SEGREGATION
of
Persons of Japanese Ancestry
in Relocation Centers

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The Segregation Program of WRA

(A foreword by the Director of the War Relocation Authority)

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I urge every resident of a relocation center to make himself familiar with the objectives of the segregation program and with the procedures for carrying it out, so that the adjustment may be made with the least possible difficulty to everyone concerned.

DILLON S. MYER

BASIS OF SEGREGATION

No person living in a country which is at war with his native land or with a nation to which he has close hereditary ties can escape the necessity of choosing the nation with which his interests are more closely bound, and to which he pledges his support. Those persons of Japanese ancestry now in relocation centers have had the opportunity to state their individual choices, and to back their statements by their actions.

In determining which persons will be required to transfer to the Tule Lake Center, the War Relocation Authority will consider carefully the choices which have been expressed by each individual, and all evidence which indicates whether or not his acts support his statements.

In recognition of the fact that many alien-born evacuees are prevented from being loyal American citizens by legal technicalities, and that some individuals who legally are American citizens actually are sympathetic to Japan in the present war, the process of segregation will be conducted without regard for citizenship.

One of the important sources of information which will be considered will be the answer given by each individual to Question 28 in the registration conducted in each relocation center during February and March, 1943. In this question each American citizen of Japanese ancestry was asked if he would swear loyalty to the United States and forswear loyalty to all other countries; each alien was asked if he would abide by the laws of the United States and do nothing to interfere with this nation's war effort. In this discussion of the segregation program, these alternate questions will be referred to jointly as “Question 28”
GROUPS OF EVACUEES

For purposes of consideration for segregation the residents of the relocation centers fall into four major groups:

GROUP I. Persons who will be designated for segregation without further hearing. This group includes those persons who made formal application for repatriation or expatriation before July 1, 1943, and did not retract their applications before that date.

GROUP II. Those persons who, on the strength of their answers to Question 28 or their refusal to answer the question, would appear to be loyal to Japan rather than to the United States. Each of these persons will be asked to appear before a Board of Review for Segregation which will ascertain whether the evidence of pro-Japanese loyalty correctly represents the attitude of the individual. This group includes those who answered “No” to Question 28 and who did not change their answers to “Yes” before July 15, 1943; those who refused to register; those who registered but did not answer Question 28.

The hearings before the Board of Review will be comparatively brief. Those persons found by the Board to continue to hold to their pro-Japanese views will be designated for segregation. Those who sign a statement of loyalty to or sympathy with the United States at the hearings will be reclassified to Group III for further hearings on eligibility for leave clearance.

GROUP III. Those persons who may have stated their loyalty to or sympathy with the United States, but whose loyalty or sympathy is in doubt because of previous statements or because of other evidence. This group includes:

a. Those reclassified from Group II.

b. Those who answered “No” to Question 28 at the time of registration but who changed their answers to “Yes” before July 15, 1943.

c. Those who qualified their affirmative answers to Question 28.

d. Those who requested repatriation or expatriation but retracted their requests before July 1, 1943.

e. Those about whom there is other information indicating lack of allegiance to the United States.

f. Those who have been denied leave by the Director.

Persons in Group III as outlined above will be given hearings by the Leave Section at the relocation center with sufficient thoroughness to enable the Leave Section to determine the true loyalty of each individual, and to decide whether or not he should be declared eligible for leave.

GROUP IV. Those who are eligible for leave. (Not to be segregated.)

WHO WILL GO TO TULE LAKE CENTER

The following persons will be moved to Tule Lake Center:

a. All those in Group I.

b. Those in Group II found by the Board of Review to be not loyal or sympathetic to the United States.
c. Those in Group III found by the Leave Section to be not eligible for leave.

d. Those in Group IV (eligible for leave) who express a wish to live in Tule Lake Center in order to be with members of their immediate families. Permission for such voluntary transfer to Tule Lake Center may be granted, after an interview by the Welfare Section.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS

Each person in Group II will be notified of his status in regard to segregation by letter, which will designate the time and place at which he should appear for a hearing before the Board of Review.

Likewise, each person in Group III will be notified of his status in regard to segregation by letter, which will designate the time and place at which he should appear for a hearing before a committee of the Leave Section.

Each person appearing before the Board of Review or the Leave Section will be notified in writing of the decision of the hearing body promptly after the hearing.

WHO WILL REMAIN AT THE RELOCATION CENTERS

After the segregation program has been completed all persons remaining in the Relocation Centers will be eligible for leave and the WRA will continue its efforts to assist these persons to move outside and resettle into normal American communities.

PLANNING FOR TRANSFER

Each person who is to be transferred will be referred to the Welfare Section for an interview as soon as it is determined that he is to be transferred to the Tule Lake Center. This interview will determine (1) Whether such person is able to travel, and if so, whether special traveling accommodations will be necessary; (2) What members of the immediate family wish to accompany him; and (3) What further assistance is needed by the evacuee or his family.

In some cases the head of a family signed an application for repatriation or expatriation for the whole family. Any member of such a family who has not actually signed an application will be asked to sign a simple statement requesting or declining repatriation or expatriation. This statement must be made by August 10 in order to give the project director an accurate list of those who will be among the first to go to the Tule Lake Center.

This policy of having each person, regardless of age and sex, sign his own application for repatriation or expatriation is in keeping with the WRA principle that those people going to the Tule Lake Center are going by virtue of their own acts or statements which show they are not loyal to the United States or sympathetic to the war aims of this country.

Persons too ill to travel will not be moved to the Tule Lake Center until they are sufficiently improved. Their immediate relatives will be permitted to remain with them. These and other special concessions involving illness or the necessity for special railroad accommodations will be authorized by the project medical officer.

Advance notice will be given to each person who is to be transferred to the Tule Lake Center. This will include
the date of departure and the car in which he is to ride. This notice will be given as far in advance as possible, to assure time for farewells and parting calls.

In the meantime the departing evacuee should be making all necessary arrangements for checking in government property and packing and labeling his personal belongings which he wishes to have transferred. Only essential household items, meaning those in actual use and including what home-made furniture falls in this category, will be shipped at government expense. These belongings will be shipped as freight, and may not reach the Tule Lake Center for as long as sixty days after the owner has arrived.

For this reason it will be essential that segregants take with them sufficient clothing and necessary household effects to maintain them for that period. This will be carried as hand luggage or as checkable baggage on the transfer train. The checkable baggage may not be in excess of 150 pounds per full fare ticket, and will not be accessible during the train trip.

Hand luggage should include only such items as will be needed on the trip.

It is the responsibility of each segregant to see that his baggage and freight are ready and correctly labeled with his name, address, family number and its place of destination. Tags for this purpose will be provided. Merchandise classified as freight must be crated and ready for pickup at least 24 hours in advance of the owner's time of departure. WRA will supply the crating material free of charge. Checkable baggage must be ready for pickup at least 24 hours before the owner's time of departure.

The moving of several thousand people of all ages to the Tule Lake Center and the transferring of an almost equal number of people from the Tule Lake Center to six relocation centers will be complicated and difficult task, especially during wartime, when railroad facilities are overburdened. With the cooperation of the Army the WRA is planning this mass movement with great care in order to accomplish it with as little discomfort as possible to those who will be moved. There will be a WRA representative on each transfer train, to assist the evacuees in meeting any problems that may arise. Food will be provided in the cars, and medical and nursing care will be available, together with special formulas and facilities for the care and feeding of babies.

Aged or infirm persons will receive sleeping accommodations on board the train if the project medical director certifies that this is necessary. In general, however, travel will be by coach.

**WHY TULE LAKE CENTER WAS CHOSEN**

The Tule Lake Center in northern California was selected as the segregation center for four reasons:

1. With a capacity of over 15,000 persons it is expected to be able to accommodate all those who will be segregated.

2. The farm is well developed and will provide food and employment on a large scale for residents of the center.

3. The Tule Lake Center has more residents who will be designated for segregation, thus reducing the total
number of persons to be moved in the segregation process.

4. The center is located in the evacuated area where escort requirements have increased the cost and difficulty of outside relocation.

DIRECTOR OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

Raymond R. Best, who became project director of the Tule Lake Center on August 1, 1943, was appointed by Director Myer with "complete confidence in his ability to make the Tule Lake Center a success."

Born near Kalamazoo, Michigan, Mr. Best has lived in the West since boyhood and for 25 years made his home in Idaho. Prior to joining the WRA in April, 1942, he was with various agencies of the Department of Agriculture for a number of years.

Mr. Best is one of the pioneers of WRA. In the early days of this agency he helped to set up and supply the centers. He spent six months at the Minidoka Relocation Center before being designated as director of the WRA isolation center, first located at Moab, Utah, and now at Leupp, Arizona. At Moab and Leupp, Mr. Best won the confidence and loyalty of the residents there, and established a reputation for considerate and just administration.

In World War I Mr. Best served with the Marine Corps. He is married and has three sons, Robert, 23, who is serving in the Army Air Corps; Jack, 14, and Raymond Jr., 10. The younger boys will live at the Tule Lake Center with their parents.

OPERATION OF THE TULE LAKE CENTER

The War Relocation Authority will have full responsibility for operation of the Tule Lake Center, as at present. While many details are yet to be determined, it is expected that the Tule Lake Center will continue to operate under the same general policies which apply to relocation centers, with two notable exceptions:

1. Residents of Tule Lake Center will not be eligible for leave.

2. Policies which provide for self-government of the community will not apply, but there will be a representative advisory council of evacuees. Otherwise, the Tule Lake Center will be similar to relocation centers.

As at relocation centers, the Army will be responsible for external security, and it is planned to have the internal security maintained by the residents themselves under the system used at present in the relocation centers.

Because the Tule Lake Center lies within the Western Defense Command, certain articles such as short-wave radios and cameras are prohibited as contraband. A complete list of contraband articles is available at Internal Security offices in relocation centers. Persons arriving at the Tule Lake Center will have their baggage examined by the Army for contraband. Censorship of mail is a matter to be decided by the Army, which has the right to censor for the security of the country during wartime.

American elementary and high schools will be provided as at relocation centers. However, parents of children will have the opportunity to decide whether they wish their chil-
residents to attend such schools. Any other schools desired by the evacuees will have to be established and operated without cost to the United States government. Children who attend the government schools will be permitted to attend other types of schools after school hours.

Adult education and vocational training classes will be provided.

There will be freedom of religion at the Tule Lake Center, but since State Shinto is not regarded by the Japanese government as a religion it will not be permitted.

There will be a hospital and an adequate health program. There will be legal services and assistance in property matters. No restraints will be placed on leisure-time functions so long as they do not interfere with the peace and security of the center.

There will be a community newspaper in Japanese or English, or both, if desired. Employment will be voluntary and at the same rates of pay, including clothing allowances, as in relocation centers. Unemployment compensation and public assistance grants will be paid and the WRA will supply work clothing for special types of workers.

The Consumer Cooperative Enterprises will continue to operate. Those being transferred to the Tule Lake Center should go to the Co-op offices in their relocation centers and make arrangements for transferring their memberships or for securing a refund so that they may join the Tule Lake Co-operative. Patronage refunds at the relocation centers will be made to those people going to Tule Lake prior to or as soon as possible after the transfer is made.

As in relocation centers, housing generally will be by families.

Residents of the Tule Lake Center may be given the right to visit sick relatives or to attend funerals outside the center, at the discretion of the Project Director. Except in unusual circumstances, such trips will be at the individual’s own expenses. Such trips will be held to a minimum.

