed Santa Fe.

Northern route 30.53 to Reno 7.25 to Lone Pine

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| Lv Lamar | 10:24 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Barstow | 6:25 a.m. | Wednesday |
| Lv Barstow | 7:40 a.m. | |
| Ar Mojave | 9:30 a.m. | |
| Lv Mojave | 12:50 p.m. | |
| Ar Manzanar | 4:45 p.m. | |

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Delta, Utah, routed Santa Fe Denver, thence UP, is \$18.16.

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| Lv Lamar | 10:24 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Denver | 7:45 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Denver | 8:45 a.m. | |
| Ar Delta | 10:63 a.m. | Wednesday |

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Poston, Arizona, routed Santa Fe to El Paso, thence SP, is \$19.56.

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| Lv Lamar | 10:24 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Albuquerque | 11:45 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Albuquerque | 12:01 a.m. | Wednesday |
| Ar El Paso | 7:30 a.m. | |
| Lv El Paso | 10:25 a.m. | |
| Ar Poston | 4:43 p.m. | |

The rail head for Rivers, Arizona, is Poston, Arizona.

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Minidoka, Idaho, routed Santa Fe to Denver, thence UP, is \$19.81.

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| Lv Lamar | 10:24 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Denver | 7:45 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Denver | 8:45 a.m. | |
| Ar Minidoka | 8:15 a.m. | Wednesday |

Cody, Wyoming, is the rail head for Heart Mountain. The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Cody, routed Santa Fe to Denver, C&S to Wendover, thence CB&Q, is \$22.24.

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| Lv Lamar | 10:24 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Denver | 7:45 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Denver | 8:00 p.m. | |
| Ar cody | 5:30 p.m. | Wednesday |

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to McGeehee, Arkansas, routed Santa Fe to Kansas City, thence MP, is \$23.12.

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| Lv Lamar | 8:49 p.m. | Monday (for example) |
| Ar Kansas City | 7:40 a.m. | Tuesday |
| Lv Kansas City | 8:45 a.m. | |
| Ar McGeehee | 4:35 a.m. | Wednesday |

The one-way coach fare from Lamar to Jerome, Arkansas, routed Santa Fe to Kansas City, thence MP, is \$23.68.

The service from Lamar to Jerome is the same as to McGeehee with the exception that arrival time at Jerome is 5:09 a.m. instead of 4:35 a.m.