

Delegates to Salt Lake Conference Make Statement

Following is a statement from delegates to the eight-center conference regarding misstatements appearing in The Sentinel of Feb. 10. Delegates pointed out in their statement that 1.)--the delegates were appointed by the study committee and NOT by the council itself; 2.)--that no nisei delegates were selected because the study committee did not have many nisei members and 3.)--none of the delegates to the conference had asked that the Spanish government handle the affairs of the issei, that a member of the study committee had made such a suggestion but that it had not been considered. The Sentinel is glad to have the opportunity to present the views of the delegates and to explain that the information came to us from a usually unimpeachable source.--The Editors.

"The Heart Mountain study committee on the closing of WRA centers was initiated by the community council of Heart Mountain on Nov. 13. On that day, meetings were held in all blocks, except Block 7 where there was no councilman. Since the subject to be discussed at the block meetings had been announced beforehand and since it was a topic of vital concern to the people, the attendance was much larger than usual. At those meetings, two representatives were elected to the study committee in most blocks. In others, men were chosen and instructed to sit in as observers.

"The first several sessions of the study committee, therefore, were attended by block representatives and block observers. Also, a motion of the community council made it mandatory for councilmen to participate. It is true that a few blocks refused to take part in any way on the ground that the formation of this committee was premature and that the residents of the center should wait until there was a written order that the centers would close.

"When announcement of the closing came on Dec. 18, those blocks that were sending just observers to the committee meetings changed their status to that of block representatives and those that had neither hastily chose representatives. By the first part of January, then, all blocks in the center were duly represented. Even block 7 sent its block manager.

"Recently the study committee chose five delegates to the inter-center conference. In doing this, no prior nominations were made. Each member of the study committee simply turned in five names and those with the greatest number of votes were declared elected. This course was taken in order to allow the maximum freedom of choice and to avoid any possibility that a pre-arranged slate might be pushed through.

"This background is given to show what a broad base the study committee has in the community and to bring out the fact that orderly and democratic procedures were followed in selecting both committee members and delegates to the conference.

"Hence, when the editorial in The Sentinel of Feb. 10 said that the community council had chosen the delegates, it was in error. The study committee chose them.

"The editorial also objected there were no nisei on the delegation. This can be explained by the fact that the study committee did not have many nisei members. This goes back to the circumstance that nisei did not participate in block meetings. The point is that they were not excluded; they excluded themselves. Moreover, it may be added that nisei who are eighteen years or older can solve their own relocation problems while the issei, because of their age and their many dependents, face the most serious problems.

"Some concern is expressed that the interests of the nisei may be forgotten in the conference. It should be remembered that issei are the parents of the nisei and that they are likely to keep in mind the welfare of their children.

"The editorial claims that 'at least one' of the delegates favors turning to the Spanish embassy. This is not true. Although the matter was brought up in early meetings of the study committee, it was not considered. None of the men on the delegation ever favored it.

"There is a passage in The Sentinel article that seems to connect the delegates with irresponsible 'latrine philosophers.' It should be pointed out that they are taking to the inter-center conference an agenda that the study committee spent more than two months forming and which was reported to the people in block meetings and unanimously approved in each one of them."

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Eagles Meet Cody Broncos Tonight in Final Cage Encounter

The high school varsity eagles round out their inter-scholastic schedule as they play host to the Cody Broncos at 8 p.m. tonight instead of tomorrow as previously announced. In the 7 p.m. preliminary, the jayvees will clash with the Cody B's.

The doors will swing open at 6:30 p.m. and the usual 20 cents admission will be charged.

Class B games which were scheduled for tonight will be played tomorrow night.

Recruiting Office Opened in Block 15

In order to provide office space which may be used by persons visiting the center for the purpose of recruiting help for outside employment, the relocation division has opened a recruiting office in 15-12-AB. All recruiters wanting or needing office space will have headquarters at this location.

The recruiting office will be under the supervision of Masao Omachi, an employee who has been with the relocation division for quite some time. He will be able to answer questions and will have informational material regarding relocation opportunities and job offers from points throughout the United States. He will also have copies of nearly all the material that is available in the relocation library.

While no actual discussion of a WRA approved relocation plan may take place in the recruiting office it will serve as a source of information for persons interested. Anyone wishing to accept any employment offered at the recruiting office in Block 15 will have to call at the relocation adviser's office in the administration building for completion of final plans. The relocation division is now in a position to assist with the completion of a relocation plan and arrange for departure on very short notice, sometimes within as little as a few hours.

Recruiters representing industries are now located in the block 15 recruiting office as follows:

- Yoshimi Shibata - War Hemp Industry Inc.
- Masao Tasaki - Great Northern and SPS Railway Co.
- Tod Honda - Copper Mining Co. of Brigham, Utah, who is scheduled to arrive on the project today.

General Information

"Second Fiddle", starring Tyrone Power, Sonja Henie and Rudy Vallee, and "Sub-Alert", with Richard Arlen and Wendy Barrie will be shown by the YEA at its benefit show 7 p.m. next Monday at the high school auditorium, according to Tak Ikeda, general chairman. Residents are urged to obtain their tickets at the block manager's office early as they are limited.

Residents who failed to claim their community enterprises refund checks at their designated places should call for them at the main office during office hours, Ted Okumoto, treasurer, announced. Any change of address within the center or outside should be reported to the CE office in regards to the refund checks.

The Y lounge will remain closed to the public on Thursdays and Saturdays until the conclusion of the basketball series, Yuri Kawakami, correlator, announced.

All girls who have been asked to become junior USO hostesses are requested to turn in their names by Thursday Feb. 15 to the Camp Fire office, 16-N, instead of Tuesday Feb. 20 as previously announced by Janice Shirota, recruiting chairman.

Servicemen, reservists and inductees reporting on Feb. 22 are cordially invited to attend the regular Wednesday night USO social which starts at 7:30 p.m. All hostess and hostesses are asked to be present. General plans concerning the servicemen's social on Feb. 21 will be discussed.

Boy Scout Cubs in each den of Pack 31 are asked to report 10 a.m. Saturday at Boy Scout headquarters for the hiking trip. They are asked to bring their lunches.

Managers of the Industrial league teams are asked to meet 6:30 p.m. tonight at the athletic department, 16-N. If not enough managers attend this meeting the league may not be organized.

Residents who left their shoes to be repaired at the block 8 branch office may claim them next Monday, according to the main office of the community enterprises.

Ping pong signups are still being accepted at the athletic department, 16-N, for the center-wide ping pong tournament.