Persons outside may apply in advance to the Project Director of the Tule Lake Center for permission to visit relatives or friends there, but the Project Director is not required to grant permission if he deems such visits advisable.

Only in unusual circumstances will persons be permitted to transfer voluntarily to the Tule Lake Center after the segregation has been completed.

It should be kept in mind that all persons in the Tule Lake Center will be subject to all policies, rules, and regulations applicable to the center, regardless of whether they are there by direction of the War Relocation Authority or by their own choice.

**RIGHT OF APPEAL**

In order to provide means for correcting any injustices which may result from the segregation process, an Appeals Board will be established to consider cases of persons living in the Tule Lake Center after the segregation is completed. A resident of the center who feels that he was unjustly assigned to this center may make application to the Appeals Board for a hearing. At this hearing, the applicant will have an opportunity to present his case fully. The Appeals Board will have the authority to recommend that the person be permitted to transfer to a relocation center.
Persons living voluntarily in Tule Lake Center after the segregation process who wish to transfer to a relocation center also may apply to the Appeals Board for permission to do so.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Citizenship of persons transferred to or voluntarily residing in the Tule Lake Center is not affected under present laws.

It is impossible to forecast when any person who has applied for repatriation or expatriation will actually be transferred to Japan. The selection of persons for exchange is determined on the basis of lists supplied by the Japanese government through the Spanish Embassy. As in the past, the persons whose names are on such a list will be notified.

It is possible that some persons assigned to Tule Lake Center for good reason but who have not applied for repatriation or expatriation may be listed for exchange by the Japanese government. The determination as to whether or not they will be required to return to Japan will be made by the State Department.

The status of American citizens who have applied for expatriation remaining in the United States after the end of the war cannot be foretold. It will depend upon post-war treaties, acts of Congress and interpretation of present law.

In the event that Selective Service should become operative for American citizens of Japanese ancestry, it is presumed that no exception would be made of American citizens living in the Tule Lake Center.
THE SEGREGATION PROGRAM
A STATEMENT FOR APPOINTED PERSONNEL
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The successful execution of the segregation program demands the full cooperation of every member of the appointed staff at each relocation center. I have confidence that the task will be completed efficiently and with considerate understanding of the problems of the evacuees.

Dillon S. Myer
Director
THE APPROACH TO SEGREGATION.

Segregation is the inevitable result of public reaction to the indiscriminate intermingling of evacuees who are loyal to Japan and those who are loyal to the United States. The idea of segregation has found sponsors among evacuees, the press, officials of the Federal government, and among thoughtful observers in the general public. It is a significant step in a social problem unprecedented in American history.

Segregation was decided upon because it holds promise of benefiting the evacuees, immediately and in the future. Particularly, it should benefit those who, regardless of their citizenship, have indicated that they want to be American. While the War Relocation Authority cannot and will not disregard its obligations to those evacuees who prefer to be Japanese, it would be remiss in its duty if it were to overlook any opportunity to hasten the time when those who want to be American may enjoy their full rights as citizens or law abiding aliens.

The segregation process is based primarily on the choice of the individual evacuee, as expressed in words or in acts. Some of the evacuees have said they prefer to live in Japan; others, while not expressing desire to live in Japan, have refused to pledge loyalty to the United States; still others, by their acts in the relocation centers or before evacuation, have indicated that their interests lie with Japan rather than with the United States! In one way or another, these people have made their own choices. The War Relocation Authority is assuming the grave responsibility of interpreting what those choices were.

In carrying on the segregation process it is necessary to do three major things:

1. Make certain that all evacuees have full understanding of the reasons for segregation, the basis for it, and how it is to be carried out.

2. Determine with all possible fairness and accuracy who should be assigned to the segregation center.

NOTE: This statement on the segregation program for appointed personnel is general rather than complete and detailed. Each staff member should have a copy of the pamphlet prepared for evacuees "Segregation of Persons of Japanese Ancestry". Further details will be found in Administrative Instruction No. 100, in the "Manual of Operations", and in other statements: "Special Problems In Regard To Evacuee Attitudes and the Segregation Program", and "Questions and Answers For Governing Administration And Policy of the Segregation Center." These will be available for study in the office of the Project Director.
3. Help the persons to be moved to prepare for their departure well in advance, so the actual movement may be made smoothly and on schedule.

The actual movement of non-segregants from Tule Lake and segregants from other centers to Tule Lake will be carried out by the Army, with the cooperation of the Office of Defense Transportation and the Association of American Railroads. It is expected that upwards of 20,000 persons will be transferred from one center to another.

EVACUEE UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPTANCE.

The precise methods of presenting to evacuees the reasons for segregation, how it will operate, and to elicit their full cooperation will vary from center to center. In general, however, it will be necessary to conduct an extensive educational program throughout the center, through lectures, forums, and discussions of many types, as well as printed materials.

A Segregation Information Bureau probably will be found helpful, as a place to which evacuees may come for answers to their questions. This bureau should be provided with all official statements dealing with segregation, including Administrative Instruction No. 100; the Manual of Operations; the statement answering questions on the operation of the segregation center, and other informative material which may be developed.

A pamphlet on segregation, intended for distribution to every evacuee family, has been prepared in English and Japanese and will be available in each relocation center. A slightly modified version will be available for residents of Tule Lake.

The project newspaper will be utilized to provide information on segregation, especially to keep residents currently informed as the time approaches for actual movement. Official notices on bulletin boards also will be employed.

Each staff member has an implicit responsibility to become familiar with the manner in which the segregation program is to be carried out, and to know where authoritative information can be obtained. It is highly important that persons not on the Board of Review or the Leave Clearance Section refrain from speculating on reasons for any decisions of those two hearing bodies. Likewise, the Welfare Section should be the one group of staff members to discuss with evacuees their decisions as to whether family members not designated for segregation should remain with other members of the family who are to be segregated.
The details of preparing for departure will be discussed with each family or individual to move by a group of Information Consultants. There is no reason, however, why these matters should not be discussed by any well informed staff member who is questioned by an evacuee.

Each family or person concerned will receive written notices requesting him to appear before the Board of Review or the Leave Section, as the case may be, for hearings. He will be notified in writing of the decision of the Board. Those to be moved will be instructed to appear for an interview with a representative of the Welfare Section. Later, notices will be provided concerning details of preparing baggage, crating furniture and other possessions and the time of departure and the car in which the person or family will travel.

It is highly probable that during the segregation period, rumors will be extremely numerous, some of them stemming from ignorance, some from fear, and perhaps some from a desire to obstruct the program. One person, such as the Reports Officer, should be designated to head a "Rumor Clinic" and to provide information which will block their further spread once they are reported. Each staff member should be aware of the troubles that may arise from rumors which are founded on misinformation or partial information. When a rumor is encountered, the staff member should do three things: a. Supply the correct information to the person making the erroneous statement; b. Attempt to learn its source; c. Report it immediately to the Reports Officer, so an attempt may be made to spike it before it receives greater currency.

DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE SEGREGATED.

Administrative Instruction No. 100 provides that persons whose applications for repatriation or expatriation were in good standing as of July 1, 1943, shall be designated for segregation (or for continued residence in the case of those in Tule Lake) without hearing.

Hearings will be held for various categories of others who are considered for segregation.

A board of Review for Segregation will be appointed by the Project Director to hold hearings for those who have refused to pledge loyalty to the United States or good behavior while in this country ("No" answers, refusals to answer, or refusal to register). This will be a "streamlined" hearing, to make sure that the attitude of the evacuee concerned has not changed, and that his earlier statement, or refusal to register, reflected his true feelings. Those whose lack of loyalty to the United States is determined by the Board of Review will be designated for segregation. Those who indicate that they now desire to pledge loyalty or good behavior will be given the opportunity to do so, and then will be asked to appear before a representative or committee of the Leave Section for another hearing to determine
eligibility for leave clearance.

The Leave Section will hold hearings for all persons assigned to it by the Board of Review, for those who qualified their answers to Question 28 in the registration, those who have been denied leave clearance by the Director, those with adverse intelligence records, those who have been unfavorably passed upon by the Joint Board, those who applied for repatriation or expatriation and then withdrew their applications before July 1, 1943, those who said "No" to Question 28 and later changed their answers to "Yes", and others whose eligibility for leave is in doubt. The object of the hearings of persons in this group will be to determine those who are eligible for leave clearance. It is anticipated that the leave clearance hearings for this group may not be completed in all centers by the time the major movement of segregants is completed. Persons who are determined to be ineligible for leave as result of the leave clearance hearings will be moved to, or retained in, the Tule Lake Center, even after the principal movement is over.

Those who are declared eligible for leave may relocated into ordinary communities at any time they see fit. Tule Lake residents declared eligible for leave will be moved to other centers (Minidoka, Central Utah, Heart Mountain, Granada, Rohwer, or Jerome) or relocate from Tule Lake before the segregation process is completed. A special effort will be made to encourage eligible evacuees in Tule Lake to relocate, rather than moving to another relocation center. A special staff will visit Tule Lake while it is still a relocation center, to encourage outside relocation of eligible people, and priority on job opportunities will be given to residents of this center, up to the time when the movement begins.

PREPARATIONS FOR MOVING.

Each person or family designated to move from a relocation center to Tule Lake, or from Tule Lake to another center, will be interviewed by representatives of the Welfare Section, to determine whether or not some of the persons not required to move wish to do so in order to stay with the family; whether all persons scheduled to move are able to travel; whether any special train accommodations will be necessary. These interviews will require a large staff, and certain staff members may be assigned to work as members of the Welfare Section.

The Project Medical Director may certify that certain individuals are too ill or infirm to be moved, or that special accommodations should be provided in the event that they are moved. Members of the immediate family will be permitted to remain with persons whose physical condition will not permit their being moved.
A staff of Information Consultants will be designated by the Project Director to give detailed instructions and assistance to evacuees who are to be transferred, in preparing for their departure. Personal luggage which will be needed on the trip will be taken into the coaches. Each person should take items which will be needed after arrival at the new location as checkable baggage. This includes such items as trunks, boxes with handles, duffle bags. Baggage may be checked through up to 150 pounds for each full fare ticket. It will travel on the transfer train, but will not be available during the trip. Furniture, including that which has been made at the center, household furnishings, and other necessary possessions not taken as luggage or checked as baggage, will be sent later by freight. All items should be properly crated and tagged. Tags will be provided by the Information Consultants, and the War Relocation Authority will provide materials for crating without cost.

POLICIES IN TULE LAKE CENTER

In most respects, Tule Lake Center will continue its operations under the same policies as in the past. A major change in policy will prohibit the granting of leave to residents of the center. It should be made clear to evacuees that this prohibition on the granting of leave applies to all persons in the center, whether they are there by assignment or whether they voluntarily live in the center in order to be with members of their family assigned to the center.

There will be no representative evacuee community council in the Tule Lake Center, and no Judicial Commission. Violators of laws or WRA regulations will be tried in the civil courts or by the Project Director.

Schools will be operated on the same basis as at relocation centers, except that parents may decide whether or not they wish to have their children attend. If other types of schools are desired by the segregants, they must be provided at their own expense.

Food, housing, medical service, legal assistance, property assistance, community enterprises, leisure time activities and freedom of worship will be provided or will be permitted by WRA as in relocation centers.

Establishment of the Tule Lake Center as a place of residence for those who are not loyal to the United States will not eliminate the Leupp Center, as a place of residence for socially maladjusted men.

A SUMMARY OF THE STEPS IN SEGREGATION

Following is a summary of the steps in segregation presented in more detail in the Manual of Operations:
1. A list of repatriates and expatriates from the Washington Office will be checked against the center’s records and revised. A copy of the revised list will be returned to the Washington office.

2. The Project Director will notify each repatriate or expatriate that he is to be segregated. The Welfare Section will conduct interviews to determine whether the family is to move in its entirety and to discuss further plans. All medical cases will be referred to the medical officer.

3. All persons who refused to register in February and March, or who failed to answer Question 28, or who answered "No" to Question 28 will be notified to appear before a Board of Review established by the Project Director. (More than one such board may be appointed.) After hearings, those designated for segregation will be notified of the decision, and instructed to have an interview with the Welfare Section. Those not immediately designated for segregation will be referred to the Leave Section for further hearing.

4. Persons in categories scheduled for leave clearance hearings will be notified to appear before representatives of the Leave Section. They will be given thorough hearings. Those eligible for leave clearance may remain in the center (except at Tule Lake where those eligible for leave clearance are to be transferred) or may relocate. Those declared ineligible for leave clearance will be interviewed by the Welfare Section representatives to determine family plans.

Both the Board of Review and the Leave staff will make records of its hearings. The records will be transmitted to the Project Director for final decision and notification of the persons concerned.

5. The Welfare Section will hold interviews to determine the desires of members of families, as to whether or not they wish to accompany other members of the family to Tule Lake. If the family is to be split, those members not to be segregated should discuss their plans with the Welfare Section to make sure that minor children will be cared for. The Welfare Section will make its report on a form interview sheet which will be submitted to the Project Director. A summary report on persons to be segregated will be sent to the Washington office each week.

6. An alphabetical list of all persons to be transferred will be prepared. All persons on this list will be notified that they are to be transferred. The list also will be broken down by blocks.

At Tule Lake, the Welfare Section will learn which are the preferred centers of those to be transferred. Persons interested
in relocation will be referred to the relocation staff. Names of those who elect to relocate will be deleted from the list of persons to be transferred from Tule Lake.

7. From the transfer list, train lists will be prepared indicating the persons included in each trip, and the cars in which they will ride. A monitor for each car will be designated from the appointive personnel to account for the evacuees in each car. The monitor’s duties are complete at entrainment.

8. Persons to be transferred will be notified by letter of their transfer, giving the date and time of departure, place to report, and indicating members of the family who are expected to make the transfer.

9. Train and car lists will be prepared and posted in designated places within the centers. The nine relocation centers will send copies of these lists to the project director at the Tule Lake segregation center. Likewise, the project director at Tule Lake will send similar schedules to the relocation centers.

10. Information Consultants will confer with evacuees regarding prospective journeys, obtain Form WRA 156 for handling freight, hand out baggage tickets, check to see that each person knows the date, time, trip and car letter for his journey. These Consultants will complete the block check sheet and give out prepared information, making a housing census if necessary.

11. Preliminary housing assignments for transferees expected will be made in all centers except Gila River, Colorado River and Manzanar. At the same time necessary alterations in barracks quarters will be arranged for.

12. Arrangements will be made for crating and marking the evacuees household goods and freight, for its delivery to warehouses, for picking up checkable baggage and for the transportation to the railhead of the individuals and their hand luggage.

13. The project director will arrange for the WRA files, arranged by families, to be sent with each train load.

14. The project medical officer will prepare certificates of illness on WRA Form 279 for all persons who will not make the trip on account of illness. These certificates and the names of persons staying behind to care for the ill persons will be sent to the project director’s office for use in making the final train and car lists.

15. Information concerning the number of persons to be transferred from each center will be reported regularly to Washington during August. On August 24, directors of all centers except Tule Lake are to report on the number of persons needing sleeping accommodations, and the director of Tule Lake is to submit this information on September 10. The Washington office will then confirm
schedules, equipment, and military escort.

16. Arrangements will be made with the train commander and the local railway agents for special foods, for special medical supplies, for rail and tourist tickets, for detailed individual instructions regarding infant and sick cases and their feeding and care.

17. Before the train arrives a check will be made of final arrangements for loading operations and entrainment. Placards with car letters and standards must be ready and motorized equipment and drivers properly informed. The Operations Division will deliver checkable baggage to the warehouse or railhead.

18. The Operations Division cooperating with the Train Director will see that special food is delivered to the train and that special medical supplies are delivered. The Operations Division will be responsible for seeing that checkable baggage is loaded and to see that files and other records are delivered to the Director's Representative aboard the train.

19. Persons to be transferred, and their luggage will be moved to the railroad station or loading point. Here travelers will be assembled by car groups. The medical staff will check the car groups. The monitors will check off persons in car groups and report to the project director and train commander.

20. The project director will hold a final conference to check over last minute details with the Director's Representative and the military train commander. The project director will deliver route sheets to the train commander and a copy to the Director's Representative. These details completed, the train will depart.

21. The project director will then wire the project director at the center of the destination and the Director in Washington of the departure of the train.

22. Upon arrival at their destination, the newly arrived evacuees will be received and assigned to quarters. The project director will notify the Washington office and the director of the center from which the evacuees came of their arrival.
On July 7 Dillon S. Myer, National Director of the War Relocation Authority made a statement before the subcommittee of the House Committee on un-American activities that plans were being made by the War Relocation Authority to segregate the people of Japanese ancestry now in relocation centers on a basis of national loyalty or sympathy. Mr. Myer stated that these plans were begun sometime ago and that they are now virtually completed.

Today, Mr. Myer in a communication to Charles F. Ernst, Project Director, gave further definite details of the proposed segregation program.

The plan entails the following points:

1. One center, to be announced later, will be designated to accommodate all persons ineligible for leave.

2. The movement of evacuees is expected to begin about September 1; the War Department will cooperate in the movement.

3. The first group to be segregated will be those who have asked for repatriation and had not withdrawn their requests prior to June 1, 1943.

4. Others to be segregated will be those determined after individual hearings to be disloyal to the United States or unsympathetic to the cause of this country. This group includes persons with unfavorable records with intelligence agencies or with the WRA; those who answered the loyalty question in the negative or in such a way as to raise serious doubts about their loyalty, and those who refused to register and answer the loyalty question. The hearings in these instances are to be sufficiently thorough to make certain that selections for segregation are justly determined.

5. After segregation has been completed, residents of the segregation center in general will be ineligible for indefinite leave and all residents of the other centers will be eligible.

6. A special appeals procedure will be available for residents of the segregation center.
Suggested ways in which to announce details of segregation program.

1. Issue a special extra of the "Topaz Times" in which all of the known facts are carefully prepared in both the English and Japanese.

2. Prepare this issue for distribution to the entire center on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 14, so that delivery will be completed before dinner hour.

3. This would give adequate notification to all concerned and avoid confusion and misunderstanding among residents.

4. Follow this extra up with definite notifications to families made up of repatriates.

5. Follow with further detailed information as available in succeeding regular editions of "Times" so that at no time will erroneous rumors get a chance to start.
Mr. Charles F. Ernst  
Project Director  
Central Utah Relocation Center  
Delta, Utah  

Dear Mr. Ernst:

There is under consideration a proposal to reunite the families of persons who have been interned with the internee. Thus, in cases where a husband or father is interned, while the wife and children are in a relocation center, the proposal contemplates that all members of the family would be moved to some camp, not under the direction of the WRA, where they could be united and live as a family group under conditions which presumably would be substantially the equivalent of internment for the duration. As far as I know the details have not been settled nor has the whole thing gone beyond the exploration stage.

As one element affecting the decision in the matter and having an influence on the size of the camp necessary to accomplish the objective, we need to know how many families and how many individuals would be interested in being reunited in such a camp if it should be established, and we need to know the number of children of school age who would be involved. I would appreciate it, therefore, if you will secure for me as promptly as possible the answers to the following questions as they relate to your center:

1. What is the number of families in your relocation center having one or more members in internment?

2. How many of these families, if offered the opportunity, would elect to join the interned member either at his present place of internment, or at some other camp?

3. a. How many adults are there in the families reported in the answer to question 2?

   b. How many children of grade school age?

   c. How many children of high school age?
You may make inquiry of the evacuees by posting notices, by working through the Community Council, by working through the block managers, or in any other way as you think best. Please make it clear, however, that no commitments are being made, that no assurances can be given as to the outcome of the proposal. At the present time we are simply seeking information.

Some families may be sensitive on the subject of the internment of one of their members, consequently, a means of reporting should be provided that will avoid embarrassment in such cases.

Some question may be raised as to whether schools would be provided in a camp of the sort I have mentioned. I presume schooling would be provided but I am not in a position to give any assurances. If any families condition an affirmative answer on the availability of schools, please indicate the number which do so. I should like you also to make clear in presenting your inquiry to the evacuees that their answers will not be considered binding and are desired now as a means of getting a line on the magnitude of the problem.

One further point — some evacuees may wish to write to the interned members of their families before replying. However, since this inquiry does not constitute a definite commitment, and since we need the information rather promptly, it would be best to discourage correspondence and try to get an immediate reply.

I should like you to reply as promptly as practicable and to give me also the benefit of any observations you may care to make upon the wisdom of the proposal I have mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Director
MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. James F. Hughes, Deputy Project Director
Mr. Lorne W. Bell, Assistant Project Director
Mr. Pascoe Bell, Assistant Project Director
Mr. Russell Bankson, Reports Officer
Mr. Ralph Barnhart, Project Attorney
Miss Chiyoko Yoshii, Statistician
Mr. George Lafargue, Head Counselor

FROM: Charles F. Ernst, Project Director

Attached find the confidential memorandum from Dillon Myer discussed at our meeting of yesterday. Please peruse it carefully and prepare in writing how you propose to handle the items that were assigned to your department.

Come prepared to discuss this important matter at the Planning Board meeting tomorrow afternoon.

Charles F. Ernst
Project Director

Attachment
A teletype was sent to you yesterday announcing the meeting to be held at Denver, Colorado, July 26 and 27, to discuss the program and procedures of segregation. It was requested that project directors, assistant directors in charge of community management, project attorneys, and project reports officers, plan to attend the meeting. The place of the meeting in Denver will be announced later.

Tule Lake Relocation Center has been designated as the segregation center.

Actual movements to the Tule Lake Center, and the transfer (from the Tule Lake Center) of the persons eligible for leave and not to be segregated, will commence in September, and probably extend well into October. Final schedules have not been set as yet. Representatives from the field have been called in to assist the Washington staff in developing plans, schedules, and procedures. This work is under way at the present time. However, since the military authorities, the railroads, and possibly others are participating in the movements, outside agreements must be made before the plan is complete. When the plan is agreed upon, it must go forward on schedule when actual operations begin.

The War Department has agreed to take full responsibility for handling the movements of the evacuees from center to center. Their responsibility will begin when the evacuees are placed on the trains and will end when the evacuees reach their new center of residence.

An Administrative Instruction is now ready to be issued, and an operations handbook is in preparation. The following suggestions, however, are some things that you should start to work on immediately, because such interviewing and paper work as may be necessary should be completed by August 20, except for Tule Lake. (Tule Lake September 10.) The plan is to segregate without hearing, the persons mentioned in paragraph numbered 1, below and, after hearing, the disloyal among the persons mentioned in paragraph numbered 2, below. Subsequently, we shall segregate all others who are denied leave clearance.

1. Reconcile as quickly as possible the project records of repatriates and expatriates (who have not retracted their request prior to July 1, 1943) with the Washington record and determine definitely, in accordance with Administrative Instruction 65, the desires of any members of families who...
may be listed as requesting repatriation on the basis of the statement of the head of the family instead of their own request. The status of minor members of the family should not stand on the statement of the head of the family alone. A check list of repatriates will be mailed in a few days.

2. Prepare to interview all those who gave a "no" answer to question 28 on the registration, or refused to register, or left blank the answer to that question, and did not change their answer to an unqualified "yes" prior to July 1, 1945. The purposes of these interviews will be to determine that the person really expresses loyalty to Japan rather than to the United States. An outline of procedure for conducting the interviews is being prepared.

3. Order and have on hand lumber and other materials necessary for crating the household effects (both in storage or in the evacuee barracks) for those persons or families who are to be transferred from your project.

4. Your records regarding housing locations should be checked and brought to complete accuracy. If need be, you may find it desirable to prohibit any evacuee moving between barracks locations after August 1 or 15. You may find it desirable or necessary to have the block managers or others conduct a housing survey by blocks. You will have to know on September 1 the exact location of all persons who are to be moved to the Tule Lake Center — or to other relocation centers from the Tule Lake Center.

5. A review should be made of the individual record files of all repatriates, expatriates, and the persons mentioned in paragraph numbered 2, above. These files should be brought into current condition and be made easily available on short notice. They should contain all pertinent and known information regarding the individual and his family. Individual and collective data forms, such as the Family Record Cards, the Forms WRA 26, the registration forms, earnings records, leave and compensatory time records, etc., should be current and available in such a way that they can be quickly obtained for transmittal to another location.

6. The housing situation at Heart Mountain, Granada, Central Utah, Minidoka, Jerome and Rohwer must be reviewed with the object in mind of accommodating the greatest possible number of persons. Where barracks are being released at these projects because schools are completed, these barracks should be conditioned for evacuee residence. Likewise any barracks,
warehouses or other buildings not now being used for an essential function, should be conditioned for evacuee residence. Plans for these six projects should contemplate housing a number that will approximate the highest number of evacuees that have ever been in residence.

In all of this moving, there is certain to be confusion. But if we are fully prepared when the time for action arrives, the amount of the confusion should be considerably less. It is appreciated that the adjustments required by this program will be very great, and it will be essential to work closely with the representatives of the evacuees and give them the fullest information available so that the greatest possible degree of cooperation will be forthcoming from the residents of your center.

Sincerely,

/s/ D. S. Myer

Director
MINUTES: SPECIAL SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

JULY 23, 1943
FRIDAY 1:30 PM

Mr. Ernst presided.

Present: Mr. Ernst, Mr. Lafabreque, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Bankson, Miss Yoshii, Mr. R. Bell, and Mr. Lamb representing Mr. L. Bell.

Absent: Mr. Hughes

Guests as representatives of the Community Cooperative Committee of the Community Council were Toshio Yoshida and Masuji Fujii.

This was the final meeting before the Denver conference. Mr. Lafabreque, segregation executive officer, reported progress on matters which have been previously discussed. He announced that the planning office in the corridor between Adm. A and B buildings will be occupied Saturday morning and that furniture will be moved in Saturday to Rec. 4 ready for the staff to assume their duties there on Monday as the segregation center. He reported also that Miss Yoshii's office had been enlarged as requested to handle the additional segregation files and that furniture and cabinets will be moved in immediately. He said that Miss Eleanor Gerard will be in charge of Rec. 4 and the interviewing office; that Victor Goertzel of the high school staff will handle the youth interviews and that Mrs. Lois Watson will be in charge of interviews where cases are more involved than ordinary. Miss Adrian Altwater will handle the housing problems. He said that there is a great need to obtain a secretarial staff as quickly as possible and he was given a priority in drawing together persons who can handle this particular phase of the work. He announced that all appointive personnel be assembled for the segregation setup to spend all Saturday afternoon in conference, at which time the division of their duties and their responsibilities will be definitely settled so that they will be ready to start actively on their segregation work Monday morning.

In connection with the setup of possible segregates, he said that a breakdown of the segregates gave the following: repatriates: 106 single men, of whom 66 are citizens and 40 aliens and 4 single women, (of the single male citizens asking repatriation 48 are Kibei and 18 Nisei); 397 members of families who will repatriate as units; 106 members of families which will be divided by repatriation, making a total of 613 repatriates. Negative answers to question 28: 125 single males of whom 95 are Nisei and 32 Kibei, and 8 single women; 149 were all members of a family unit who answered "no"; 327 where families will be divided because of "no" answers, for a total of 609.
This makes a grand total of 1222 who are prospective segrega-
tees.

During the absence of Mr. Ernst, Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Bankson
at the Denver conference, Mr. Lafabreque will complete the
preliminaries for the hearings of those who answered "no" to
question 26. These will be heard as nearly as possible in the
order of Administrative Instruction No. 100 with the Kibei
bachelors first, family units second and split family groups
last.

Mr. Barnhart who will have general charge of the hearings
announced the names of 8 teams of appontive staff members
who will conduct these hearings as soon as the machinery is
set up for them. Included on these teams will be the follow-
ing: Mr. Ernst, Mr. H. Watson, Mr. Hughes, Miss Griffin,
Mr. L. Bell, Mr. Campbell, Mr. R. Bell, Dr. Bankson, Mr. Lamb,
Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Bankson, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Pratt,
Mr. Homderich and Mr. Noble.

The plan is to have these hearing schedules ready so that
they may be conducted daily immediately after the return of
the staff members from the Denver conference and finished by
August 14. It is expected that many of these hearings will
be very short when the persons called in simply answers that
they still desire to retain their "no" answer and that they
are loyal to Japan. All of the interview sheets are to be
made up ahead of time so that there will be no lost motion
when the hearing starts. Mr. Lafabreque will also arrange to
have interpreters available where they are needed.

In the conducting of these hearings Mr. Ernst proposed that
one board do the screening out of those who are loyal to
Japan and whose hearings will be no longer than the answer
to that question and that the other boards be ready to conduct
the hearings for those who now claim that they are not loyal
to Japan. No decision, however, was reached on this point.
The Council representatives present were invited to assist
in the segregation movement by naming a committee of 5 Issmil
from among the repatriates who may take the leadership in
organizing the segregation work among those to be segregated.
The Council members were provided with the complete list of
repatriates and accepted the responsibility of organizing such
a committee which will function in connection with the Com-
unity Cooperative Committee. This committee will have its
liaison with the segregation committee through the office of
Mr. Lorne Bell, Assistant Project Director, and in the ab-
sence of Mr. Bell will function through Mr. James Lamb. It
was pointed out that the forms for interviews of those answer-
ing "no" to question 26 have not arrived and that wires have
been sent to Washington and Denver urging that they be rushed.
Mr. R. Bell asked that each division be notified as soon as
possible who the repatriates are on their staffs so that they
can make arrangements for replacements as soon as possible.
Mr. Bankson was requested to make note that he should prepare a letter immediately after the Denver conference to be sent to all repatriates, explaining to them the plans for the movement to the segregation center, supplying them with detailed information and thanking them for the services they have rendered to Topaz while staying there. This letter will contain such information as to how to check in their government property, turn in any government tools which they may have borrowed and other details of the procedure. Mr. Bankson is also to prepare a letter to those who answered "no" asking them to appear for interviews at the time which will be designated. This first letter will be followed by another letter of instructions.

Mr. Ernst emphasized that it was his desire that the Community Council committee and the proposed committee of Issei repatriates assume considerable responsibility in organizing the segregates and seeing that they are kept fully informed of all developments.

Considerable debate took place over the interpretation of the deadline date of July 15 for hearings of those who had requested changes in their answers to question 28 and on the interviews for all of those who had answered "no". It resulted in clarification of the instruction so that members of the council and others felt that there could be no further misunderstandings.

Russell A. Bankson
THOSE PRESENT: Mr. George Lafabregue, Mr. Victor Goertzel, Miss Adrian Altvater, Mrs. Louise Watson, Mr. Claud H. Pratt, Miss Eleanor Gerard, Miss Chiyoko Yoshii

The meeting of the Segregation Office Committee was called to order at 1:15 PM by Mr. George Lafabregue, Segregation Officer. The known factors regarding segregation were announced at this time. Tule Lake has been designated as the segregation center.

The first group of people to be segregated are those persons who have filed for repatriation and have not cancelled their application as of July 1, 1943. This group includes:

- 106 single men
- 4 single women
- 397 persons in non-split families (124 family units)
- 106 persons out of 63 split family units

Out of the 63 split family units, 138 persons do not wish to repatriate. Of the 106 persons desiring to repatriate, 35 are Nisei, 45 are Kibei, and 26 are aliens. Of the non-repatriates in the split families, 60 are Nisei, 22 are Kibei, and 58 are Aliens. Of the Nisei non-repatriates, 26 are under 16.

Group two will consist of all persons who at the time of registration answered question 28 in the negative. This group consists of the following:

- 125 single men
- 8 single women
- 149 persons in non-split families (48 family units)
- 327 persons in split families (183 family units)

There are 429 "yes" people in the split families.

The third group will be all persons to whom the Director (Washington) has denied leave clearance. There are no persons in this category to date.

SEGREGATION HEARING

A Segregation Hearing will be held for persons who answered No and did not change their answers before July 15. Only persons in Group
2 will be given segregation hearings. These hearings will be scheduled by the Project Attorney. At these hearings, it will be determined whether or not the individual should be segregated. For example, if it is felt that the person answered No because of resentment or some like reason, it will not mean that he will be segregated. At a later date, leave clearance hearings will be given to all persons who gave a qualified Yes, declined repatriation before July 1, or who answered No and had received a favorable recommendation at the Segregation Hearing.

The Segregation Hearings will be given by eight boards made up of two members of the appointive staff.

Those persons who are transferred to the segregation center will not be eligible for seasonal or indefinite leaves. The only policies of the WRA which will not be applicable at that center will be those of a resident government. There will be an appeals procedure for hearings at Tule Lake.

VOLUNTARY SEGREGATION

Members of the immediate family of a person who falls in the three categories may be permitted to voluntarily go to the segregation center if he so desires. Every possible assistance will be given to minor members of a family who do not fall under the three categories and who object to residence at Tule Lake to remain in this center. No one will be repatriated against their will. Mr. Goertzel and Mrs. Watson were asked to develop a procedure whereby a minor member of a family who does not wish to accompany the family being segregated will be adequately cared for if he remains.

Relocation from Tule Lake will be difficult for voluntary segregatees. Ill persons and their immediate family who are scheduled for segregation will not be moved without clearance from the Medical Officer.

The movement will probably be in the following order:

1. Group 1

2. Bachelor Kibei in Group 2 and 3. (Kibei is defined as those who have spent 3 years in Japan subsequent to 1935.)

3. All others.

Those persons residing in Granada, Minidoka, Jerome, Rohwer, Heart Mountain, and Central Utah and who fall under Group 1 will be moved first.
The residents of Tule Lake will be given preference of centers if possible. These centers are Central Utah, Granada, Heart Mountain, Jerome, and Minidoka.

ESSENTIAL POINTS

Persons to be segregated will consist of persons who favor Japan and are loyal to Japan.

The Segregation Center is not a place of punishment or a place for trouble-makers.

Adequate time should be allowed the segregatees for farewell parties, etc.

Evacuee-segregatee leadership should be enlisted.

Adequate information should be given to prevent resentment on part of non-segregatees.

CITIZENSHIP

As far as present laws are concerned, citizenship will not be affected by going to Tule Lake.

ORGANIZATION OF SEGREGATION OFFICE COMMITTEE

Miss Altvater will be the Office Manager. Her duties will be to see that all physical preparations for the transfer to Tule Lake are performed and adequately co-ordinated. The clerical work will also be under her supervision.

Mr. Pratt will be concerned with all problems that will be left behind after the segregatees leave. The problems of non-segregatees and of minor children who do not desire to leave with the other members of the family to be segregated are some examples.

Mr. Goertzel and Mrs. Watson will handle all special cases of involved family situations including all youth problems.

Miss Yoshii will be in charge of preparing lists and gathering pertinent data so that all records of the segregatees can be sent to the segregation center on the same train.

Miss Gerard will be in charge of the personal elements. The interviewers will be under her supervision.

PROJECT SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

This committee consists of Mr. Ernst, Mr. Bankson, Mr. Hughes,
Mr. L. Bell, Mr. R. Bell, Mr. Barnhart, Miss Yoshii, and Mr. Lafabregue.

ALLOWANCES DUE

All checks that are due segregates will be sent to them at the segregation center. Miss Altvater reported that the May clothing allowances are being paid. The June allowances are being vouchered now and should be paid by September. The July allowances may not be ready for the segregates to receive before leaving. However, such checks will be sent to them at the segregation center.

SEGREGATION OFFICE

The Segregation Office will be situated in Rec 4 and will be open on Monday, July 26. All segregation interviews will be held there. Any and all inquiries about segregation will be referred to this office.

The Segregation Planning Office will be situated in the galley of the Administration Building.

REC 4 PERSONNEL

The following will be the personnel in Rec 4, the interviewing unit under Miss Gerard:

Kiyo Hamada
Masako Minami
George Aso
Nao Yamamoto Pete Sugiyama

These people will take statements of people who wish to change answers from No to Yes. They will also take questions and declinations of repatriation.

Mrs. Watson will be in charge of repatriation applications. She will be aided by the following:

Sadae Hamada
Kichinosuke Takeuchi

Mr. Goertzel will be concerned primarily with youths and will have the following people working with him.

George Takeda
Yuri Yamashita

The Youth Unit and the Repatriation Unit will have to work closely with each other in special family situations.

The Clerical Staff will consist of:

Typists - Suga Fukuoka
One other girl
Receptionist - Margaret Ota
Mr. Goertzel was given a list of children whose parents had filed for repatriation in Assembly Centers and no forms are on file for the children. He is to interview these children to determine whether they wish to go with their parents and if so, to file a form. If they do not wish to repatriate, they are to file a declination statement.

ORGANIZATIONAL SET-UP

Miss Gerard suggested a procedure for the Rec 4 office. The Receptionist should have 3 x 5 scratch pads on which she would put down the name, ID#, address, date, who referred to, and time. She would then give the original to the messenger to get the file and put it on the interviewer's desk. The interviewer will call in the person when he is ready. The Interviewer will note the length of the interview on the 3 x 5. The carbon copies will be given to Miss Gerard who will collect the originals and check them at the end of the day.

Interviews will consist of (1) those to determine who is going to accompany the segregatee, and (2) family heads of repatriate families to instruct them as to what they can take, etc.

All necessary information will be cleared through Mr. Lafabregue. He will present the problems to the Project Segregation Committee. Miss Altvater is to follow through on physical aspects and Miss Gerard will take care of the personal aspects.

LISTS OF REPATRIATES

Miss Yoshii will prepare lists to be sent to every department from which records must be obtained. Miss Gerard is to prepare the cover letters for each list. Miss Altvater suggested that lists be sent to:

- Mr. Ernst - 2 copies
- Mr. R. Bell
- Mr. L. Bell
- Mr. Hughes
- Mr. Barnhart
- Mr. Bankson
- Education - 2 copies
- Internal Security
- Hospital
- Employment
- Housing
- Clothing
- Welfare
- Evacuee Property
- Fiscal
PROPERTY

Question was raised as to the best procedure regarding crating of property. A suggestion was made that crates be made and requisitioned through the Block Managers. Another suggestion was to ask the families at the time of their interview as to how many crates they will need. All goods stored in the Project Warehouse will be shipped to Tule Lake. Miss Altvater was asked to look further into this matter.

PUBLICITY

Miss Gerard was asked to prepare an article for the Tópaz Times in which the following points are to be incorporated:

1. Office hours - 9 to 11:30 AM
   1 to 4:00 PM
2. That all questions regarding segregation should be directed to the information service in Rec 4.
3. That all questions regarding repatriation or declinations and all persons desiring to change answers to question 28 should also be directed to Rec 4.
4. The staff members should be mentioned.

RECORDS

Records that will be essential for use in interviewing will be kept at Rec 4 and all others will be concentrated in the Statistics Office. Miss Gerard will determine which records she would like to have at Rec 4.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimiyo Miyata
The regular meeting of the Project Segregation Committee was called to order by Mr. Lafabregue in Mr. Ernst's office at 9:00 A. M. with the following persons present: Mr. Roscoe Bell, Mr. James Lamb, Mr. George Lafabregue and Miss Chiyoko Yoshii.

PROBLEM OF HARVESTING: Mr. Bell explained that as long as we do not have a labor pool, we will have to draw the workers from the different divisions, as well as from the blocks. No person will be exempted unless requested by their section head due to special work that necessitate a deferment until the next period when he can be released.

In view of the fact that Miss Yoshii's Statistical Department will be extremely busy in the next few weeks preparing lists and collecting individual records from throughout the Center in preparation for the transfer of the segregatees, it was agreed that a list of these people be referred to Mr. Bell indicating the date of their availability will be satisfactory to obtain temporary deferment on the day they are to work on the farm.

SUPERVISION AND FURNISHING OF TRANSPORTATION: This will entail preliminary negotiations for the securing of buses and trucks when the segregation movement takes place. Mr. Bell stated that a week should be allowed in which to assemble all the freight and baggage to be forwarded to the Segregation Center. "If we had some idea as to what the schedule will be, there wouldn't be much difficulty making the necessary arrangements."
It was suggested that the freight could be taken in gradually for storage at the Delta Warehouse instead of prolonging it until the last minute. Possibly, each adult will be allowed hand luggage of 150 lbs. and children under 12, 75 lbs. to be taken the day they are leaving for the Segregation Center.

Mr. Roscoe Bell will make arrangements for the following:
1) Transporting freight to shipping room, then to depot.
2) Transporting luggage to depot.
3) Transporting people, plus hand baggage to depot.

INTERVIEWS: Mr. Lafabregue indicated that it will be necessary that every family head who will be segregated, should be interviewed regarding the matter of baggage, health, etc. at Rec. 4 and that these interviews will be given in the first part of August.

Mr. Morris of the Evacuee Property Control will also be asked to assist in counseling the segregatees regarding real property they have left on the Coast. It might be necessary to transfer a person from his office to Rec. 4 to assist with the interviewing. Possibly, all the data on the family's property files should be transferred to Tule Lake.

CRATING MATERIALS: Mr. Bell's suggestion was that two ammunition boxes measuring 24x10x14 pieced together would make excellent crating for heavy material. Mr. Potter is now negotiating with Fort Douglas for boxes while Mr. Henry Watson has ordered a lot of boxes and lumber to be used for crating. A list of all those leaving should be prepared and a call made at the home to make an estimate as to what they will need and the crates distributed accordingly.
SUPERVISING MOVEMENT IN AND OUT OF PROJECT: Mr. Roscoe Bell felt that Internal Security should be on hand to keep the flow running smoothly. One of the recommendations was that the segregatees be picked up by blocks and their names checked off the list. Their present I. D. cards was suggested for identification. The Army will provide escorts and possibly a train captain could be assigned to every coach to account for each segregatee.

COMPILATION OF SEGREGATEE LIST: The Statistical Division is compiling a list for mimeographing of all repatriates who filed applications prior to July first as well as a list of those filing subsequent to July first. These will be available to all department heads and the Councilmen who may request such a list. Miss Yoshii will make another survey of the Councilmen's status at the same time.

FAREWELL PARTIES: Mr. James Lamb reported that already Community Activities has been receiving repercussions from the older Issei group as entertainments have been cancelled and the chefs are no longer lending the dining halls for such programs.

MEDICAL LIST: A list will be submitted to Dr. Simpson for a complete medical history of all segregatees. This will determine who will be candidates for pullman coaches. Aged persons and mothers with infants will be those assigned to the pullmans.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS: That a committee be formed in each operating and service unit to coordinate the work with Mr. Hughes, Mr. Roscoe Bell and Mr. Lorne Bell so that each division will be kept up-to-date on all developments. That if such a committee is to be formed, it should be done within the next two days. First, an over-all staff committee and secondly, a small active work committee representing the various duties assigned to the division. Resident personnel should also be on the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michi Tao
SEGREGATION OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT:  
Mr. George Lafabregue  
Miss Eleanor Gerard  
Miss Adrian Altvater  
Mrs. Louise Watson  
Mr. Victor Goertzel  
Miss Chiyoko Yoshii

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M. by Mr. Lafabregue. A complete confidential file on segregation was passed out to each person and suggestion was made that they should all peruse this information and know what it is all about so that they can keep informed as to the rules and regulations being followed.

TOPAZ TIMES: Mr. Lafabregue announced that the article about the opening of the Segregation Office was in today's issue of the Times. He suggested that they keep a file of the Topaz Times at the Segregation Office for reference as people will probably come in and say that there was such and such a statement in the paper.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: Mr. Lafabregue announced that the Quarterly Meeting would be held on August 2nd in Rec. Hall 2 from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The segregation program will be discussed at that time.

REPATRIATION: Mr. Lafabregue asked that when taking repatriation applications, they see that all copies are signed.

QUESTION 28 ANSWERS: Mr. Lafabregue cited three instances where the answers to question 28 have been found to be inaccurate in the files. Miss Yoshii has submitted a list to Washington of all male citizen "nos" for checking.

Persons who have changed their answers prior to July 15 and who desire to have an emergency "Leave Clearance Hearing," should apply at the Welfare Office in Administration B to Miss Michiko Okamoto. A hearing will be scheduled through Mr. Ernst.
EMPLOYMENT: People are saying that as long as they are to be segregated, they will quit jobs and take compensatory time. The rules are that persons with compensatory time are supposed to take it within the month accrued and with the approval of the superior. Mr. Campbell is going to get a list of people with compensatory time. The matter was turned over to Miss Altvater for technical investigation. She was asked to get the facts for presentation to the Project Segregation Committee on Thursday morning.

PERSONNEL: Mr. Lafabregue announced that a request has been put in for two stenographers and three typists, one messenger, and four more social workers. Mr. Campbell has agreed to see if he can secure workers from the unemployed. If more social workers are needed for interviewing, we will be able to obtain them. However, Miss Gerard suggested that we wait to see what the situation demands.

TOPAZ TIMES ITEM: Miss Gerard asked who had made the translation of the segregation article. The Japanese translation will not appear until the Thursday issue and Mr. Lafabregue asked that Mr. Takeuchi, a member of the Segregation Office, be asked to prepare a translation for that issue.

Mrs. Watson asked whether a "no" person who was not repatriating would be allowed to accompany the repatriate members of his family at the time they leave or would the "no" person be required to remain behind and await a Segregation Hearing.

Mr. Lafabregue felt that since the movement will be controlled here, we would be safe in saying that they could go together. Since Washington must be notified by August 10, all interviews on repatriates should be finished by August 9th. On the list the names of voluntary segregatees will probably be included, regardless of whether or not they have a "no" answer.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Gerard said that every "no" is supposed to have a segregation hearing. Status would be very important as a volunteer would be eligible for indefinite leave whereas a "no" would not. They therefore, felt that a hearing should be held for them before leaving for Tule Lake.

Mr. Lafabregue felt that perhaps, a segregation hearing could be held for them first.

Mr. Goertzel asked whether interviews should be typed in view of the lack of clerical workers and typewriters. Mrs. Watson suggested a night crew but Mr. Lafabregue did not think it advisable. It has been very difficult in the past.
Mr. Lafabregue asked as to the advisability of enlarging the committee to include resident people in addition to Miss Yoshii. He felt that their thinking might be helpful. It was unanimous that it would not be necessary as the staff meetings of the Segregation Office staff were for the purpose of drawing out the opinions of the interviewers. These expressions would be brought to the Segregation Office Committee meetings by Miss Gerard.

Mr. Lafabregue asked for suggestions as to setting a definite time for meetings. It was decided to hold the meetings on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:00 to 8:30 A.M. as the Rec. 4 office opens at 9 A.M. This schedule will be effective Friday, July 30.

Miss Yoshii has completed the repatriation list and the stencils will be cut tomorrow morning.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimiyo Miyata
PROJECT SEGREGATION COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 9:05 A. M. in Mr. Ernst's office with the following in attendance: Mr. James Hughes, Mr. Roscoe Bell, Mr. James Lamb, Miss Chiyoko Yoshii and chairman, Mr. George Lafabregue.

REPATRIATES AND "NOS" ON LEAVE: While checking the Statistical records, it was discovered that two persons, both repatriates, were out in Utah on seasonal leave, one since last October and the other since early January. Mr. Hughes felt that there might have been a special understanding between Mr. Ernst and the parties concerned whereby those leaves were granted or we were unable to check on their status since they filed for repatriation while in the Assembly Center and the records were not here at that time. Mr. Hughes recommended that the files be checked thoroughly and all those who should not be out on leaves be gleaned out for proper action. He will also arrange with Mr. Cornwall to watch all leaves so that each person who may be affected by segregation will be referred to the Segregation Office.

INTERVIEWS OF "NOS": A form to be used by the Hearing Board in interviewing the "nos" was received from Mr. Barnhart yesterday. The question was raised as to what extent it would be possible for interviews to be worked out somewhat in accordance with where people work. It was felt by both Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bell that it might be well to have the interviewees talk to their division heads as they might feel a freedom of expressing their views rather than to a group they did not know. However, Mr. Hughes recommended that this matter be discussed with Mr. Ernst upon his return and added that possibly the Hearing Board would have more objectivity and dignity and a more accurate record taken of that person's reaction than if the section head did the interviewing.

BORROWING PERSONNEL: Mr. Lafabregue advised that Mr. Campbell raised the question as to how the time records should be kept for those working on the Segregation staff. Mr. Hughes' recommendation was that they be on transfer loan under Welfare on a separate list and later transferred back to their own departments.
ISSUANCE OF BULLETINS: A recommendation was made whereby a series of bulletins or memoranda would be issued to division heads on the segregation program to keep them posted currently on the whole process. All notices on procedures would be routed to the Planning Officer.

REPATRIATION LIST: The complete alphabetical list of those filing for repatriation prior to and subsequent to July first is being mimeographed. This list has also been broken down by blocks for the Councilmen. These will then be distributed to the division and section heads who, in turn, will keep it up to current date as all changes will be sent out on supplementary lists through Mr. Lafabregue's office.

In the larger divisions such as Maintenance and Operations, Public Works and Agriculture, it would be quite difficult to keep track of each worker but Mr. Hughes recommended that one person be assigned to keep this record in order. Also every assignment, transfer and termination will be checked thoroughly at the Placement Division.

MEMBERS IN ARMED FORCES: Miss Yoshii will make a survey of all families affected by segregation who have immediate members in the Armed Forces. It might be a factor in counseling members of those families who are going different ways. Arranging for satisfactory guardianship of minors who will be split from their families will be the most difficult problem of the interviewers but possibly such arrangements will be effected at the satisfaction of the Project Director and if possible to the satisfaction of the parents.

TRANSLATIONS IN TOPAZ TIMES: Mr. Lafabregue recommended that translations be printed concurrently with the English version and that the translations be as close to the English version as possible. There have been times when due to the Japanese language difficulty, the original instructions would be completely distorted. These translations are all proof-read but invariably it still can change the meaning. Mr. Hughes suggested making a recommendation to have a person in Rec. 4 check the final translations.

FISCAL MATTERS: All payroll, clothing allowance records, etc. will be completed at this end and transferred to Tule Lake. The transfer of property will be one of the major problems that the segregrates will have to clear in this movement.

COMPENSATORY TIME: People have been threatening to quit and take their overtime before segregation. Mr. Hughes felt that a week or ten days could be given, yet these people should be made to know that if they cannot take the time here, that it would be transferred to Tule Lake. It was also recommended that a list of employees from every division be prepared and forwarded to Tule since personal recommendations cannot be given due to the quantity involved. A preferred list will be given of all those leaving with their position and title for referral at the same department at Tule Lake.
SEGREGATION HEARINGS: In order to have a complete report on the repatriates ready for transmittal to Washington by August 10, Mr. Lafabregue recommended that the interviews commence by Monday. The interviews will be limited to 15 minutes and people will be asked to adhere strictly to their appointments. In order to avoid frustration and alarm the people will be called from different blocks throughout the Center.

INGRESS AND EGRESS OF RESIDENTS: As yet the schedule of the movement is not known but for those going out, each apartment and all WRA equipment will be checked with the Block Manager. Housing will induct and take a count of all incoming residents; the mops, buckets, etc. will be issued to them by the respective Block Managers. This will necessarily entail close collaboration between the Block Managers and Housing. Mr. Bell felt it might be well to form a neighborhood committee to assist in cleaning up the apartments and where necessary, apartments will be calcimined.

HOSPITAL RECORDS: Upon receipt of the repatriates' list, the hospital will prepare their medical report for submittance to the Segregation Office at the time the segregatees leave.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 A. M.

Respectfully submitted.

Michi Tao
SEGREGATION OFFICE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

THOSE PRESENT: Mr. George Lafabregue
               Miss Eleanor Gerard
               Mr. Victor Goertzel
               Mrs. Louise Watson
               Miss Adrian Altvater
               Miss Chiyoko Yoshii

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Mr. Lafabregue who announced that Mr. Ernst and his party were expected back some time this morning. As soon as Mr. Lafabregue receives any information, he will notify the Committee members.

TOPAZ TIMES ARTICLES: The Japanese translation of the article which appeared in the Tuesday edition regarding segregation appeared in Thursday's issue. There was some discussion as to who would be the best person to do the translation work. Miss Gerard will ask Mr. Takeuchi of the Segregation Office to translate the article which appeared in yesterday's newspaper.

REBATEE LIST: The list has been mimeographed and is ready for distribution as soon as Mr. Ernst returns and gives his approval. Supplementary lists will be issued as applications or declinations are received.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE: Miss Gerard reported that Mr. Yamamoto, who according to his statement had been elected chairman of the Council Block Committee of Repatriates, had asked if he could call at Rec 4 for all information. It was explained to Mr. Yamamoto that the Segregation Office would cooperate with him and his committee in every respect. However, it was also felt advisable that Mr. Yamamoto clear all these matters through the channels established of working through the City Council and the Assistant Project Director in charge of Community Management.

INTERVIEWS WITH CHILDREN: Mr. Goertzel reported that about 4 of the children on the list are left to be interviewed. He will contact them today. All of the children have filed individual requests for repatriation. The ages of the children range from infants to 17. So far there has been only one instance of a split family in these groups.

In cases of a split family with a minor child desiring to remain behind, they should be referred to Mr. Pratt for handling as to a guardian for the child and plans for the future.
HEARING SHEET: The Segregation Hearing Sheet for those persons who answered "No" to question 28 has been mimeographed and is being typed by the Statistics Department. On the form will be noted whether the person is to be segregated or not. Those persons to be segregated will be referred to the Segregation Office for an interview.

Miss Gerard will collaborate with the others in working out a form for the Welfare interview. This form will be applicable to both repatriates and No's. An instruction sheet was recommended to give to the segregatees. This is also to be worked out by Miss Gerard's group.

PROPERTY: The crating and the shipment of the property will be under Mr. Roscoe Bell's supervision. The Evacuee Property Office, as far as the Committee can gather at the present time, will have to see that property belonging to segregatees in storage in San Francisco which is pending shipment to Central Utah is routed to Tule Lake instead. All information that has been gathered by the Property Officer about real property owned by the segregatees in California must be collected for forwarding to Tule Lake with all other records.

EXCHANGE OF NATIONALS: We have received a teletype from Washington regarding a possible sailing of the GRIPSCHOLM on September 1 or shortly thereafter. A list of parolees whose families have accepted on List 5, 6, or 7 will be submitted to the Segregation Office for interviewing. Persons on Lists 5, 6, or 7 who accepted repatriation will not be sent to Tule Lake.

GENERAL STAFF MEETING: Mr. Goertzel suggested that Mr. Lafabregue speak to the Segregation Office workers at their next staff meeting. It was felt that the interviewers were not explaining the voluntary segregation phase as much as they should. The difference between voluntary segregation and segregation as repatriates is quite important.

Mr. Lafabregue felt that an article in the Topaz Times stating the pros and cons of segregation would be advisable.

Mr. Goertzel raised the question as to a formal application form for voluntary segregation. Miss Gerard was asked to prepare a form.

As the Hospital will not be able to send all records of the segregatees to the Segregation Office until time of movement, a list of repatriates will be submitted to them for checking against hospital records to determine whether they are too ill to be moved. A medical certificate will be necessary to obtain pullman space for them.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimiyo Miyata
Secretary
MINUTES: SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

AUGUST 5, 1943
TUESDAY 9 AM
Mr. Ernst's Office

Mr. George Lafabreque presided.

Present: Mr. Ernst, Mr. Hughes, Mr. L. Bell, Miss Yoshii,
Mr. H. Watson, Mr. Barnhart, Mr. Bankson

Visitor: Mr. Leflar of the legal department of WRA, Wash-
ington, D.C.

The first question for discussion was brought up by Mr. La-
fabreque who wanted clarification on the matter of Caucasian
escort from Delta to Tule Lake for the segregates. A study of
the manual determined that there will be no escort from here
but that one appointive staff member will be on board the
train as a liaison representative of the project director in
dealing with the military escort.

The matter of collecting blankets which are to be turned in
by segregates was discussed. As these blankets will be needed
in large numbers for the new residents of Topaz who will be
coming here from Tule Lake, it was suggested that as many as
possible be collected at the earliest possible date, and that
they be washed and made ready for the new arrivals. This was
left to Mr. Hughes and Mr. H. Watson.

The matter of housing was also brought up by Mr. Lafabreque,
who said that at present there are available only 32 apart-
ments, and that some system would need to be worked out as
soon as possible to provide overnight quarters for the approxi-
mate 500 residents who will arrive here from Tule Lake the
evening before the first group of segregates leave here for
Tule Lake. It was suggested that perhaps all of the appointive
personnel could be moved into one-half of block 2 and the other
half made available. It was also suggested that some of the
school rooms might be used, or that space in one of the ware-
houses might be made ready for overnight stay by the new ar-
rivals. This was left to Mr. Hughes to work out.

Mr. Lafabreque announced that Thursday’s meeting will be de-
voted to settling some of the problems on block level basis
for caring for the luggage of segregates and supplying other
information. Mr. L. Bell will outline the general policy. Mr.
Bankson will prepare a plan for setting up a system of infor-
mation consultants in each block who will be able to supply
all of the information concerning luggage and the handling of
personal effects. This unit of information will work closely
with the Reports Division office.
Mr. Hrnst reported that he had met the night before with the Issei committee of 33. He stated that they already had a well organized committee ready to operate and wanted to know whether it would not be well for them to take into consideration the planning of block level information set-up. Mr. Bankson was directed to obtain the names of members of this committee from the chairman, Mr. Shigeru Yamamoto, and discuss with him the details of the proposed information set-up. Mr. L. Bell, Mr. Bankson, Mr. H. Watson and Mr. Morris were directed to meet and prepare the plan for handling luggage, as suggested in the manual in Exhibit 12 and Form 276.

Mr. Barnhart explained the paragraph in Dr. Embree’s outline on segregation which had puzzled Mr. Noble. The point concerned the forcing of people out of the center. He explained that it was quite clear on careful reading that a person who had asked for repatriation and who had not requested cancellation definitely must go to Tule Lake.

Mr. Barnhart further reported that 450 persons who answered “no” to question 28 are to be interviewed during the next few days with the expectation that this interview work will be concluded not later than August 11. He proposed that the first hearings in these interviews be handled as rapidly as possible, so that those who are definitely retaining the “no” answer can be eliminated. Hearing boards consisting of two persons each will be designated to conduct these interviews, and those about whom there is any question concerning their “no” answer will be given more detailed hearings at scheduled times as soon as possible after the preliminary hearings are through.

Miss Toshii reported that there are 400 names on the list of those whose answer is unknown to question 28. This list has been sent to Washington, D. C., for checking. The first list of 450 which came back from Washington had 20 names which actually were “yes” answers, so that the total stands at 430 who had said “no”. It was expected that out of the present 400 names, there will be from 40 to 60 who said “no” and will be added to the original list.

A considerable discussion developed over the quarters which will be used for the first general screening hearings. Rec. 3 was suggested, as well as other locations within the center. The final decision, however, was that the more centrally located, the better this would be. With this in mind the final decision was that these first hearings will be held in the high school building in block 33. Here the 450 persons who had answered “no” will appear before hearings boards. If they are to have further segregation hearings, they will be then scheduled to appear before other boards, which will sit in the offices in the administrative area.
The matter of whether at these further hearings there should be enough information obtained to make leave clearance hearings was also discussed. Actual leave clearance hearings cannot be completed, however, until the dockets on the different persons have been returned from Washington. It was decided that there should be a transcription made of these longer hearings, so that records will be available for leave clearance consideration.

The first hearing in the high school building will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and thereafter there will be sessions each morning and afternoon, and if need be to complete the hearings by the end of next week, night sessions will be held. It is anticipated that 50 persons can be heard each period.

Mr. Lafabreque reported that as rapidly as persons have had their hearings, they will be scheduled for Welfare hearings in cases where they are to be transferred to Tula Lake. He further stated that the first hearings of the Welfare Section for repatriates started today and that they will be ready to handle the "no" transferees by August 19.

Mr. Barnhart made a point of letting persons who come in for hearings bring a friend with them if they so desire, so that there could be no misunderstandings about the hearings.

Mr. Lafabreque reported that already 40 persons among those who had answered "no" had come in since July 15 to ask that their answers be changed to "yes." The split families will be given first consideration by the Welfare Department, Mr. Lafabreque said.

Mr. Barnhart was requested to prepare a list of those who would serve on the hearing boards and called a meeting of this group to be held at 8:30 P.M. this evening, August 3, in the project director's office for the purpose of discussing procedures. The following will serve on the hearing panels: Mr. Ernst, Mr. Woolf, Mr. Hughes, Miss Robertson, Mr. L. Bell, Miss Griffin, Mr. Noble, Mr. Cornwall, Mr. Bankson, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Honderich, Mr. Nuttall, Mr. Lamb, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bane, Mr. Watson, Mr. Barnhart and Mr. Lafabreque.

Original signed by
R. A. Bankson

Russell A. Bankson
SEGREGATION MEETING
WITH THE COMMITTEE OF 5 FROM THE
REPATRIATES COMMITTEE OF 33

AUGUST 3, 1943
TUESDAY 11 AM
Mr. Ernst's office

Attending also were 7 representatives of the Community Co-
operative Committee of the Community Council.

The meeting was called for the purpose of discussing a new
set of questions which were brought in by the committee of 5,
of which Shigeru Yamamoto is chairman. Copies of these ques-
tions and answers will be provided by the committee of 5 at
a later date.

Mr. Yamamoto requested that his committee be supplied with
copies of all forms and notices, or any other information
concerning segregation which may be received here. It was
unanimously voted that this should be done and Mr. Bankson
was requested to see that copies of all such material are
sent to the committee.

Mr. Ernst asked the committee to name a subcommittee on pub-
licity to work with Mr. Bankson on preparation of notices
and announcements or special information for the Topaz Times.

It was decided that the committee of 5 should meet with the
segregation committee in Mr. Ernst's office at 11 A.M. each
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday to report progress.

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At 1:30 o'clock Mr. Yamamoto met with Mr. Bankson and the en-
tire matter of publicity and cooperation between the committee
of 33 and the administration was discussed. It was decided
that Mr. Yamamoto would act as chairman of the subcommittee on
publicity for the repatriates, and that he would name one or
two other members of the committee to serve with him. It was
agreed that Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Bankson would meet each morn-
ing at 10 o'clock to discuss developments in the way of further
information, questions, notices, or news stories to be handled.

Mr. Yamamoto and his committee will translate into Japanese
all information material and will cut the stencils. Mr. Bank-
son will assist with the English version of such material and
will see that the mimeograph work is taken care of.

The matter of distribution of the booklet which is being pre-
pared in both English and Japanese by the national officers
for distribution to all residents, and which contains the entire procedure of segregation together with the operating plan and a large number of questions and answers was discussed by Mr. Yamamoto and Mr. Bankson and it was decided that as soon as these arrive, they will be distributed to the residents through the block managers in the same manner that the Topaz Times is now being distributed, so that each apartment in the center will receive a copy.

Mr. Yamamoto reported that a centerwide meeting of repatriates has been called for this evening, August 3. He stated that he would take notes on this meeting and would convey to Mr. Bankson the information necessary for supplying the administrative segregation committee with full information of the developments at the meeting.

Original signed by
R. A. Bankson

Russell A. Bankson
COMMITTEE ON REPATRIATION

August 7, 1943
(Cat)

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM at the Project Director’s office with Mr. Charles F. Ernst presiding.

PRESENT: Members of the Committee on Repatriation and the Community Council. Present, Charles F. Ernst, Lorne Bell, Russell Bankson, Ralph Barnhard, and George Lafabregue.

I. The following fifth group of questions were submitted by the Committee on Repatriation:

1. No inspection if possible.
   a. There seems to be no inspection for the "Indefinite-Leaves".
   b. We shall take the responsibility to notify every transferee to be careful not to take anything belonging to the WRA.
   c. There must be a record of everything that is borrowed from the WRA.
   d. If inspection must be done, the committee wishes to discuss with the representatives.

Mr. Ernst requested for reasons for opposing inspection, to which Mr. Yamamoto stated that there have been many inspections since evacuation and they have come to the point to be a nuisance, and is believed that a very thorough inspection will be done when entering the Tulalake Center.

Mr. Yamamoto expressed that there shouldn’t be any contraband articles within this center, therefore, inspection would be for WRA properties. To which Mr. Ernst stated his opinion that a positive statement of a method of notifying every transferee where such articles are to be turned in be made and thereby given a receipt for anything turned in so that they will have something to show. Mr. Ernst stated that he will settle for that.

The committee will work with Mr. Lafabregue’s group regarding this matter as some of the things could be turned in ahead of time for renovation.

As far as contraband articles are concerned there shouldn’t be any in the possession of the residents, but there may be some belongings in the Internal Security which cannot be returned at this time. Therefore,
they may be arranged to be sent to Tule Lake Center, as the books were
sent from San Francisco, for the names have the right to know where they are.

yet this center could not have any need for their or place for such.

Mr. Ernst suggested that the easiest way in which the notifications of
such to the transferees would be, if it isn't too much trouble to the
block managers, persons may turn in to the block managers and given a
receipt for each turned in article.

2. Mr. Lafabrégue reported that practically all transfer hearings have been
completed and maybe could be able to know at about the tenth as to the is
going. This is hoped that we can go into the lighter phase of this
and prepare for socials in block.

3. Mr. Ernst reported that no answer has been received regarding the tele-
gram sent about the transferring in block schedule.

4. A question was raised whether or not a person who applied for repatriation
after July 1 will be transferred with the others. The answer was no. But
Mr. Ernst stated that applications are being taken so that they may be
transferred at a later date, or so that they may go when we have been
notified from Washington that some may go with this group. although
many of them will be able to go as a number of them are members of the
immediate families of persons who answered in the negative, but there
will be a few families asked to wait. Therefore, it was suggested that
a subcommittee be formed to get ready for such persons.

5. Mr. Lamb and Mr. Bell will cooperate with the subcommittees on socials.

6. Mr. Yamasato reported of the box and lumber situation after he had
met with Mr. Morris and Mr. K. Watson, and stated that there aren't enough


to apply supply those leaving. Mr. Ernst assured that through cooperation
everything possible would be done to furnish the necessary boxes
and lumber.

There seems to be many small sized ammunition boxes available if any
persons has use for them. Barrels were suggested.

7. Mr. Lafabrégue reported that a committee to deal with fiscal matters
was organized to handle pay checks, compensatory hours, clothing
allowances, transfer of credits, etc. The committee was requested to
have any question regarding such ready at the Tuesday's meeting.

8. Mr. Honami brought out a question if there are any persons in the


And if so would like to have the names.

Mr. Ernst stated that persons classed in class C would be those who
signed "no" and have changed since July 15 to the positive. If at
the hearing their reasons for changing from "no" to "yes" is considered
as sufficient proof that their loyalty has changed and not just the
answer that they could not be transferred to Tule Lake. But if their
loyalty cannot be considered during their stay in this center they
may appear before the Appeal Board for a decision at Tule Lake and if he is found that his loyalty have changed then they will be returned to either the center or given indefinite leave.

The only names the F.B.I. have given us are those persons in Leupp;

9. Mr. Ernst stated that the status of the persons back in relocation centers from the internment camps are the same as anyone in this center.

10. Mr. Lafabregue stated that the names of the seventeen persons who will be leaving on the exchange ship soon to be leaving are known and they themselves know of it. Those persons will stay in this center as they will be sent soon, but if there should be some definite notice that this program is all off they will be sent to Tule Lake.

11. Mr. Yamamoto requested the case of Mr. Tsuchida in Leupp. Mr. Ernst stated that after three month’s stay in Leupp a man’s case is reviewed whether he asks for it or not. If it is felt that he has thought over, then he can be recommended. But it is known that in the case of a married man, as it just so happens that those sent to Leupp have all signed for repatriation, after release may be able to join his family in Tule Lake.

Mr. Lafabregue stated that there are five families who applied for repatriation prior to July 1 of "no" whose family member is interned. In their cases if they cannot go to Crystal City they will be able to join the families in Tule Lake as two moves are unnecessary.

12. Fiscal matters will be discussed at the next meeting on Tuesday.

13. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Toshiko Kiyota
SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

August 10, 1943
(Tues.)

The meeting was called at 11:15 AM at Mr. Charles F. Ernst, Project Director’s office with Mr. Ernst presiding.

PRESENT: Messrs. Charles F. Ernst, James F. Hughes, Lorne Bell, George Lafabregue, Russell Bankson, and Ralph C. Huntart.
Segregation Committee and representatives from the Community Council.

1. Memorandum regarding the lumber for packing and the estimation of the required lumber were submitted by Mr. Yamamoto to Mr. Ernst.

2. Mr. Hughes gave a brief picture of the fiscal matter as follows: It is the intention to transfer all compensatory time to Tule Lake along with the persons transferring and to pay everyone in full before they leave for all clothing allowances and cash advances that they have earned at Topaz. People may be allowed to resign 5, 6, 7 days before they leave. When the names of the persons going on the first train are known they can leave their respective positions a week before and may be paid before they leave. For those with compensatory time, they will be paid to the day they reach Tule Lake. As soon as they reach Tule Lake Topaz will be off. The record of the balance of the compensatory time will be sent to Tule Lake as the people leave. The clothing allowances for the month of July with the pay rolls will be paid by August 20. Clothing allowances for August depend on the time they worked which will be known by the 31st. If possible all debts will be settled before departure.

Mr. Hughes will give Mr. Yamamoto a copy of the above statement.

3. Mr. Tani requested whether there was an unemployment clothing allowances. To which the question was given that if a person has been eligible for unemployment compensation due to sickness, injuries, or old age, or if he has been eligible for clothing allotment in Topaz then he should be able to get it in Tule Lake.

4. Mr. Yamamoto requested about payments of tools such as hair clippers, typewriters, etc. lent to the WR for use in this center.

Mr. Hughes stated that there are no typewriters not, but others and tools lent to public works will be a check proposition and the payment will be made up to the date under the contract basis.
5. Mr. Lafabregue reported of two teletypes received from the WRA.

1. "Contraband list applicable to Tule Lake is contained in memorandum for Project Directors dated March 20. That list is substantially same as the one in Public Proclamation No. 3. Japanese books and phonograph records are contraband only if they contain invisible writings, photographs, and other material mentioned in contraband list."

To this Mr. Barnhart stated that the "Memorandum for Project Directors dated March 20" deals with the projects outside of the Western Defense Command. In the Public Proclamation No. 3, Mr. Barnhart stated that fire arms, weapons, ammunitions, or their component parts, short wave radio, radio receiving or transmitting set, camera, etc. were contraband.

Mr. Yamamoto will receive a copy of the Public Proclamation No. 3 from Mr. Barnhart.

2. "Reurtel regarding priorities of movement for transfer of residents to Tule Lake, satisfactory to use block pattern for assembling schedules and lists for transfer. Instruction 100 suggests the priority of repatriates first, noses second, and other third, This not mandatory. Manual suggest block pattern for more efficient operation. See Section VII D, page 16 of Manual. Block by block physical transfer operation ok. Development of lists of those persons to be transferred will have to follow three categories, however, before total list for any given block is known."

Various suggestions and discussions were made as to what procedure will be the most practical in working by the block schedule.

6. It was suggested that as this committee has now charge of the repatriates and the "Ho's" (named changed to Segregation Committee) some blocks may need assistants to the block representatives. This committee of five will continue.

7. Mr. Yamamoto reported of the case of a person who answered "no" but on the record has "yes". Mr. Ernst requested that the names of such persons be given to him so that he may contact the WRA in Washington.

8. A case was submitted by Mr. Yamamoto of a person of the immediate family of a transferee who do not wish to go until a few months later.

Mr. Ernst stated to do nothing now for it would only confuse the work, but later apply to join in Tule Lake.
The rumor that has been going on that the people in Tule Lake will not move was corrected by Mr. Masuji Fujii who heard through Fred Nomura who has just come from Tule Lake that there is no such action.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM to reconvene on Thursday, August 12, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Toshiko Kiyota
Meeting was called at the Project Director's office with Mr. Charles F. Ernst presiding.

PRESENT: Messrs. Charles F. Ernst, Lorne Bell, Russell Hankson, Ralph Barnhart, George Lafabregue, and Roscoe Bell.

1. The article in the Topaz Times sometimes ago stating that fifty persons will be leaving first was clarified that it was a mistake of an omission of a zero.

2. To the transference's opinion and wish that those from Topaz would like to stay near to each other at Tule Lake, Mr. Ernst stated that it would be to the project director and the people of Tule Lake's interest; would write to Mr.Best to see if a section can be reserved for the Topazians, although it may be that they would not want a certain block to be all Topazians and the same with other blocks, rather they may want a Tule Lake unity.

3. Question was asked as to how soon we will know the date of departure. Mr. Ernst stated that the people in Washington are working with the railway company and they will let us know as soon as they themselves know.

4. A question was asked that if a person transfers from one department to another, their compensatory time is cancelled in this center. Does that mean that the compensatory time will be cancelled if a person takes a job at Tule Lake in another department.

The answer was no, the compensatory time problem is the same as stated before.

5. Question was asked if persons may still apply for repatriation, to which was answered yes, but they will not be able to go with this group unless further instructions from Washington is received.

6. Request was made for provision of paper diapers for babies. Mr. Lorne Bell was asked to look into this problem.

7. Request was also made for provision of fruits, such as lemons and oranges, enroute. Mr. Bell will ask Mr. Hughes to look into this matter.

8. In Tule Lake it is understood that self-government is not allowed, and a question was raised if that means that we are in the same category as prisoners of war.

Mr. Ernst stated that we have self-government here because the residents so desired, but there are other centers that do not have the form of self-government. At Tule Lake they will probably work on another plan of expressing the residents desire. The forms are not prescribed.
9. Question was asked as to what is the length of knives permitted to be had, as the cooks who have been using their knives in the kitchens do not wish to take them with them if they are contraband. Mr. Barnhart will look into this situation.

Mr. Ernst stated that they may be able to identify them here and tag them as chef's kit. Communication will be sent to Mr. Best asking him as to how he would like us to handle this situation.

10. A request was made that families with small children be allowed to have one seat to a children. Mr. Ernst will ask the WRA as to what they figure on this problem.

11. Report was made by Mr. Roscoe Bell about the lumber problem. Pasteboard carton, used wooden crates, ammunition boxes are available and boxes of 1x1x1½ ft. and 3x2x3½ ft are being constructed.

1,500 board feet of lumber is in the process of being delivered and an addition 2,000 board feet of lumber has been ordered of which some may be used for crating. Most of the lumber will be cut into standard sizes and made into bundles. Tags, twins, ropes have been ordered. Mr. Henry Watson will personally see that these will be made available to the transferees. The plan is to give out the lumbers first to those leaving first.

Some boxes with spaces in between and some solid will be constructed. A person may have a lumber uncut if he so desires if he will not make the box too big.

The ordered lumbers will come in assorted widths.

12. At the next meeting, the moving of the transferees by the block pattern will be discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM to reconvene Saturday, August 14, 1943.

Respectfully submitted,

Toshiko Kiyota

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SEGREGATION COMMITTEE

August 14, 1945
Saturday
11:05 AM

The meeting was called to order at the Project Director's office with Mr. Charles E. Ernst presiding.

PRESENT: Messrs. Charles F. Ernst, Lorne Bell, George Lafabregue, and Russell Bankson.
Members of the Community CCC and the Segregation Committee.

1. The attached memorandum was received.

2. If Japan requests certain people living in America on the exchange list, may that person be accepted by Washington upon his willingness to go to Japan whether he has signed for repatriation, no, or yes. That is whether he is living in Tule Lake or any other relocation center or elsewhere in America.

A: Yes, as based on the experience we have had so far. An individual's name from Japan will be considered in Washington, and if he is considered he will be sent a notice. Then he gets the notice and wishes to go back to Japan he may then apply for repatriation if they have not so done before.

3. What happened to the applications that persons applied to go back to Hawaii.

A: Their names have been sent to Washington, and they will pass it on to the Attorney General. It will take some time. This is a separate project altogether from this transfer. Examples were given where people outside have waited ten months and have not yet heard anything further.

4. It is understood that the administration would like to have two groups leave in September and another two groups in October for various reasons of harvesting the crops and truck problem. But the transferees' opinion is that they would all like to go soon after the first group leaves.

A: The administration staff thinks as above, they want to get through with it, but Mr. Ernst has several reasons although he has no conviction about it. Mr. Ernst will wire Washington what the general opinion is.
5. Clarification was made of the rumor that is getting around through misunderstanding of the bulletins which stated to the question, "Will those people who returned to Texas from the internment camps and are refused for clearance be segregated?" which was answered, "Yes, and was mistaken for another internment camp and not Tule Lake. At this time the word segregation deals only with transferring to Tule Lake.

6. Telegram received from Washington was explained by Mr. Lafabregue. Persons who changed their answers from affirmative to negative after July 15 will be placed under class 3 and the same with those applying for repatriation after July 16.

Persons who have reached the age of 17 after July 15 must register. They will be in class 2. Although these persons will probably answer in line with their respective families, so if they answer "no" to question 28 instead of waiting they probably have already signed up as volunteers.

Therefore, those persons who answer in the affirmative and changed to the negative after July 15 will not be included in this first movement at this time as they are under class 3. They will be transferred at the same time with those who applied for repatriation after July 1. As there are not very many persons in that class there are changes that they may be able to go with this group after the final figure is known. It will be based on the figures from all the other centers and the train.

7. Mr. Lafabregue requested that a tentative deadline for application for repatriation and changing of answers be set for this movement as the work cannot be completed at this time to send in the total number to Washington. After the list is sent, we cannot add to that list. Last day will be August 15. All changes must be made before then to be included in this movement list so as to get this movement finished. Those applying after the deadline will be in another group.

8. Request was again made regarding those persons who answered "no" but has been recorded as "yes". Mr. Ernst stated that such persons go to Mr. Lafabregue at Nov. 4.

9. Bulletins interpreting the mistake of the word "segregation" and the announcement of the deadline for application for repatriation and changing of answers will be prepared and ready on Monday for the councilmen to announce and put it up on the bulletin boards.

10. Mr. Lafabregue will have the number of persons to be transferred broken down to blocks by next Saturday, August 21 meeting.

11. Next week's meeting was decided to be held on Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. when plans submitted by the representatives will be discussed.
Minutes

Saturday’s meeting will be from 10:00 AM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Toshiko Kiyota